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Interested in the History of Denman Island?

By D.D. Fuchs
• DSMS

COMMUNITY INFO

new displays that should interest everyone. A natural history display focusing on wetlands has been created by Denman Conservancy Association for the summer season. This large display will be featured in one of the museum dioramas, which until this spring contained farm and logging equipment. This equipment is moving outside to a large new display area that will be accessible all year round. The outdoor display is still a work in progress, but we hope by the end of the summer to have equipment, photos, and labeling in place.

There's lots happening behind the scenes too, with a growing collection of archival material that documents Denman's history. This includes articles, photos, audio tapes and videos that allow Denman Islanders to tell their own stories.

The museum is part of the Denman Seniors and Museum Society complex and is managed by a small group of dedicated volunteers who are developing and fine-tuning displays, digitizing and archiving material and branching out into other forms of media. Our website (denmanmuseum.ca) is also a work in progress, but already includes great historical photos and information about historical documents in our collection.

We have lots of great ideas and plans for the museum's future and would welcome more, but we don't have the capacity to bring our ideas to fruition. We need more volunteers! If you're interested in finding out more about the history of Denman Island and would like to spend an afternoon hosting in the museum or working on displays, archives or on developing videos about Denman Islanders, please join us. For more information contact DD Fuchs, (tdfuchs@gmail.com) Barry Landeen, (blandeen@gmail.com) or Ann Paisley (waveeater@hotmail.com).

2022 Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program

By DICES

COMMUNITY INFO

If you meet one or more of the following criteria you are welcome to sign up for our 2022 program. Seniors, pregnant people, and families with dependent children (especially under the age of 5) are eligible. If you fall into one of the above categories, and self-identify as low-income or face barriers such as isolation, this program could be a fit for you.

Participants will get \$27 per week for 16 weeks to spend on fruit, veggies, eggs, meat, and nuts. Coupons can be used as early as June 25th until December 18th at the Farmers' market.

Participant selection and orientation will take place by June 22. Places are limited, so please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in signing up. You can find the application form at www.dices.ca/nutrition-coupon-program, at the Community School Portable, or connect with us by phone 250-335-2058 or email us at dices.communityprograms@gmail.com for more information.

THE Denman Island Museum is a small museum but even if you're not a history enthusiast there's lots about the Museum and Archives you'll find interesting. Opening July 1 for two months, this year we'll have two exciting

DICES is happy to announce that the registration for our 2022 Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program is now open!

Salix Nature School for Adults

By Philippa Joly
• Salix Nature School

COMMUNITY INFO

June 12th, the weekend of the Home and garden Tour, we are hosting a Naturalist walk from 10am-12:30pm. Join us as we walk through the wild world and see the land through the eyes of a naturalist. Whose tracks are those? Are those plants good to eat? What are the birds telling us? What direction is the wind coming from? The secrets of the world are not hard to hear if we listen and look closely. Sliding scale \$30-50 with no one turned away for lack of funds.

June 19th join us for a free walk from 10am-12:30pm with some of the Spinners and Weavers guild along the edge (and maybe even into) a marsh ecosystem. Learn about what birds, animals and plants make their home in this rich, unique habitat! Will we see carnivorous plants, the rare Virginia Rail, or the jewelled pacific tree frog? Come find out!

These workshops are a sneak peek at a 10 month long monthly nature connection course we will be offering for adults starting this fall. Please let us know if you are interested in more info.

For more info or to register, philippajoly@gmail.com 🍷

Denman Sponsorship Group at the Home & Garden Tour

COMMUNITY INFO

By Joni Daniels
• Denman Sponsorship Group

purchase. The 3 for \$5 tickets are going fast and once they're gone, we'll only have \$2 single tickets available. And don't forget to check out the plant sale at Susan Tait's stop on the tour. All proceeds are being generously donated to the DSG. See you there! 🍷



DSG ~Denman Sponsorship Group

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

will vary wildly, especially those who are invested in increasing the tourist economy on the island.

The recommendations are rooted in the inconvenient truth that our tiny island has limits and we have exceeded them. It's time to make some changes, and bless the APC (Vicki Bale, Wendy Burton, Christine Hunt, Rob McCreary and Joanne Ovitslund) for their clear sighted willingness to face the facts and try to wake the rest of us up to their significance.

The recommendations bring into focus the problems with STRs on Hornby. They are unregulated, mostly unregistered and

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PEOPLE often ask when we will do Salix Nature School for Adults. Well, here is a chance to experience a bit of what we do:

We have 2 nature walks coming up on Denman Island.



TIDE TABLE

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

2022-06-09 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
02:03	4.5	14.8
09:27	2.1	6.9
15:26	3.4	11.2
20:12	2.7	8.9
2022-06-10 (Fri)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
02:34	4.5	14.8
09:59	1.6	5.2
16:43	3.8	12.5
21:19	3	9.8
2022-06-11 (Sat)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
03:06	4.5	14.8
10:35	1.1	3.6
17:43	4.2	13.8
22:23	3.2	10.5
2022-06-12 (Sun)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
03:40	4.5	14.8
11:14	0.6	2
18:36	4.5	14.8
23:22	3.4	11.2
2022-06-13 (Mon)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
04:17	4.6	15.1
11:55	0.3	1
19:25	4.8	15.7
2022-06-14 (Tue)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
00:17	3.5	11.5
04:58	4.6	15.1
12:38	0	0
20:12	4.9	16.1
2022-06-15 (Wed)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
01:10	3.6	11.8
05:43	4.6	15.1
13:21	-0.1	-0.3
20:57	5.1	16.7
2022-06-16 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
02:05	3.6	11.8
06:32	4.5	14.8
14:06	-0.1	-0.3
21:41	5.1	16.7



...continued from P.3 unaffected by bylaws. For example, TUPs (Temporary Use Permits) are required for STRs in Whaling Station, but as yet, none has ever been issued. It's the Wild West here for anyone who wants to operate an STR, and quite a few take advantage, operating year-round despite the regulations forbidding that. The allowable period for operating an STR is five months, but that may be too long, considering our water and infrastructure limitations. One of the APC recommendations is to limit that period to three months.

STRs were originally intended to allow local homeowners, rich in land but poor in cash, a means to pay their taxes and keep up with home maintenance. The advent of Air B'n'B and exponentially increasing popularity of island vacations led to a situation where investors are buying up local properties that sit empty when not occupied by short-term renters. This has been a factor in skyrocketing real estate prices and the vanishing rental market.

Folks, let's be real: something needs to change. When you live in a limited system, you have to learn to live within its limits. It's not rocket surgery. Still, many stakeholders in the short-term rental market will protest loudly, and yes, I get it. When an opportunity exists, it will be utilized. For many, STRs pay their mortgages and make it possible to own here. Without the ability to milk this market to its maximum potential, many will no longer be able to afford to own property here. These folk own other properties where they live and work.

I feel your pain. It hurts to have to give up something you love. You naturally feel entitled to it. But let's face it: you aren't. The situation should not have arisen in the first place. There is no way to remedy this problem without causing some people unhappiness. Think about it, though: when your happiness depends on a privilege that causes as a consequence that an entire community should suffer for lack of affordable housing or because their wells run dry when the water tables are drained earlier and earlier every season, and all the other problems that have arisen with the current unregulated free for all that STRs have become, then that privilege needs to go. It's that simple.

I am keenly aware of my own privilege in living here. I moved here at a time when only a relative few knew about it. I don't know if that's privilege on my part, pure accident, or foresight. But it doesn't matter. We who occupy this space have the right to protect it. The needs of this precious, fragile island's ecosystem have to be more important than any other consideration. Without a healthy functioning environment, the island we all love will suffer worsening consequences.

There are so many gorgeous vacation spots in this country, most much less fragile than this island. I don't mean to push off our problems onto another community, but other places are not as close to the edge as we are, environmentally speaking. This little island is a canary in a coal mine. Other communities will have to mind their boundaries as well. Change is going to have to happen all over, but here first.

Please understand, we don't want to lose you. Our visitors are welcome and precious, as individuals. But en masse, they bear an increasing resemblance to a plague of locusts, ravaging everything in their path. It would be a crying shame if this sweet island died from too much love.

Important: if you care about this issue, please attend the Local Trust Committee meeting this Friday (the day after this article is published), at Room to Grow, 10:30. I can't make it, but I will be interviewing someone who can update us next week.

"Update: the meeting will be held via zoom. You can find information about how to join on the island trust website."

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



Green Wizardries,

The Poverty of Affluence

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

AFFLUENCE

and desperate poverty seem to have some effects in common on the human soul. They both seem to make people quite mean.

Let me explain, there was a study done, years ago, on some hunter gatherers in Uganda who were nice normal people, kindly and good to their children until they were forced off their traditional lands by the establishment of a Game

Park. The lands they were resettled on were inadequate to their support (much like Canada's system of reserves for Native people) so from being hard-working, kindly hunter gatherers they went to being desperately poor.

They became so poor, in fact, that they became cruel. Anthropologists noted cases of a sick husband dying of starvation while his wife managed to find enough food for herself to stay plump. Women would reluctantly breast feed infants until they could reasonably be weaned and then the little buggers were pretty much on their own. They had achieved social collapse. I don't believe the anthropologists did anything to help either.

There are many similar stories from Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Russia in the year 1812. One story I found particularly sad was of a young French officer who had got soaked in a river crossing. It was very cold so his friends built him a fire and set his clothes and boots to dry around it while he went to sleep by the fire wrapped in a blanket. When he woke up, alone by the fire, his boots and clothes and friends were missing. He wrapped himself in the blanket and set off, barefoot,

across the snow. Later that day, the young man died of hypothermia. Did his friends really need to steal his uniform and boots?

Then we come to the affects of affluence which seem to be to make some people just as vicious, greedy and profoundly antisocial. I have a friend of 20 years. She is a charming Scottish woman, well read, kind, interesting and poor. She is living in Victoria on a disability pension and she is going blind.

She has two well to do nieces living in Victoria who have not so much as picked up the telephone and given her a call in the last 3 years. Her brother who also lives in the city flatly refuses to accompany her on appointments to her eye doctor as he says it takes two hours which is just too much of his time. Luckily a volunteer organization helps her with this. She is very frail.

During our last weekly phone date, she asked me what was wrong with her that her family would treat her like this? She said, "I am not an ogre." I told her about my young Palestinian friend, Mohamed, who I saw at the bus station in Jerusalem one day. He was well educated, having a university degree, but because he was a Palestinian he was forced to take a low-paying job as a clerk. He was not an affluent person. We fell to chatting and I asked him where he was off to. One of his uncles was born with Down's syndrome and he was at a home for people with this disability at Har Megido, outside Jerusalem.

Mohamed went on a long bus ride to visit him every two weeks. It was his duty. Other family members visited in their turn because they would not have been comfortable to just abandon a family member to an institution and turn their backs on him. The Palestinians have suffered much but they are far from social collapse.

I told my friend that there is something terribly wrong with her family and nothing much wrong with her that I could see. I look forward to our weekly date and call her, not for the good of my soul, but for the pleasure of her company. The sort of selfish, unkind behaviour her family displays is far too common in Canada. People here are very affluent compared to the rest of the world on average but greatly lacking in decency.

If you can afford to drive a car, you are really very wealthy. Farm stands here on Denman Island have been targeted by thieves who are wealthy enough to be driving cars. Our farmers work so very hard and have achieved so much and contributed so much to the comfort and prosperity of Denman Island that it is shocking anyone would steal from them and their little kids.



The people who are stealing from farm stands are the wealthy people who drive up in cars and load two punnets worth of the best, freshest, green peas in the world into one punnet and who pick out all the best blooms from the bouquets and only pay for one punnet of peas and one bouquet of flowers.

I talked to one of the farmers and he assures me it is always wealthy people who steal from him.

If you are one of the people who has been stealing from our Farm Stands and are reading this, I know you do not feel ashamed because you are utterly vile. I hope the farmers install secret cameras so we can all see who feels so entitled to steal from hard-working and honest farmers. I, for one, don't believe any one of the thieves are poor. I think they are all solidly, middle class, educated and wealthy.

I base this assumption on years spent working in restaurants. Working-class people will come in, order food and drink, pay and leave a tip. It is, almost invariably, a large table of obviously well-to-do (lets call them educated but only in the narrowest sense) people who come in, order a huge meal and many bottles of wine, eat it all up and drink every drop and then say they will not pay because the meal was inferior.

My friends in the trades report similar problems with wealthy customers ordering expensive custom-made windows and doors for their houses which are delivered and installed and the home owner then refuses to pay for them. Why should they, the doors and windows are already a part of their house? One young friend travelled out to the job site and explained the situation to the general contractor on the site who then let him in to reclaim the doors and windows because working-class people do not like being ripped off by wealthy people.

So you see, affluence makes some people as cruel, inconsiderate and vicious as desperate poverty does. The good news is that markets are tanking, supply chains are shredding and our current level of affluence is going away. I hope it makes you better people and if it does not, you will at least have some excuse for your thieving ways.



Mr. Pickle Balls

ARTS&LIT

By Alan Black

IT seemed to happen over night. There was something different about how the racket was in his hand; it was as if it were an extension of himself and how supple and pliant his right wrist felt.

He spun the racket in his hand and gave it a swish and a twirl

and he knew he was more prepared for this than anything he had ever done in his life.

As the balls came to him he spun in full circles

and batted it from between his legs

and then floating into the air in a suspended animation he slammed it on his opponents again and again as they helplessly tumbled and fell

sometimes being carted away on stretchers...

even giant Stretch Thompson couldn't keep up with his fiery pickle balls eventually having to be hauled off of the court and hooked up to a defibrillator.

Word got out and the best team in the world flew in from Europe; they were Nordic giants and ruthless bearded Vikings

but when they hit the court he did his spinning and twirling and slamming until their beards fell off and revealed what scared middle aged Europeans they actually were.

At the end he walked around the court with his racket balanced on his nose as the applause rained down on him.

Even the local hoods knew who he was.

Later that evening he went to the corner store to buy a quart of rum and a Greek pizza.

The hoods were gathered on the steps of the store gorging on double chocolate donuts and riding a sugar high.

They got quiet as he approached.

"That's him, that's pickle balls, the one who beat the Vikings," the youths hushed as he passed by.

He stopped and twirled around.

"If you are going to call me pickle balls I would prefer that you call me Mr..."

Mr. Pickle Balls."

"Whatever dude, okay, you are Mr. Pickle Balls."

"Thank you," and he went into the store. 🍷

Shortages in the Land of Plenty: Centralization and the Islands Trust

OPINIONS

By Helen Grond

entitled "Housing and Short term Rentals", March 29, 2022.

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These recommendations are the culmination of nearly 30 years of focused work by the Island's Trust to ban an important economic activity that has been relied on by Hornby Islanders for decades. The Trust is confident that they can win this battle, just as they have on all other Islands in the Trust. They have been thwarted several times before on Hornby - documented in a previous article I wrote in early April entitled "Shortages in the Land of Plenty, Part 3 What's the story behind Hornby's Vacation Homes?"

At the December 4, 2017, five year review of STVRs on Hornby meeting (which I attended), there were no issues around home sharing forthcoming from the I.T. staff or trustees. The general consensus at the meeting was that things were going well, it was an important activity, it was not alienating stable long-term housing but in fact supporting it (housing shortages are ubiquitous throughout the islands and they don't allow home sharing). "STVRs should be allowed to progress without further restrictions beyond the ones already in place" was the feeling we all left with. The peace was not to last and the Trust was probably already planning the next stage of their obsessive quest to remove this particular means of a livelihood for many islanders.

In the past, the Trust was unable to achieve the complete ban on home sharing because of strong local support and the Hornby Island Official Community Plan (OCP) that has always sanctioned it. So what is a power hungry Trust to do when the legally binding OCP stands in the way and there has long been no actual documented issues condemning home sharing as a viable economic activity? Change the OCP of course. This is not an easy task because the OCP has legal standing and only a locally appointed, unbiased commission whose mandate is to ensure that the community's best interests are taken into account, can make the changes (Advisory Planning Commission - APC). The APC is the most important committee on the Island and it has the capacity to impact people lives in dramatic ways. It is sacrosanct and should never be subject to politicisation.

The recent APC recommendations to ban all STVRs, begs the question: are the current APC members representative of the larger community? Are they unbiased? Are all the stakeholders represented? The answer is a resounding NO!

Of course, a bureaucracy scorned is a dangerous enemy and the Trust was so impassioned to eliminate home sharing that they moved ahead with plan B when the 2012 plan failed.

Plan B

In the fall of 2018, a committee was formed on Hornby entitled the "Hornby Island sustainability Committee" - if I remember correctly. The committee seemed to be perfectly aligned temporally with a newly launched attack by the Trust on home sharing. Why did the Trust decide to strike again when the recent five-year review didn't point to any issues?

Of course, Plan B called for the OCP to be revised and what better way than to appoint a number of "sympathetic to the cause" members of the newly formed sustainability group to the APC. I personally applied to join the APC when they called for members and was surprised when I wasn't accepted. At a Trust meeting

HOW is the Islands Trust trying to control our lives and are they being less than genuine in their methods?

This week the Islands Trust released their Hornby Island APC recommendations entitled "Housing and Short term Rentals", March 29, 2022.

shortly thereafter, I was approached by an I.T. staff person who introduced herself and said she was looking forward to working with me on the APC. When I informed her that I had just received my “rejection” letter a few days earlier, she obviously understood the political implications and hastily retreated. Hmmmmm, makes you wonder how these appointments are made?

Do they attempt to draw on a broad cross-section of the community where all stakeholders are represented or do they stack the deck! It couldn't be more obvious that the deck stacking was near complete for this commission. No home sharing operators, no business people, no young working people and almost nobody that wasn't retired were invited to join the APC. On the other hand the “Hornby Island Sustainability Committee” (HISC) was heavily represented. The consultants they used are largely in the same camp. I'm amazed that some Hornby Islanders would agree to support such an unfair and obviously blatant power grab with nothing more than anecdotes and propaganda behind it. It was nothing short of a coup d'état!

Curtailing our ability to make a living for ourselves is a very overbearing objective and should be handled with the time, thoroughness and evidence gathering that such a dramatic and far-reaching move would demand. Where are the studies and data to support this objective? Where is the evidence it is causing harm? Why are so many Trust policies and directives targeting local livelihoods? The Trust and the APC should be asking the following questions:

-Who is engaged in home sharing?

-How important is it to our local economy?

-What are the overall impacts on the environment and our neighbourhoods?

-How important to the security and stability of home ownership is this activity?

-How much homelessness and financial distress would ensue by removing a rare opportunity to survive economically on Hornby, especially for those on fixed incomes?

-How is the income from home sharing being used to create jobs and support other important objectives such as food growing and year round housing?

-How would that summer rental housing stock be used if home sharing were to be banned? I doubt those humble million dollar homes would sit empty all summer. Could there be even more problems arising if other forms of earning income became necessary to desperate homeowners? The stated hope is that year round low cost housing would immediately replace it. That simply has no merit or logic to it as housing shortages exist on all the islands where home sharing is non-existent.

-Where would displaced homeowners and renters who can't afford Hornby living go if they lost a major source of income? It's even more expensive out there than here!

-How would potential first time homeowners be impacted without the legal source of home sharing income to support their mortgages?

-What would the impact be on all the families that have been visiting and supporting Hornby for generations and have become part of the Hornby family?

-Are all the homes being rented seasonally even suitable for year round living?

-How does the Trust propose to replace what may be critical income to many people? What other economic activities may be deemed less impactful?

-How many homeowners are actually being forced to move out of their homes for the summer so they can afford to keep them?

-How will massive inflation pressures effect people who previously were able to survive on pensions, savings and mainly low paying jobs. Home sharing has been a tried and true way to survive tough times.

-How would local businesses dependant on the “season” be impacted if they lost a significant chunk of their customer base?

The report mainly mentions anecdotes and provides few useful facts. The lack of data and facts points to a high level of incompetence and disregard for due process. This must not be allowed to stand without a concerted effort to fully understand the implications. This is not the third world!

On Hornby, much of the middle class has been reduced to being dependant on seasonal tourism for their livelihoods (like many other communities in this country). Our average annual income is below the poverty level. Our property taxes are some of the highest in the country relative to assessments. We have galloping inflation and that is the greatest destroyer of stability besides war.

It's astonishing that incompetent governments continue to target one of the few remaining sources of a local based livelihood after their atrocious track record over decades? Where is the low cost housing, industrial zone, additional commercial zoning, and improved ferry service that would truly make a community “sustainable”. That overused and nauseating term has come to mean – no room for regular people! The chain of poverty continues to move up the ladder and is now poised to encompass many people who thought they were secure.

Unfortunately, the authorities don't appear to be listening. If you do attend a Trust meeting and wish to speak, you will be given two minutes to state your case. The timekeeper will start fidgeting at the one-minute mark and you will receive the proverbial neck hook - hauling you off your perch - at precisely two minutes. Even if there is no one else waiting to speak! Why should they listen to us? It's much easier to ignore the peasants!

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...continued from P.7 I recently experienced this personally at a Trust meeting. I went up to one of our trustees after the meeting to question why they didn't support more public time in the town hall portion of their meetings. He looked me squarely in the eye and said that if my "position" couldn't be condensed to half a page he wouldn't even bother to look at it. I knew there and then that we had lost our voices. That is if we ever had them in the first place.

On a brighter note, imagine you are living in a different world altogether. Instead of endless bureaucrats and politicians intent on blocking all avenues leading to a healthy and peaceful life, you live in a community that seeks to support those goals. You have experienced, sympathetic leaders/elders who will sit down with you and investigate ways that you can stay in your home and community for your whole life. The seniors would actually care if the youth have a future. Your community leaders and neighbours would work with you individually and collectively to help you build a community that both respects its residents and the environment they live in. You would no longer fear the once respected organization that started with such high hopes and ended up falling so far as to no longer be recognizable. 🍷

The Rent is Due on Affordable Housing

OPINIONS

By Ron Sakolsky

WHAT could possibly go wrong with a developer-driven affordable housing initiative that offers personally profitable solutions to problems of political, economic and social inequality which developers and their realtor cohorts have helped to create and perpetuate in the first place?

The Denman Housing Association (DHA), who are the proponents of Denman Green, have in effect sheltered developer Henning Nielsen's rezoning/density transfer scheme under the facade of affordable housing. Thanks to their endorsement, Nielsen was able to leverage his ownership of the affordable housing site downtown to rake in big bucks. By holding that downtown land hostage to his receipt of 3 desirable density transfers to his massive Danes Road holdings on a take-it or-leave-it basis, Nielsen used the promise of affordable housing as a bargaining chip in his usual game of "dealing-for-densities". Of course, some affordable housing is better than none at all, and I for one will hope for the best under the circumstances. However, the recent Local Trust Committee (LTC)-approved Denman Housing Association's Denman Green project admittedly doesn't go far enough in meeting the needs of the unhoused and ill-housed in relation to the availability of affordable housing in this community. Moreover, it offers no guarantee that potential affordable housing funders of their project such as BC Housing or the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will not use the power of their purse strings to push Denman Green's presently precarious balance between the provision of 14 affordable housing units and 6 of the higher-priced rentals known as affordable market housing units in the direction of increasing the latter at the expense of the former. If you think that such a funding reconfiguration scenario is a bit far-fetched, think again.

Such problematic granter-initiated reconfigurations after the fact of local approval of an affordable housing project are not that unusual in relation to BC affordable housing ventures. In a case recently reported on by CBC News (June 2, 2022), when the "Heart on the Hill" affordable development was approved by the town of Ladysmith, it was supposed to have 12 apartments that would be available for developmentally disabled adults, but, after the BC Housing Department approved a \$3.8 million grant from its Community Housing Fund to get the project off the ground, the number of affordable apartments reserved for developmentally disabled adults had somehow been drastically reduced to only 2. Consequently, the Ladysmith Supported Housing Committee has now filed a human rights complaint against BC Housing and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. In the case of Denman Green, not only does the LTC not get to have veto power over any final agreement between DHA and the funders, but there is always the distinct possibility that funder approval for the project might ultimately not even happen at all.

Never fear for the developer in the latter case though because even if Denman Green should fail to get funded by such agencies as BC Housing, developer Nielsen will still get to keep the 3 very profitable densities that have now been transferred to him on the North end as well as the one-density downtown parcel located adjacent to the proposed Denman Green site that he had held back from the density swap deal and which has now been zoned from commercial to residential. While Nielsen's

ass would be covered, once again the Denman community would get left holding the bag. Moreover, we might ask ourselves what would become of the DHA downtown property presently slated for affordable housing if it turns out that BC Housing funding is not forthcoming. Unfortunately, the answer remains unknown to me because it was one of the questions that the LTC chair imperiously refused to even let me ask at the Community Information Meeting that preceded the May 30 Public Hearing on the artificially twinned DHA density transfer/affordable housing initiative that was subsequently rubber-stamped and unanimously passed by the LTC on the following day.

Beyond the doldrums of LTC stalemate, the two autonomous actions included below for community consideration allow us to reconceptualize the process of combating the two-headed beast of gentrification/lack of affordable housing. Of course, neither one is a magic bullet, but The Grapevine is an excellent place to share your own ideas for community action in relation to affordable housing and there is always the campfire for those extralegal action ideas that require a less public discussion forum.

MORATORIUM: When realtors and developers pretend to be community benefactors, they conveniently expect us to forget their instrumental role in facilitating the personally lucrative gentrification of the island, but we must remain vigilant and envision new possibilities that challenge the gentrification from which they profit. Uncritically accepting at face-value the self-serving rhetoric of their creepy money-making strategy normalizes a strategy in which the suffering engendered by the lack of affordable housing on island is seen as just another potential cash cow to be milked through

consummating a combined affordable housing/ high end development density swap. What if instead this community insisted that a moratorium be placed on all island real estate sales that do not offer affordable housing possibilities to be in effect until such time as we have affordably housed all of those islanders in need? Just imagine what would happen if business as usual in our presently toxic real estate market was brought to a screeching halt on island by such a moratorium. Maybe the growing affordable housing crisis in which realtors are deeply implicated might suddenly be taken seriously by them if their own pocketbook self-interest was on the line.

REPARATIONS: Beyond the immediate creation of such a moratorium, as MINIMUM compensation for all the windfall profits which developers and real estate brokers have extracted from this community, especially lately with the inflated housing prices in the red-hot Comox Valley real estate market, reparations are in order. In this regard, we might retrospectively ask ourselves why none of our public officials has ever called the altruistic bluff of those greenwashed density traders who financially benefit from projects like Denman Green, and insisted that they really put their money where their mouth is by giving the community that downtown piece of land for affordable housing at no cost whatsoever and with no "density transfer" strings or hidden real estate investment ploys attached. Such a move would have at least constituted a small beginning toward providing the full reparations owed to those without adequate housing in our community by dint of the unofficial public policy-making role of real estate and development professionals in policing the ability of the poor to live here and ignoring Indigenous claims to the land, while gilding the lily on behalf of the rich. All such reparations monies could then be pooled and used to fund grassroots affordable housing initiatives. Instead of leaving housing affordability matters exclusively in the hands of well-heeled politicians, planners and provincial bureaucrats, our community could choose to support autonomous projects initiated by those in need rather than those done on their behalf, even if the proponents of the latter claim to have the best of intentions.

In this topsy-turvy world where real estate developers pose as our anointed saviors while acting like social parasites, let us remove the do-gooder masks from their faces. Rather than mindlessly kissing the feet of such exploitive profiteers-in-sheep's-clothing, it's high time for us to collectively throw the oppressive weight of their feet off our necks, and hold the feet of all public officials to the fire if they refuse to get out of the way! 🍷

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Jealous Gods

By Gwynne Dyer

• OP June 6th, 2022

OPINIONS

AS everybody knows, the gods are thin-skinned, both the many gods of the classical pantheons (Greek, Roman, Hindu) and the jealous single gods of the monotheisms (Judaism, Christianity, Islam). Criticise them in any way, and they will punish you severely – or at least their earthly followers will.

These earthly followers see themselves as the executive arm of their god's powers, which mysteriously only function through human agency. (Waiting for direct divine punishment of the critics is only for sissies.) The faithful followers claim uncontrollable outrage, and attack the attackers. As, for example, in India now.

The ruling BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party – Indian People's Party) is a Hindu nationalist party whose goal is to turn India into a Hindu-ruled country where all the religious minorities are second-class citizens. The principal target is India's Muslims, who are 15% of the population – almost 200 million people.

Muslims are the best target because long ago their Mughal ancestors conquered India and ruled it for many centuries. India is therefore a 'wounded civilisation' in the view of Hindu radicals, and the Muslim infection must be purged in order to restore the health of a truly Hindu civilisation.

This rather ignores the fact that the great majority of Indian Muslims are descended not from foreign conquerors but from locals who converted to Islam, whether for religious or for practical reasons, during the long centuries of Muslim rule. It also ignores the fact that Indian Muslims today already lag behind Hindus in prosperity and in education.

Most of all, it deliberately overlooks the fact that the more recent conquerors of India were the British, who left an even deeper mark on the country. But they are no use as a whipping boy because a) they're not in India any more; and b) it was their overthrow of Mughal power that opened the way for Hindus to rise in the political domain.

Hatred and fear of the Muslims is what brought the BJP to power, and to keep their supporters energised they must constantly find new Muslim outrages to exploit. The latest was the 'discovery' that an historic mosque in the city of Varanasi, one of Hinduism's most sacred sites, was built on the ruins of a Hindu temple.

How do they know? Because the mosque's pool contains a fountain that can, when viewed in the right light with your eyes half-closed, be interpreted as embodying a 'Shivling' or Shiva Linga: a carved stone that symbolises the ineffable essence of the Lord Shiva.

Why Muslims of long ago would have incorporated such a symbol in the mosque's pool remains unexplained, but this immediately became the BJP's claim. Other mosques have been destroyed by Hindu mobs on similarly flimsy grounds, so various Muslim spokespersons immediately leapt to its defence.

One of them, debating on-air with the BJP's national spokesperson, Nupur Sharma, allegedly said harsh things about Shiva. What could they have been? Too many arms? Too prone to destroy things? The video has been 'disappeared'. We shall never know.

At any rate Ms Sharma, provoked beyond reason, replied by casting aspersions upon the prophet Mohammed. As this can be a life-threatening move, I shall not repeat them, but they concerned the age of the prophet's youngest wife Aisha. It's in the Quran.

As for Nupur Sharma, she has suddenly been demoted from national spokesperson to a "fringe element", suspended from the BJP at least for a while. The BJP's Delhi media chief Naveen K Jindal, who tweeted support for Sharma, has been expelled outright. Is the BJP turning over a new leaf?

Not at all. It is frantically back-pedaling to assuage the anger of the oil-rich Muslim counties of the Gulf, which provide most of India's oil and employ millions of its workers. The BJP's war on Islam is for domestic purposes only.

Similarly, the Gulf states will happily carry on ignoring the Indian government's behaviour at home in return for a sham apology, just as they ignore China's oppression of the Muslims in Xinjiang and keep on selling Beijing their oil. The scale of the hypocrisy is breath-taking – but it is also dreadfully familiar.

And none of it proves that rival religions are incompatible. Multi-religious societies have thrived peacefully both in the past and in the present, even though every believer must necessarily believe that those who follow any other faith are utterly, even catastrophically wrong. A little politeness goes a long way.

A sense of humour helps, too. "Mughal architecture is amazing! They always built an ancient Hindu temple in the basement first," tweeted an Indian Muslim, undermining the BJP's storyline without a single angry word. But it is getting bad in India: religion is being weaponised in ways that have already led to massacre, and could lead to genocide.



Letters to the Editor

The June 2 edition of *The Grapevine* on free speech and content moderation – oh my. Where to begin?

Firstly, there is a gulf between letters to the editor and regular columns or other bylined articles. We expect writers to be granted space in the latter category because they have some expertise on their topic or because they successfully combine research and writing skills.

So, for example, while Maxine Rogers writes interesting descriptions of rural life, her forays into topics such as media conspiracies and medical assistance in dying (MAID) are distressingly distanced from facts and reasoned opinion.

That she didn't even look up the correct term for MAID (or the correct spelling of Joni Mitchell's name, for that matter) is an example of poor and irresponsible writing that damages her credibility and that of *The Grapevine* for providing her a columnist's platform as opposed to a space in the letters section.

This is unfortunately the case with some other *Grapevine* columnists and regular contributors. And yes, while we readers are generally not "too fragile or too stupid" to moderate our own reading, as Keith Porteous suggests in a bylined opinion piece, we should acknowledge that a byline in a media outlet gives weight to the writer's words - weight that is added to a barrage of misbegotten misconceptions that riddle our wide-open media world. Unfortunately, people's health and even their lives could be at stake if they lack the capacity to correctly assess the accuracy of many of these statements.

Interesting that when Stewart Goodings writes a letter criticizing Rogers on MAID and the hateful terminology in Thomas Provencal's poem about Dr. Bonnie Henry, he is the one described as attacking these writers (by one letter writer) or attacking, bullying and dismissing them (by Porteous – though he doesn't name Goodings specifically). Even the publisher weighs in to name and blame Stewart and to claim all's fair in the realm of rhyme and opine.

Publisher Mike Van Santvoord's defense of Provencal ignores the writer's use of the term "bitch" to describe Dr. Henry. This term is used almost exclusively to negatively describe a woman. Combining it with the next line about shoving COVID vaccines and passes "up her ass" takes this opinion piece out of the realm of fair comment and places it in the realm of misogynistic attacks to which far too many women are subject if they have the nerve to be both female and in the public eye.

Equating Des Kennedy's sketch about Donald Trump with Provencal's crudely rendered poem is a ridiculously inaccurate comparison. Kennedy's sketch was witty, well-written, and well matched to the outrageous behaviour of Old Whack Donald (to quote Stephen Colbert). Provencal's poem was none of these.

So yes, *The Grapevine* can continue to be a platform for extreme, fact-challenged views, poor poetry, and pompous pontification defending the same but readers (and advertisers) can choose to "moderate their reading." I agree with Rosa Telegus that many are already doing so.

I had so welcomed the increased number of articles and profiles about local people, events, and activities that marked *The Grapevine's* new ownership a few years ago. Now I fear this newsletter is making itself irrelevant to many. What a shame.

Stephanie Slater
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Dear Grapevine,

Thanks for honourable mention in your letter to Stewart Gooding. I'm not well placed to judge poetry so won't risk any further critique. Tom's gift for doggerel has been honed over years and he likely has a good following.

I fear the *Grapevine's* hard-working staff are missing the point on other issues though. Calling Bonny Henry a bitch, telling her to shove things up her ass in our community paper is not the same as Des sending up a US presidential candidate. When a public figure like Henry is denounced as a 'bitch' or Jagmeet Singh as a 'shyster' (from Scheisser = shitter) in the *Grapevine*, some of us fear a downward spiral in our public discourse. We worry about being sucked into a maelstrom of Fox News style invective in lieu of more reasoned, civil dialogue. There is a certain inevitability to this new style, in the age of social media wherein anecdote passes for evidence and vicious personal attacks are good entertainment. Yet many of us prefer a community paper that provides an alternative to this degradation rather than participating in it. It's painful to think of our younger citizens viewing this style as a role model.

Another disconcerting dimension of the new *Grapevine* is the absence of fact checking. It's one thing for letters to the editor to spout white lies, untruths, and whoppers. Some publications add notes identifying these in the letters they publish, or at least disclaiming any pretence at accuracy or integrity from their letter writers. It's quite another thing to publish articles that are similarly peppered with made up facts. Lies are different from opinions we disagree with. Publishing articles laced with lies establishes an atmosphere in which anything goes, where specious arguments are then be constructed on the back of these falsehoods. For example, reports of five million protesters taking to the streets of Canada one day in February to demonstrate their overwhelming public support for the anti-vax movement. Or assurances that eastern Europe has been historically bereft of hydrocarbons (try that one on friends from Poland

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...continued from P.11 or Romania) as an opening to a whimsical story about Bulgaria (about which the writer of the article appears to know little) and so on. Persuading readers to believe any old fabrication leaves them open to preposterous suggestions. Such as the idea that Tommy Douglas, founding leader of the modern NDP and architect of Canada's public health system, might share sympathies with the far-right white supremacists who guided last winter's "Freedom Convoy".

Sorry, but these things matter. Words have consequences. In my last, blessedly short letter I wondered, facetiously, if you'd invite articles denouncing the international Jewish conspiracy, as unveiled in the bogus Protocols of the Elders of Zion. I've since learned that some on Denman believe this old pack of lies. Lies with powerful consequences. I also asked the Grapevine if you'd run a piece to stir up sentiments of white nationalism, as some leaders of the "Freedom Convoy" did earlier in their careers. Well? Does your editorial policy open the door to hate mongering? Where do you draw the line? I couldn't find mention of the Grapevine's goal of nurturing community in the latest issue. An oversight? Or a new policy direction?

In so many ways, the Grapevine is an invaluable community service. But its recent direction threatens to undermine this.

Howard Stewart 🍷

DIGPA – Statement of Support for Roofed Recreational Space at Downtown Sports Field

Dear Community Members,

The Board of Directors of the Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance supports the proposed construction of a roofed outdoor space next to the community hall and we would like to thank all those DIRCS and DICES volunteers who are making this project happen.

We believe the roofed outdoor space will benefit growers and producers on Denman by being useful for the following purposes:

1. Catering, event management and/or technical setup for DIGPA outdoor events such as Apple Fest and other community events.
2. Overflow space for DIGPA indoor events such as Seedy Saturday, potentially including demonstrations of tools and other workshops.
3. Committee meetings during times of pandemic restrictions for indoor gatherings.
4. Potential winter market space to augment Saturdays at recycling (ie. a weekly or seasonal evening market)

Sincerely,

The GPA Board of Directors 🍷

Community Hall Doings

COMMUNITY INFO

By DIRCS

IT has been quite a while since we told the community on what was going on at the community hall. This is mostly due to the sloth like apathy of the executive team responsible for media relations.

The big news is that the DIRCS board (Denman Island Recreation Commission Society*) has passed a motion allowing DICES (Denman Island Community Education Society**) to use the concrete pad outside the community hall as a base for building a covered outdoor space for recreation and other community events. There will be a written agreement governing use and maintenance.

The issue generated a lot of controversy in our little world, but it was clear that the community was overwhelmingly in favour of the project.

Our longest serving and most reliable director/volunteer Kathy Rieder, who has done more for the hall, and by extension, for Denman than most of the rest of us put together, is building an extension on the south side of the hall to get the grand piano off the stage and finally, after only a few decades, free up the right side of the stage for use in theatrical performances again.

The tennis court is getting resurfaced thanks to the support of some anonymous donors and a group of racquet sports enthusiasts.

After much effort we were able to get liability insurance for the playground again.

The empty preschool space is going to become renovated into a space to be shared by the Food Bank, the CAP program, and as a rentable work space for remote workers who need a desk from time to time.

We have a great board of directors this year and are looking forward to a slow improvement in our finances as rentals are starting to increase.

*DIRCS is a volunteer non-profit society that owns the community hall, the field, playground, tennis court and about 3 hectares of woods to the north of the tennis court.

**DICES is a school based volunteer non-profit society that runs educational, recreational and support programs. 🍷

Freedom

by Thomas Provençal

*Studies say that thirty
of a hundred will comply.
Another thirty question,
failing answers, will defy.
The final forty flip-flop,
not sure which way to fly.
Propaganda panders to elite.
If you think that freedom
is doing what you're told,
repeating skewed statistics
to convince those in your fold
that individual human rights
are best left in the cold,
acrimony in the air belies
deceit.
Freedom is an exercise,
one that values voice,
respecting all the elements
that underlie free choice.
By excluding all restrictions
we can all rejoice
with a novel paradigm for all
to greet.*

Punching Up to "The Grapes of Wrath"

by Claire King

*Punching Up to "The Grapes of
Wrath" By Claire King
The Grapes of Wrath hang on
the Vine They make a very bitter
wine*

*And if you value what is true
'Tis better you eschew this brew.*

*The grapes of wrath are full of
hate They bring no peace; they
agitate Their growers wish to
ferment strife And sour the taste
of Island life.*

*Some vines become invasive
plants As alien as a Druid's chants
So maybe we should pull this
weed A vine like this we do not
need!*

*And yet it could remain alive
If pruned back hard and made to
thrive Yes! Cultivate, and keep the
best
And on the compost shove the
rest*.*

**(I do not wish to seem too crass
And tell you : 'Shove it up an
ass!')*



*It is with great sadness that we
announce the passing of Orla Haagerup
our beloved husband, father and
grandfather on May 18. He passed away
peacefully at home. He is survived by his
wife Anna Lise, son Rene (Maria), Lena
(Glen), Tessa (Paul), 6 grandchildren,
Chantelle, Sabrina, Aaron, Tony,
Emily and Hans, 3 sisters Hanni, Jette,
Annelis, many nieces and nephews. Orla
was born in Denmark in 1937 and came
to Canada with his family in 1957.
There will be a celebration of Orla's life
to be announced at a later date.*



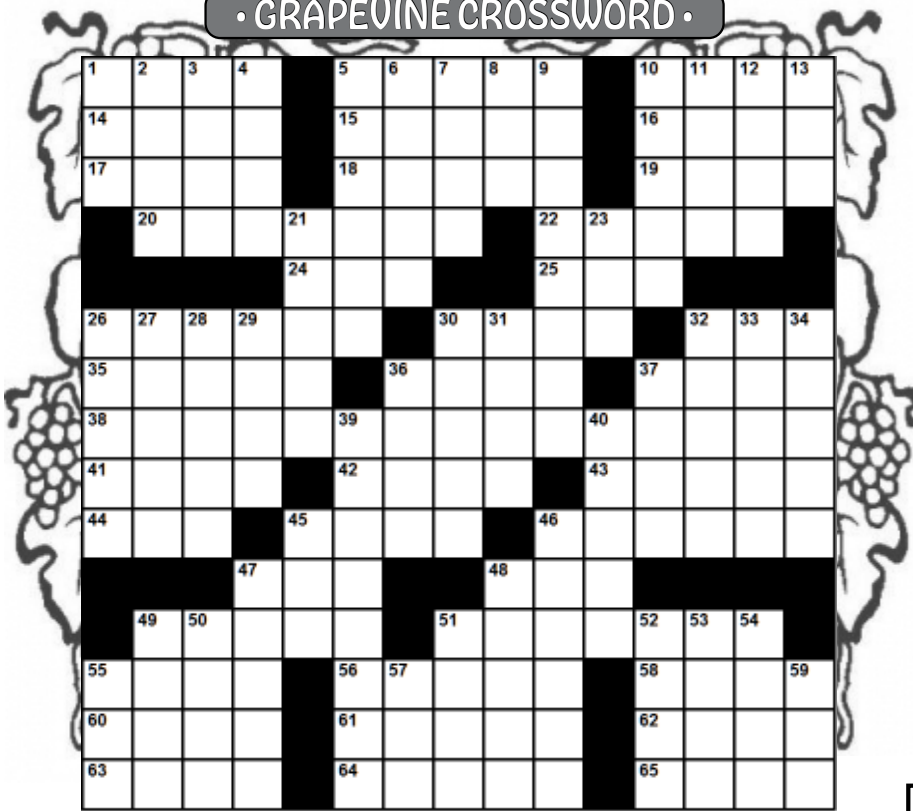
*Please join us for a
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Louise Bell.*

*Wednesday June 22nd at 2 p.m.
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*Slide show of photos to start at 2:30
followed by a sharing of memories
and short stories about Louise.*

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30. Featherhead
32. Game marble
35. Pains
36. Greek mythology goddess of the earth
37. Iranian group
38. Dresser
41. All that's left
42. In widespread use
43. Smallest detectable sensation
44. Bauxite bonanza
45. Infinitesimal

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47. Afflict
48. Candied item
49. Action setting
51. File
55. Hot rum drink
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9. Evoking deja vu
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12. Clownish
13. Font widths
21. Coat of arms
23. Candidate for day care
26. Large, pref.
27. Dark yellow hue
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30. Pulled candy
31. Broad
32. School composition
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34. Never existed
36. Enter
37. Hearty gulp
39. Indian Ocean nation
40. Grads
45. 10th anniversary gift
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47. Defense
48. Mountaineer's refrain
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Grumpism



“I am reading a horror story in Braille. Something bad is about to happen. I can feel it.”

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ON SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2022 at 3pm at the Community Hall on Hornby, there will be a gathering to remember the life of Dale Chase who died unexpectedly last year in May. Those who wish can meet at the Firehall at 2:30pm for a procession to the Hall.

BLACKBERRY LANE is hosting the dessert table for the Home and Garden tour on June 10-12 and needs your baked donations. If you can't bake something please spread the word instead! Desserts can be dropped off Saturday or Sunday morning after 9 am. Please include an ingredient list and label your dishes to have them returned.

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• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 9

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



FRIDAY 10

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 11

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

SUNDAY 12

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am
- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 13

TUESDAY 14

- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6:30pm

WEDNESDAY 15

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

THURSDAY 16

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



FRIDAY 17

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 18

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- FREE STORE 9-Noon

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

TUESDAY 21

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6:30pm

WEDNESDAY 22

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

THURSDAY 23

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



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