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Denman Mobile Dental Clinic Closes

COMMUNITY INFO

By Dr. Peter Walford



To the residents of Denman Island;

We live in the age when fake news is just a mouse-click away. That was the case last week with the rroneous message that the dental bus was continuing on. Wrong. It has closed and ceased.

We would like to thank you deeply for being part of our practice for the last 36 years.

The bus was retired from service November 3rd. and Dr. Walford has ceased regular practice.

To find a list of practices that are accepting new patients, please visit our website www.peterwalforddentistry.com.. The

email address for requesting a transfer of x-rays and records will be found there as well.

The bus has not been sold but will be held on Hornby Island for the next year in the hope that someone will discover it and reopen the practice. After that, sadly, the bus will be put up for off-island sale.

If you know of a dentist looking for a change to the Gulf Island lifestyle, please have them contact us by email. If you forget the above website address just Google my name.

Again, thank you for being part of our dental family. We will enjoy retirement but will also miss you all.

Dr. Peter Walford, DDS, Arlene Cearn, CDA, and Aggie Hebert-Mondry, CDA 🍷

DICAN Letter Writing Café

Nov. 26, 10 a.m. till noon

SPECIAL INTEREST By Frank Erketich · DICAN

THE Denman Island Climate Action Network (DICAN) will be sponsoring a letter writing café on November 26 from 10:00 a.m. till noon in the Gathering Place, the United Church, at the top of Denman hill.

Why are we doing this? There are several reasons. The BC Climate Emergency Campaign has just issued its report card on 10 points considered as vital to reducing our CO2 emissions. (bcclimateemergency.ca/report-card) Use this address to see the full report card. If you look at it you will see the government received failing grades in most of the 10 areas. Secondly, a new NDP Premier, David Eby, has just taken over the reigns of government with some general commitments to focus more attention on climate issues. We really must "educate" Mr. Eby regarding the issues around the climate emergency and the importance of dealing with it now, before it's too late. And third, the climate emergency is really the defining issue of our time. The risks of doing nothing are too great, we must do everything we can to move the government to action.

We have already experienced a small taste of what can happen if we and our governments do nothing. Remember the wildfires, the atmospheric rivers, and the more intense storms all of which caused damages on a scale much greater than any of us could have imagined. And of course, the resulting damages have required

huge increases in government expenditures which in the end we as taxpayers must cover.

We will be writing primarily to Mr. Eby beginning his education on this climate report card. Please join us at the Gathering Place. We will provide paper, pens, envelopes, and stamps. We will have information on the 10 point report card to assist you in organizing your ideas, if that is necessary. 🍷

Conrad Campbell: *Cadillac to Damnation*

MUSIC By Anthony Gregson & Steve Byres

YOU'VE been involved in music since your childhood on that hard scrabble Manitoba farm over fifty years ago. Music, especially rock, was always a big part of your life, but you've had to do other things for a living, and life has problems, so music never takes off as a career. In 2013, after twenty-three years, you've had too much of North Van, so you move to Denman Island. The place has a lot of wierdos (until you look in the mirror), but it's also beautiful and peaceful and though you continue to work hard at your business, the music is still there. Then one day something wakes up and overnight you are suddenly filled with your own songs – songs you never felt able to write. That's what happened to Conrad Campbell in 2018.

He'd bought himself an acoustic guitar and was trying out some songs in the studio of Hornby's Mark Atkinson who asked if he had any material of his own. Conrad sighed and shook his head. Been there, tried that. Gave up as a teenager because the punk tunes he tried to write never worked out. But he began "hacking about with some ideas" and the music started coming, all day and all night. He'd detested the country and western his father kept dialed up on the fridge-top radio, "worth a beatin' if you tried to [bleep] with it." Yet it's country and western that came pouring out.

How come? The potential effects of cosmic gamma rays aside, Conrad thinks that going on the wagon probably freed up his mind. But he also looks back to his time on the farm, listening to country and western while waiting everyday after school, over a glass of milk and a piece of chocolate cake, for the trucks to come in and unload. Too poor to own a TV, they'd go over to the grandparents to watch shows like Tommy Hunter. His father was a huge fan of Johnny Cash who somehow made an impression. "I guess it all just got stuck."

Five albums over four years, a sixth in the works, over fifty songs, and several videos later, everyone knows Conrad's in league with the Devil and it's a lot of fun. His video, Plea for Salvation, catches the flavour. A miserable bad guy is found dead in his school bus. Heaved into the back of a junk truck, the body is delivered to the Devil, played by Conrad, in red jacket and white Stetson, who gives him one last chance. "Oh Lord, Oh Lord, will you listen to my plea / For you have surely spared the souls of those far worse than me." Revived by witches, he finds a bible in the crook of a tree. In hopes of a deal with St. Peter, he climbs the steps of an old church, only to find the doors locked. The bible is chucked to the ground as he climbs into the Devil's big old white Caddy, which guns off for the ride to Hell.

Shot on Denman, with a local cast, Plea brings the whole country mythology alive on island where it fits right in. He's done the same in story songs such as The Legend of Billy and Rose, a classic tale of youth off to a bad start, with the killing in Merville, Sherriff Bill Phillips, and the shootout at the Earth Club Factory. As Conrad says, it's country camp, but his lyrics are outstanding, crisp and often witty, about situations everyone can understand, with humour or pathos, often a touch of both, and he never hams it up so you lose the sincerity.

By his own admission, Conrad's country music is a throwback to earlier days, to Johnny Cash, Merl Haggard, and Loretta Lynn: a simpler production, close to live performance, without all the studio effects, just good playing, clear lyrics, and troubled hearts. "Most music was gone by the early nineties, including country." Not that Conrad is studiously retro. The Winnipeg punk music scene of the seventies and eighties, where he started out, was "always super good". Bands like the Ramones, the Clash, and people like Chuck Berry show up in his music.

So how does he do it? For a start, there's all those guitars. He likes the best, but he won't buy vintage. "I play with a heavy hand and it's too hard on them." They are tools, after all. But guitars also inspire songs. He recalls Loretta Lynn had some "cheeky" tunes on a big SJ200. He was inspired to pick up one for himself and write "You're the Reason", on Heartaches, Trains, Prison,

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-11-17 (Thu)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
05:18	2.1 6.9
13:19	4.6 15.1
21:01	2.9 9.5

2022-11-18 (Fri)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
00:36	3.1 10.2
06:25	2.3 7.5
13:52	4.6 15.1
21:11	2.6 8.5

2022-11-19 (Sat)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
02:16	3.3 10.8
07:30	2.5 8.2
14:20	4.6 15.1
21:30	2.2 7.2

2022-11-20 (Sun)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
03:28	3.6 11.8
08:30	2.7 8.9
14:46	4.6 15.1
21:56	1.7 5.6

2022-11-21 (Mon)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
04:28	4 13.1
09:26	2.9 9.5
15:11	4.6 15.1
22:26	1.3 4.3

2022-11-22 (Tue)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
05:21	4.3 14.1
10:19	3.1 10.2
15:39	4.6 15.1
23:00	0.9 3

2022-11-23 (Wed)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
06:12	4.6 15.1
11:10	3.4 11.2
16:09	4.6 15.1
23:38	0.6 2

2022-11-24 (Thu)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
07:02	4.8 15.7
12:01	3.6 11.8
16:43	4.6 15.1

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Then there’s his excellent band: Britt Hibbert on stand-up base (who is also that rare thing, a left-handed B Bender player), Ann Fisher on violin, and Keelan Gamble (from Denman) on snares. It is an uncommon mix of instruments that complement each other, producing a more traditional, toned-down, organic sound.

Conrad was impressed with the local talent from the start and makes full use in his songs and videos. He especially loves the voices of Sue Hiddink, Erika Bland, and Roxanne Cowes-McPhail, and treasures the opportunity to collaborate with Dave Pritchard whom he feels “oozes with soul”. He loves to record with Scotty with whom he did a CD of fifteen Johnny Cash songs, each one a single take, and no rehearsals. Then there are dancers, videographers . . . Conrad seems to touch the whole scene.

Out of date? Conrad doesn’t much care. In fact, people have come up to say that they didn’t like country music until they heard him. So, what about going pro? No thanks. Pushing into his sixties, he doesn’t want the gun of a production schedule to his head; touring has zero appeal. The crowd can go wild, but then there’s the lousy hotel rooms, poor food, and relentless pressure of travel. He acknowledges the game that the industry plays to exploit musicians and make money, but he doesn’t want none of it.



Regardless, making any money is tough. His tracks are all over the internet, but you need gazillions of streams to get a cheque for \$100. Nobody is buying CDs, so he only prints off a small batch, and sells on the web. He’s not after that million seller – which can turn out to be a million unsold CDs in the cellar.

Where is all this headed? Conrad is above all performative. He’s branded himself with the striking persona of the good, bad guy, the troubled heart-breaker, always one day away from

a bail hearing. He’s an act, and not simply a songwriter. You watch him, and not just wait for the next tune. You can tell he’s thoroughly into it. In fact, we were not sure who was the real Conrad. Maybe he really is the Devil.

In that case, could Hell be such a bad place? 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

CORRECTION from last issue: I mistakenly referred

to the late Steve Bishop by his brother Jeff’s name. I do know very well which Bishop is which, and Jeff is obviously very much alive. Sorry! I plead brain fog.

I’ve forgotten what it’s like when a cold settles into my chest. It goes on and on! I sailed through Covid times without a sniffle. Now this tenacious bug won’t let me go. I was beyond disappointed to miss the big show at the Hall Saturday night! I heard it was one of those don’t-miss, sold-out, peak-moment experiences, and I ... missed it! (whiiiiine)

I did attend the HIRRA meeting last Wednesday. They are working to accommodate folks who crave the human contact of in-person meetings while still keeping meetings going on Zoom.

They set up a laptop hooked up to a portable screen in the Round Room. From there, people at the Hall were able to join on Zoom. Nine people showed up to the Hall including two members of the Executive. Patrick Lui counted in-person votes and submitted them via Zoom chat.

There were a few bugs, of course. Attendees complain that the laptop speakers were not adequate, so no one could hear what was said; also it was very hard to see the screen.

In the long-term, it could be worthwhile to switch the meeting site to New Horizons, which has some obvious advantages: it’s a much smaller space, easier to heat. The big screen and sound system are there, solving the audio and video quality issue.

Gina-Rae Horvath, who was at the Hall, said, "I really appreciated HIRRA supporting our first step in this direction. It could become a welcome option for anyone feeling the need for a change from solo-ZOOM experience. We giggled a lot. Who knew we all needed that so badly! Sitting between people... hearing thoughts and murmurs that were not my own. We have come to live too much in our bubbles. And there is something different about speaking to humans in the room that 'feels' different than speaking into a screen. I think we communicate more intuitively."

I spoke to Daniel Siegal, who said, "I think it’s important to recognize that we hear from many people who really prefer zoom as well as an awareness that people are still dying from Covid and that medical people are advising that masks are still important in indoor settings. The people contracting serious Covid are now also increasingly among older people. Overall, I think we have passed through a portal and there is no turning back to the way it was."

Daniel added, "I don’t think it’s zoom vs. hall. The goal is hall and zoom." 🍷

Green Wizardry, What to do When You Lose Faith

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

rethink my previous faith in our medical system.

It is not just religious faith I am talking about. We are expected to have faith in a lot of institutions. We are expected to accept on faith alone that the medical system has our back, that the courts are impartial and that the police are not entirely criminal. I have lost a great deal of faith in a lot of our institutions these last few years but it was the barrage of really dreadful problems that my family members and friends have recently experienced with hospitals in British Columbia that made me

I fervently hope to stay out of hospital for the rest of my life. I have lost faith that our hospitals are safe and caring places. I have lost faith that they are sanitary.

How then should a person plan to stay away from hospitals? I think very few medical professionals would take exception to my proposal that we treat our health as

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...continued from P.5 the greatest gift possible in this life. Nothing is enjoyable for me when I am ill. Having lots of energy is my favourite form of happiness. So, I have committed myself to taking the best care I can of my health.

I was talking with a Doctor friend a while ago and he was telling me about high-blood pressure. I asked him what lifestyle changes were beneficial for the condition and he told me the best thing was to lose weight and maintain a healthful weight and to take regular, moderate exercise. "So simple," I cried. "It is not easy!" he replied. I reminded him I said simple which is not the same as easy. Archery, for example, is simple, not easy.

Having optimal health is like that; it is simple, not easy. One of the most pervasive problems we have in Canada is obesity. I remember looking at a picture of some people and the caption asked if I could pick out the obese ones. I picked the fattest of the lot and looked at the answer. They were all obese but we have become so used to people being overweight and obese that we view people who are at a healthful weight as far too skinny and try to feed them up.

The next step once I have my eating under control (both type of food and amount are important) is to take more exercise. We always seem to have an endless supply of work on our little farm and we hardly ever take walks. The sheep love going for walks and I feel guilty not walking them so that is the second thing on the list. Take more walks.

My wise and kind teacher, Alison Yarwood, explained to me years ago that as we age, strength never lasts. You can do your best not to lose too much but Alison thinks it far better to focus on balance and flexibility as we get older. So, I must find more time to do yoga, which is great for balance and flexibility. I love yoga and it makes my body feel happy.

Next is the food supply. I don't eat processed food because

it is foul stuff and terrible for our health. I spend a lot of time growing vegetables and fruit in our organic garden. The garden produces top-quality food and working in it is a treat. I get a lot of good exercise hauling wheelbarrow loads of sand and compost into the garden and digging out weeds and forking the soil to aerate it. All those chores are good forms of aerobic exercise.

Next, I plan to reduce or eliminate as many pharmaceutical products as I can and replace them with remedies that I can make myself from the plants in my garden and other plants I forage for. It is not just that I do not trust big pharma, the cost and availability of pharmaceuticals may put these drugs out of my reach and I want to have a backup plan.

Another really good strategy for staying out of hospital is to drive as little as possible because every moment we are out on the roads, we are at risk for car crashes. Traumatic injuries are one of the few things Western Medicine is good at fixing but even the best fixes can leave a person in constant pain and disability. Driving ten kilometres under the speed limit not only saves fuel and reduces pollution but also gives you much greater reaction time if a deer or a child steps out onto the road in front of your car.

Then, there is the pervasive fear of death in Canada that we have to consider. I really wonder at this as even quite old people act all surprised and upset when they are told they are terminally ill. How long do you really want to live? At 58, I am already remarkably old compared to historical populations, so for me, I consider every extra day as gravy.

Marcus Aurelius wrote in his book, *Meditations*, "Universe, your harmony is my harmony: nothing in your good time is too early or too late for me." Book four paragraph 23. I think if we were all less afraid of death, we would lead better, if shorter lives.



Letters to the Editor

In response to Keith Porteous' excellent letter "Doctors, Dissent and the Memory Hole" in last week's GV (Nov 10th, 2022), his invitation to our islands' medical doctors "to explain themselves in light of (recent) revelations," I would also like to suggest that these doctors make good with the only medical doctor who dared to warn us of, and protect us from the known adverse effects of untested/experimental and potentially dangerous injections.

Dr. Malthouse had put at risk, and faced the consequences of his professional standing being mocked and criticised while attempting to help others.

It is important that, when in the future, people like him do stand up and speak out, they find that they are supported in their efforts to speak the truth.

When doctors and nurses throw their professional weight behind a medical treatment or product, it is important that they do their due diligence, otherwise they risk doing substantial harm to their community.

Respectfully, Christiane Brown (HI)

The Grond lines written to remind we Lemmings that she tried to warn us of Pharma / Government collusion to destroy us, harkened me back to a trip I took to Thailand during the heart of the Aids epidemic.

There, in my conversations with an impressively well-informed and worldly landlady, I was told that Thai Sex-Workers didn't need to be afraid of catching The Scourge because "Their den-mothers give them chicken soup."

While I love Thai Soup, her words could not convince me that it would be a Safe Entree to any Main Course. Perhaps I'm a born skeptic, and missing-out, but even Lemmings use their best wits to survive, and are not on the 'endangered species' list. Scientifically speaking though, BOTH mindless - Lemming suicide AND chicken soup as an antidote to deadly disease are deemed 'simple urban myths'. Yet more conspiracy?

Ken Fisher 🍷

What's the Story, Mourning Glory? *How are political and cultural narratives shaped?*

OPINIONS

By Keith Porteous

WHILE I don't agree with everything Noam Chomsky says, we should acknowledge that the concept of Manufacturing Consent is a sound and sober analysis of the manipulation and coercion of public opinion. He further states that there is far more propaganda in so-called "open societies" than in closed societies, where in an authoritarian environment there is more of an implicit understanding of the consequences of speaking in a manner contrary to the dominant narratives. The proof of all this is self-evident in the current state of corporate media and public discourse in the West.

From a historical perspective, we only need to re-examine what we were told about every significant war waged by Western powers, those which have been preceded by a barrage of disinformation from governments and their stenographers in corporate media. Vietnam, Iraq 1, Iraq 2, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, and the rest, all swimming in pro-war propaganda. There are no exceptions to this rule. Following the start of these wars, through leaked official documents (The Pentagon Papers, WikiLeaks, WMDs, The Afghan Papers, etc.) and reporting by the most credible independent journalists, we learn that we have been continually lied to by governments.

Regardless of Gwynne Dyer's wishful thinking, and despite Sean Penn's donation of his Oscar to Volodymyr Zelensky (a cringeworthy gesture of completely unintended irony), the current suspension of disbelief relating to the US-Russia proxy war in Ukraine is further evidence of how public opinion is crafted. Once seen, it cannot be unseen. In the Chomsky propaganda model, there are "worthy" and "unworthy" victims. In this case, ethnic Ukrainians are deemed worthy victims and ethnic Russian Ukrainians, not so much. While the worthy Ukrainians have continued to celebrate the murderous Nazi collaborator Stephan Bandera, the 15,000 dead ethnic Russian Ukrainians in Donbas,

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...continued from P.7 murdered at the hands of the Ukrainian government and neo Nazis armed and trained by NATO, were unworthy of our sympathetic considerations for 8 straight years.

All this causes a chilling effect on journalists of all stripes, and subsequently on what is considered proper discourse in polite society. Educated liberals and social democrats are embracing jingoism and authoritarian principles and ceding the anti-war and civil liberties files to conservatives across the political spectrum, with the inevitable populist overlap that unfolds from a broken political matrix. Populism is not even nearly the worst outcome, as it's where the dissident anti-war activists and the libertarian working class find common ground. The throttled corporate algorithms and the appropriation of public discourse has enabled massive levels of gifting by those who have their hands on the levers of power, real and digitally imagined.

It's as though current liberal orthodoxy has now aligned itself with the idea that some billionaires are preferable to others. We now know that Elon Musk is a "bad" one, because he said he may loosen the content moderation rules of twitter, make people verify their accounts, and eliminate the vast fake identity "bot" population. OMG, he might restore Trump's twitter account! And then (gasp!), Twitler will be born again of the GMO seed of Putin and Trump, in some kind of bromantic fictional nightmare.

I've always rejected the misanthropic American oligarch Elon Musk and what he stands for, but he has now been elevated and uniquely targeted as a "threat to democracy." Certainly Musk is part of the structure that threatens democracy, and indeed threatens all life on this planet, but seriously? The most serious threat to life and democracy may be the entire indoctrinated professional liberal class itself.

Full disclosure, I've never participated on twitter. As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't exist. Hashtag, WarPoisonsEverything, hashtag, FreeAssange. 🍷

Ukraine: Where Next? **THE** recovery of the city of Kherson is the third big victory for the Ukrainian armed forces in three months: first, the reconquest of all of Kharkiv Oblast (province) in September, then the partial destruction of the Kerch Strait bridge linking Crimea with Russia in October, and now the liberation of Kherson. So where next?

The decisive factor in shaping this war has been the relatively small numbers of troops engaged on either side. When the Nazi and Soviet armies were waging their titanic battles back and forth across Ukraine in 1941-43, there were several million soldiers fighting on each side, with tanks, planes and artillery to match.



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Once a breakthrough occurred, in those conditions, the front could move hundreds of kilometres before it settled down again. Many cities changed hands not once or twice but four times. This time around, it's very different: the armies have got small again.

The Russians invaded last February with fewer than 200,000 men. Even now, after considerable reinforcements but also large losses, their army in Ukraine is 250,000 at most. Ukraine's army has grown at least as fast, but from a much lower starting point, and probably now has about the same number at the front.

The problem is that the 'front', the line of contact between Ukrainian and Russian troops, is about one thousand kilometres long. That means that each side has an average of only 250 soldiers per kilometre, or one for every four metres.

In reality, more than half these soldiers will be behind the front manning artillery, driving trucks with supplies, staffing field hospitals and so on, so the men at the actual line of contact are spread out to around one every ten metres.

Allowing for the fact that the Ukrainian front was actually much shorter for most of the Second World War – it was usually a relatively straight line, not drawn out in a great U-shaped

curve like the current line of contact – we can safely say that the density of manpower per kilometre of front was ten times higher then than it is now.

This has major implications for the way the current war is fought. The front is manned so sparsely that it is fairly easy to get a breakthrough – but the attacking forces are also much smaller, so they can only hope to hold the new ground they have gained if they stop their advance fairly soon.

We saw this factor in play in the Ukrainian northern offensive in September. They managed to lure a lot of Russian troops away by feigning a major offensive on Kherson (then still Russian-occupied) in the south, and their attack in the north took the Russians completely by surprise.

The Ukrainians quickly advanced about 75 km. on a broad front – and then they stopped, although the Russian troops in front of them were still fleeing. They were spreading themselves too thin, and making themselves too vulnerable to even a modest Russian counter-attack.

The great offensives of 1941-43 advanced hundreds of kilometres before they stopped, but those were different days. The Ukrainian army has the upper hand, but its offensives will continue to take modest bites out of the Russian positions rather than concluding in some dramatic and sweeping move that ends the Russian occupation.

So where will they attack next? Certainly not from newly liberated Kherson across the Dnipro river: it would cost too many lives to cross under fire. The Russians have been adding fortifications on the eastern front in Donetsk and Luhansk for almost a decade, and an offensive there would also be a slow and painful business.

There may soon be a significant further Ukrainian advance in the far north of the line, building on the success of the September offensive, but that would probably be mainly an attempt to draw Russian forces north.

The next real strategic target for Ukraine will almost certainly be a drive from the region of Zaporizhzhie south to the Black Sea coast. That would leave all the Russian forces in what's left of Kherson province and Crimea totally dependent on supplies coming across the badly damaged Kerch Strait Bridge from Russia.

Starve them out, and Ukraine will have recovered almost all of its pre-February territory. That's the point at which negotiations would finally become possible. Many different peace deals would then be available.

If the Russian army actually collapses – unlikely, but certainly imaginable – then the borders all go back to the pre-2014 map. If it's still standing, then maybe Ukraine gives up the Donbas in return for recovering Crimea, or the other way around, or perhaps it has to accept merely to a return to the pre-February 2022 status quo.

The course of the fighting will decide which option actually materialises. 🍷

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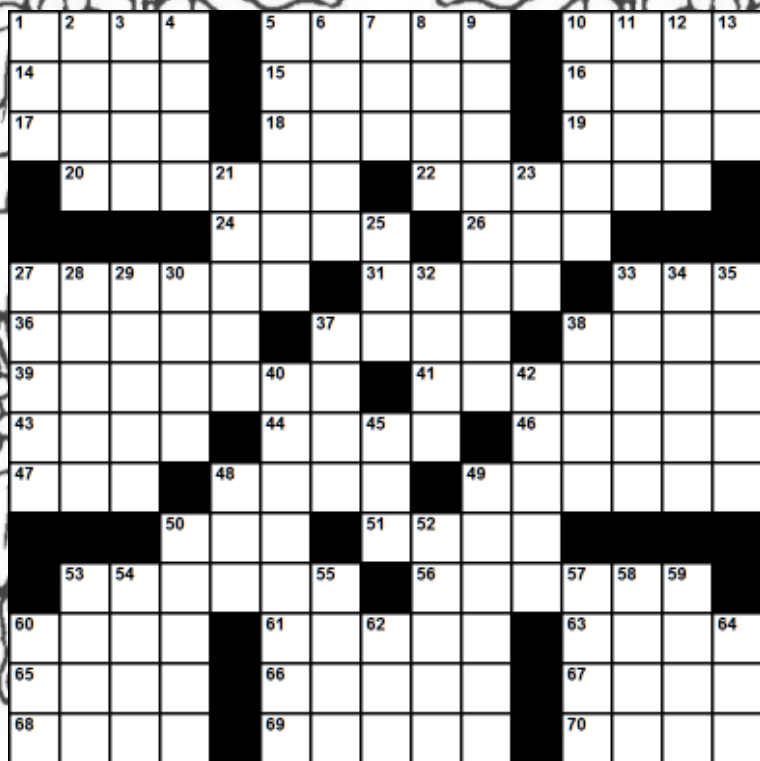
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10. Block of type metal
14. Current with
15. Aromatic chemical
16. Frightful
17. 100 cents overseas
18. Asimov or Hayes
19. Helm position
20. Drain matter
22. Some military garb
24. An Everly brother
26. Blow away
27. Not late
31. Anthony of the alleys
33. Eng. channel
36. Anesthesia type
37. Darn socks
38. Black-and-white cookie
39. Bruce Jenner, e.g.
41. Burial urn
43. Carol
44. Bedaze
46. Inch along
47. Act the human
48. Litigant

49. Bahamian port
50. 1 billion years
51. Brad or spike
53. Fine brandy
56. Lovely to look at
60. Deserving aid
61. Black eye, slangily
63. Competent
65. For picking
66. Drive forward
67. Cello relative
68. Formerly, once
69. Like minxes
70. Get a glimpse of

• DOWN •

1. About to arrive
2. Comic strip penguin
3. Aching
4. Before flake or ball
5. Elevation
6. Japanese immigrant
7. Bake sale grp., maybe
8. Fine wood
9. Orange groves
10. Earth upheaval
11. Citrus hybrid
12. Barley beverages
13. Change the locks
21. Bobber's prize
23. Boring tool
25. Actress Meriweather
27. Flying machine
28. Dynamo part
29. Dark yellow hue
30. Downtown's replacement
32. At some other time
33. Highland slopes
34. Ky. city or college
35. South American rodent
37. Allot
38. Not his and hers
40. Tidal waves
42. Clean a fish
45. Cineraria
48. Absalom, to David
49. In a pleasant way
50. Heron's cousin
52. Burros
53. Coconut fiber
54. Bumbler's word
55. Robin Cook novel
57. Church part
58. African wading bird
59. Hoofbeat sound
60. Before beginning
62. Bullish market times
64. Actor Ron

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“My life is so boring that the person who stole my identity gave it back to me.”



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have made an awful mess,
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SATURDAY 19

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SUNDAY 20

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MONDAY 21

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TUESDAY 22

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WEDNESDAY 23

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SATURDAY 26

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