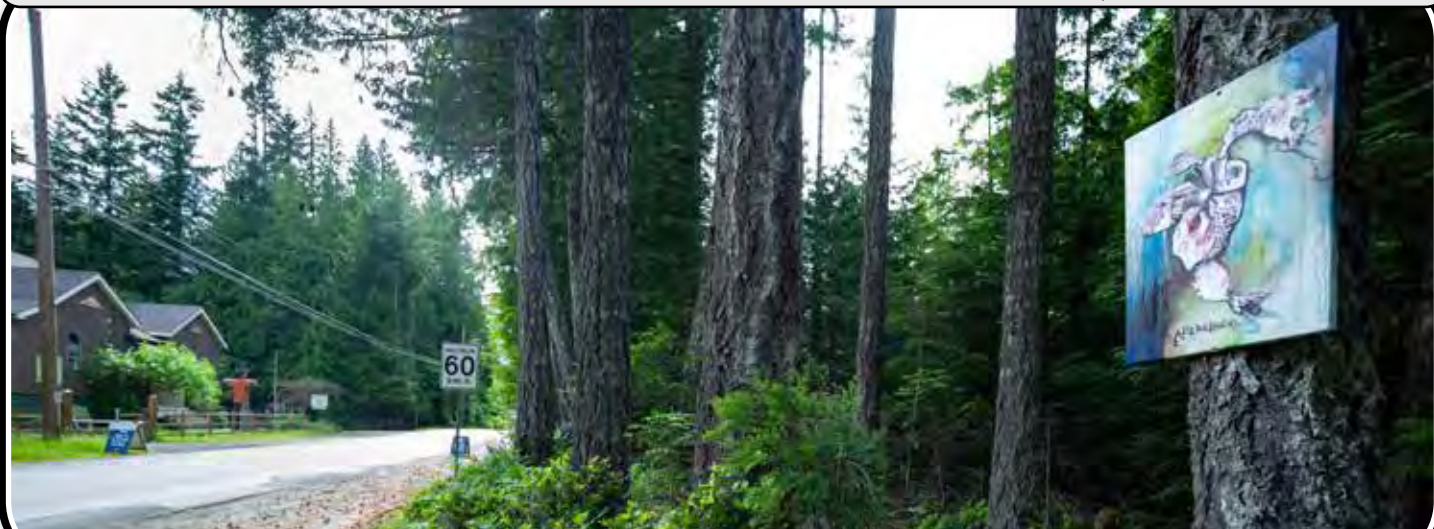




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Denman Green - June 2022 Update

By Simon Palmer
• DHA

COMMUNITY INFO

THE Denman Green affordable housing project has moved another step closer to becoming a reality!

Islands Trust Approvals

Following a Community Information Meeting & Public Hearing on May 30, the Denman Local Trust Committee approved 3rd Reading of an OCP Amendment Bylaw, a Land Use Amendment Bylaw and a Housing Agreement Bylaw at its May 31 Meeting. <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/denman/current-applications/>

These Bylaws have now been sent to the Islands Trust Executive Committee for ratification. The ratified Bylaws then go to the Ministry of Housing for approval. From there they are sent back to the DILTC for a 4th Reading and adoption.

Key Design Elements

Potable Water

Allan Dakin, P.Eng. FEC, Groundwater Engineer
Water license preliminary approval from Ministry of Land, Water and Natural Resource Stewardship (MLWNRs) – now out for consultation with other parties
Requires an EOCP certified Operator to maintain it
While all water can be supplied by on-site well the plan is for 50% supply from well and 50% from rainwater from building roof area

Greywater

Water from showers and basins represents 25% of indoor water use in a household. By treating it and re-using it for toilet flushing Denman Green will save about 650,000 litres of water per year

Wastewater

H2O Environmental Ltd, Steve Carballeira. P.Geo.
Type 3 (highest quality) system will ensure effluent is 'fully polished or attenuated' within 11 metres of the septic field
Wetland and well are both 30+ metres distant from the septic field
A Certified Operator will maintain the system

Next Steps

Many other site and building design elements are now proceeding:

Refine architectural design
Stormwater management
Heating, cooling and ventilation
Landscaping
Fire protection
Electrical including PV array
Building structure
Construction costing
Greywater recycling
Geotechnical

Please take a look at our website where additional information regarding Denman Housing Association and the Denman Green project is available. 🍇

You Always Get the Best Seat When You DIBS It!

COMMUNITY INFO

By DIBS Firstly, there *is* going to be a bus this summer, in fact there are going to be two! Welcome to the new Denman Island Bus Service (DIBS, I know, I know, another acronym...).



COMMUNITY BUS						
June 22nd - Dec						
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
		10AM 1PM 4PM	12PM 3PM 6PM		9AM 12PM 3PM	
SUMMER BUS						
July 1st - Sept 5th						
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
(Holiday) 10AM-6PM every 45 minutes					10AM-6PM (every 45 minutes)	

HELLO friends and neighbours, I have some news on the Denman Island Bus Service, at last.

The Summer Bus will function much in the same manner as it did last year, running from July 1st to September 5th, there will be a bus running between Gravelly Bay and Denman West from 10am-6pm on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and stat holiday Mondays. In the hopes of keeping people moving as smoothly as possible, this bus will shuttle constantly between these two points, and will be supported by the second bus during peak business.

New this year is the pilot Community Bus, which will be launching next week on June 22nd. The aim of this bus is to serve the community here on Denman, and help get Denmanites where they need to go. This bus will do a more comprehensive, North-South circuit of the island three times a day, on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and aims to line up with services and events like the Food bank and Farmer's Market.

To begin with, we'll be operating a small passenger van, and hopefully as the season goes on we'll get access to a larger bus. This vehicle will also potentially be providing a shuttle service to and from concerts at the Hall, at the organisers discretion.

This program is planning to run for six months, so if all goes well we should be rolling nearly to the end of the year.

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-06-23 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
01:44	4.6	15.1
09:18	1.5	4.9
16:13	3.6	11.8
20:19	3.1	10.2
2022-06-24 (Fri)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
02:19	4.5	14.8
10:02	1.2	3.9
17:28	4	13.1
21:36	3.5	11.5
2022-06-25 (Sat)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
02:52	4.4	14.4
10:42	1	3.3
18:24	4.3	14.1
22:51	3.7	12.1
2022-06-26 (Sun)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
03:23	4.2	13.8
11:20	0.8	2.6
19:09	4.5	14.8
23:56	3.8	12.5
2022-06-27 (Mon)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
03:53	4.1	13.5
11:55	0.7	2.3
19:47	4.6	15.1
2022-06-28 (Tue)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
00:48	3.8	12.5
04:22	4.1	13.5
12:28	0.7	2.3
20:20	4.6	15.1
2022-06-29 (Wed)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
01:30	3.8	12.5
04:53	4	13.1
12:59	0.7	2.3
20:50	4.7	15.4
2022-06-30 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
02:07	3.8	12.5
05:25	4	13.1
13:31	0.7	2.3
21:19	4.7	15.4

Because this is something of an experiment, the schedule and route will likely evolve over the next few months, and we'll be relying on input from the community to shape how that growth happens. So if you know you plan to ride the bus, please let us know where you are and when you need to travel, and we'll do what we can to accommodate you!

Questions can be directed to info@denmanislandbus.ca, and we'll have a phone number up and running very shortly.

Finally, I'd like to apologise for the delay in our getting going this year, and the lack of updates. There was some uncertainty as to when we were going to be able to get our hands on vehicles from our supplier, and that had a domino-effect on much of the rest of our plans. Happily, the wheels have both literally and figuratively begun to move, and we look forward to seeing you this summer! 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

IM going to clarify last week's clarification for, I sincerely hope, the last time. The original story emerged from a conversation I had at a social event with a couple who talked with the RCMP. They recalled that police were going to be 'bringing Hornby into line', as instructed by the CVRD. That column rightly stimulated some corrective emails from people who suggested, kindly for the most part, that I check my sources and avoid passing on unsubstantiated rumours.

To that end, I spoke with Daniel Arbour, our Regional District Area A Director, who confirmed it had nothing to do with the Regional District. Daniel speculated that it was most likely the Province cracking down on so-called 'wild camping', as they often do. I wrote about that in last week's column, but it turns out I had talked to the wrong Daniel. This week, I met with Daniel Segal, president of HIRRA, who set me straight on the facts. It turns out that HIRRA and the RCMP have strategized solutions to roadside camping here on the island, and the RCMP do have an action plan. The situation, however, is neither so dire nor imminent as I made it out to be.

It is true that there is a lot set aside for impounded vehicles on Hornby, but that's so they have a place to tow vehicles if necessary. They hope it won't be. Police will issue warnings first, and intend to selectively target the most egregious cases and specific locations. For the most part, enforcement will be complaint driven. Signs have been erected in certain places indicating where parking will not be allowed. Stranded travelers will, at worst, be issued a warning; only repeat offenders are likely to be towed.

Hornby has reached its limit with roadside camping, which as I stated last week, has become a real problem here. Since HIRRA is the voice of Hornby Island (it's in the bylaws now), they are acting on the community's will in approaching the police for help with this issue. Lesson here is, if you want the voice of Hornby to speak for you, go to meetings and vote. The RCMP are giving us what we as a community have asked for--they are not cracking down to 'bring us into line' with some imposed-from-outside standards. Oh, rumours. Ouch.

Regarding the APC guidelines, Daniel pointed out that there will be extensive public consultation and that everyone will have the chance, as the wheels turn slowly, to have their voices heard.

I know how frustrating it can be to be part of a small group of volunteers who work hard to make needed changes, when people who don't attend meetings, read reports or otherwise participate publicly express their ignorance as opinions. I should know better. I might have learned some of this merely by reading the HIRRA reports in the First Edition. I will try to check multiple sources before I pass on this sort of information in future. Maybe even attend meetings.

If corrections help me improve, I am going to get so good at this! As always, I appreciate the patience and kindness of all who help me learn.

On a lighter note, the impromptu Carolyn Mark & Friends show at Joe King last Sunday was fun and inspiring on so many levels! Ms Mark is here with several friends, all recording this week with Marc Atkinson at the Barn Studio, and she

decided to put on a show by donation since, why not? When I got there, the musicians were set up on the back porch (sadly, we don't have an outdoor stage anymore). A mop bucket and standing mop served as a mic stand for the singers. The show was meant to be indoors, but whoever was to meet them with the keys failed to show up and was incommunicado. They rolled with the changes and made the best of it. Their best was terrific fun! The weather, happily, was lovely.

Carolyn Mark, known as 'The Queen of Vancouver Island' (the title of one of her albums), is also the queen of cheeky lyrics with titles like "You're Not a Whore If No One Pays You" (one of the songs she played). She and her friends, whose names were announced but promptly forgotten, all hilarious, played and sang with true panache. Mino Devost showed up and sang a gorgeous song, an original I hadn't heard before. Goosebumps.

A handful in the audience at the beginning swelled to a double or even triple handful by the end, and everyone had a great time. I'd love to see them at a real venue with a full band and a dance floor, because that lady can rock, and so can her friends.

That's what I think! What do you think? I'd love to hear from you! Email phoenixonhornby@gmail.com



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Green Wizardries, Food Shortages!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

I am hearing a lot of chatter about coming food shortages on the various newspapers and news sites that I follow. In truth, I believe this to be a correct forecast because of the recent increase in the cost of synthetic fertilizer and diesel fuel. Both of these are critical components of current, industrial-farming practices.

I follow the news in Sri Lanka closely and farmers there are finding it difficult to produce much of anything because their lands have been damaged by decades of the use of synthetic fertilizer. They cannot afford to buy much synthetic fertilizer and what they get, they use on the tea plantations because selling tea is a reliable source of foreign currency.

They have also forgotten how to make compost or to rear animals and utilize the manure. Farmers that used to make a good living growing vegetables for market are now scrambling to grow enough food for their own families on their damaged fields. Their produce looks terrible and is much subject to blight and fungus.

Before the Green Revolution, their land used to bear abundantly with only modest inputs of manure but synthetic fertilizers burn up the organic matter in soil rendering it infertile. More synthetic fertilizer has to be used each year to get last year's level of production.

Additionally, spraying with pesticides, fungicides and herbicides assists in the destruction of the natural microbial communities that regulate fertility in the soil. This sort of chemical farming is like an opiate addiction. It feels good at first and yields go up but soon you need more of the stuff to do so well and the health of the land is damaged in the orgy of chemicals used.

I am hearing stories of farmers in the United States and Canada using less synthetic fertilizer and some have given up planting crops that need a lot of it. Corn is a greedy plant and a lot of farmers are not planting as much as usual. Corn, highly processed, is used in a lot of commercially-prepared foods. The more highly processed the food, the worse it is for our health.

The good news is that most of us could easily deal with food shortages and improve our health at the same time. Canadians typically eat too much, too often and of the wrong sorts of food for good health.

For various health reasons, I have taken up intermittent fasting. The longest I have fasted is nine days. I could have fasted longer as I was in no distress but I missed the pleasure of sitting down with family and sharing a meal.

Long ago, I tried calorie-reduction diets, and have found them to be agonizing. I did Weight Watcher and was always deeply hungry, dizzy and light headed when I tried to eat those tiny meals and tiny snacks. I found I could not think of anything beyond my next tiny portion of food.

Fasting is much different. The first day, I am typically not hungry at all. The second day I am a bit hungry and by the third day, it is plain sailing. But, humans can't

fast all the time just as we cannot feast all the time, at least without damaging our health.

I am currently eating just one meal a day. I feel better for it and my meals come from our own tiny farm so I have lots of very clean, organically produced food to choose from. We produce the vast majority of our food, including milk, meat and cheese, on our farm. I think people would be surprised at how much food a well-tended organic garden can provide. The thing is, it takes years to get the soil up to being really productive with organic methods.

I was reading a blog from a fellow going through the collapse of Venezuela and he outlined how they are managing down there. They have reduced the quantity, and variety of foods they eat simply because not much is available. They have, typically reduced the number of meals they eat from three meals a day to just two or even one. I expect a lot of them are healthier for it. This may sound drastic but it is really quite comfortable.

The Stoics, both in ancient and modern times, practice doing without certain comforts to accustom themselves to hardship so they will know how to deal with it. For example, I bathe in cold water every morning, not to mortify my flesh, but to fortify it. I enjoy my cold baths which is a good thing to know as I find poverty and power outages to be nothing to fear. Fasting is the same sort of process.

In 1906, Alfred Henry Lewis stated, "There are only nine meals between mankind and anarchy." That is only three days worth of meals. Are we really so dependant and cranky as all that? I have skipped 27 meals and not lost my temper. I find fasting and then eating only one meal a day make me feel great. I have more energy, I sleep better,

continued on P.6...



...continued from P.5 my brain fog lifts, I get more done and am more cheerful.

We may well find ourselves in a time of food shortages. The world is feeling a little unbalanced now but I think we still have a bit of time to prepare ourselves. I have read some of Dr. Jason Fung's work on fasting. He is the physician from Toronto who has been reversing type-two diabetes by getting his patients to fast. His books are well written, full of interesting studies and took me from being afraid of fasting, I thought it sounded awful, to being a person who regularly fasts.

The less we eat the more food there is available to other people who really need it. A lot of the best land in lower-income countries is dedicated to producing luxury crops for the wealthy of other countries. Eating is a moral choice and how we eat affects the whole world outside of us and the world inside us. 🍇

Son of Fidel

ARTS&LIT

By Alan Black

It did come as somewhat of a surprise to me

when I learned that our prime minister

was actually the son of Fidel Castro

and I don't want to cast any dispersion on Margret T

but she did hang with the Rolling Stones in Manhattan...

but who am I to talk?

with Bill Gates floating in front of me as I write this trying to boss me;

I mean we all know the trip to the moon was really just a film set

and nine eleven was an inside job with junior Bush at the helm

but organized religion is as wacky as it gets if you ask me

why are there so many detailed and strange variations based on one white dude nailed to a cross?

When to be historically accurate he would have been a brown dude

but it is weird thing when he seems to turn into a WHITE RABBIT every year...

and just the other day Jim Morrison greeted me at the Walmart,

using the anagram Mr. Mojo Risin: Jim is getting up there but we shared a bottle of Chinese cooking wine in the parking lot;

salty stuff,

and then we pushed each other around in shopping karts until old Elvis P, the security guard came out and told us to, "Cut the shit man,"

and after some encouragement he attempted some of his twisty dance moves until he threw out his hips and we had to put him in a kart and take him back to the store so he could get his Nembutal

but I can't buy that Ukraine was making chemical weapons with the Americans,

it is just too offensive, the yanks can't even make decent poutine...

And speaking of mass psycho killer V. Putin he clearly made up that shit up to just to invade a sovereign state but on another note

our prime minister may have some vaccine shares

although he does keep catching covid which makes me wonder about his investment sensibility?

it's like saying you are green while investing in pipe lines...

but maybe he's making up his covid positive status just to get a break from all the death threats against him and his family?

and when I go down that rabbit hole

and into the internet for eighteen hours at a time

I know they are telling me the whole truth unlike those main stream journalist schooled monkeys who get hung up on things like stats and fact checking...

and Fox news is my friend because they are not scared to talk about replacement theory

because everybody knows somebody wants to replace us white settlers

who ran from our homes

after somebody oppressed and replaced us back in the old country and I blame the upper crusty Skull and Bones folks,

or maybe the Illuminati?

or some other secret hand shake society,

because somebody is responsible

for my first world fear, unhappiness and rage

and monkey pox too! 🍇

Canada's Foreign Policy: (Part 2 of 2)

You Gotta Serve Somebody

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

BACK to last week's question: Why must Canada blindly follow a nation bent on running the world? And where is that taking us?

A natural expression of the US desire for world hegemony is American antagonism toward China. So now we have Canadian presence (through NATO) in the South China Sea – a dangerous web of shows of military strength, "training exercises" - some would say provocation - in which we are increasingly entangled. Doesn't Canada wish to keep doing business with China? Wouldn't we be better served to co-exist peaceably with other nations? According to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the US stands out today as the only wealthy Western democracy with persistent levels of 'pernicious polarization', a level of polarization seen, they say, where partisan identities become a social

identity and political divisions extend into social relations, so that supporters of opposing camps are more likely to interact in a hostile than a friendly manner. This kind of black & white thinking, so entrenched in US politics, and seeping into ours, easily extends to foreign policy, where the idea is: "yr either with us or agin us". Geopolitics are much more nuanced than that.

Aside from their dysfunctional political system, locked in the grip of lobbyists and a merciless cycle of elections, it seems that Americans have been propagandized into an ongoing state of fear. This fear has led to their ever-increasing militarism, weapons industries & gun culture. (Or is it the reverse?) It has also precipitated the endless wars, and American willingness to censor, and to sacrifice privacy & freedoms in the "battle against terrorism", most of which turns out to be domestic. We saw the desire for "strong-man" leadership in the election of Trump. Apparently, that faction is at least 70 million strong. Canada would do well to seek more appropriate role models, like New Zealand or Iceland.

According to World Beyond War Canada, despite our small population, we have become one of the world's leading arms dealers. We are the 2nd largest supplier of arms to the Middle East, trailing only the US. Perhaps this is because our arms manufacturing is

completely integrated with that of the US. We don't have any numbers for our country's arms sales to the US - for "security reasons". Ummm, whose security was that? Last month we once again hosted CANSEC, North America's largest arms fair, with 55 international delegations. This is a huge weapons sales event, like a massive gun show at a meta-level.

Why is a small population like Canada's playing so hard in the big boys' war games? And why don't we hear more about it? For one reason, the Canadian military spends big on PR, with over 660 employees in 50 offices working to present that "friendly" picture of what our military does. (Yves Engler, Canadian Foreign Policy Hour, June 5, 2022 *) Our taxpayer money doesn't fund people working to keep Canada peaceable. The anti-war movement in Canada has probably fewer than 5 paid employees. In the meantime, Canada's military budget has been increasing steadily; we have responded to Russia's invasion of Ukraine with an \$8B increase in military budget, and no calls for negotiation & cease-fire. Why can we not follow Italy, Germany & France, UN Secretary General Guterres and Pope Francis, who are all on the record asking for diplomatic negotiations to begin? It is a tired trope to say Putin won't come to the table. Of course Putin will refuse to negotiate if it is only about surrender and humiliation. We need to be realistic! Negotiations only succeed when crucial interests of all the key parties are addressed. Who is benefitting from an on-going war in Ukraine? And what are the risks as a war involving nuclear powers escalates? Surely we have common ground in not wanting to annihilate ourselves. The alternatives to not negotiating do not look good for anyone.

Let us awaken from our comforting dreams of Canadian benevolence and call out loud & clear for peace, justice & climate crisis consciousness in our world.

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* Yves Engler is a prolific Canadian author/activist. On the Board of the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, recently formed to articulate & lobby for a progressive foreign policy, he now hosts a (free) weekly series on zoom: Canadian Foreign Policy Hour, Mondays @ 3pm, which I highly recommend. It helps with feelings of inertia/powerlessness. See (or listen) to you there!



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OPINIONS

The Flag

By Casey Grey

I have been noticing a disturbing trend. Has anyone else noticed an increase in Canadian Flags lately? And not just that, but an implied relationship between the Canadian flag and an ambiguous word called 'freedom'.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of the word freedom is "the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action." Canada is very good at propping itself up behind the red and white flag as a kind, good and just society. It doesn't need to use coercion when it has mastered the insidious practice of hiding behind its friendly white smile.

The current Canadian flag was designed by George Stanley of the Canadian Royal Military College in 1964 when Canada was looking for a unifying symbol for the nation. This new flag was raised with the sentiment: "May the land over which this new flag flies remain united in freedom and justice ... sensitive, tolerant and compassionate towards all."

Although this is lovely sentiment, it is hollow when faced with reality. In the year 2021 we all bore witness to the atrocious tragedy of the residential school deaths. At least 1300 unmarked graves have been found, finally honouring the truth of what many residential survivors have been saying for decades. This is just one piece in the vast legacy of genocide that the Canadian state, including the Canadian military trained at the Royal Military College, has perpetuated against the Indigenous people of this land now called Canada.

And this is not just past tense. Like every nation state, even today, Canada is awash in contradictions that undermine its integrity. There is the massive wound of the tar sands and the fact the Canadians are one of the highest producers of carbon emissions. Hockey players make \$4 million a year while the population of un and under housed people skyrockets. 'Universal' health care has failed the 20 people who die a day from opioid related toxicity. This 'sensitive and tolerant' multi-cultural society has a long history of racist immigration laws, like Bill-C-24 "Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act" or the Chinese Head Tax. The false promises of reconciliation continue to mask corporate land grabs in the name of resource extraction and profit, while the shining images of mounties in their red coats continue their violence against and arrests of Indigenous people protecting their own homes. 70% of the worlds mining companies are Canadian and have the worst rating for environmental and human rights abuses globally.

Ecological destruction is rampant from the impact of the oil and gas industry to deforestation to species loss. The list goes on and on.

The 'freedom convoy' and the rest of people who proudly call themselves Canadian have conveniently forgotten Canada's past and are ignoring Canada's present. What does 'freedom' and the Canadian Flag have to do with each other? Nation states don't grant 'freedom' to their citizens, they confine us with their borders, their biased laws, and their false choices. You have the right to go to work, pay your taxes, own guns, participate in the economy, vote for someone you barely believe in and then if you are lucky you can retire. The Canadian Flag is being flown as symbol of some mythological 'better' Canada. The one where The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was supposedly intact. But it is a sham if it only applies to some but not others. I don't hear about truck convoys for the right to clean drinking water on all Reservations.

Can you really be proud of being Canadian with so many contradictions? When we are proud it is often of our gardens, our communities, our children, how we contribute to the world or the art we have created. Let this define you. And freedom? It is yours to choose, yours to claim, yours to divorce from a flag red with atrocity.

If you decide to celebrate Canada day, please consider what you are celebrating. There is no way that we can ignore what this nation was built on or that it (and we) continue to profit from ongoing land theft and environmental destruction. So when you go to hang your flag, think twice about it. Make sure you hang it the right way: upside down.



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Letters to the Editor

I know some people think i do not want a covered space... Not true...
I just do not want it in the flood plain....

There is a better place for it and I want it to be there.

Yes we have that concrete pad, which is old and growing grass...and we are going to build another pad next to it to make it better? Not the best idea...

Why do we not site it on the upland DIRCS property? Away from the wet land of the Hall space? Just because we have an old concrete pad does not mean we should build on it. It can still be there for Hall functions. I felt the Open House for the project was not inclusive and did not listen to any opposition and in fact was conclusive. Even if we had any alternative suggestions.

I also wish we would have had a DIRCS open Community Meeting to discuss the whole idea. We could have tossed the idea around and then we would have all had input to siting, etc... and what we all want for the future of the Community Hall. Why did we not have an Open house from DIRCS before and during this process? Who is DIRCS responsible to?

Leyah Kelly 🍷

Dear Mike,

We've got to stop meeting like this. I'm still confused by the apparent disappearance of Poland's vast coal deposits and Romania's once vast oil reserves. And by an article hinting at knowledge of eastern Europe from a Denman sage who doesn't appear to have much. Ditto for suggestions of 5,000,000 anti-vax, sorry, anti-mandate protestors on Canadian streets one day in February. Or of common cause linking socialist icon Tommy Douglas and the freedom loving crusaders whose campaign threatened the public health care system Douglas worked so hard to launch. But we've probably dragged those ones out too long.

More to the point, I'm happy that the GV's commitment to freedom of expression wouldn't extend **continued on P.10...**

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SUMMER ART GALLERY

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...continued from P.9 to anti-Semitic invective or other kinds of hate speech. I did not make light of this by the way, let alone suggest you ought to go there. I asked what I hoped was a preposterous question: Would the GV publish paranoid conspiracy theory like the "Protocols of Zion"? I asked because you seemed to be publishing other sorts of conspiracy theory at an accelerating rate. So, it's good to know the Grapevine won't go places like that. I assume you also will not publish the sorts of racist or anti-immigrant or anti-Muslim or wingnut conspiracy theories that sometimes show up in Canada's right wing populist cant these days.

It is also great to learn that the GV is updating its editorial policy. We look forward to our beloved paper formally eschewing sexism (even when it rhymes), racism, and other forms of hate speech, holding the line against the downward spiral in public discourse that worries us both.

All the best, Howard. 🍷

Letter to the Editor,

Dear Sir,

This letter is in response to a recent letter by Stephanie Slater. Slater claims I failed to spell Joni Mitchell's name correctly. This puzzled me as I have, to my certain knowledge, never written an article about Joni Mitchell.

Slater also claimed my articles on MAID (medical assistance in dying) were, "distressingly distanced from the facts." I don't believe she even read the stories I cited. My facts are accurate and if she can read all those stories of disabled Canadians seeking out suicide because they are unable to live on inadequate pensions and the stories of people forced into suicide because medical treatments are being withheld due to long wait lists and not be moved to pity, I can only say I will be amazed.

Maxine Rogers 🍷

Faces

by Thomas Provençal

*Communicating with a child
is as easy as a smile.*

It's all about emotion in the face.

*The subtleties that we express
with facial muscles we address
the present state of feelings we
encase.*

*When we put a muzzle on
it's food for thought to puzzle on.
How does this affect the human
race?*

*With a child's eyes above a mask
I sympathize, in silence ask,
what could scare us into such a
place?*

*Fear of sickness as excuse
leads to psychological abuse.
It's terrible for us to self-debase.*

*We are social creatures
that depend on facial features
to comprehend another person's
grace.*

Unsettled

by thomas p. hunterson

*Unsettled,
in my bones.
I'm unsettled in my home.*

*Unsettled,
by words on page.
I'm unsettled in the informa-
tion age.*

*I don't know why, I don't know
how,
We take these shots across our
bow.
Let's pretend that there's a list.
I'm here to remind you of what
you missed.*

*We refuse, we resist.
It's the proof we exist.
In the end it's what we wished,
what we wished.*

Unsettled.

Summertime

by Helen Grond

*Summertime, and the livin ain't
easy*

*The folks are coming
And the line-ups are high*

*The folks ain't rich
But your Island's good lookin*

*So hush, little baby
Don't you cry*

*One of these mornings
You're going to rise up happy
The summer is short and the winter
is long*

*You got something to offer
And it keeps you in cotton*

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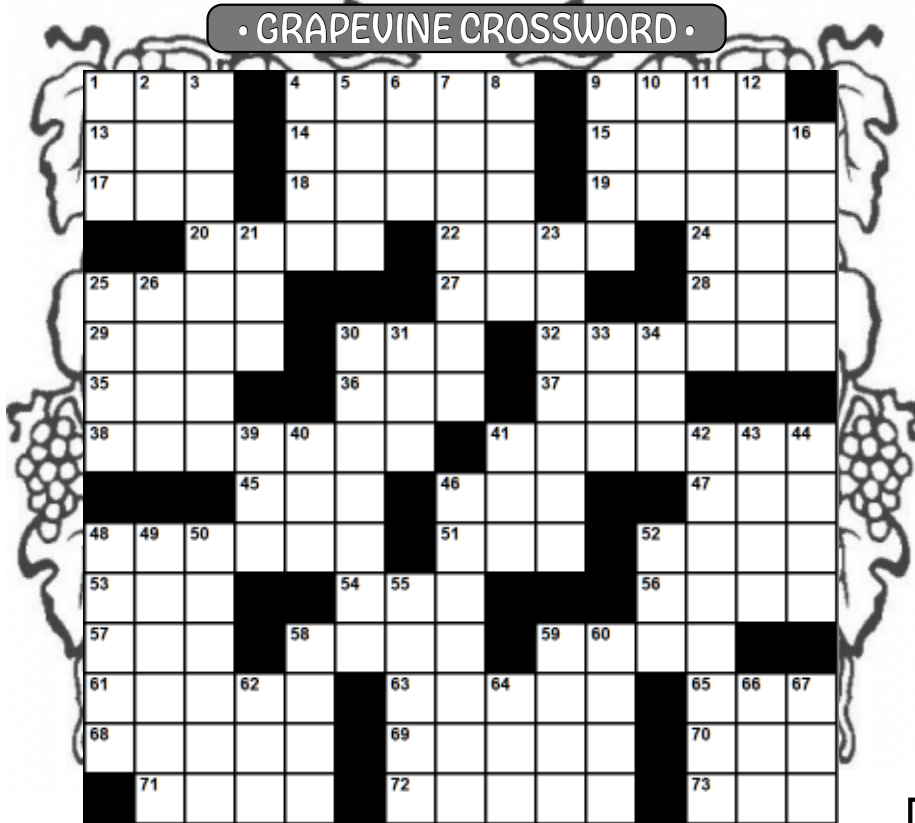
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SATURDAY 25

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Danni Crenna	Hornby Island Gas Bar	Sandy Shaffer
Cultivate	Douglas & Shelagh Horner	Sticks N Stones
Cumberland Forest	Graeme Isbister	The Butchers Block
Denman Island Bus Service	Lee Andra Jacobs	The Ugly Carrot Co.
Denman Island Chocolate Factory	Leyah Kelly	Two Roads Farm
Denman Island General Store	Ken Dor Garden	Uptown Yarns
Denman Island Hardware Store	Melanie Lonsdale	Pun Vilawood
Denman Works	Boyd & Denise MacKean	Weinberg's
Tom Dennis	Helen Mason	Susan-Marie Yoshihara

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