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Publisher's Notes

WITH civic elections looming, the Islands Grapevine finds its way into Fanny Bay and Union Bay mailboxes this week. From Islands Trust Trustees over to Area 'A' Director and School Trustee seats being contested, this 'Election Issue' is laden with information on the various candidates seeking your vote so I encourage readers to check it out.

As usual the GV can be found in Hornby and Denman Island mailboxes as well. We islanders certainly understand the value of our weekly as it provides the necessary fuel to start our wood stoves. Sure, as publisher, it is my sincere hope that the paper is read prior to setting it alight but there are no guarantees, especially when the recycling bin, freshly caught fish and the bottom of island bird cages all provide healthy competition for how it is the GV is consumed. With that said, I trust that beyond this election cycle coverage, the Grapevine will find its purpose for our neighbours across Baynes Sound way! Happy Fall everyone! 🍁

The Denman Island Festival of Apples & Nuts

COMMUNITY INFO

By Magdalene Joly

**Saturday, October 8th
from 9:30 am onward.**

HAVE you ever made an apple pie with a nut crust? Maybe you want to start growing these foods? Whether you are an apple and nut expert or wanting to learn more about these amazing local delicacies, you are invited to the Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance at our Festival of Apples and Nuts! Join us on Saturday, October 8th from 9:30 am until 8:30 pm to celebrate both of these wonderful and important local foods.

The day will begin at the Farmer's Market at 9:30 am -12:30 pm with the classic pie fundraising table! Frozen apple pies will be for sale as well as pie by the slice. There will also be apple juice for sale, and a demonstration of an old fashioned cider press. For those who aren't just fruity, there will also be nuts for sale, as well as the wonderful weekly market full of local vendors!

The main event will be at the Community Hall all day from 9:30 am onwards. At the apple and nut display you will be able to learn the names of the many varieties of each that are grown here. Denman's resident apple ID detective will be on hand to answer your apple variety mysteries, so bring them in (best if you can bring a few specimens and a small branch from your mystery tree). Angela Boss, an agrologist from the Ministry of Agriculture, will be hosting a booth on the BC Hazelnut Renewal Program. The Apple Cafe will have soup, tea, and coffee with pie by the slice and an apple and nut tasting table. There will be a kid's table, decorations, and a steady stream of interesting things happening. For example, did you know there is a proper way to eat an apple? Come by for a tutorial from Maxine Matilpi!

Throughout the afternoon we are offering a wide array of workshops about nuts for every taste!

12 pm Co-founders of Nutcase Nursery, Nick Montgomery and Dylan Gale, will present Nutty Societies: Nut Culture Past, Present and Future. They will be discussing the history of nuts in human societies and making the case for making our society nuttier. The key questions of the presentation will be: What is nut culture? How do we get it? Where does it come from?

1 pm Workshop in the kitchen showing how to make your own nut milk and hazelnut-corn halva with Magdalene Joly.

2 pm Thom O'Dell, North Island Regional Agrologist, nut expert and owner of Nature Tech Nursery, will be offering a talk called "Why Hazelnuts?". In this talk, Thom will touch on the hazelnut blight and a few resistant varieties for the West Coast.

3 pm There will be another kitchen workshop with Joan Donaghey on making a

cake with all local ingredients! Featuring...you guessed it...apples and nuts!

4pm Bonnie Zand of Bonnie's Bugs will be speaking about nut and apple pests and diseases. Bonnie works in Integrated Pest Management assisting growers with managing their pest issues, and to better appreciate beneficial insects.

5pm "Go Nuts!" Our afternoon of talks and learning will finish off with a panel and open discussion about growing nuts on Denman and throughout the region. We welcome folks to bring their questions and nut growing experiences to share!

To help cover the costs of speakers and ingredients we are asking for a sliding scale donation of \$10-\$30 for attending the workshop portion of the festival. If this is not in your means (or if you want to donate more) that is just fine!

6 pm After a sweet, juicy but slightly nutty day of workshops and talks, please join us for a Potluck Harvest Feast at the Community Hall. Come eat with your friends, neighbours and fellow food enthusiasts to celebrate and enjoy the delicious foods cultivated in this community.

There will be a curated discussion around the table touching on topics such as "how to create local food resilience in our community" and "what inspired and challenged you over this growing season".

Please bring a dish to share for the Potluck Harvest Feast featuring as many local ingredients as you like. Prizes will be given for the dish with the most local ingredients in it, as well as for the dish with the most creative use of nuts. Kindly label the ingredients in your dish. At the feast we will also be able to sample the culinary fruits of the cooking workshops held during the day.

After what promises to be a delicious meal the local band Death Eats and Orange will play a lively blend of acoustic folk music for your listening and dancing pleasures.

We are looking for volunteers to help with gleaning, making pies, set-up, take-down, and running the festivities on the day of. Join the team to help make this event a success, it will be fun! If you are interested please contact our Festival Coordinator, Magdalene Joly at oakandcamas@gmail.com

A big thanks to DenmanWORKS! for supporting the GPA in expanding the festival to include nuts this year!

See y'all on October 8th! 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

IT takes a lot to get me over to Denman for a visit. One of my oldest and dearest friends and his wife moved to that island a year and a half or so ago, but I haven't seen them once since they moved there. Tish and Kera are lovely people. Tish recently turned 60 and they held a bash for him at the Denman hall. It was a sweet and heartfelt gathering in which much love, music, memories and food were shared (not in that order), and I got to hang out with some amazing people I haven't seen in approximately a million years.

My one regret is I seem to have lost the skill of staying up late to party. I was doing great--hey look I'm still awake!--when suddenly, like a carriage reverting to a pumpkin, I had to go crash in the van by midnight. I don't say 'sleep' because sleep didn't exactly happen; others are much better at staying up late than I am these days (raucously so). My brain and heart wanted to join in, but my body said, "Pfft! No way."

If you haven't met Tish and Kera yet (they're still fairly new here, though they were in Cumberland for a few years before that), they are wonderful community-minded people and you'll like them. I need to visit Denman more often.

There's an election coming up! The local election where we get to choose our new Islands Trustees takes place on October 15; advance polls on Hornby happen on the 6th between 2 and 5pm at New Horizons. If you can't make it on the 6th, there are also advance polls in Courtenay on October 5 and October 12. Here on Hornby we have three candidates for the Islands Trust, and only two positions, so we have some choices. The two incumbents are Alex Allen and Grant Scott, but there's a new kid on the block, Jeff Rabena is also running. It's great to see the younger generation getting engaged in local politics, but isn't Jeff still only 18?

Just kidding, he's an adult in his forties, the father of a small child. Having grown up on Hornby, Jeff hopes to ensure there are as many diverse opportunities for his child on the island as he enjoyed

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I missed the all-candidates meeting at the Hall; that was an excellent opportunity to get a feel for what each candidate is focused on. I recommend listening to Albini's local news radio show "The Review," from September 10, which features an interview with each of the three candidates. The recording for that interview can be found here: https://www.mixcloud.com/Albini_Patrick/interview-with-all-3-candidates-for-islands-trust-2022-with-intro-to-the-review/

Listening to the interview, I got the impression that all three are strong candidates for their own reasons, and all seem to be aligned with each other in terms of their priorities. The Trust has a lot of problems. All agree that there is currently far too much top-down control from Victoria and not enough necessary local autonomy. Our islands are each unique, with their own priorities and problems, and one-size-fits-all

Food. Community. **EXUBERANCE.** Resilience. **Abundance.** Peacefulness.

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Teresa Beers

These words are how Serendipity describes Serendipity Farm. Seren says, "I am a participant in the eco-system that's happening around me. I am conscious of the side effects of my actions as one of the beings that contributes to the earth." The .25 of an acre that is Serendipity Farm is an "intensive food forest, a perennial and self-seeding annual food garden."

The farm is the culmination of over 20 years of gardening observation and experience. Seren has always had some kind of garden, but balcony gardening was when the "plant addiction" took hold. That led to interest in no-till gardening, biodiversity, spiritual gardening, permaculture, and landscape design and maintenance (particularly English Cottage and Americana styles). Early on Seren knew that food should be a part of landscaping, and that the interconnectedness "energetically and practically" of food and people was important.

Serendipity Farm is an "in the ground food bank" Some of the bounty is given away, some is sold or traded to people, some is purchased by Donna at the Guesthouse, some is put together for seasonal salads for purchase, some is left in the ground until someone wants or needs it...and "if it's not needed or wanted, it composts in place" to feed the soil and various beings in Nature. Seren also propagates and sells plant starts at our Farmer's Market - perennials, unusual edible and medicinal herbs, insect attractants, and shrubs that can multiply densely.

Seren used to work for others in a gardening capacity. Now "instead of selling muscle and my experience, I sell my knowledge so others can learn to build their own knowledge and use their own muscle." The skillsets that Seren is now willing to teach are intuitive, holistic, natural farming; pruning; off grid food preservation; home slaughter and butchering. Seren can be contacted at either 604-706-2699 or pan_kisst@yahoo.com for further information.

When asked about how we can improve our self-sufficiency on Denman, Seren commented that in 14 years of living

solutions don't and can't work.

Regarding the contentious issue of STVRs, the candidates agree that we do need short term vacation rentals, as so much of our local economy depends on that income and people do want to visit, but because of our limited carrying capacity, they need to be regulated. I agree, obviously, as any regular reader of this column will know. That is very good news.

This is a golden time of extended warm days and sunshine, so I hope you are taking advantage of our beaches and trails, soaking up the sun and taking care of the garden. I'll do the same, and maybe I'll see you out there. Enjoy!

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



here, many more people are growing some of their own food than ever before. Some of the ways that we can continue to improve our self-sufficiency are to adapt our gardening practices to the changing weather conditions, transition to more drought tolerant plants, and grow more food sources such as fruit, nuts and plants with edible leaves.

Seren feels that humans' healing is directly related to connecting with, and contributing to, Nature. I would add that Nature's healing is directly related to

humans' understanding of, and willingness to embody that beautiful concept.

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. 🍷



Green Wizardries, Conservation

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

We seem to have hit a rough patch in the decline of Western Civilization: inflation, stock markets tanking, risk of regional wars getting out of hand and food shortages. This has all become kind of normal because humans are adaptive creatures and in any case, it does no good to run about panicking.

I know a lot of people have a touching faith that, "They won't allow the stock market to fail," or "They won't get us all involved in the Third World War." Well, my reading of history indicates that the governing classes are no smarter than we are, being only human, and that being well educated is no guarantee of making intelligent choices in the real world.

The Second World war was a huge mistake and waste of men and treasure. It was pursued by very well-educated politicians in many countries and I think everyone regretted it. The First World War was so puzzling as to why it even started that this is still discussed in university history courses. Everyone has a favourite theory and mine is they all went a little mad and thought it seemed like a good idea at the time.

Look at the fiasco of Sri Lanka's government bankrupting the country. Or the really astonishing actions that pass for government policy in Lebanon. Look at Germany shutting off the fuel their society needs to run on. This winter in Europe may be more colourful and exciting than comfortable.

I believe that almost all of modern civilization's problems stem from resource depletion and changes in the climate caused by our monumentally stupid use of the atmosphere as an aerial sewer. There is not a huge amount of extra natural gas to go around so the Europeans are having a hard time replacing the gas they stopped buying from Russia. Even slight shortfalls in coal or crude oil are having a startling impact on industrial society.

So, as resource shortages are, in my view, the root cause of the political and economic instability the world is experiencing, what can we do about it on our two tiny islands? The answer is that we can conserve resources.

We can do this before economic necessity makes it imperative. For example, home heating is not strictly necessary, especially the overheating so many households in Canada indulge in. I remember an art-history class where the lecturer was talking about a painting of a young woman sitting in a house and opening her coat to nurse her baby. Our lecture explained that she had not just come in from outside. She was wearing her coat and bonnet in the house because houses were not heated. The painting came from Holland and I know from

personal experience that winters there can get pretty cold.

I suspect that prices for electricity and natural gas will both be going up for us soon. So, a way to save on the cost of home heating is to reduce the temperature we keep our houses at. We can remain comfortable by dressing for the season. Wool is my preferred option and we burned far less than our usual amount of wood last winter simply by adopting the habit of wearing wool long johns in the house.

Good duvets can be made from local wool, washed nice and clean and sewn between a couple of cotton sheets. Such a duvet would only be needed in the depths of our winter so a selection of wool blankets might be more practical. I just like the idea of using local wool that hasn't been processed. Being able to make our own duvets would make us much more resilient.



Sheepskin slippers and wool socks will keep even the most delicate toes comfortable in the cold. It is not the end of the world to have the house cooler in the winter. Lots of cultures did not heat their houses but dressed for the season and still managed to have very civilized lives and high cultures.

Most Europeans used to wear hats in bed and this is because a person in a cold environment loses too much heat from a bare head. We have clean wool toques, also known as, "watch caps," reserved for use in bed on the coldest nights. I spoke with a young lady on Denman and she has a system of indoor and outdoor toques both light and heavy, for the cooler months.

When I was a girl, visiting Sweden, I noticed fashionable older ladies wearing gorgeous, very large fox fur or marten hats which must have been very warm.

They would come into a restaurant or cafe and take off their coats but never their hats. People said this was because their own hair could never compare favourably with the fur of their hats. Their own hair was probably crushed by the excellent hats but this might be a style for our future.

I think knitting our sweaters longer for indoor use would be very cozy. I have a friend who always wears her sweaters down over her thighs which reminds me a bit of medieval gowns. As a youngster in Europe, I noticed that young men wore short stylish leather jackets over very long wool sweaters knitted by their mothers to cover their kidneys. Another approach would be to have wool throws and lap blankets draped invitingly in the living room. Failing these economies, you can go on to spend an increasing amount on heating until you can't manage anymore. As the American philosopher, John Michael Greer says, "Collapse now and avoid the rush." There might not be much time left to beat the rush.

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My husband managed to get our electricity bill down considerably by replacing all our light bulbs with LEDs. He also goes through our freezers and consolidates the frozen food until he can turn one of the freezers off to be defrosted and cleaned. He does the same with the extra refrigerator. It is only powered when we need it for a project. In the winter, we sometimes just have an insulated picnic box in an unheated porch for things we need kept cold. We mostly heat with a wood fire and we keep a large kettle on the stove to heat water for washing dishes. This saves a lot of money on electricity.

Back when I was a kid in the 1970's the government had conservation programs that encouraged people to make light wooden frames to fit over their windows. The frames were covered by clear plastic and acted as double glazing but were vastly cheaper. Later in life, I found out that a set of heavy, lined curtains can give you as much energy savings as double glazing so this is a good budget solution and good for renters.

I just contacted Graham at the Denman Hardware store which has really good prices and is so much more convenient than driving to town. He said they have draft-proofing supplies such as foam that is squirted in cracks to plug up drafts beside doors and windows. He also has long foam tubes for stuffing into cracks to exclude drafts and foam insulation to keep the heat in the hot water pipes. I hope some of you Hornby people will consider coming to Denman to shop for hardware and visit our excellent cafes while you are here. I wish everyone success in their conservation endeavours. 🍷

Yes Men and a Sap Who Can't Say "No."

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

February 13th, 2007

It is turning out that I'm one of the only guys on the range with the coveted tobacco. I've been largely generous with my supply, as I usually am with most anything, but to see how frequently I'm being hit up for smokes I'm now of the ilk that I won't even make it till tomorrow night's canteen before running dry myself. Come ons like, "I won't ask you again the rest of this shift," and "this is going to be my last smoke because I'm quitting," and a popular new entrant on the charts, "I haven't even asked you for a butt." As if to curry favour over that of the other jones-ers. Seizing on the moment, I point out how I distinctly recall they have asked... repeatedly, but this does nothing to remedy the circumstances we each face. Hell, I'm even getting hit by guys who proclaim defensively that it's not like they ask me all the time. As if that entitles them to a smoke with immunity from my growing disdain. I'm realizing now that no amount of tobacco would hold me through to the following week's canteen for all of the grinding. I better master an ability to say NO if I'm to keep from being picked clean! It is only destined to be this way as our wages are so paltry one can't even afford a pouch of the beloved nicotine for a full weeks work! That is unless you have outside funding... which most here don't. Again, I guess I'll consider myself fortunate comparatively. In jail, it's infinitely better to have even a small amount of tobacco than to have none at all.

Just watched this mockumentary called 'The Yes Men.' A farcical satire skewering globalization. Having read Nancy Klein's tomes on the anti-globalization movement, I was keenly interested. These two anti corporate activists would impersonate high ranking positions within bodies such as the W.T.O. and give presentations to audiences comprised of Ph.D's and corporate heads. The theories they expounded were intended to evoke reactions that by rights should have gotten them run out of the building. Over-the-top is all I can describe it as. They floated ideas I imagine were nothing any



corporate head wouldn't secretly wish for if not for the inconvenience of child labor laws, human rights, abolishment of slavery and the sort. They even presented for one convention in Finland, the futuristic 'manager's leisure suit.' A form fitting gold latex outfit that at the beginning of the speech was concealed beneath a proper suit and tie. Midway through the lecture they tore away the business attire to reveal this most ridiculous of garb. But the best was yet to come... with the pull of a ripcord, out inflated from the groin a three foot erect phallus with a big bulbous head. A gigantic boner! If this

isn't a blatant 'poke' at the male, white, corporate power base than I don't know what is. At the top of the 'head,' facing the wearer, was a viewing screen that in theory would allow the manager to see his workers from far afield. Think sweat shops in Indonesia. Control buttons bordered each side of the display to aid in managing his workforce. The suit was billed as comfortable and lightweight. Even breathable should, in the course of his leisure activities, he break a sweat. Now the manager needn't be confined to an office to conduct his most important work. Hiking in the mountains, jogging to stay fit, even just sitting and relaxing in his high priced penthouse needn't get in the way of efficiency and thus profitability. This was all going down in front of some of the most intellectual, influential minds in the trade and finance world and they nary raised an eyebrow! They even politely applauded at the end of the presentation, quite literally and seriously! The world is one very screwed up place. By my eye these guys were trying their damndest to get run off the stage as infiltrators of this very exclusive club yet they were taken at their word. A level of absurdity that's hard to match. The best I can think of might be Monty Python's 'The Meaning of Life,' where the sex education teacher of the young boy's school, as part of the curriculum, copulates with his wife in front of the class only to have his students show about as much interest as an algebra lesson! Only that's comparatively mild given everybody in that skit was in on the gag.

Well, it's the day before Valentine's and I certainly hope that in the spirit of the occasion our range can come around to showing a little more love and respect for one another over

what I witnessed this afternoon after work. I think the pre 'love day' angst may have been coming to a head as we very nearly had a fist fight break out between Billy and ol' 'don't live on your knees' Hank. Something to do about laundry of all things! I'm not so certain that it doesn't have more to do with nicotine deprivation, really. It sure as heck couldn't have anything to do with the lack of a softer touch around these parts! Aside from the boys getting into one another's face, there currently exists on the range a palpable tension right across the board. Unlike anything I've seen since arriving here at Camp Cuddles. For the first time this place seems inappropriately nicknamed. 🍷

2022 Islands Trust Candidates Meeting

POLITICS

By Andrew Pringle

DEMOCRACY is alive on Denman! The All Candidates

Meeting for Islands Trust, October 2nd filled the Community Hall to hear out four candidates on stage: Sam Borthwick, Wes Ritter, David Critchley, and David Graham. After a brief introduction by each candidate, residents had the opportunity to ask questions.

Questions emphasized interest in housing and the environment. It became clear that housing is not a black and white issue in the sensitive ecosystem of Denman Island. One candidate reminded everyone protection of the environment is the Islands Trust highest value. On the other hand, another candidate advocated protection of the environment as a community responsibility.

Residents heard that housing on the Agricultural Land Reserve may be opening up to allow secondary housing

which potentially means a lot more housing on Denman that will be beyond Islands Trust control. On the other hand, there is a huge need right now and the affordable housing on the horizon is too little and uncertain.

Some housing solutions offered by candidates included: more shared properties like CoHo Landing, no more bylaw enforcement, promotion of trailer parks, focus on environmental impact rather than just the number of kitchens, and replacement of the Temporary Use Permit with a permanent secondary dwelling permit.

Only two of the four candidates will be elected, so we have the opportunity to vote for new, controversial, or cautious ideas.

Many thanks to the Denman Island Residents Association for hosting this event. 🍷

Re-Elect Daniel Arbour Area A Director

POLITICS

By Anthony Gregson

DA N I E L A R B O U R is looking for re-election on October

15. He is not taking any chances. Daniel has been knocking on doors in Area A and was up to 600 when the Grapevine sat down with him on Monday.

So, what has Daniel achieved over the past four years?

Probably the biggest win is to align a proposed \$50 million sewage connect from Union Bay and Royston to the Courtenay-Comox municipal system, which could help resolve long-standing issues around failing septs and protecting Baynes Sound. This has been a complicated negotiation between CVRD, municipalities, K'omoks First Nation, federal and provincial government, and Union Bay Estates, all of whom are being asked to put money on the table.

Area A may seem to be bunch of sleepy communities, but the Union Bay development is actually the major growth node in the Comox Valley, and the largest project of its kind north of Victoria, with an eventual 3,000 homes. The sewage connect is a critical piece of infrastructure that will also benefit the existing communities, including K'omoks First Nation who are on pace to secure significant treaty lands in the area.

Another major achievement is the successful introduction of fibre optic to every home on Denman and Hornby islands, now in progress thanks to City West, ending decades of sketchy internet. This was a years-long battle that started with a humble survey of Internet deficiencies on Denman and ended in a \$7.6 million dollar grant from the province and a successful referendum mandating creation of an internet service by CVRD.

Daniel has also been instrumental in getting a \$1.3 million water treatment upgrade to the Graham Lake water system on Denman, and funding for bus service on both islands, as well as leveraging funding for the Hornby Arts Centre. The CVRD has helped out with childcare facilities in Union Bay and on Denman, as well beginning pre-planning for new firehalls in both these communities. There is also work on trails and active transportation – the list goes on.

The big question is how does all this get done? Daniel explains it as “a reflection of the political ecosystem in the Valley,” a progressive socio-economic outlook on municipal mandates shared by like-minded local government elected officials. In fact, he has a hard time recalling when an initiative he brought forward to the CVRD Board has been turned down. It would be very different, he says, if the Comox Valley elected officials reverted to a narrower vision of what local government should be involved in.

Another reason is consummate and assiduous networking. “One of the things I may have over other candidates is that I have an excellent relationship with my provincial and federal elected counterparts. I work on it, make sure they know our issues, and they contact me when they have things . . . it has helped so many times. If monies come available, they know our issues and if they have something in mind, they call.” The lesson? “Don't only play in your own sandbox.”

A third reason is Daniel's ability to leverage funding. It is critical because the CVRD has limited means, so he advises everyone to look on the CVRD as a funding partner who can help you attract more money. The Hornby Arts Centre is a prime example. “They asked CVRD for \$175,000 which

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...continued from P.7 is a lot. That was matched by Islands Coastal Economic Trust, and then doubled by matching grants from the province and Feds. Then along came Covid recovery funding and that got doubled again. They are now sitting north of \$1.1 million.

In August, Daniel's ability to work with others landed him the chair of the Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This gives him ringside, for example, on upcoming Federal funding of \$3 billion a year for decarbonization of public transportation, with subsidies of up to 80% to be made available starting in 2026. The prospects are interesting. So, when BC Transit recently turned up with a proposal for a central charging hub for an electric bus fleet in the Comox Valley, the dots were connected. The cost? \$40 million. "I almost fell off my chair." While some CVRD board members voted against a feasibility study, Daniel did the math, and with an 80% subsidy, the CVRD contribution fell to \$8 million. Then at UBCM this September BC Hydro said they may have money to contribute to a project like this . . . you can see where this is going.

Community integration is another area where Daniel views the CVRD as a partner. With a long-term population of an additional 6000 people in the Union Bay development, he is very concerned about the integration with the existing communities of Union Bay, Royston, and K'omoks First Nation. He meets every month or so with the developer and sees positive benefits. There is a million dollars for

affordable housing, and he sees the possibility of an Area A hub that would benefit everyone, such as more amenities for shopping, and a new school. "The problem is that it is a huge project in an unserved area, so there will be many issues going forward for a long time to come. We've got to get the infrastructure and planning piece right."

Then there's Langley Lake. Langley Lake is the water source for Union Bay, but it lies in the private forest lands of TimberWest and Island Timberlands, managed by Mosaic Forest Management, who recently logged just up from the lake. At 700 hectares, the watershed is small and should be protected. But Mosaic, managing private lands, is free to do much as they like, just as they do with their annual cut which Daniel also believes is not sustainable. He has been unable to dissuade them. In the meantime, he found that all the municipal bodies and the KFN in the Comox Valley have lobbied for better regulation of the private timberlands. His long-term vision would be for all communities from Victoria to Campbell River to work towards purchasing all the forest lands - all one million hectares, and turn them into a community forest that better takes into account ecosystem and watershed values.

"It will probably never happen," Daniel says, "but the point is to change the conversation, and explore options that may be improbable, but which intuitively make sense." In many ways, that's what he's done with the CVRD.



To My Neighbours in Area A

POLITICS

By Chelsea McCannel-Keene

If we haven't met personally, I sure hope we get the chance to one day soon. My name is Chelsea McCannel-Keene and I am grateful to be putting my name forward for Education - to offer local representation for Area A on the SD71 Board of School Trustees.

I am a born and bred Royston woman, happy to be raising my children just down the road from my childhood home by the sea. To have grown up in this district and felt the warmth and inspired efforts of its educators fueled my lifelong desire to learn. Now, I'm hopeful to have the trusted opportunity to safeguard that true education, by offering my unique experience in development and education, tireless

work ethic and hunger to learn and better our system for the children and families in our community.

Since my degree, for upwards of a decade I've held my position as the Operating Director of Puddleduck Early Learning Nonprofit Society. In my career, I partner in advocacy with The Child Development Association, Inclusive Education, The Wachiyay Friendship Centre, collaborating as a Foster Parent for The Ministry of Children and Family Development and now with The Ministry of Education as well. Along with a career in Education, I operate two additional Nonprofit societies as Program Designer of Royston Community Tee-Ball and President of Three Legged Dog Productions Society. As of this fiscal year, our provincial government is bridging the gap between early learning and school years: a crucial time to ensure our overarching philosophies and



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policies consider the entire lifespan when supporting children, families, educators and communities in an inclusive and equitable way that fiercely promotes belonging!

I was happy to visit both Hornby and Denman this past week and appreciate those residents that shared with me some concerns around highschool readiness with mixed-grade classrooms. As parents, we strive for our children to have strong self-esteem and the competency/ readiness to carry them through with confidence and inspiration to learn! I approach advocacy with open ears and grace, but with clear, attainable goals and intentions. It is my sincere intent to think creatively and respond actively to these concerns and any others shared with me to achieve the progress necessary for our children.



From my heart, I believe that every person deserves to learn and work in an environment that promotes belonging - that is safe, secure, equitable and inspired; creating that environment is the responsibility of us all and I fully understand the activism that would be entrusted in me if elected. I am hopeful that you now know a little more about me and will trust in my commitment to truly listen, take action and endlessly learn within the responsibilities of our SD71 Board of Trustees.

I warmly welcome your questions and conversations at 250-702-1781.

*Appreciatively,
Chelsea McCannel-Keene
School Trustee Candidate - Area A* 🍷

David Critchley for Island Trust

POLITICS

By David Critchley

FROM the last census it is clear that the population of Denman has increased by about 19% in recent years. And sadly there have been the deaths of a number of our dear community members, as must be expected where our median age is in the sixties and many are living into their nineties. With this in mind I need to introduce myself to the newer people in particular.

My wife, Cindy, and I bought land on Denman in 1998 after several visits that convinced us of the special nature of this diverse and caring community. After building our house (mainly from wood milled on the land) and becoming part-timers, we were soon drawn to making this our permanent home. Consequently I became a weekly commuter to my law practice in the Fraser Valley, made possible in the summer ferry madness through my love of motorcycling.

My legal practice was a country practice with much variety, but characterized by a lot of work with farmers and a specialty in challenging the status quo of marketing boards and quota systems. I often represented the "little guy" against the big and powerful. One case established the right of a small farmer to market free-range eggs outside the normal marketing system and led to industry-wide change that made free-range, free-run, and organic eggs regularly available in supermarkets.

After 40 years I retired from legal practice and did quite a bit of volunteer work on Denman. This ranged from trail-making and broom cutting to being a director and co-chair of the Conservancy. I also was a director of the Health Centre Society for about ten years, during which the current

site was acquired, by generous donation of Zella Clark, and the building moved from the village and remade into its present form (kudos to our volunteer construction manager John Dillon!).

Eight years ago I was elected to be one of your Islands Trust trustees. I have served on the Trust Programs (Policy) Committee throughout that time - recently working on revisions to the Trust Policy Statement. This document, which guides the decisions of Local Trust Committees, is similar to a constitution and it hasn't been revised for 25 years.

I have a deep concern for the natural environment and was

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...continued from P.9 distressed to realize that not all trustees interpreted the “preserve and protect” mandate with the same emphasis on the environment as I do. After some difficult and divisive debate at Trust Council I introduced a motion as follows: “that Trust Council affirms its understanding that preservation and protection of the environment is central to the mandate of the Islands Trust and that this responsibility must be given special and profound consideration in all our decisions and in all we do”. Thankfully, this passed with just a minor amendment.

The Trust has been subject to criticism for its inefficiency. (It was probably ever thus.) I have been in the forefront seeking reform and was part of a small group of trustees who met regularly to discuss reform and who brought forward a motion to engage consultants for a governance and management review. This motion passed and I was appointed to the Select Committee overseeing the process. We now have the report which is available on the Trust website. It has many recommendations and I want to see most of them fulfilled. Affordable housing is a very important topic here on Denman and throughout the Trust Area. I have voted in favour of both affordable housing projects that were brought before us in the last term. I also voted in favour of Trust Council getting a report on the possibility of establishing a housing authority. I do not know how this will evolve but it could be helpful. I note that Comox Valley Regional District is considering a similar role and I would not want duplication.

In the last term, after complaints of slow processing, I

brought a motion for staff to give priority to affordable housing applications. I think it has helped a bit. I also voted to approve projects to foster community discussion and creative thinking about housing options. These will occur at both local and Trust-wide levels.

I have had long term concerns about the condition of our beaches, the intertidal zone and the entire marine area. (The Trust actually has shared jurisdiction over the seabed and the surface of the sea in the Trust Area.) We are, of course, home to the centre of the BC shellfish industry and most of the remaining herring fishery in the Salish Sea.

In a collaboration of Islands Trust, World Wildlife Fund and Denman Marine Stewards I advocated for the creation of the Baynes Sound Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum. This twice-yearly forum has been highly successful and continues to bring various stakeholders together, including First Nations, local governments, DFO, the shellfish industry, environmental groups and others to try to improve our marine areas. In addition, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans recently appointed me to their Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee. This comes after years of Islands Trust lobbying to get a seat at that table.

I am eager to continue the important work of the Trust, especially at this crucial time of transition and reform.

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Tamara Meggitt for Area A Director

POLITICS

By Anthony Gregson

TAMARA MEGGITT is new to politics, but she brings a long record of community support and participation. “Everything,” she says, “from food drives to Christmas hampers, the Caravan, and on a broader level, delivering supplies to fire devastated communities throughout BC.” A 38-year resident of the Comox Valley, the last eleven years in Area A, Tamara comes over as a doer who likes to take responsibility and cut to the action. She is jumping into the Area A race because she began to hear from people who felt they were not represented. “As someone involved in my community at different levels, I feel representing people is something I can do well.”

So how is that going? When you are new to the politics of elected office, without the tangible record of an incumbent, who you are and what you may happen to believe is about all that people have to go on. The line between the personal and the issues can get blurred. When the Grapevine caught up with Tamara outside the Activity Centre on Denman, Tamara was fielding questions from a very engaged group of bystanders who wanted to know a lot about her thoughts. It was intense but civil, and Tamara handled herself with equanimity and openness even if it was, as she said afterwards

over a much-needed coffee, a bit of a firing line.

Tamara’s campaign handout outlines a platform of four issues: housing, transportation, fiscal responsibility, and safety and security. As she freely admits, there is a great deal to learn about the different roles and mechanics of municipal administration, so it not easy to come to the table with a lot of program specifics, but she has ideas about what she feels is important and how she’d like to proceed.

For one, Tamara is a strong believer in self-reliance and the value of cultivating independent solutions. “We regulate people so much - everything down to what you are allowed to sell at your end of your driveway. We have forgotten that we got to where we are today because of community and communities working together. We are regulating that away. When we look at a generation that is ageing out and has such skillsets, and so much knowledge to offer, we need to embrace that, listening and learning. That is missing from society.”

During Covid, she helped set up a website to encourage shop local that grew to include 7500 services purveyors of everything down to how to bake a cake. She would like to push self-reliance further and would advocate for more education doing more for yourselves. “Whatever happened

to home economics in school? I'd like someone to teach me how to sew." What about repair?

She views Hornby and Denman as prime examples of "how much there is to learn, to be independent from society." The Denman Farmers market impressed her as a great example of self-reliance and community sourcing, "almost better than Thrifty's – "everything was there, soups, meats vegetables – some I had never seen before." She is also very supportive of efforts to develop a community bus service on the islands. But for that same reason, she is wary of the potential increased involvement of higher levels of government in issues like affordable housing where local solutions should prevail.



the impact of solutions on people's lives. The "nightmare" of service disruptions on the Denman-Buckley Bay ferry are a prime example. Another is recycling, where residents of Union Bay and Royston must drive thirty or forty minutes to a recycling facility where maybe a "pop-up" recycling service would make it easier for everyone.

To Tamara, balance also means "realistic changes in realistic time while looking after people." This applies particularly to her view on climate change where everyone is "willing to go to a different extent." We can make buildings more sustainable, and educate people to prepare for emergency, "but we always have to be mindful of what this is doing to people. Are we just creating anxiety?" That's a politician speaking. Armageddon is not a platform. 🍷

Another theme in Tamara's thinking is the need for balance, and in particular, taking into the account

Why I'm Running Again HORNBY ISLAND

POLITICS

By Grant Scott

Trustee since a byelection in March

2019

People often ask me, "Are you running again as Hornby Island Trustee"? When I answer, "Yes", I get a quizzical look as in "Why would you do that"? It's an interesting question and there is no easy answer. Mostly it is because I love this island, it's obvious beauty but also the people, the unique character of the island and the characters who live here. And it is my home, my family home, and I want to help keep it special.

Also, I like meeting the Trustees from the other 12 islands that make up the Islands Trust, hearing their stories, the issues that face their islands and whether their solutions may also work on Hornby. And I've enjoyed working with Alex Allen my fellow Trustee for the last almost 4 years. I also enjoy bringing my personal experience to the job. I've worked, often with my wife Carol, with various levels of First Nations, provincial and federal governments. I was assistant planner for two Regional Districts and wrote the community plan for the town of Alert Bay which has a population similar to Hornby. I looked at the Plans for numerous communities and used the town of Campbell River as a model, their residential, commercial, parks and other zones and went door to door seeking people's input. When the plan was adopted by their town Council, the mayor, Gilbert Popovich, a commercial fisherman who ran the local gas dock thanked me. I took pride in that.

So why am I running again? It is because I love of this island, I want to contribute and have an interest in finding solutions to complex issues such as water and sewerage, need for housing for residents and workers in the summer, the need for a vibrant economy while protecting an environment being greatly affected by climate change.

I feel I have learned a lot in my first term as your Trustee

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**Keith Porteous, Area
A Resident for School
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POLITICS

By Keith Porteous

and a former Council member of the Denman Island Community Education Society, 2 years as Chair, I have many years of experience in non profit societies and 25 years in the corporate sector nurturing relationships and managing budgets. Support for minimum class sizes, Educational Assistants, and support for indigenous students are my priorities, along with my support for the current policy of age appropriate sexual health education. With my kids in SD71 schools, and my experience with the education portfolio of my community and in School District 71, I have developed relationships with parents, teachers, administration and other staff, along with the current Trustees and SD71 Senior administrators, while I bring a unique and needed perspective to managing the difficult challenges facing our public education system. Love where you learn. 🍇



I have a daughter attending Denman Island Community School, and my son attends George Vanier Secondary. As a long time Parent Advisory Council member, 2 years as co-chair,

Elect Gordon Kennedy

POLITICS

THE Grapevine was unable to reach Mr. Kennedy in time for an interview, but his succinct and thoughtful platform is available online in the Comox Valley Record if you google Gordon Kennedy and click on the link: [gordon-kennedy-is-running-for-the-comox-...](https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/gordon-kennedy-is-running-for-the-comox-...)



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Open Letter to Minister Adrian Dix

October 4th, 2022

Minister of Health

SPECIAL INTEREST By Peggy Skelton, President

Dear Minister Dix,

The BC Rural Health Network is pleased to see new investments and actions being taken to address the healthcare crisis and appreciated the actions announced last week. Our organization and our membership watched with interest to see what would be done to address the rural healthcare situation and are reassured to see initiatives that may help stabilize rural health services. We believe the solutions proposed may contribute to sustaining and growing rural health services and, in turn, contribute to better health outcomes for rural residents. We are particularly encouraged by the move to:

- Expand pharmacist deliverables and allow for prescription renewals and some prescription writing. This is a common-sense approach to alleviating what has become a significant care gap for rural residents without a family doctor;
- Create a pool of nurses who can travel and be dispatched to communities facing closure due to staff shortages;
- Create Rural Pathways to Health Education Program Expansion;
- Target Provincial retention incentives;
- Embed reconciliation and cultural safety in health care planning and delivery;
- Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies across all health care sectors;
- Support a Virtual Care and Telehealth Strategy and
- Invest further in nurses, physicians, allied healthcare workers infrastructure and education.

The BC Rural Health Network believes these initiatives are a step in the right direction and we encourage more strategic investment and specifically for rural communities. Strengthening rural healthcare will strengthen resources for

the entire province. We also recognize the importance for health care planning decisions, investments, and innovations to be patient-centred, locally relevant and aligned to local experiences and expectations. To this end, we continue to advocate for an infrastructure to support meaningful patient participation in health care decision making.

The BC Rural Health Network has been seeking a meeting for several months to meet and discuss the status of healthcare in rural BC. We have solutions coming from the groups and communities we represent across BC. This Thursday we will be holding our first Implementation Committee meeting that has been opened to outside participation. The BC Rural Health Network board invite you to be represented at this discussion. All political parties have been invited to attend. Having a government representative from the Ministry of Health would be most welcome and would give rural residents knowledge that they are being heard. This new committee is chaired by Dr. Jude Kornelsen of The Centre for Rural Research at UBC. Dr. Kornelsen has dedicated her career to producing evidence-based research on rural health issues.

The membership and the rural public want their voice to be included in healthcare discussions and want solutions which are supported, demonstrated and can be deployed quickly in our communities.

We continue to request a meeting with you on healthcare in rural BC. On the floor of the legislature this morning we heard "It is time to listen to communities across the province". We agree and hope for your support and the support of the BC Government. We look forward to your response.

The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.

Yours in health and wellness,
Peggy Skelton
President

Letters to the Editor

Despite the fact that David Critchley has for years been an island trustee, I wouldn't know who he is if I met him on the street. Elected trustees should show up for the whole community.

Hersh Chernovsky

To My Fellow Islanders

With days getting shorter and wetter weather just around the corner it may start to become a little more difficult to be outside. This is why we are so fortunate to have the Activity Centre.

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I encourage you to check out the facility. Two options: you can obtain a yearly membership which most take advantage of or you can pay a drop in fee if you come with a member. (membership forms are available on the front door of the Activity Centre). Many new people are taking up pickleball each month and there are free lessons available to get one started.

The Activity Centre offers us an opportunity to stay fit, stay social and have a lot of fun! Hope to see you there!

Noel Villard 

Focus on What Matters, Part 2

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

one person possibly make a difference?

Noam Chomsky is one who makes a difference. He says that voting is simply one quick thing we do, but by no means all we ought to be doing. To me, reading Chomsky is like gulping breaths of fresh air. He is such a thorough researcher and fearless truth-teller. And he is so level-headed. My summer reading included two of his books - Imperial Ambitions: Conversations on the Post 9/11 World (2005) and The Precipice: Neoliberalism, the Pandemic & the Urgent Need for Social Change (2021). Now in his 90's, he's followed what he calls "America's quest for global dominance" since World War II. Raised as a Zionist, his father was a Hebrew scholar; Noam lived for a time on a kibbutz in Israel. He came to anti-Zionism early and no doubt painfully. (Some of my friends who have left Zionism behind say it was as hard as coming out in a highly homophobic family.) These hard passages often seem insurmountable at the time, and then, once the hurdle is overcome, a whole community of like-minded people appears. Acceptance and freedom. Chomsky, who has never cast aside his Jewishness, has been a clear-spoken advocate for true democracy & equality in Israel-Palestine ever since he discarded Zionism.

Chomsky makes clear it's not enough to read and agree, not enough to go to an occasional protest. Activism is something we need to live every day, and we can do that in innumerable ways, large and small.

IN the face of so much turbulence and uncertainty in our world, how can

People growing, selling & sharing food on our small islands is an example. Hornby's Community Garden is an inspiring project, modelling the power of the

cooperative. Both islands have thriving community markets. Our islands in the 70's and 80's were wonderful places for developing and living a "non-consumer" lifestyle. As none of us newcomers had any money, we were all living simply, learning how to build our own homes, to forage and grow food, form cooperatives for cheese & grains, theatre, pre-schools, weaving, you name it. It is extremely gratifying to see that spirit alive & well today, despite the prohibitive cost of land and the abject failure of our institutions to create affordable housing for all our residents. We need to insist that our Islands Trust expand to include people and their well-being within its "preserve & protect" mandate!

Supporting the ongoing reconciliation process in whatever ways we can, continued engagement in building relationship with the K'omox and Pentlatch peoples on whose land we live, learning about settler-colonization and what it means to decolonize our minds and institutions – all these efforts matter.

This last year, I've also been immersed in learning more about institutionalized racism and what that looks like. Good reading on this crucial issue: Nice Racism, by Robin Diangelo, Caste, and The Warmth of Other Suns, both by Isabel Wilkerson. White privilege is a concept ALL non-racialized people need to unpack, investigate and be aware of everyday.

Climate crisis activists need ongoing support, physical and financial, and the sooner people recognize the need to demilitarize in order to fund the real global crisis our planet is facing, the better. Why does Canada, with its tiny population, need to pour more billions into the military when that money is needed to make the shift to renewables, end fossil fuel addiction, retrain workers and address the shameful devastation that is the Tar Sands?

And then there's "world politics". It is understandable that many of us try to steer clear of it. Why bother? Well for starters, we who have the privilege of living where we do, ought to take more responsibility for our brothers and sisters' well-being, not less. This is a time of truly enacting our interdependence and realizing that "intersectionality" isn't just a modern catch phrase. It is a mindset that recognizes

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everything is connected. We can't criticize US foreign policy and belligerence without recognizing our role as good deputies. We need to examine and question Canada's place in the world, and the sorry fact that, as one commentator on a World Beyond War seminar recently said: "The world needs less of Canada". I felt sick when I heard that! And then I realized that from the perspective of those in the global south, of those whose resources have been exploited, whose people have been killed, whose oppression is not being opposed – at the hands of the global north – Canada's stance is very visible. Alas, we are not the progressive peacemakers we delude ourselves as being; we are firmly lodged with the forces of imperialism.

Some groups that are attempting to address the gaps between our perception of ourselves as a country and the grim reality of our foreign policy include: Canadians for Justice & Peace in the Middle East, Project Ploughshares, Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, Independent Jewish Voices, and Just Peace Advocates. This is not an exhaustive list. Each of us can find, join and support progressives in concrete ways, following information and learning with action. Your voice does matter. Onward!

Next week: Canada's plan to buy Armed Surveillance Drones 🍇

Desecration & Co-Liberation

OPINIONS

By Eartha Muirhead

"Colonization is not your fault but it is your responsibility." Niki Sanchez



WHERE do your people come from, and who were they way way back before you can recall? When Indigenous people come together they always introduce themselves and their parents, grandparents and their many lineage holders. At the Fairy Creek blockades, Indigenous folks would insist that everyone in the circle introduce themselves and their ancestors so that all the ancestors could get to know each other and help us create a strong, united front. Most Indigenous people I have met claim that their ancestors had always been praying for them, seven generations before they were born. What would this world look like if we were daily praying for the unborn children seven generations ahead of us?

I am glad some of us met last Friday to mark the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We spoke our truth about the complexities of colonization; how it operates as an intricate web of neoliberalism, racism, ignorance, greed, resource extraction, global free trade deals and unhealed collective trauma. I came away with questions of how we can liberate our desecrated minds, build trauma-sensitive communities and how we become compassionate ancestors.

We shall meet again on Friday October 14 from 2-4, outside at the Guest House.

Meanwhile, if you want, go on-line and begin The Emergence Network's activist course called: "We will dance with Mountains." Bring your reflections and a journal.

Oh, and please take 10 minutes to fill out a survey about climate action, on the Denman Island Climate Action Network's website.



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DENMAN HOUSING REVIEW PROJECT

PHASE 1 - LAUNCH EVENT

The Denman Housing Review Project is a review of the Denman Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to determine community support for policy updates in relation to affordable and attainable housing.

The first phase of the project will engage the community to understand the housing challenges on Denman. For the next couple of months, there will be several opportunities to share your thoughts and provide valuable feedback. Your input will inform the necessary bylaw amendments to address housing issues on Denman.

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The Narrative That This War Was “Unprovoked” Prevents Peace

OPINIONS

By Caitlin Johnstone

V L A D I M I R
P U T I N has approved the annexation of four territories in eastern Ukraine,

whose addition to the Russian Federation now await authorization from Russia's other branches of government.

The Zelensky government responded to the move by applying to join NATO, only to be immediately shut down by US and NATO officials. Can't have sacrificial pawns trying to rise above their station on the grand chessboard, after all.

But the empire's proxy war against Russia continues, and the Ukrainian government has announced its intentions to drive out Russia from all of the Ukrainian territories it has claimed as its own.

“For our plans, [Russia's annexation] doesn't matter,” Zelensky advisor Mykhailo Podolyak told Politico, adding that Ukraine will “protect our land using all our forces” and “should liberate all its territories.”

The plan to reclaim territories annexed by Russia will according to Zelensky also include Crimea, which was annexed in 2014.

All this talk about preparing a massive western-backed counter-offensive to recapture annexed territories from Russia — whose ranks are being reinforced with an additional 300,000 reservists — comes as Putin suggests that nuclear weapons may be used to protect what Moscow considers parts of Russia. Russia, like the United States, is one of the nuclear-armed nations without a No First Use policy.

So we appear to be on a collision course toward a massive escalation between two nuclear-armed powers. The more things escalate the more likely it is that a nuclear weapon may be used, either deliberately or as a result of miscommunication or malfunction as nearly happened many times during the last cold war. Once one nuke is used the odds go up astronomically that a great many more will immediately follow, with variables on this outcome including the location where it detonates and how cool all the relevant heads happen to be at that particular historic moment.

It is therefore no exaggeration to say that the human species has a vested interest in de-escalation and detente right away. Avoiding nuclear war is the single most important agenda in the entire world, without exception. It is the single most important agenda that has ever existed in all of history.

But whenever you advocate for this supremely important agenda in any kind of public forum, you get a bunch of brainwashed empire automatons bleating about “appeasement” and accusing you of supporting a monstrous madman. And they do this because that's what they were trained to do.

As Noam Chomsky has been pointing out repeatedly, the political/media class have been continually indoctrinating the public with the completely false narrative that Russia's

invasion of Ukraine was “unprovoked”. Every time the war comes up the imperial spinmeisters utter that slogan, in much the same way Michael Jackson had a quota for how often MTV hosts were obligated to refer to him as “The King of Pop Michael Jackson” when his name was mentioned.

But what does it mean if the war is “unprovoked”? It means Putin didn't invade Ukraine because of anything the western empire was doing, so it couldn't have been prevented by the western empire behaving less aggressively on Russia's borders. It means Putin necessarily invaded because he is some kind of evil lunatic who loves to commit war crimes, or a megalomaniacal tyrant who wants to conquer the world because he hates freedom and democracy. Which means he will keep attacking and invading other countries unless he can be stopped. Which means the only answer to the Putin problem is more war.

This is why empire apologists get angry at those who advocate the only sane and rational position toward nuclear brinkmanship by calling for de-escalation and detente. It's because they've been aggressively indoctrinated into the belief that war is the only answer.

The moronic narrative that the invasion of Ukraine was “unprovoked” poses a massive obstacle to peace, because if Putin is just attacking and invading countries solely because he's crazy and evil it means detente is impossible and he won't stop until he's decisively crushed. If it's accepted that the US empire has played no role in provoking Putin's actions, that means there's nothing the empire could do to make continued Russian aggression less likely apart from regime change, or at least severely crippling and punishing Russia militarily.

As long as the fact that this war was provoked remains unacknowledged by the side that provoked it, the sane path of de-escalation and detente will look like reckless appeasement of an irrational madman, and aggressive escalations of nuclear brinkmanship will look like sanity. The absurd position that Putin is an irrational actor with some kind of weird sexual fetish for war crimes is a one-way ticket to endlessly escalating war and eventual nuclear annihilation, because it leaves you with no options but continually intensifying military confrontation.

The claim that peace is impossible and Putin must be crushed imperils the whole world. Even to deliver total victory in Ukraine (pushing Russia back to pre-2014 borders) could easily end up costing millions of lives and trillions of dollars and exponentially increase the risk of nuclear war, with no guarantee of success at all. But even if you did push Putin all the way out of Ukraine, what then? He'll still be a crazy madman who wants to invade countries because he's evil and hates freedom. The internal logic of your narrative says the attacks on Russia must continue until you get regime change. There's no stopping point on your line of thinking until there's a direct hot confrontation between nuclear superpowers.

Be an adult and engage your critical thinking. Does a madman who goes around invading countries solely because he's evil and hates freedom sound like a real-life human being to you?

Or does it sound made up? Like something you'd see in a Hollywood movie? Like something that was concocted by people responsible for controlling the dominant narratives of our society and funneled into your mind using media?

Marvel supervillains have more depth and complexity than the one-dimensional characters the imperial spin machine concocts to represent its official enemies. Thanos was a more believable character with more understandable and nuanced motivations than the propaganda machine's fictional representation of Putin. That representation has been overlaid on top of the actual government official who you might not necessarily agree with, but can definitely understand and engage in diplomacy and negotiation.

People who believe the empire's narratives about its official enemies have fewer critical thinking skills than your average Marvel movie viewer. Think. Be a grown up and think. Someone's benefitting from the aggressively promulgated narrative that peace is impossible and war is the only solution. And that someone isn't you. 🍷

Where Is Everybody? (The Human Speed Limit)

OPINIONS By Gwynne Dyer • OP Oct. 2, 2022

IM writing this on a plane to Greenland – well, actually, on a plane to Denmark, because there's no way to get to Greenland by a civilian airline without going through Copenhagen first – and it has occurred to me (not for the first time) to wonder where everybody else is.

My wife and I are on our way to shoot a documentary film about a handful of scientists who have an idea to slow the speed at which glaciers are sliding into the sea. If it works, it would drastically lower the predicted level of sea level rise.

As the warming proceeds and the world's remaining ice melts, sea level rise is going to become a grave problem for every country with a coastline, so you'd think there would be legions of people working it. There are not.

Worldwide there may be a thousand scientists working on the 'cryosphere', the frozen parts of the planet, but their energies are divided among many different aspects of climate change: thawing permafrost releasing megatonnes of methane; loss of sea ice cover on the Arctic Ocean, why the Arctic is warming four times faster than the rest of the planet, etc.

How many people are working specifically on accelerating glacial flows? Maybe a hundred full-time scientists, if you're feeling optimistic.

What holds glaciers back is the friction between the ice and the bottom. Warmer ocean currents are eating away at the base of the glaciers and effectively detaching them from the bottom, i.e. taking the brakes off.

The official Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change forecasts no more than one metre of sea level rise by 2100. Many scientists think two metres is more likely, given predictable further warming even with rapid cuts to emissions. And if the entire, quite unstable West Antarctic Ice Sheet starts to slide into the sea, four metres by 2100.

A two-metre sea level rise would flood land that is home to a quarter-billion people: in Asia, goodbye to Shanghai, Bangkok and Calcutta; in the US, farewell to Miami and New Orleans. At four metres, at least a billion people would be looking for new homes – and they wouldn't be in the mood to take no for an answer.

So this plane, and lots of others heading to the polar regions,

should be full of climate scientists looking for ways to slow down the glaciers and the consequent sea level rise. We're already locked into far too much warming, and just cutting emissions is not enough.

However, there are just five scientists and engineers on this trip: an American, two Canadians, a Brit (who's normally based at a Chinese university) and a Finn. They have a really promising idea for slowing down the glaciers and reducing the speed of sea level rise, but there should be ten or thirty or fifty teams working on promising ideas.

I'll get into what their specific idea is next week, after everybody has a better feel for how the proposal will be met, but my point right now is how pathetically few they are. Not only that, but they are all self-financing (although some of their universities are helping with the travel). This is hardly an adequate response to the threat.

Consider, for a moment, the 'Manhattan Project', which employed 130,000 people in 1942-45 to build the first atomic bombs. It cost about \$23 billion in today's money, but nobody objected because they were afraid that the Germans might get The Bomb first. (In fact, the Germans weren't even trying.)

Global warming is at least as big a threat as a few first-generation nuclear weapons in Nazi hands – far bigger, I'd say – so why is the response so muted? Can't people see that climate change is an existential threat that would justify dozens of Manhattan-scale crash projects to curb the warming?

No, they can't, and I suspect our ancestors are to blame. All our ancestors were hunter-gatherers for at least 98% of human history, and hunter-gatherers lived in the short term.

They could react very fast to immediate and visible threats, but they could do nothing about longer-term challenges like changes in the climate or in animal migration routes, so they didn't waste time worrying about them. We are their descendants, and that's our default mode too.

What I'm suggesting, I'm afraid, is that there may be a sort of species-specific speed limit on how fast human societies can respond even to very big threats if they are slow-moving, impersonal and invisible. The Manhattan Project people were in the middle of a war against human enemies; we are not.

If there is such a speed limit, does that mean we are doomed? Who knows? How fast is fast enough? But the graduate schools are now full of people studying climate science, and despair is not a useful option. 🍷

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Agalite
5. Ben Ezra, e.g.
10. NAFTA's big brother
14. Musical medley
15. Bishop's grant to a priest
16. Black-and-white cookie
17. Bacteria
18. Bridge prop
19. Derrick or crane
20. Hurry-up letters
21. Antony's loan request
22. A marble
23. Autumn birthstone
25. NASA, etal
27. Hymn book
30. Pastoral poem
31. Frostier
32. Dwarf of lore
33. Ammonia, e.g.
36. Female voice
38. Dead giveaway
40. Mil. rank
41. Duck's relative
43. Free, in a way
44. Formula of belief
45. Picture in pieces
46. Makes airtight again

49. Blue fin

50. Open a bottle
51. Absalom, to David
52. Babysitter's banes
56. Hidden store
57. Citrus peel
58. Flood survivor
59. Bone dry
60. Brat's opposite
61. Comic strip moppet
62. Copper or iron
63. Solid
64. Cry out•

• DOWN •

1. Agrippa's apparel
2. Barley beverages
3. Ankara dollar
4. Bach or Bacharach
5. Undo an amendment
6. The A in CAT scan
7. Barley product
8. Blackball
9. Animal magnetism
10. 10 to the 100th power
11. Unit or tract follower
12. Easily irritated
13. Clan emblem
19. Pantomime clown
24. Manuscript section
25. Brick type
26. Flat-topped cluster of flowers
27. Disbursement
28. Computer pix
29. Little drinks
30. Stylish

32. Wares

33. Come by
34. Bhutan's locale
35. Boil slowly
37. Carol
39. Awkward looking
42. As a result
44. Breaks off
45. Tarzan's home
46. Actress Renee
47. ATM button
48. Horrify
49. Copier additive
51. A seasoning
53. Pout, in Paris
54. Become tiresome
55. Synagogue
57. Blasting material
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Grumpism

“Shot my first turkey this week. Scared the crap out of everyone in the frozen food section.”



• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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Safe and Effective?!!

by Thomas Provençal

*The Covid injection
avoided inspection
required to make sure it's safe.*

*To call it effective
induces invective.*

What is it our leaders now quaff?

*They're pushing a VAX
that gives heart attacks
and blood clots that lead into
strokes.*

*The propaganda machine,
coercively mean,
lines up the compliant for pokes
that don't stop the bug
from giving a hug
and inhibiting health for a while,
nor stop the spread.
You can jab till you're dead
with authorities all in denial.*

FROGS

by Leyah Kelly

*So loud and Wondering??
Do I go back to the mud
...or should I wake up
again this morning and
celebrate the day?*

I guess so.

*Who knows what frogs
do?*

*They sing in a chorus
...and then some... just do
their own thing..*

*Crazy little beings.
do make us happy...no
matter what they all do.*

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 6

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



FRIDAY 7

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

SATURDAY 8

- 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 9

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

MONDAY 10

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

TUESDAY 11

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DENMAN LTC Zoom meeting 10am

WEDNESDAY 12

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 13

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

FRIDAY 14

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

SATURDAY 15

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

SUNDAY 16

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 17

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

TUESDAY 18

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DEATH CAFE Guesthouse 10am

WEDNESDAY 19

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 20

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



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Yard Waste Wood Pick-Up

The Comox Valley Regional District and K'omoks First Nation using Community Resiliency Investment Grant funding are, once again, offering a **free wood debris pick-up** on Denman Island for **six consecutive days beginning on Monday, October 24th**. All the chipped wood will be kept on Denman Island. It will go to Two Roads Farm to be mixed and composed for use on the farm. **The chipping initiative is undertaken to encourage FireSmart Safety on residential properties by removing wood debris that could easily spread wildfire to homes and other structures and to minimize smoke pollution if the waste wood were to be burnt.**

If you want to take advantage of this free program to dispose of wood wastes, the rules and limitations are:

- No rocks, no nails, no roots (to prevent damage to the chipping machinery)
- No treated lumber. No leaf piles or grass clippings.
- In fairness to all, keep the size of the bundle reasonable. **This program does not apply for land-clearing**
- Tree trimmings must be under 16 centimeters (6.3") in diameter and under 10 meters (32') in length
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed, Knotweed permitted
- "Butt-ends" of the branches must be stacked in the same direction to facilitate efficient chipping
- **The contractor reserves the right not to pick up any pile that they feel doesn't meet these rules**
- Bundles are to be placed clearly visible at the end of your driveway – Not on public roadways
- Any debris brought to the end of your driveway late, that is after the start of the chipping program on **October 24th** may not be picked up.

This is a free program

To participate, your bundles of wood debris must be placed by the road by the morning of October 24th

Denman Island Fire Rescue strongly endorses this program to remove fire fuel from our Island. We encourage all Denman Island residents to become familiar with and implement the **FireSmart Program** to reduce the potential impacts of wildfire on your home. We have an extremely informative booklet that will assess your property's risk and outline steps needed to minimize your risk. If you do not have a copy of **FireSmart Homeowner's Manual**, they are available in the red box beside the Firehall's main door (5555 Denman Road).

If you have any questions about the free chipping program or about FireSmart, please email Denman Island Fire Rescue at denmanfire@outlook.com



What if ...

**You called 911
but no one answered your call**



Fortunately, on Denman Island, that's not the case but Denman Island Fire Rescue does need a few more volunteers to train as front-line Firefighters/First Responders or to serve on our support crew, the Auxiliary to ensure that we will be able to continue to provide high quality essential services to the community.

We offer:

- Training to professional standards
- Potential for moving on to a career in firefighting
- First-class gear and equipment
- A one-on-one mentoring program
- Income Tax benefits
- Diverse challenges and experiences
- The opportunity to serve and protect our community

... and much more.

If you think that you are up to the challenge and interested in learning about becoming a front-line firefighter or a member of our Auxiliary, talk to us at our open-house on Saturday, October 15th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Firehall – 5555 Denman Road or contact Fire Chief Rob Manering by email at denmanfire@outlook.com before November 1, 2022

Denman Island Fire Rescue

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Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards
2022 Denman Island 19th Annual Beach Cleanup Oct 22 – 29th



The Beach Cleanup Event will be a little different this year! We are crossing our fingers that there will not be too much debris on our shores as a summer shoreline cleanup was just completed on August 31st by the BC Shellfish Growers Association (BCSGA). Yay!

ADIMS is curious to see how much marine debris has washed ashore in the last two months and would like to remove as much as possible, before the winter storms! The second page of this insert provides an update on progress in reducing marine debris and making polluters accountable.

Volunteer Registration: ADIMS will have a registration table at the Old School Oct 22nd.

Drop off area for collected debris: We will have a trailer available at the Old School on Saturday October 29th.

For pick up assistance, questions, or concerns contact Liz Johnston Email: lizji@telus.net

You can clean your designated shoreline area anytime during the week. Volunteers need to provide their own gloves, but ADIMS will have bags and sacks available for collecting debris.

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ADIMS Shoreline Cleanup News Update!

Turning the Tide on Plastic Marine Pollution!

ADIMS teams removed approximately 50 metric tonnes of marine debris in 2021

In 2021, ADIMS organized and lead two beach cleanups as the amount of industry debris in Baynes Sound and Lambert Channel was staggering! The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) funded ADIMS to undertake a winter (January - March) shoreline cleanup, and our team collected 8-10 metric tonnes of mostly plastic shellfish industry debris. Following this, an ADIMS team undertook a huge shoreline cleanup of the entire Comox Valley (August – November), collecting over 40 metric tonnes of, again, mostly aquaculture debris. This cleanup was funded by the BC Clean Coast Clean Water program, and included partnerships with Ocean Legacy, K'ómoks Guardian Watchmen, as well as other NPOs. All recyclables were shipped to Ocean Legacy in Vancouver. After 18 years of annual beach cleanup events, the industry pollution was increasing!

Some promising developments in 2022

- DFO launched their new *Conditions of License*, which will roll out over the next year. These new regulations require growers to maintain, secure, and identify each piece of farming equipment. DFO will also require annual site inspections and can apply fines for any noncompliance. ADIMS worked diligently with other stakeholders and DFO to get these new conditions of license implemented through the Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum's Alternative Practices Committee.
- The Comox Valley Regional District Waste Management and Ocean Legacy opened a new Marine Debris Recycling Depot at the Cumberland Pigeon Lake Dump in April. Both locals and producers now have a local option for the disposal or recycling of marine debris, which helps keep it out of our landfill. ADIMS will no longer have to ship huge trailers of plastic to Ocean Legacy in Vancouver.
- BCSGA launched a 'Shellfish Farm Environmental Program' (SHEP) last October, which tasks their members to use more sustainable farming practices, including attention to securing and identifying their equipment. Shellfish farmers are not required to join the BCSGA, so this excellent program is not an industry wide initiative.
- BCSGA also stepped up to the plate in July and Aug 2022 and completed a Comox Valley Beach Cleanup including both Hornby and Denman shorelines. ADIMS and Ocean Legacy provided support and consultation for BCSGA to join the Central Salish Sea Group and receive funding for a 2022 BC Clean Coast Clean Water shoreline cleanup project. ADIMS previous cleanup manager, Lisa Pierce, assisted as part of the BCSGA management team. We applaud the efforts of BCSGA new Executive Director Nico Prins and Assistant Project Manager Malcolm Cowan for their hands-on approach to shoreline cleanup in Baynes Sound and Lambert Channel.

ADIMS hopes these initiatives are effective in reducing marine debris and that industry efforts to take responsibility for their own marine pollution continues to improve!

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