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Send a Kid to Camp

COMMUNITY INFO

By Jessi Schlegel · DICES

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friends.

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Green Wizardries, Reducing Electrical Bills

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

I managed to
persuade a
friend of mine to
talk about his cost-
cutting measures

on his BC Hydro bills. He has managed to get his bills down 15%, 18% and 27%



from last year's consumption in the last three billing periods. That is pretty remarkable. Here is what he has been doing.

"I am feeling the bite of inflation so the more money I save on electricity, the more money I have to buy groceries and fuel for the car. I began to try to get our electrical consumption down last summer. My efforts have been pretty successful. I am also interested in dropping our electricity consumption with an eye to going off grid. You need to drop your electricity consumption a great deal to make going off grid possible.

The first conservation measure I tried was to be absolutely religious about turning off lights when they are not being used. I only use electric light for a task and then I make sure it is turned off. I also consolidate the fridges and freezers as soon as I can. This gives me a chance to turn off and clean fridges and freezers and find out what exactly is in the freezers. I also write up a new freezer log when I do this so we know exactly what type of food and how much food we have in the freezers.

I try to turn off as many electrical appliances as I can. We don't keep things plugged in. I also want to utilize electric heat as little as possible. It is much more cost effective to rely on wood heat. For some people, I think purchasing a heat pump might be a good idea, especially with all the government rebates.

I am not getting a heat pump because I am still fit enough to do firewood. If I wasn't, I would certainly consider a heat pump. However, a heat pump does not work with my long-term goal of going off grid.

We switched from an electrical stove to a propane stove last summer. This shift the cost from electricity to gas, but the propane can be bought in large quantities and stored for the long term. Our propane stove top and oven both work during power outages and work very well in an off-grid situation.

The ignitors for the stove's oven and burners are powered by a single D-cell battery. It is a Unique off-grid stove and it is manufactured in Ontario. They have good customer service. These stoves are carried by Courtenay Appliances.

I am thinking of going off grid because I don't have confidence in the electrical grid remaining viable. In Canada and the United States, there is not enough maintenance being done on the grid. The whole grid is subject to the price shocks and the availability of liquid fuels. All their repair trucks need liquid fuels to keep the lines working and I am not confident about the future of liquid fuel supplies.

One of the major savings we did is accounted for by switching all the lights to LEDs. They are more expensive to buy but last a lot longer and use much less power than incandescent bulbs. I think this is a savings that is in reach of most people.

If you are using electrical heat, it is a good idea to check and replace damaged seals on the doors and windows to exclude drafts. It just makes sense to do this no matter how you are heating your house. We also wear sweaters and slippers in the house in the winter.

We don't use air conditioning. It is an energy hog. To keep the house cool, we close the blinds or curtains when the sun is shining in. If it is really hot outside, we close the windows early in the morning and open them wide in the cool of the evening and for the night. We use small electrical fans when it is very hot. During the heat dome, we were able to stay comfortable by sleeping wrapped in wet sarongs. This year has been much better so far for excessive heat. 🍷

TIDE TABLE

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

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2023-07-15 (Sat)

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19:10	4.7 15.4

2023-07-16 (Sun)

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2023-07-17 (Mon)

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Saturday

By CS#05943451

ARTS&LIT

draw out your dining experience to about 8:20 am and then the boredom surrounds you like an aggressive mob, closing in. By 8:30 am *nicotine craving sated* the mob is hopelessly all over you. It's time to think quick. Most here manage to summon some energy from the cold food in their belly to push the mob into retreat through napping. However, for me, I'm rested enough that it isn't an an option.

WEEKEND mornings begin at 8:00 am here on the range. A quick breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast and hashed browns is the standard fare for Saturdays. If you choose to chew your food *which many of the guys here don't* you can



A book to delve into might prove effective in keeping boredom at bay. I've cracked the cover of a work by Ian McEwen called 'Saturday.' Having pushed through the first chapter of five, it looks to be appropriately titled as the story appears to occur within the timeframe of a single day. 270 pages to impart a story that takes place over the course of a Saturday. I suppose parallels can be drawn between such a manipulation of time and that of the seeming length of a do nothing Saturday here in jail. It is long enough a day for me to compose a book though the content would be achingly dry, bereft of much action. I'd need the talents of a Tom Wolfe, or this fellow Ian McEwen, to bathe its pages in rich descriptive and commentary but alas my surroundings lack a certain inspiration. So little colour, so little texture exists here and I'm not just talking about the food!

Speaking of food, today's lunch came late. Well in fact it was routed to the wrong range. Don't ask me how these things get mixed up as there are only so many residences in this jail. And

if our lunch went someplace else, would not another range have 40+ too many lunches? I mean they haven't constructed any new living quarters as of late. We were informed that the midday meal would be 20 minutes behind schedule as the kitchen staff needed to prepare another lunch. When it finally arrived the bologna and processed cheese on white sandwiches were refrigerator cold, revealing where they sat prior to their arrival. I suppose it was a good thing though as the chill of the sandwiches helped give the impression that the accompanying soup was room temperature. In fact, the soup was COLD! Mmmm, good thing there was some cold juice to aid in choking down such an appetizing spread. To finish up, we've taken to wiping our mouths with course paper towel as the standard napkins have vanished over the past days. I guess with the taxation year coming to an end funds in the provincial coffers are low. If this premise is true then I can't wait for when the colossal provincial funding 'egg' with its flattened end, eventually kicks over to its rounded edge. I imagine it'll then be prime rib and lobster for dinners! 🍷

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Changes to Coastal Community Credit Union Lending Policies

A couple of comments, based on my commercial and social lending experience:

IT is true that character is the most important lending criteria, with income or ability to repay a close second. Nevertheless, in order to keep lending risk to an acceptable level - high enough to make loans to enough borrowers, but low enough to avoid putting savers' deposits at risk - character is not enough. Character can change for the worse during adverse times, and needs to be backed to some level by collateral, net assets and income. Also, income can change for the worse, and the risk to members' deposits must be kept to a reasonable level by alternative repayment sources.

I wish the CCCU membership success in their efforts to reform their organization.

*- Stan Combs 🍷
Hornby Island*

**Letter to the editor, Grapevine, July 11, 2023
Submitted by Stephen Malthouse, MD**

Dear editor,

DR. SCRUTON could be right, but he could be wrong (Letter, July 6). How is a layperson to know, if information comes from a respected professional and conflicting views are labelled as propaganda, misinformation, unsupported assertions and disinformation, without explanation or scientific references? Here we have two doctors with completely opposing perspectives. The only conclusion is that you cannot blindly trust the experts, especially public health and the medical profession, and must do your own research and use your own judgment.

As far as I'm concerned, masks do not stop aerosolized flu or corona viruses (as opposed to droplet-spread viruses) (1-4),

lockdowns were invented by a 14-year-old science student in Albuquerque, New Mexico (5), the six-foot separation rule was based upon by how far you can spit, and influenza probably disappeared because it was falsely diagnosed as Covid. The PCR test was cycled a minimum of 40 times in Canadian laboratories and produced a 90% (at least) false positivity rate. Even Fauci admits that a meaningful cycle rate is below 35 (6). The overall number of Covid-19 cases was nowhere near the officially reported levels. Millions of false positive "cases" plus biased death attribution, stoked by politicians and the media, was the real cause of the "pandemic". The average age of the 15,600 Canadians who supposedly "died of Covid-19" in 2020 was 83.8 years. Two-thirds of these people were over the Canadian life expectancy of 82 years.

The life-years lost with Covid-19 vaccination is another story entirely. If we want to protect "at-risk groups", we should not be giving the Covid-19 vaccine to anybody including seniors, but especially pregnant women, children and infants, who don't need it and for whom there is inadequate (if any) safety research and no studies showing real-life effectiveness.

The good thing that has come out of the Covid 19 vaccination debacle is that people are beginning to re-examine childhood vaccinations. It is not a big leap to recognize that the criminality and exemption from liability of the pharmaceutical companies and the corruption of Health Canada, the CDC and our public health institutions also apply to everything else these people touch. Would it be surprising, after watching their behaviour over the last 3 years, to find that they are creating their own market?

Meanwhile, Mr. Porteous' criticism (Letters, June 15, 29), after talking with him on the telephone, appears to be that I promote anti-vaccine literature and contributed, in some way, to an outbreak of pertussis (whooping cough) 9 years ago. I was not involved in his family's medical care at the time. Nevertheless, a few words about pertussis vaccines might illustrate my concerns.

Pertussis is a bacterial infection that is easily transmitted and has an early phase that is very similar to a regular cold, but may progress into a 2nd stage which has the characteristic whooping cough. Vaccination did not cause the decline in

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England and Wales whooping cough mortality vs. DTP vaccine coverage from 1901 to 2008. (Record of Mortality in England and Wales for 95 years as provided by the office of National Statistics, published 1997; Health Protection Agency Table:



Notification of Deaths, England and Wales, 1970–2008

In fact, the pertussis vaccine (cellular) caused more deaths and brain injuries than the natural disease and, in Sweden, was removed from the childhood schedule. From 1981 to 1993, the odds of dying from pertussis in Sweden were about one in 13 million, even when there was no national vaccine program (7). In England, a study published in 1984 showed that there was a decrease in whooping cough hospital admissions and deaths after vaccination rates declined (8). A major report by the Institute of Medicine published in 1994 confirmed that there was a relation between DTP vaccine and brain injury: “Evidence is consistent with the causal relation for acute encephalopathy, shock

Chart available at <https://dissolvingillusions.com/graphs-images/#Charts> – half way down the page on the right

and unusual shock-like state.” (9)

Regarding the acellular pertussis vaccine, now used by most developed countries, a study published in 2004 involving 1,793 adolescents and adults who received this newer vaccine, showed that only 20% had measurable concentrations of IgG antibody to pertussis toxin after one month (10). A previous study showed that pertussis antibody levels did not guarantee protection (11). Furthermore, if a vaccinated person contracts real pertussis, the bacteria can wreak more havoc if the vaccine has misdirected the immune system away from specific bacterial signals (antigens) (12).

Like the Covid-19 shot, the pertussis vaccine might reduce symptoms, but does not prevent transmission. In a 2014 study of baboons (similar to humans and theoretically ethical), it was shown that the pertussis vaccine (DTaP) actually increased the duration that the bacteria remained in the throat and extended the period of contagion (13). Furthermore, post-vaccine baboons could catch and harbour pertussis when later exposed, while natural immunity in previously infected baboons was protective. With some reduction in symptoms, a vaccinated person may actually be more dangerous: trusting in the vaccine to prevent transmission while, in fact, presenting an increased risk to their family and community as an asymptomatic carrier – essentially a pertussis version of Typhoid Mary. Meanwhile natural infection can provide protection for up to 30 years, yielding a far better herd immunity than unpredictable, short-lived, and incomplete vaccine-type immunity (14).

Pertussis is no longer a dangerous disease in most cases, unless an infant is unusually susceptible (15). Most people believe that all whooping cough is a serious and easily identifiable disease in children, but it is neither. The “whoop”, which most patients do not exhibit, can be bothersome, but is very unlikely to be life-threatening and the majority of doctors fail to diagnose pertussis because the disease presentation often does not get to the second stage, where the whoop is present. Frequently doctors do not consider whooping cough in children who are fully vaccinated (believing they are protected) or in the adult population (16). Many long-lasting coughs in the older population are actually undiagnosed pertussis cases, as proven by lab testing (17). Treatment of whooping cough with antibiotics is believed by some to shorten its period of transmissibility, but does not reduce severity and may prolong the cough (18).

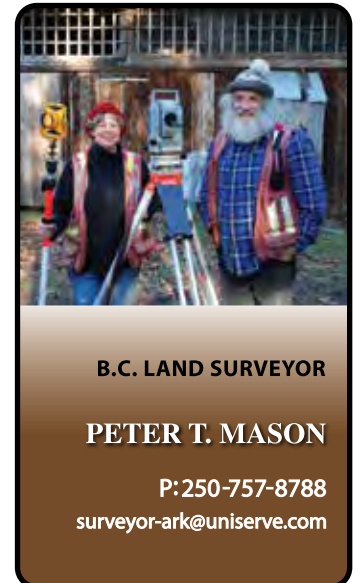
As medical professionals, we have been indoctrinated regarding childhood vaccinations and the public has been misled by fear-mongering, gas-lighting and censorship. There is a truck-load of vaccines coming our way, mostly mRNA vaccines, for just about every disease imaginable. To make wise healthcare decisions, it will be necessary to uncover what is myth and/or wishful thinking about vaccination. Especially, it is our responsibility to protect our children, while a physician's duty is to advise his patients accurately. For that reason, I am extending a challenge to Dr. Scruton or any Island(s) doctor to publicly debate the

harms and benefits of childhood vaccines, including the Covid jab and its attendant public health measures. Choose any three vaccines and contact the Grapevine when you're ready to go. I look forward to the opportunity to investigate the complex and important topic of vaccination, about which there is so much "misinformation and disinformation".

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Circle Process Part 1 (reprint)

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

CIRCLE processes truly exemplify restorative approaches. Circles are about the intentional creation of safe, supportive space to talk about what actually happened in a conflict and what were its emotional and other impacts. They are structured to foster careful listening, empathy and acknowledgement, helping the parties to avoid defensiveness and build understanding. We can all learn from collective wisdom rather than being prisoners of our own narrow perspective. Acceptance of responsibility for harms caused is a pre-requisite for a circle gathering. Circles help people to listen deeply to differing perspectives in an atmosphere that promotes dialogue rather than debate.

In the West, the general culture often manages conflict in an adversarial way, and that mindset favours debate – expression of oppositional viewpoints, tendencies toward black and white thinking, a winner and a loser. The Drama Triangle gets activated. Healing ways of validating, expressing and acknowledging powerful feelings are placed on the back burner or ignored altogether. Punishment and revenge take precedence over accountability, forgiveness and closure. No wonder so many people are conflict avoidant! Why would you take the risk?

As well, our formal system for addressing conflict places a judge or arbitrator in a position to decide who is right, who is wrong, once again diminishing human agency. We all know that creating outcomes which work for everyone is a lot more satisfying. That kind of involvement leads to *commitment to making the outcome work*. It leads to agreements that are more likely to be honoured. When designed with care and attention, circles can be a highly effective and deeply satisfying way of problem-solving. As a mediator, I often tried to incorporate circle approaches into my work. They were especially valuable in estate, family business and land-sharing mediations, where relationships were critically

important and ongoing. I created a conference workshop called “Multi-party mediation: Shaping a Line into a Circle” which pretty well said it for me.

Circles combine both old and new wisdom. They have been used by indigenous cultures worldwide for millennia. Today's circles are informed by current ideas about consensus and interest-based approaches. There are community justice and peacemaking circles, healing circles, youth circles, reconciliation circles. Sometimes just incorporating the core principles of circle process into addressing an interpersonal conflict can be helpful. Relationships always matter in conflict, and circles honour each person's value and dignity.

I worked with a framework of five basics of circle process: circle keeping, ceremony, guidelines, talking piece and consensus. The framework is drawn from and beautifully articulated in the book: *Peacemaking Circles: From Crime to Community*, by Pranis, Stuart, & Wedge. The authors name these basics “the outer frame of Circles”. Using a tree metaphor, they describe this frame as the “trunk of the tree”. The values and principles that form the core philosophy (the “inner frame”) permeating circle processes are described as the roots of the tree. What grows from the roots and trunk is the actual circle process.

As well, these ideas are drawn from my training in mediation and restorative practices, from learnings received from Indigenous colleagues and communities, and thirty-five years' experience as a mediator and facilitator.

Circle Keeping

Keepers of the circle bear similarities to, but aren't the same as facilitators and mediators. Keepers help the circle live up to its highest potential. They hold the space so that people can speak from the heart and listen to one another with respect. They manage the preparation for the circle and ensure that everyone has access to needed information beforehand.

With participants, they decide when (and *if*) everyone is ready to hold the circle. They help the group set its guidelines with the understanding that everyone in the circle has responsibility for “keeping” it.

They help promote a balanced dialogue, ensuring that the full range of interests is expressed. They help maintain focus and help regulate the pace of the dialogue. They do not dominate or control; instead, keepers use the talking piece, the guidelines, and the underlying values and principles of the circle to create an environment where trust is built, people can speak honestly, and the collective wisdom of the group can emerge to develop a shared understanding and craft a way forward. Circles help with closure.

And because the circle belongs to everyone, *keepers too are a part of the circle* and able to participate in the dialogue. Keepers are not expected to be “neutral”, a particularly Euro-centric concept. As the authors explain: “Circles treat issues around bias and neutrality differently. Instead of asking keepers to disconnect equally from all parties, Circles call upon keepers to make an equal commitment to each participant in the quest to respect all interests. Equal commitment serves a process devoted to building relationships better than a strategy of detached neutrality, which would be inconsistent with the Circle view that all things are connected and cannot be separated.” (Pranis et al.)

This means that keepers can and do offer their own perceptions and stories. They may express how they are feeling. They don’t use their role as keepers to impose their views, but they are expected to participate and speak from their own voice. 🍷

Grapevine Fabulation **LAST** week a **L**correspondent asked us to take seriously the ‘evidence’ presented by one Dr. David E. Martin of a large scale, pre-planned Covid-19 conspiracy. On his web site Martin describes himself as ‘Corporate Advisor, Entrepreneur, Financier, Storyteller, Professor, and Inventor’ but not as a scientist, virologist or medical doctor. On a his company’s website, M-CAM (Mosaic Collateral Asset Management), he lists his educational credentials as a BA from Goshen College, a Masters of Science from Ball State University, and PhD from the University of Virginia. He is also a ‘fellow’ of the University of Virginia’s Darden Graduate School of Business Administration—a ‘fellow’ of Darden is not, as one might expect, a dedicated researcher as at Oxford or Cambridge; a ‘fellow’ at Darden is the owner of a venture capital company who agrees to offer 10 week internships to undergraduates at Darden. He also lists a couple of his inventions as Alpha ETFs and the CNBC IQ100. On WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) a potted bio notes his seat on several business and technology groups and, as an Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia’s School of Medicine, he founded the University’s first wholly-owned, for-profit, research and development and

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...continued from P.9 technology transfer corporation. WIPO also states Martin has publications in *law, medicine, engineering, finance and education. He maintains active research in the fields of linguistic genomics, fractal financial risk modeling, as well as continuing his over 15 years of research in cellular membrane ionic signaling.* Several searches of ResearchGate, Google Scholar, National Institute of Medicine (NIH) and Mendeley which list millions of research papers of all types does not show up any publications for this Dr. David E. Martin although it does list 61 publications for another Dr. David E. Martin of the company TrippBio as well as a few for a dentist, Dr. David E. Martin, at the University of Texas. The NIH website has a lengthy analysis of the fakery in the Plandemic films Martin appears in.

He is not forthcoming on the content of his educational degrees but it appears fairly certain he is not a medical doctor and he gives no idea of the field of his PhD; Ball State offers only two Master of Science degrees, both online, one in information and communication science and one in health science. Nowhere can I find any real science credentials although it is obvious he has knowledge of some areas of science. But most of his accomplishments are in risk finance. He has created the Purple Bridge Fund, a hedge for wealthy investors who hope to gain inflated profits. His two listed accomplishments, Alpha ETFs and CNBC IQ100 are statistical algorithms which measure excess profit, that is, companies or individuals whose profit level is far above the average. He is also claimed by WIPO to be an expert on Intellectual Property. On his M-CAM website he makes clear that he deals in valuing 'intangible assets' such as brand names and goodwill but in Dr. Martin's case the overwhelming intangible is that of intellectual property making money off patents and copyright.

So Dr. Martin appears to be primarily educated and active in excess profit making; his bona fides for believing in a conspiracy of the CDC and Dr. Fauci rely largely on his 'intangible' education and experience. This does not disqualify him from putting out the facts and experience of our Covid-19 response but when he places a constricting, conspiratorial pattern on those same facts and experience he is, if he was honest, bound to take the experience of those who know more about viruses and vaccines seriously. Instead he

writes them off as conspiratorial agents. Both the conspiracy and the details he provides have been characterized as misleading, misinformed, deliberately cherry picked, and without any foundation whatsoever. Of course for the true believers this debunking work by Politifacts, Factcheck, USA Today Factcheck, the NIH, the CDC and many others will be seen as proof positive of the conspiracy itself—as will all evidence contrary to Dr. Martin's claims. This is so even as the true believers encourage us to use critical thinking, to examine all sources, and to assess all evidence.

As a self-proclaimed expert in patent law he is not entirely straight with the coronavirus patent. He dismisses entirely the CDC's argument of 'defensive' patenting for public domain use rather than private patenting for profit. The CDC, the University of Hong Kong, and the BC Cancer Agency all sought defensive patent status for the SARS-CoV virus family to make it freely available to all researchers in public health without paying an ethically exorbitant fee to a possible private patent holder—CDC won the patent in 2007. Defensive patenting is anathema to a venture capitalist who sees patents only as a vehicle for making profit.

Is this character assassination in an attempt to dismiss Dr. Martin's theory? I don't think so. It is a reminder to everyone that a pattern placed on a series of events and facts is worked out and agreed on by the consensus of many with a willingness to correct the pattern's obvious mistakes; within a spectrum of experts, analysts, and researchers it is only viable to dismiss any one of them, let alone all of them, on the basis of hard evidence. The consensus on Dr. Martin's conspiracy pattern is that he has failed deliberately to do so. Why his failures are not obvious to persons who feel they exercise critical thinking is a question our culture has had to deal with for generations. We can say that conspiratorial patterns placed on events have an overriding attraction for some individuals allowing them to see the same events and facts agreed on in a reasoned and open consensual pattern as evidence of a conspiracy. Most of the time we can live with this particular foible of human nature but when it gets magnified out of all proportion by social media it becomes a definite cultural hazard as the current leaders of a half dozen countries demonstrate so ably.



Notes from the Edge of the Narrative Matrix: *The US is War*

OPINIONS

By Caitlin Johnstone · OP July 11th, 2023

THE US won WW2 and then immediately plunged into the Cold War. The US won the Cold War and then immediately set to work destroying the Middle East. The US destroyed the Middle East and then immediately started another cold war in preparation for another world war. The US is war.

A normal country wages war with the goal of getting back to peacetime. The US wages war with the goal of getting to the

next war.

The "Uyghur genocide" narrative is a lie (1), the "debt trap diplomacy" narrative is a lie (2), the "social credit score" narrative is a lie (3), they're lying about Taiwan (4), and they're lying about (5) China trying to conquer the world. They lied about every other disobedient nation, and they're lying about China.

You cannot understand the geopolitics and major conflicts of the 2020s without understanding that the US empire has been actively amassing military threats in the immediate

surroundings of its top two rivals that it would never tolerate anyone else amassing near the US.

How can anyone still support the idea of progressive reform in the Democratic Party after watching AOC transform into Nancy Pelosi before their very eyes?



<https://twitter.com/ggreenwald/status/1677448412856307715>

I used to dismiss the idea of lesser-evil voting because it causes people to vote for evil political parties, thereby ensuring they vote for continued evil. Now I just dismiss electoral politics altogether, because you'll get evil no matter how you vote since "voting" is itself a fake diversion to help manufacture the illusion of freedom and control.

It's crazy how we let wealthy corporations run the media who then spend all day every day telling us we should definitely support political norms that are friendly to wealthy corporations.

A normal person has a conflict with someone and begins communicating and working to sort out the true from the false. A manipulator has a conflict and immediately begins working to establish narrative dominance. This is true of individual sociopaths and sociopathic empires alike.

Too many people look at authoritarian measures like government surveillance, online censorship etc in terms of how it will directly affect them personally rather than how it shapes society as a whole. Sure you yourself may not be

directly affected by surveillance or censorship, but you have to live in a society where people's thoughts, words and behaviors are being strictly regulated by authority in ways that serve the interests of authority. You have to live in a civilization of brainwashed, power-serving automatons instead of free thinkers who come up with creative solutions to our problems, who hold power to account, and who put the powerful in check when they don't serve the interests of the people.

Civilization is a game. Like any other game, there is a points system set up to determine how well everyone is doing. Like any other game, there are people who fare better and get more points than others. And, like any other game, the rules are completely made up.

The rules consist of made-up financial and economic systems which make up the "points" system of this game, along with made-up laws and government policies, and made-up cultural norms and societal expectations.

One major difference between the made-up game of civilization and other made-up games is that players who don't do well suffer real-world consequences as a result. They can go hungry or be made homeless if they don't get enough of the made-up points. They can wind up in prison if they try to get some points in ways that are against the rules. They can even get military explosives dropped on their homes by other players if they happen to live in the wrong part of the world.

This despite the fact that it's all made of language—made of words. All of civilization is just a collection of stories we've all agreed to pretend are true. Stories about how money works. How trade works. How labor works. How society works. How we all need to be moving, organizing and consuming on this planet we were born on.

The good news is that, like any other game, we are free to change the rules if enough players decide that's what they want to do. It's all made of narrative, and the narratives are only as real as we agree to pretend they are. If the current agreed-upon stories aren't working for us, we can collectively agree to start playing by another set of rules, and if enough of us decide to do this there's not really anything anyone can do to stop us.

Those who benefit from the current rules of the game understand this and do everything they can to make sure we keep playing by the current rules. That's why so much of our media is dedicated to normalizing status quo politics and manufacturing consent for the actions that are necessary to maintain the current order of things. Our information ecosystem is continually saturated with the narratives of the people who get the most points in this game we are playing. But again, that's all just narrative. It's all just story. They put

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...continued from P.11 so much effort into manufacturing our consent because they know they absolutely do need our consent, because we can collectively decide to change the rules of the game at any time.

So the bad news is that we're in a rigged game that's stacked against us for the benefit of a few manipulative players. The good news is we don't have to play anymore, and can choose to start playing something else whenever we are ready.

(1)https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/biden-should-withdraw-unjustified-xinjiang-genocide-allegation-by-jeffrey-d-sachs-and-william-schabas-2021-04?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

(2)<https://archive.is/BuHGI>

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They Said

by Helen Grond

*They said the virus would kill
10%, but it didn't.*

*They said it was a natural
mutation, but it wasn't.*

*They said it came from a Wuhan
market, but it didn't.*

*They said they didn't need to
contain it, so they spread it.*

*They said lockdowns would
work great, but they didn't.*

*They said closing schools would
be better, but it wasn't.*

*They said the PCR test could
detect it, but it couldn't.*

*They said shutting down
business would help, but it
didn't.*

*They said it could spread
asymptotically, but it
couldn't.*

*They said you would catch it
from surfaces, but you wouldn't.*

*They said masking wouldn't
work, at first, and it didn't.*

*They said masking would work
after all, but it couldn't.*

*They said the only cure was a
vaccine, but it wasn't.*

*They said no one died in clinical
trials, but they did.*

*They said no one was injured in
trials, but they were.*

*They said you didn't need
informed consent, but you did.*

*They said it wouldn't change
your DNA, but it did.*

*They said your human rights
didn't matter, but they did.*

*They said natural immunity
stopped working, but it didn't.*

*They said most deaths were
COVID-19, but they weren't.*

*They said the annual flu
disappeared, but it didn't.*

*They said the shot would stay
in your arm, but it doesn't.*

*They said it would prevent
human transmission, but it
didn't.*

*They said it would prevent
hospitalization, but it doesn't.*

*They said the young needed to
take it, but they didn't.*

*They said it would prevent
human infection, but it doesn't.*

*They said it was safe for
pregnant women, but it wasn't.*

*They said vaccine passports
were needed, but they weren't.*

*They said more shots are better,
but they aren't.*

*They said the unvaccinated
were sicker, but they weren't.*

*They said the WHO did a good
job, but they didn't.*

**Correction - last week's piece by
Helen Grond should be titled "Patent
Trail Tells the Tale".*

Jealousy

by Thomas Provençal

*All consuming jealousy
can gobble up your heart.
With a good imagination
you could fall apart.
Fear and insecurity
are nothing but a mist
that clouds our perceptivity
and shapes it like a fist.
Fight or flight behaviour
reflects on jealous brow,
desperate for a saviour
or anger filled to prow.
The demon is within us.
Doubt and outright lies
can change the person
that you love
to someone you despise.*

feathered helmet

by Alan Black

*Like the emerald feathers of a
mallard,
like the deep blue feathers
in a peacocks fan,
my feathered blond mullet was a
perfect helmet of exotic armour
and as I waged into battle
to survive my lost youth
strong women had mercy on me
while strong men
and weak men
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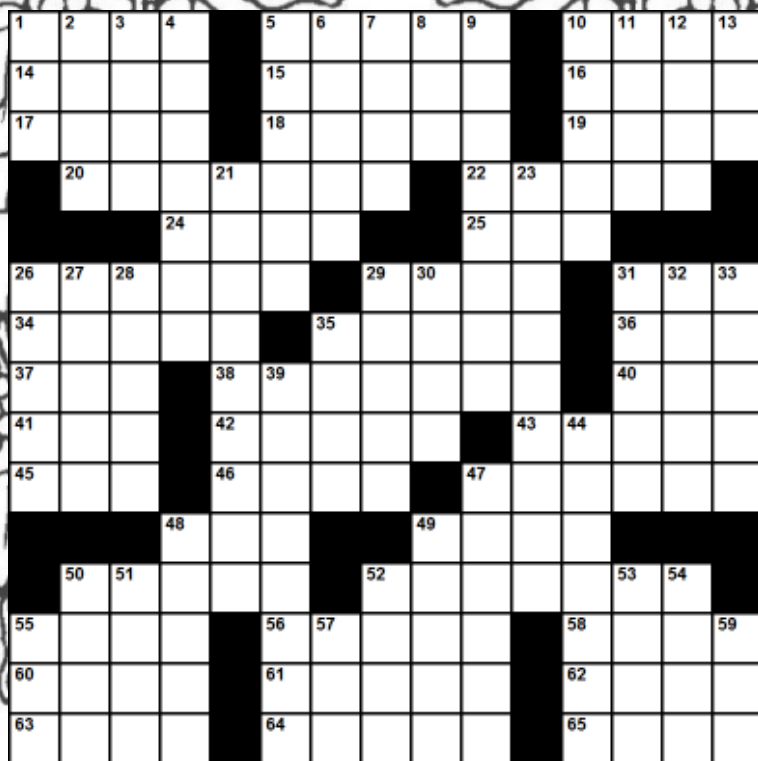
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- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm



FRIDAY 14

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

SATURDAY 15

- 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 16

- EUCHARIST SERVICE St. Saviour's 10:30

MONDAY 17

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

TUESDAY 18

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

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 Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30-6pm



FRIDAY 21

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

SATURDAY 22

- 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 23

- ST. SAVIOUR'S Morning Prayer Service
10:30am

MONDAY 24

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

TUESDAY 25

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DILTC meeting Activity Centre 10am

WEDNESDAY 26

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

THURSDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Family Support Worker

We are currently seeking a Family Support Worker to provide support, education and counselling to children, youth and families on Denman and Hornby Islands. The Family Support Worker is experienced in assisting families with a range of issues including behavioural, parent-child conflict, mental health and substance use. They work as part of a team under the supervision of the Clinical Supervisor and report to the Executive Director.

The position starts immediately with the current funding extending to March 31, 2024, and will be continued on condition of funding renewal. Please email lori@hornbydenmanhealth.com for a detailed job description with qualifications.

Interested applicants are invited to email their resume and cover letter to:
Lori Nawrot, Executive Director at lori@hornbydenmanhealth.com.

Closing date for applications is August 2, 2023.



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