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Not a Pretty Picture

BOOK REVIEW

By Anthony Gregson

It is one thing to win rights at law, another to see them realized. As Pierre Trudeau once pointed out, "If there is a legal remedy for your oppression, and you still feel oppressed, what else can the law do?" Rights may be the foundation of justice, but society has to follow up with changes in behaviour. It is especially difficult with sexuality where nature and culture come up against each other. That's why Seren (Tim Jeffrey) will be holding an open house at the Back Hall on Sept 30 for his publication, *Not a Pretty Picture: An Experienced History of Queer Rights in Canada*.

Not a Pretty Picture is a frank account of the effects of homophobia and the ways homosexuals have been harassed and oppressed, despite their rights, by the police, the courts, families and churches, not to mention drunken gay bashers, and what needs to be done.

Seren was partly motivated to write by counselling, which allowed him to let go of the shame he felt about some of the things that happened to him in his early life. "If you are still living in your shame," Seren says out, "you are not going to talk about abuse, especially with topics like this that are not nice and socially acceptable". But *Not a Pretty Picture* is more than just a question of coming to terms with personal trauma.

Seren also discovered other things about himself. He mentions a recent conversation with a participant in a study of homosexual men that determined their mothers had all suffered some sort of trauma three months into the pregnancy. As a result, the brain may develop differently in the womb. "We've known that women's brains are different from males, and my brain is feminine," Seren says.

He also learned that he is autistic. Autism, he points out, expresses differently in women. "When you add that to the autism, if we are born with autism, we present as female for autism. The difference is partly that for women, it is more about honesty. In autism, the frontal cortex does not develop as well. That is part of what autism is, and that is the part that is capable of pretend, of lying, of creating an imaginary things like capitalism or money, and is able to work with it. For a lot of us with autism, money doesn't matter because in our logical mind, it doesn't make sense".

That is why *Not a Pretty Picture* is motivated by the prevailing hypocrisy about the true state of affairs for homosexuals. Seren started going to gay pride parades just before Covid hit in 2019. "Justin Trudeau announced that back in 1969, daddy had given our rights, and the way he announced it, he made it sound like everything was just fine after that – you know, we did a bit of voting, and we got all our rights, and everything is lovely. That is not the truth at all. It's the barebones truth hiding a great big lie. He made it sound like normalization." As a veteran of the gay rights movement, Seren recalls that, if anything, the structure and mechanisms of repression strengthened because before legalization, "if anyone exhibited signs, they were gay, they could just throw you in jail. But after legalization, they had to figure out other ways to go about it." For instance, where police could no longer raid a bar or a bathhouse and arrest you for gay sex, they invoked the bawdy house laws used against prostitution.

Seren is a veteran of the long and terrible struggle for gay rights and its aftermath. He lost friends to murder and faced gay bashing himself. He is outraged at the way the government saddled the gay community, most of whose members tended to be poor, with the huge cost of thousands of lawsuits to protect themselves while at the same time, continuing to tax them as citizens to support the justice system, standard procedure, he says, for dealing with marginalized minorities.

Things got especially bad with the onset of AIDS where medications were denied, and homophobia rose to levels of public hysteria. For instance, he speaks about the importance of chosen family in the gay community. These were friends who would take you in for events and occasions, like Christmas, when you might be with your family except that many often had no family because of intolerance or outright ostracism for their sexuality. Individuals who ended up in critical care were subject

to restricted access which often come to be only their homophobic family. The lovers and friends who really cared for them learned to lie to get by the front desk.

Today seventy percent of Canadians are all in favour of gay rights, but very few have any idea what gay normal is actually like. What is being sold, Seren feels, is a normalized version of homosexuality that reflects the relative social safety of an elite: white, male and wealthy. Police participation in gay pride and baby carriages fronting parades are all very well but they do not reflect the reality.

Homophobic jokes are still common, there is still plenty of subtle homosexual prejudice and discrimination. Seren sees many instances where men in heterosexual marriages will not admit to their homosexual interests. Himself, always forthright if he was interested in a man, Seren feels the root cause is a lack of confidence, instilled by a continued fear.

Seren feels strongly that unless people are willing to speak openly about their homosexuality and its lived experience, prejudice and repression with all its dire consequences will continue. For the vast majority of people, open homosexuality continues to be a gauntlet of prejudice. "I can say with certainty," Seren says, "that most homosexuals suffer from PTSD", which also includes a recent diagnosis for himself. The PTSD is a consequence of the emotional damage of sexual repression and prejudice, and it has knock on effects. "Damaged people end up in relationships with damaged people."



Food. Community. Resilience.

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Teresa Beers

LONE PINE FARM. If you've lived here awhile, you'll know the roof of the barn, and may even know Doug Wright, owner and farmer. I had the pleasure of sitting with him to talk farming, enjoying the backdrop of Baynes Sound and the mountains of Vancouver Island.

The farm was named by Doug's dad, Gordon, for the giant singular pine at the head of the driveway. Unfortunately, the top of the farm's namesake blew off in a storm, and then it developed root rot. Gordon planted three pine trees in its place - they are still there today. In his youth, he was a farm hand for the McMillans and had his eye on the property. At nineteen, Gordon became a logger and worked in camps in Port Hardy and Seymour Inlet. He did well, and in 1951 bought the 150 acre farm from the McMillans. Doug's grandpa William (Bill) ran Green Ridge and Lone Pine farms while Gordon continued logging in Seymour Inlet. Even then, farming was a marginal occupation and improvements had to be paid for with external funds. Lone Pine Farm was Gordon's "pride and joy".

William came to Denman in 1920, working on the railroad logging operations both at Denman Point and at Henry Bay. He bought Green Ridge Farm in 1922 from the Demarc brothers. The Demarc family were owners of the Old Quarry. Part of that property was where the golf course is now, and the old white house facing Lacon is the house where Doug's dad, uncle and aunt grew up. William was not very social, but was both a proud logger and a proud farmer. He loved his farm and its potential. Tomatoes sold to Safeway was one of his joys, and apparently he even gave growing tobacco a try. Life on the farm was not easy. Gordon had many chores and had to milk cows prior to attending the Old School. ("My Ain Folk", by Winnifred A. Isbister and "My Ain Folk Revisited", by J.P. Kirk are both available to read at our library for more Denman history.)

When Doug was young, he would help on the farm when not in school. When he was finished high school, his dad encouraged him to go see the world and work off island. Doug did that, settling into a career in highways. As he approached retirement, he wanted to return to his home and farm. With the help of his neighbours, he farmed when he could until he was able to farm full time. That was 20 or so years ago, and he plans on living out his days here. The fourth generation of Wrights (one of Doug's sons) has now moved back to Denman with his family and is going to "give farming a try". He is helping out on the farm while balancing working in town. **continued on P.4...**

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
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2022-09-22 (Thu)		
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03:13	3.5	11.5
10:12	1.6	5.2
17:37	4.4	14.4
23:42	3.1	10.2
2022-09-23 (Fri)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
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10:55	1.5	4.9
18:00	4.5	14.8
2022-09-24 (Sat)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
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05:01	3.9	12.8
11:33	1.5	4.9
18:21	4.5	14.8
2022-09-25 (Sun)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
00:27	2.6	8.5
05:48	4	13.1
12:09	1.6	5.2
18:42	4.5	14.8
2022-09-26 (Mon)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
00:55	2.3	7.5
06:37	4.1	13.5
12:45	1.8	5.9
19:02	4.6	15.1
2022-09-27 (Tue)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
01:26	1.9	6.2
07:28	4.2	13.8
13:23	2.2	7.2
19:24	4.5	14.8
2022-09-28 (Wed)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
02:01	1.6	5.2
08:23	4.3	14.1
14:03	2.5	8.2
19:48	4.5	14.8
2022-09-29 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
02:39	1.3	4.3
09:23	4.4	14.4
14:47	2.9	9.5
20:14	4.5	14.8



...continued from P.3 Currently, Doug raises livestock, which is a 7 day a week job. His grass fed beef products can be found at various Country Grocer locations, and now that difficulties with regulations during covid are over, he will try to have his beef available in our General Store again. He says that the revenue from the shellfish tenure (which he takes care of in partnership with his brother in law) has been, and continues to be, a huge help to secure extra farm funds.

Doug has always wondered about growing grains on the farm. His dad used to grow oats, and Doug tried to years ago, but the deer got the best of them. This year he decided to grow a 1/4 acre of what he guesses is Red Wheat. He is saving seed and will try for a larger area next year. His wheat was processed by a small combine brought over from a fellow in Courtenay. Doug thinks it would be great if there were some sort of a collective effort here to purchase a small combine to share, and is on the look out for a seed grinder for next year. Noah Ross was "the spark" for this new venture - he is keen to see grain grown on Denman. Matthias also grew some of the wheat this year. He was pleased with the results, and said "it was an experiment that worked out really well." There is a "good possibility" that there may be some of his wheat for sale in October at the Nut and Apple Festival.

Doug thinks that going forward, farmers are going to have to diversify and work towards local food security. He thinks that is a good thing for Canada as a whole, and of course, for Denman. Doug said the reality that food security is very fragile is hard for many people to fully understand, but it is necessary for us to recognize that and do as best we can to focus on local food production and consumption. "Money spent on Denman stays on Denman". He thinks our Farmer's Market is a

great idea and is one way to do that.

Doug has some ideas about how Denman could increase our local food security. One way would be to have a process to start selling more eggs locally. Another would be to have a small processing plant for local meat products. That is a difficult and expensive venture, with the application for a licence alone being \$1500 - and no guarantee that it will be approved.

There is also the issue of four levels of governments' restrictions on farmers - specifically for limited housing, and for creating and implementing plans and processes that don't apply to small farms (in principle or in practicality). That, coupled with more affordable and flexible insurance for individual farm's needs, would go a long way towards helping small farms to be sustainable and able to provide more local food.



When I asked Doug how our community could support the farm, he said that they could continue to advocate for more freedom from bureaucratic interference, for less blanket regulations for small farmers, and for more local government support of realistic expectations from small farms.

To wrap up our conversation, I asked Doug what he wanted the community to know about him. He said: "I care about the land; I care about working with nature the best I can; I hope that the farm can continue for another 50 or 100 years." I sure hope it can too!

I humbly and gratefully acknowledge that we live in the traditional territory of peoples of Pentlatch ancestry who lived, died, loved, mourned, worked and played here long before we did. 🍇

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

I said goodbye to summer last week, with a subtle subtext of 'good riddance' mixed in. Now in these lovely warm days, the warmth hides a thin edge of chill not found in mellow summer's sweetness. Oh, summer, come back! You don't know what you had till it's gone.

We marked the change of seasons with iconic Hornby events. The big Dragon Birthday Dance at the Hall on Friday checked all the boxes for 'community bonding.' Familiar faces and twirling, gyrating bodies were out in force as the Dragons (aka the backbone of our community) turned 70. And what a cohort! I won't list them, for they are many. This is the generation that built the Hall and more purely with volunteer inspiration and labour.

Tales were shared, memories reawakened, slumbering connections reformed, especially on the dance floor. Wrinkles fell away and we became our young limber selves again. It

was amazing fun! And that wild youth, Pam Gordon raised the bar for all of us, shimmying fluidly around the dance floor.

The band was stellar! Bonita saw the band in Mexico, admired their music, and it turns out they are from Nanaimo. I'm not a fan of the brassy Latin sound; this band was perfect. No trumpets or trombones, just gorgeous slinky vocals, punchy congas and percussion, killer bass lines, lush guitars, extremely danceable. The band name given on the poster was "Sol Azul," but they introduced themselves under a different name which I didn't catch. If anyone knows what they were called, please let me know. I would like to play them on my local originals radio show (the Songwriter Circle, at noon on Sundays on CHFR-FM 96.5).

Saturday was the last Farmer's Market of the season (for me! Markets will continue through the first weekend of October for those hardy few motivated to keep going). It was chilly. Brrr! No one was dressed warmly enough, or maybe that was

me. It proved a mellower market than the previous week, which was a relief. Slowly, visitors are trickling away.

The Fall Fair on Sunday was a thing of beauty, the perfect send-off for Summer and welcome to Autumn. Sunshine, warmth and happiness melted all over the field. There was a parade, awesome as always. Also, there was pie. I managed to score a piece of the very last one, which happened to be apple. It was a perfect weekend to mark the transition of seasons. The First Fall Fair since Covid, it was noticeably smaller with fewer vendors and visitors, and (unusually) only a couple of musical performances. The Zucchini Races, though, attracted a crowd and made a lot of fun noise.

And now we have space to breathe and time to think. I'm thinking about ways to keep the connections going over the winter. New Horizons provides a great resource for staying connected through in person group activities and classes, many accessible via Zoom also.

We have events coming up this Fall to look forward to as well.

Green Wizardries, The Autumn Equinox

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

THIS year, the Autumn Equinox falls on 22 September, the day

this paper is coming out. For some people, people divorced from the land, from the cycles of agriculture and horticulture this can be a bit of a sad occasion. They regret the passing of summer with its picnics and swimming parties, its bike rides and strolls in the fine weather, its lovely bright, long days.

For others, it is a time of perfect balance between night and day. A time to establish balance in one's own life and way of living. People who live on the land, and please remember that was historically about 90% of every population before our current orgy of fossil-carbon consumption began did live on and from the land, are usually pretty happy to see summer go back to where it came from. Now, with summer's end they might just have a chance to catch up.

Late summer and early autumn are the heart of the harvest and if a farmer doesn't get out there and work like a dog from first light to last, that farmer will certainly lose some of the time and energy they invested in the spring and early summer, be it in crop production or rearing livestock with the real killer still being haying.

You have never known what work is until you are trying to get a hay or grain crop in before the weather turns and your harvest is ruined. In the old days, there was a certain amount of ritual in all agricultural societies from rice farmers to Lapp reindeer herders. The first day of any harvest was usually signalled by everyone wearing their best clothes to honour the crop. Huge gangs of brightly dressed people would head to the fields, scythes gleaming like silver to mow the first hay. It was hard, unrelenting work but it was also a joyous occasion because if the year had been good, everyone would now be able to live in some comfort in the sleepy, cold, dark winter months.

I've been invited to sing at a big party, "Hornby's Got Talent," that Arlene McIlroy is producing at the Hall this November. Arlene has produced several hugely successful events over the years, starting with "Hornby Rain," the Beatles extravaganza at Joe King Clubhouse back in the aughts, and proceeding through Vegas Night, the Moon show and others. This, she says, will be the last one, so don't miss it!

I'll also be over to Denman for a big birthday party in a couple of weeks, so I'm not exactly turning into a hermit. Then in mid-October, I am off to Edmonton for a couple of weeks to meet my newest grandbaby, already a year old and the sweetest, most glorious creature ever to walk (well, crawl) this Earth. My heart is full.

Best change-of-seasons blessings to everyone, I hope you are reveling in these warm, glowing autumn days.

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

Modern Druids call the Autumn Equinox, Alban Elued. Translated from modern Welsh, this is said to mean, the Light of the Sea. This is a reference to the sun sinking into the western sea every evening. Autumn is considered the evening of the year. We speak of collecting the seeds of wisdom as well as the seeds for next year's harvest. This is a time for reflection. What went well this last year? What can one improve on for the next year?

There are endless ways to celebrate this day and if you don't have time on the day of the festival you can still celebrate this week. I think one way we won't be celebrating is by going out to pick apples as the crop has rarely ever been worse on our two islands. There are other things we can do and one way is to start a garden for next year.

If you mark out your garden space be it for flowers, herbs or vegetables or better still, all three in the same garden, you

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Marriage Commissioner

The Vital Statistics Agency, Ministry of Health, is looking for an individual to serve as a Marriage Commissioner for Hornby Island. The individual will perform civil marriages within their community on behalf of the agency. Applicants must reside on Hornby Island in order to be considered for this position.

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...continued from P.5 can begin by trimming any weeds down. Once the weeds are cut, an application of lime will be the best way to start. You see, it doesn't matter how much manure and compost you put on a piece of land if the soil is too acidic. Plants can't take up nutrients by themselves. They need special bacteria to take the nutrients from the soil and give it to them. These bacteria cannot thrive in an acid soil.

You will say the native plants and trees manage well enough and I grant you, this is true. Take our cedars for example. They have achieved the trick of growing in the most desperately acidic swamps but they have been studying this role and perfecting themselves since time out of mind. Most of our garden plants and agricultural crops came from an environment of alkaline soils. They really need you to go wild with the lime if they are to flourish. After you have double the amount of lime down that it says to use on the bag, don't worry, liming is an organic gardening practice, the next stage is to cover the soil with whatever organic matter you can find. I recommend the manure of ruminants as one of their stomachs acts as an accelerator for soil fungus. Soil fungus are another crucial part of a living soil. No soil fungus, no fertility.

Leaves, especially the leaves of the big-leaf maple tree are excellent, add spoiled hay, the used litter from the hen house, even horse or donkey manure is okay although they are monogastrids and lack the benefits of ruminant manure. Pile it higher and deeper. Aim for at least 6 inches of depth in the mulch. After that, it is really beneficial to put down a layer of six sheets of newspaper or a layer of cardboard and

then hold that down with more mulch or some branches to keep it from blowing away.

Then, you leave it to do its thing over the winter. In the spring, you will find the weeds and grass rotted away, all except the buttercups but they come easily out of the fluffy soil. You see with this method, you need to use a lot of material so make your garden beds small and next year, make some more. It is better to do a good job on a few beds than a lousy job on a lot of beds. The soil will be rich and productive, weed free and easy to work with this method. I use it myself and have achieved very good results with it. Because I am on clay, I also like to add a layer of sand to the mulch to lighten my soil.



Other ways of celebrating the day include making a feast from only the produce of your garden and inviting friends to dine or sup with you. This can be a lot of fun when you also make your own wine and have fruit to make a dessert.

Consider putting up a bird table or other feeder, go for a walk and count the different varieties of flowers, trees or birds you see. Give an offering of produce to the Food Bank. Give thanks to whatever Gods you worship for the good things you have harvested this year. Paint some autumn leaves on watercolour paper and use this for a card front and send it to someone who needs cheering up. Bake a loaf of bread or a pan of cornbread as this is the time of the grain harvest and the first grain and the first loaves of autumn are joyous things. I wish every one of my readers a calm, happy and reflective Alban Elued. 🍷

Stratified Rats

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

ON the sociological aspect of jail life I'm finding it interesting how everyone here, in their own respective way, manages to fit in. We all have the common bond of being here, though not by our own choice. We are veritable rats in a cage. Despite the requisite discomfort our need to socialize supersedes this. As I'd mentioned earlier, the age span on the range is broad and circumstances for being here no less varied. Initially this mix shows some friction but just as in any corner of society, the variance settles out much like oil and water. It takes a little while but it is quite a natural process. Still, I find myself worrying on the possibility that feathers could get ruffled as some try too hard and others want their space. There really are few places to find one's solitude should it be desired.

As on the streets, there is no less a variety of personality to be found here on the

inside. Just because we all dress alike doesn't mean we all get along. At least on the street if things get 'sticky' you can simply cross to the other side. With no such option here, the manner by which potential frictions are handled gives rise to concern given such limited space, populated with attitudes which for some strange reason run harder. All the same, I see that the youngsters eventually fit in with the other youngsters finding an acceptance that just isn't on offer from those less tolerant. The middlings, of which I'd consider myself, likely have the least trouble when it comes to fitting in as we're experienced enough in ways social yet retain enough flexibility to cope with the bombastic youth who lack a certain self-awareness. We also have an easier go of it with the older gents. If for no other reason than somewhere along the way we've lost our own annoying qualities. I see how the older fellows approach things quite cool and deliberate. I'm sure it is they that require their space most of all and the method in which they seek to achieve this runs along the methodical.



They will emerge from their bed space to circumnavigate the range, read the paper and on the odd occasion find the company that suits their taste, but never would I say that they get swept away in it all. They will accord a respect no less than that which they wish to see in return. There is nothing intrusive in their way though a show of disrespect would in all likelihood draw it out of them. From my perspective it is a nice counter balance to the impetuosity I see from the young-uns. Beyond the age differences there are lines to be drawn between cool and less cool types as well. I'll liken this all to a box filled with multiple gauges of sand, pebble and stones. If agitated enough, it will stratify quite neatly. Each grain, pea and rock will settle in its rightful spot as it should. It just works. And thankfully at that. I don't know why I worry about such matters but functioning within and surviving this setting offers a wee clue. As for my navigational abilities, I see that I needn't worry for thankfully even here in jail my compass appears reasonably calibrated. It's not to say that the behaviour from some of the others won't lead me to cringe at times given the spectre physical confrontation can bring to conflict resolution. And while rats in a cage will present its challenges, there appears to be enough rats to offer enough choice which helps keep things from becoming too fraught. Well that, and the disproportionate penalties meted out for physical altercations. They think of everything here, the authorities do. 🍷

ARTS&LIT

The Heist

By Tessie Wenner

IT was a stunning stove. A piece of equipment so

functional and reliable that its performance alone would satisfy. All the bins, racks, water tanks, bells and whistles possible. It was also like living with high art, her lines and chrome accents a glory of design. A huge footprint in my log cabin. A centrepiece. In fact it took up the whole centre of the ground floor. I danced with her every day. So when I came home from work one evening and it was flat-out gone it did not seem possible. What cruel minds had conjured this?

This crime of opportunity. I am sure they laughed and laughed.

My dear friend Sadie (81) came around to bring me cookies and we commiserated over the loss of my precious. Then she said "i know where there is a stove." Some story about working as a camp cook 25 yrs earlier and seeing her stove left behind when the logging show finished up their cutblock. Even though the crew had promised to bring it out for her, they had got to drinking and had refused to load it up.

She had cried and begged and they laughed and laughed.

With Sadie as our guide, an adventure was planned and whether or not there was a treasure, it was a great excuse to go off into the trashed logging country of the 1940s and explore

those barely passable and abandoned forestry roads. Arriving at one expansive overgrown slash just like all the others we had passed by all day, Sadie called a halt and pronounced we had arrived. She pointed out a tuft in the mess where 3 original big trees still stood amongst the struggling mess of regrowth and sent us on our heroes journey. We thrashed our way through the tangle and sure enough, there stood a nearly invisible shack held together by cobwebs and fir needles. And inside? Nothing. Except a sweet and sturdy cookstove of robins egg blue enamel and dusty chrome.

We came back 3 days later with gear and a truck and with 4 people it was no small chore to walk it out on 4x4 timbers like an egyptian palanquin across this wasteland.

Sadie had finally rescued her stove.

We laughed and laughed. 🍷

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Letters to the Editor The Vaccine Injury Debate continues...

As Chris Sky reported recently, the leading cause of death in Canada is 'Unknown', for the first time in the history of this country. I visited the "In Memoriam" page on the Canadian Medical Association's website and counted the number of doctors, 70 years old and younger that have died so far in 2022. The number is 32. Not one of these doctors has been autopsied. Three of them had cancer, they were all diagnosed in the last year. Thus, the vaccine cannot be excluded as having, possibly, exacerbated their illnesses. Many of the doctors who died in 2022 were 50 years old and younger. The youngest was 26 years old. Quite a few were athletic and died while running, swimming etc. I, then reviewed physician deaths in Canada from August 21st 2021 (the date that the vaccines were released) to the end of that year. 20 physicians, 70 years old and younger died in that time period. If you feel so inclined, please look at the interview with Dr. William Makis at: <https://rumble.com/user/Libertytalkcanada> for more information. It is a very measured and thoughtful interview. The "In Memoriam" page of the CMA website no longer carries data on physician deaths before 2022. Interestingly, this change to the website occurred just after I had counted the, possibly, applicable deaths in 2021. Could it be that there has been a significant rise in the death rate of younger doctors? We will have to wait and see on that one. I would be very interested to hear a response from Robert Lewis on Hornby Island. His numerical research could be very valuable and enlightening.

Sincerely,
Perri Gorrara 

From: Stephen Malthouse, MD
Dear editor,

The letter by Robert Lewis in last week's Grapevine (Sept 15) demonstrates how statistics can be manipulated to support a claim that Covid shots are "safe and effective". They are not.

So far, in Canada, 33 physicians under age 70 have died suddenly and unexpectedly in the last 17 months. Just last week, a Calgary cardiologist dropped dead while bicycling. You can see complete coverage of the story by Dr. William Makis at <https://bit.ly/3dns4gx>.

After 3 young Ontario physicians at the same hospital died within 4 days of the booster rollout in July 2022, the hospital immediately issued a statement that their deaths were not vaccine related. That assertion was never verified.

According to the Canadian Medical Association, 5 to 12 doctors under age 50 die every year in Canada. Except for car and sporting accidents, these are not sudden deaths. Immediately after the last Covid booster in Ontario, six doctors, all under age 50, died within a 15-day period. That would be 12 X the normal incidence for a two-week interval.

The key point here is that these relatively young doctors died suddenly and unexpectedly. They died in their sleep, while running, swimming, mountain climbing and bicycling. Several of these doctors were triathlon athletes. Almost all died without warning. Hospital physicians are mandated to take the covid shots to continue working, but the vaccine status of these dead doctors is not publicly known. Nevertheless, their deaths are a huge red flag and our government, Public Health and mainstream media should not be ignoring it

A few of the 33 Canadian doctors died from extremely aggressive cancers that had been diagnosed within the last year. Rapid cancer growth has been identified by pathologists as a new phenomenon since Covid injections were started. For example, breast cancers in Covid shot recipients appear to be larger at time of diagnosis, occur simultaneously in both breasts, and sometimes present as two independent cancers in the same breast.

Both anecdotes and high-quality research show undeniably that Covid vaccines are causing injuries and deaths on a massive scale. What are our trusted authorities doing about it? Health Canada recently authorized Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for 6-month-old infants whose Covid mortality rate is zero. Meanwhile, the shot itself can cause seizures and death in this age group. Health Canada has also approved the new bivalent booster, which is based on old non-circulating strains of SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan and BA.1) and a single study involving 8 mice. In June 2022, the Canadian government C19 site mysteriously deleted 1,973 reports of adverse events of special interest, including 110 cases of Guillain Barré paralysis, 93 cases of low blood platelets, 1,025 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis, 11 cases of blood clots with low platelets, and 734 case of Bell's Palsy (facial paralysis).

The tragic deaths of these Canadian doctors should give us pause to reconsider the direction in which our government and public health "experts" are leading us and the censorship that is making it possible.

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by Leyah Kelly

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the September sunset
and just like their
Hummingbird cousins,
they usher in this next
season.*

*Ripeness is primary
now...*

*going into cool
mornings... whispering
to winter.*

*Wasps wonder where to
go.*

*Shafts of sunlight lay on
the earth...golden
with the crown of Fall.*

*All Hail Our To Our
Majesty... The Earth.
May she get some peace.*

Fat

by Thomas Provençal

*Remember
when you choose your
meat,
the flavour's in the fat.
Take bacon for example,
it ain't nothing without
that!*

*Fat absorbs the salt
and smoky flavour
on your tongue.
Don't you think
you're filled out cheeks
make you look
a bit more young?*

*In the middle of a ribeye
steak
a treasure waits for you.
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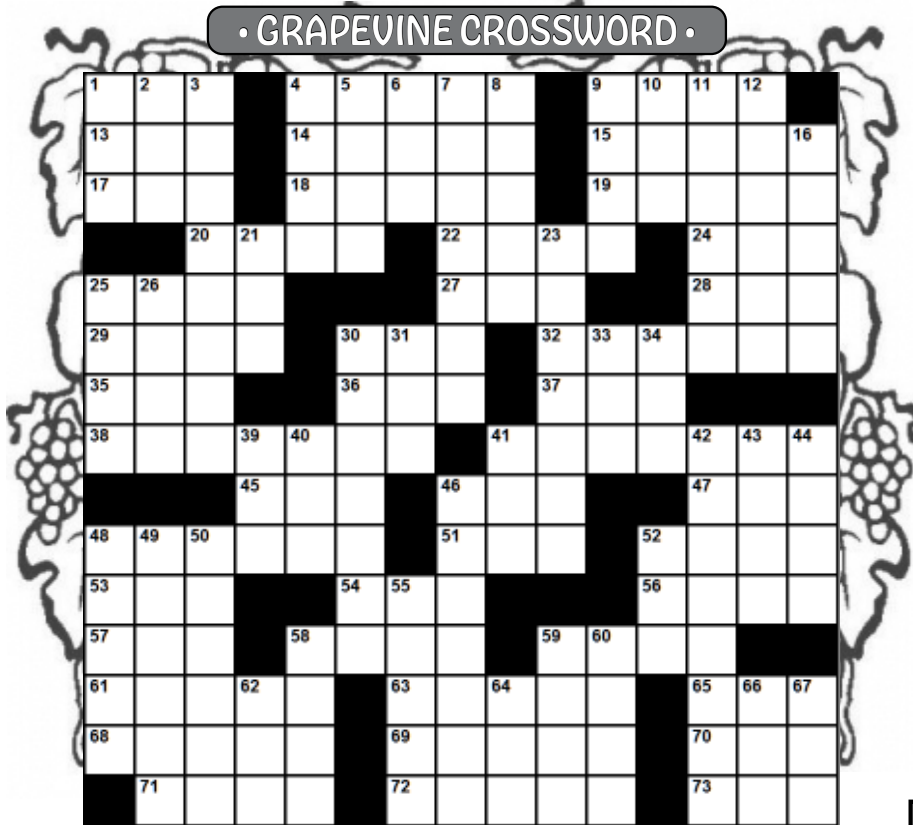
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You are invited to hear more about PLANH funding, the partnerships for this project, and to contribute our ideas about how this data base can be useful to your organization.

September 29, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, The Lounge, Activity Centre, DI

For more information, please email April Lewis (aprilslewis42@gmail.com) or James Leslie (jamesleslie@telus.net)

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- PRESENTATION BY ARIC MCBAY



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

SATURDAY 24

- 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 25

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- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am
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MONDAY 26

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 27

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- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

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- HDCHCS AGM Zoom meeting 3pm

THURSDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
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