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SAUDI ARABIA: A Populist Dictatorship

By Gwynne Dyer • Published June 24th, 2018

Joy and pride among Saudi women who are at last allowed to drive. Delight in the car dealerships that anticipate a lot of new business. And dismay in the families of the 1.4 million chauffeurs, almost all from South Asia, who have been earning around \$1,000 a month driving Saudi women around. But it will take a lot more than this to change Saudi Arabia.

Just before driving became legal for women, seventeen women activists who have been campaigning for years against the driving ban were arrested. Eight have now been released, but the others are facing possible trial in a counter-terrorism court and long prison sentences for their activism. Does the right hand know what the left is doing?

Yes, it does. Letting women drive is part of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's project to win popular support by modernising some aspects of daily life. Looking like he is giving in to popular pressure is definitely not part of his programme. The change must look like a free gift from his hand, not a retreat in the face of public protest.

It's a less dramatic initiative than last winter's three-month anti-corruption campaign, which detained 56 high-profile royal family members and prominent businessman (in the capital's best hotel) until they had 'paid back' some of their ill-gotten

gains.

The exercise allegedly yielded \$100 billion to the government, although none of the thieves saw the inside of a courtroom, let alone went to jail. But the message was the same: I'm on the side of ordinary people and I'm doing the right things, but I make the decisions when and as I choose.

The notion that Mohammed bin Salman is liberalising the Saudi system is a fantasy. Having ruthlessly sidelined all rival claimants to the throne – his father, King Salman, is 82 and ailing – he has now centralised power to an unprecedented extent. Saudi Arabia was a traditional, deeply conservative monarchy that always ensured there was a fair degree of consensus among the elite. It is now a dictatorship.

MbS, as he is known, is an impulsive man, and one of his bigger mistakes was to invite the UN's special

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15TH ANNUAL GARDEN OF LILIES Art Show

By Leslie Dunsmore



Leslie Dunsmore is again hosting her 15th Annual GARDEN OF LILIES ART SHOW on July 7th & 8th (10am-4pm). Stroll through the wild grasses of a new meadow replacing the garden. The fence is gone.... so no need to open the gates to pass through. And the deer love it and are doing all the mowing required. Come up to the deck to see the myriad of lilies, feverfew and other flowers. Then check out the new and recent paintings completed by Leslie over the fall and winter months, throughout the home and studio.

Natural landscapes are a recurring theme for this artist. Lately she has passed through a portal – to a new world of decorated tree trunks. And as always, the silence is palpable. On her last 7-week solo journey to New Brunswick, she filled sketchbooks with ideas. And her contemplation of her artistic direction in the future produced images of a fantastical world. Everyone is welcome, at 4791 East Road on Denman Island. You can see a sampling of her artwork on her NEW WEBSITE: www.leslie-dunsmorepaintings.com

CROSS POLLINATION A Day in the Field

By Eli Hason

Welcome once again to Denman's outdoor music festival, Cross Pollination - A Day in the Field. This year we are having it on Sunday, July 1 from 2pm till late. After you have filled up on pancakes, and maybe even had a nap, it will be time to join us for a

day in the field next to the community hall to watch your fellow residents of Denmanistan make some lovely sounds to serenade you in the park. This year we are moving the stage to the concrete slab/basketball

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rapporteur on anti-terrorism, Ben Emmerson, to visit the country to report on how it was reconciling the need to prevent terrorism with respect for human rights. Emmerson came back in early May. His report was unusually frank for a diplomatic document, and in a subsequent media interview he went well beyond that.

The Saudi anti-terrorism law is written in a way that criminalises all dissent, he told The Guardian. Torture in Saudi jails is commonplace, the guilty officials go unpunished, and Saudi Arabia “is undergoing the most ruthless crackdown on political dissent that the country has experienced in decades.”

“Reports that Saudi Arabia is liberalising are completely wide of the mark,” Emmerson said. “The judiciary has now been brought entirely under the control of the King, and lacks any semblance of independence from the executive. Put simply, there is no separation of power in Saudi Arabia, no freedom of expression, no free press, no effective



trade unions, and no functioning civil society.”

Moreover, MbS’s successes in crushing dissent within the country have made him over-confident about his skill in foreign policy. He summoned Lebanese Prime Minister to Riyadh and forced him to resign, only to see Hariri get his job back in alliance with Hezbollah, a Shia Islamist group that MbS utterly detests.

He declared a blockade of Saudi Arabia’s small but wealthy neighbour, Qatar, to force it to close down the Al-Jazeera network, the most influential Arabic-language news service, and to break its ties with Iran, the country that MbS fears most. One year later Al-Jazeera is still alive and kicking, and Qatar has moved closer to Iran.

And in his biggest blunder, he launched a military intervention in the Yemeni civil war to defeat the Houthis, a Shia tribe that has captured most of Yemen and that he believes (wrongly) is controlled and armed by Iran.

Saudi Arabia’s air strikes have killed thousands, its ally the United Arab Emirates has thousands of troops on the ground – and three years later the Houthis still control most of the heavily populated parts of Yemen, including the capital.

It’s not exactly Saudi Arabia’s Vietnam – the Saudis have no troops on the ground, and the Emiratis are mostly using foreign mercenaries – but the Yemeni intervention is very expensive, deeply embarrassing, and probably unwinnable. In the long run, it may be MbS’s undoing.

The wealth has been more widely shared in Saudi Arabia than in most oil-rich countries, and for the non-political majority life is still pretty good. Even for women, things are very gradually getting better: 60 percent of Saudi university graduates are female, and now they can drive too. But the country is now being run by an erratic and over-confident dictator.



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court in the field, to facilitate larger spaces for bands to play, and make more of their field a seating area so you can choose to be where it is quieter by the playground or come up to the speakers and rock out. We have a wider variety of music this year with more Denman groups and performers taking part. From the folk sounds of Sheldon, the blues of Kevin Mitchell, getting more jazzy with Randy Duncan. Conrad Campbell's southern north western rock, Cheeky Bunny rocking it out, The BandShe bringing a loud crunchy vibe, Megan Rose getting oh so synthy, Whiskey Tango Foxtrot bringing the bass, S. Bullick making all manner of improv noise, and then

some. We also have Ocea White with her amazing voice to play her keyboard, Tai MacGillivray bringing it down home style on Mandolin, Henri Faberge getting comical with his guitar, and music between sets from DJ's Eliazar and Co Captain. There is sure to be some additional surprises in store as well. We realize that not all the tunes will be to everyone's tastes, but why not take a short stroll for an ear break until the next act comes along? We want to showcase the full spectrum of Denman sounds.

Along with a wider array of sounds we also are planning to cover your afternoon snacks and dinner plans as we will have food from many island folks including Ima's Kitchen,

Two Roads Farm, Norma's Tacos, and more. We would also love to have folks put up booths with their art, pottery, massage, more food, etc. Please get in touch with Megan Rose or Eli Hason if you are interested as there is plenty of space for everyone in the field, we just want to organize locations in advance, and booth spaces are by donation.

So join us for the 3rd year of celebrating Denman's arts, culture, and community on the long weekend with the whole family, and your guests. This event is sponsored by DIRCS. We don't just want to keep Denman weird, we want to make it weirder!



NON-PROFITS AT THE FARMERS MARKET

By Kerri Boland

Next weekend is the (unofficial) kickoff to summer, and it's destined to be a busy one at the Farmers Market. Remember that we now have overflow parking in the field, and to drive carefully!

Last week I interviewed the baking vendors about their wares, but I missed Mary Hicks, as she had already sold out and gone home! For those (select few) of you who aren't aware, Mary makes cinnamon buns, but you have to get there early to not be disappointed. Her pesto twists will also be back at the market this season.

A few non-profits attend regularly, but the DCLTA only set up for long weekends. Currently they are sell-

ing raffle tickets for a gorgeous wool rug, hand-woven by Donna Mills. Funds go to support the Denman affordable housing project.

The Denman Conservancy is at the market most weekends, raffling tickets for their beautiful bird-inspired quilt, made by the Denman Quilters. They're currently looking for volunteers to help with wetlands monitoring and want to thank everyone who has helped with the recent trail work.

The Readers and Writers are really excited to promote Des Kennedy's newest book, Beautiful Communion, which means that not only is Des going to moderate a panel discussion, but he's going to be a part

of one AND do a solo reading! The Creative Threads Conspiracy classes are starting to fill up, including a sprang workshop, a style of finger weaving that predates the loom.

The volunteers at these tables are excited to answer your questions and talk about their passions. Don't forget to visit their tables too, cinnamon bun in hand! 

Celebration of Life for Allison IsaaK

Please join us for a celebration of Allison's life on Saturday, July 7th at the Denman Island Activities Center from 1:30-3:00. Please help spread the word to others you know that would like to attend.

AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE TAKEN OUT OF R1 & R2

By Veronica Timmons • for the Denman Island Growers & Producers Alliance (GPA)

As part of the Farm Plan Implementation Project, GPA recently received an Islands Trust Referral requesting our consideration of Proposed Bylaws No. 228 and 229, which will amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the Denman Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

In addition, *It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the Advisory Planning Commission and the Denman Growers and Producers Association be asked to provide their analysis about the advisability of removing horticulture and agriculture as permitted uses in the R1 and/or R2 zone(s). Carried. (LTC Resolutions DE-2018-043)*

Though we are not sure of the intent of the above motion, we suspect this has to do with allowing or disallowing Intensive Agriculture on R1 and R2. We do not agree with the proposed definition of Intensive Agriculture as written in Proposed bylaws 228 and 229:

Intensive agriculture means the use of land, buildings, and other structures for the confinement of poultry, livestock, fur bearing animals, the growing of mushrooms (except forest fungi), or cannabis production, except to the extent the use is carried out solely for domestic purposes and does not involve the production of any items for sale, trade or commerce.

Also, proposed changes to the definition of 'agriculture' in Bylaws 228 and 229 will adopt the Provincial definition used in the Farm Practices Protection Act (FPPA). Note that GPA advised against this in a previous Referral response to Proposed Bylaw 223 (which was subsequently removed from LTC proceedings). Now, with 228 and 229 our previous concerns are again relevant: The proposed FPPA definition does not adequately encompass the unique local character of Denman agriculture/farming. Farming on Denman looks very different from farming in

the Fraser Valley, for example. We don't agree with replacing our existing definition terms with a vague, overarching definition. We wonder what others think about this.

Three board members attended the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting on June 13 and garnered more information from a presentation about the Proposed Bylaws. Discussion of these items by the APC was postponed until Tuesday, June 26th. .

GPA Board members discussed the Referral and changes Proposed by these Bylaws at our meeting on June 21st. In response to the above Resolution DE-2018-043 the GPA Board passed the following motion: *That the DIGPA strongly opposes the removal of agriculture and horticulture as permitted uses in R1 and R2 zones. Carried unanimously.*

GPA plans to send an initial response by the requested deadline of July 12, reflecting our concern

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that not enough time has been devoted to discussing these issues at the community level; it is challenging for us to provide a thoughtful response in such a short time. We invite community input about these Proposed Bylaws and before providing the requested analysis about R1 and R2 permitted uses. Though we try to engage as many island growers as possible, GPA does not claim to speak for all farmers on the island. At the time Farm Plan survey work was done (2010), 99 people reported that they participate in agricul-

tural activities here. Islands Trust needs to hear from those and other/new island growers as part of the IT Farm Plan Implementation Project, and this needs to happen on terms and timelines that work for farmers.

If you are a farmer, grower, orchardist or interested community member please go to the Islands Trust website and look up the Farm Plan Implementation Project: (www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/denman/projects-initiatives/denman-island-farm-plan-implementation) where you can find the Farm Plan,

the Proposed Bylaws 228 and 229, and the 'Planner Presentation Slides' presented at the recent LTC/APC meeting. Please email your thoughts to vtimmons@telus.net by July 7, to allow time for GPA to process and include community comments into our Referral response.

GPA meets once a month on the 3rd Thursday at 4:30pm in the School Library. Islanders are welcome to attend meetings, and are encouraged to get involved with our work.



CONCERTS DENMAN 2018-19 SEASON

By Robert Newton

In this season Eli Hason and I have programmed eleven events, more than anyone can remember were ever presented in a season. Check out the insert in this issue of the Grapevine to see all the offerings. More concerts, more risk, as we learned last season when one expensive show was poorly attended due to ice on the roads. After we crunched the numbers for all nine concerts we came up short by \$2,711. So this

year we really need to beg your support. As ever, you will receive tax receipts for donations over \$20. Please write your cheques to Concerts Denman or to Arts Denman with a note to Concerts, and mail them to P.O. Box 23 Denman Island, or put them in the Arts Denman binder in the Freepost.

This is the second season that Eli Hason has contributed to Concerts

our Community Hall to capacity. The five bands Eli selected have a little of everything in the dance genre: roots, rock, reggae, ska, Québécois, Klezmer and Bhangrah / Bollywood.

I take responsibility for presenting classical music. A few years back we financed a reconditioning of our 7'4" Yamaha grand piano. Whenever we roll it out I have a sense of the pride many in the community still feel for

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Oktopus - Balkan klezmer band

Denman by programming dance bands. His experience, contacts and technical knowledge adds expertise that I never had. Dances are wildly popular with all ages in the Denman community. These events are well attended, sometimes filling



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having purchased it. Sometimes donations arrive specifically assigned to piano maintenance. Every two weeks I fill the humidifier thinking what a shame it is that the piano is so rarely played. So this year all four of my classical selections include use of the piano. There will be two solo recitals, one chamber ensemble and one recital for four hands.

After seeing a well-attended play and after presenting a baroque opera on our stage it became clear to me that there is a strong desire in the community for more theatrical performances. The last time Lucas Myers performed here was a great success, so he's bringing us another

comedy, this time about a father and his newborn baby. (Looking forward to that. When my first child arrived I broke out in hives all over my body.) Rosalee Peppard will perform a play with songs about Hilda Lacon who was a Titanic survivor and later a resident on Denman Island. Lacon Road is named after her family. Our community archive plans to promote this performance with a lecture and exhibition in the museum about Denman residents of lore. Rosalee will also perform in the Earth Club Guest House with songs about remarkable women.

Our performers for the Bhangrah and Bollywood event are going to put on a dance class at the school, and another one open to the full

community for all ages to learn about the history and moves of these traditional dances. We will also have a Bollywood film presentation and Q&A that weekend to show how the music and dance is integral to the entertainment industry in India.

I'd like to use this space to thank Sara and Bob French for organising ticket sales, keeping statistics for grant applications and for tending the gate. Also, we are able to serve liquor at our dances following all due regulations because of the intrepid Roxanne Cowles-MacPhail and her crew. Thanks to volunteers and donations we carry on. May it ever be so.



BCTS REFUSES TO RELEASE TERRAIN STABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR THE SCHMIDT WATERSHED

By Eartha Muirhead

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) has developed logging & roadbuilding plans for a northern Vancouver Island watershed that raises concerns for the loss of significant old-growth, wildlife habitat, impacts to waterflows and to downstream Orca rubbing beaches.

The watershed is the 'Schmidt - Nanwakolas' located next valley (south) from the Tsitka Valley - about a 1.5 hr drive from Campbell River. BCTS plan shows a string of 5 blocks to be advertised for sale 2018 Q3 amounting to 221Ha of old-growth logged.

The majority of the roadbuilding &

logging is planned on slopes 33%+. This is considered logging on 'steep slopes' and thus requires BCTS to conduct a terrain stability assessment of the likelihood of the activity 'causing a landslide'. When logging and roadbuilding occur on steep slopes such as these the burden-of-proof rests on the licensees (BCTS) to ensure no landslides occur during or after their industrial development. A request was made of BCTS (by Ross Muirhead) in early Nov. to have the Terrain Stability Assessment (TSA) made public, however the BCTS Campbell River office refused thus making him go through a formal FOI request. This approach begs the question: what are they hiding?

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An FOI will be made to have the TSA made public for the Schmidt, however that takes time, and in the meantime, it's known that BCTS is paying for road to be constructed leading up to the cutblocks. Since its BCTS who hired the geo-technical company it's expected that the TSA it will be a risk mitigation report, with the objective to 'reduce the likelihood' of landslides.

However, on the roadbuilding maps that Muirhead has examined there are warnings notices that raise immediate concern: such as 'Worker Safety Concerns – STEEP ROAD GRADES' to draw contractor's attention that road bank undercutting could actually be fatal. Another notice reads "Reduced Rainfall Shutdown Area. This area has a moderate landslide initiation potential and is especially vulnerable during precipitation events." "A moderate rockfall and rock dislodgment hazard exists in these areas. Workers should be made aware of this potential rockfall and rock dislodgement hazard prior to commencing work in these areas. Workers are to use caution and remain alert while working in these locations."

There is not one fully protected watershed on the Vancouver Island's east coast. The Schmidt is adjacent to the Tsitka Valley Provincial Park, and on its lower reaches to the Michael Biggs Ecological Reserve, and would be an excellent candidate area to be added to increase the amount of old-growth on Vancouver Island. The estuary of the Schmidt contains 2 identified orca rubbing beaches, however were not included when

the nearby Ecological Reserve was established. It appears that 20-30% of this watershed was previously logged, however with good portions of mid-upper elevation slopes left intact.

It's our opinion, that the effects of logging on these steep slopes has not been fully examined as to potential downstream impacts to the sensitive Orca rubbing beaches.

"Given the nearly unique use of the beach by killer whales, management of the area should be cautious" from: "Schmidt Creek and the Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Rubbing Beaches" March 2003 Tech Report, Research Division, Vancouver Forest Region.

The Schmidt was subject to a logging moratorium from 1992-97 due to concerns of overlogging by Western Forest Products. Increased sediment delivery from logging was the concern and that these deposits to

the 3 adjacent rubbing beaches were most likely affecting the condition of the gravels that the Orcas are drawn to. BCTS now claims that the watershed is 'hydrologically-recovered' and thus its safe to log without causing further downstream impacts.

The 2003 report can be found at: www.for.gov.bc.ca/rco/research/georeports/tr025.pdf

A Sept. 2017 Forest Practices Board report 'Resource Road Construction in Steep Terrain' (special investigation) was undertaken due to public concerns regarding past operational issues on steep slopes that lead to immediate and on-going erosion issues. The last Conclusions #4 stated: "Only 20 of the 26 road segments examined were constructed in a manner that ensured safety."

This highlights that contractors are

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Dear Islanders,

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We thank web designer Owen Perry for his beautiful, thoughtful work, as well as Lorraine Martinuik, for the excellent job she did writing and editing for this project. We would like to give a special thanks to Ram Sudama for his years of volunteer time and energy designing and maintaining the original ADIMS website. We would also like to thank our ADIMS funders: Lush Cosmetics and Denman Works!

Happy Summer everyone!

ADIMS Board

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either taking shortcuts on road engineering plans, or the fact that cutting into steep slopes on Vancouver Island watersheds is inherently dangerous, causing instability of the roadbed leading to both immediate erosion issues, and to a long-term landslide potential.

The FSP report referenced a FPPR requirement that seems next to impossible to achieve on steep slope roads: "Section 33. When constructing a road the person must maintain natural surface drainage patterns on the area both during and after construction." These challenges and problems in Van Island watersheds should cause the current government to place a moratorium on all cutblocks planned on steep slopes.

The FPB report can be found at: www.bcfpb.ca/reportspublications/reports/resource-road-construction-steep-terrain/

DENMAN & HORNB Y GRADS!

By Michael Van Santvoord • photo by Dreadful Imagery



L to R: Des Bowman, Daruna Jean, Grace Rempel, Amelia Candy, Elishka Hajek
MIA: Aja Cowles, Bella Stanton, Cassidy Theriault, Olin Murray, Renaud Emmanuel

Sunday evening saw the Denman Guesthouse play dinner host to our island's 2018 High School Grads and their kin. That The Grapevine was present to witness the occasion affords the chance to share with you all, our region's next wave! Just look at them!! I'll shut up now... a picture *is* worth a thousand words. Congratulations all!

GARDENING TIDBITS

By Teresa Beers



I receive Linda Gilkeson's email newsletter, and I highly recommend it. This last one had some great tips for dealing with the potential heat damage that our young plants may experience - mulching, shade cloth, and gradual exposure to the mid-day sun. There was also mention of planting for a fall and winter garden, beginning this week. As with starting your spring and summer garden early in the year, your fall and winter garden requires enough planning to give the plants the right conditions necessary for healthy and productive plants. While it's a little shocking to

read about winter when we are just heading into summer, I really appreciated the reminder to get myself organized.

Linda recommends checking variety descriptions before seeding to make sure you are getting the correct varieties for fall and winter gardening. Likewise for any starts you may purchase, as some seedlings may still be summer varieties. While most

crops do not need to be sowed just yet, many of the brassicas do. They need a longer time to mature than crops like arugula, cool weather salad greens and herbs, radishes, peas, chard and root veggies. It's recommended that winter brassicas like brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, broccoli, and cauliflower need to be full size before the frost starts.

To further complicate your planning, there are some crops which, if planted in the summer, will give you

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THE FABRIC OF LIFE

By Dante Ambriel

a spring harvest. These veggies are called overwintering crops. They require early spring growth to fully develop, and don't usually need winter protection. Broad beans and garlic fall into this category, as do some varieties of onions, cauliflower, cabbages, spinach and broccoli.

This is my first year attempting a winter garden. I expect to have some challenges and failures, but harvesting fresh food in the fall and winter will be most satisfying!

Happy Gardening!



TAI CHI WORKSHOP

By Jane Fawkes

Three schools of Tai Chi are practiced on Denman. The Yang style is taught by Brian Miles, a student of Henry Wang. Since Doreen Hynd left the island, Jocelyne LeCroix keeps Wu Tai Chi alive. And Taoist Tai Chi classes are held at the Community School led by teachers Kathie Tolson and Emily Guinane.

The upcoming Tai Chi Intensive July 26 -29, led by Dave Maxey from Victoria, is of interest to all students who have previously completed the Taoist Beginners classes.

Dave studied for many years with Master Moy, who originally brought this form of Tai Chi to Canada, and is both a stimulating and kind instructor. This is Dave's fifth visit to Denman and we feel very fortunate that he continues to come here. This time he will bring some of his students from Victoria.

Please phone Jane Fawkes at 335 1605 for details.



Everywhere I looked this weekend I was reminded of a medieval manuscript, "The Very Rich Hours of the Duke of Berry".



This famous and beautiful book illustrates the celebration of renewed life through each season. Commissioned in 1412, it consists of 206 parchment leaves painted with rare pigments and gold. The book is now in the Musée Condé, Chantilly, France.

Best known for 12 leaves that depict each month of the year with the zodiac and star configurations arched above the illustrations, it is called the Calendar Gallery. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Très_Riches_Heures_du_Duc_de_Berry#Calendar_gallery Looking at these images, it is clear that some things haven't changed that much since medieval times.

We are still haying. Young lovers still take each other's hands while walking. Weddings are still celebrated and new born babies still squint into the warm sunlight nestled in the arms of adoring grandparents who try to shade their eyes.

Here, on the island in June, renewed life rolls out the same way across the landscape to create a vast tapestry of renewal as families travel to celebrate old connection and forge new ones.

Like weavers' shuttles, they move in and out of the warp of the island, integrating the weft of their personal lives into the rich pattern of ours to finally, at the end, be tied off with a farewell parting across water.

This weekend, great friends helped weave our fields into hundreds of bales of hay.

My oldest friend traveled to visit me, a journey she has made for over 45 years and together we renewed the stories of our lives together as wedding music was carried across the island on the evening breeze.

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SPORTS & LIFE

By Buck 'The Man' Manly • Photos by Dreadful Imagery

Alright sports fans, I'm just going to out with it. Sometimes sports just isn't all that important. I know, I know. You're likely saying that this take is surely steeped in the knowledge that the Hashers season came to an abrupt end this past Sunday at the Union Bay Ballpark. While it is true that our slo-pitch heroes' aspirations were unceremoniously snuffed out, I'm afraid I'm just seeing that there is more to life these days. Like life is the backdrop for sports, not the other way around. Radical notion, I know. Maybe the aggressive rehabilitation I've been undergoing for the rampant, unchecked steroid use I employed throughout my playing days is starting to affect my thinking.

Rolling down for the 9:40am sailing and an anticipated 10:30am date with the mighty 'Grinders,' this reporter was witness to the early departees from the latest Berg Wedding. "The Titanic was taken out by an iceberg," I thought. "Would the Hasher's season find a similar fate at the hand of Berg wedding rice? Say, just *where* is the team, anyways?



What every kid dreams of playing for.



Knocking' the spit right off of that Wilson delivery

On arriving at the diamond, 'The Man' was informed of the significance of the weekend from the Union Bay perspective. The previous day, the ballpark played host to a celebration of life. Graeme McFayden, local high school teacher, had recently passed away from cancer. The pick-up style slo-pitch game that followed the ceremony a tip-o-the-hat to Graeme's love of the game. To hear how reverentially he was spoken of by those in the 'slo-pitch family,' how loved he was by the kids he taught, it was evident, once more, that cancer sucks.

So against a backdrop of weddings and passings the Hashers took the field in search of glory against the vaunted Grinders. A place in the B final at stake. Well, just as paper doesn't beat scissors, Hashers don't beat Grinders. It's like a rule, or something. Actually, that's not entirely true. There was this one time... just not this time! It left our side playing The Millennials for third place in the B division. A game you just knew was going to be ours. When you factor in the ferry cost, every islander worth their salt knows that

you simply **must** make the trip worth while. Better luck next time Millennials!

Sadly, I can't provide you loyal sports fans any photos from the 3rd place victory because I lost my hippy photographer. He said he had to make it back on island to get a photo of the High school Grads. There it is again! Weddings, passings, graduations, LIFE. I know what you are all saying, "Gee, you're going soft 'Man.' Man 'the Buck' Up, Buck!

Sports matters too!" Oh sure, I'm not totally losing my mind here. Just really not sure where to turn to in lieu of the end of the slo-pitch season, I guess. Denman's Soccer Showdown can't happen soon enough.



'Fishy Fishy' Mitch leading the team cheer!

Congratulations Hashers. We look forward to the upcoming 'Jason MacDonald Slo-pitch Tournament' at summer's end on beautiful Denman Island! Drop in to the fish monger next to Weinberg's in Buckley Bay and remind 'Fishy Fishy Mitch' to bring the oysters. See you all there!



THERE'S BIRDSHIT ON THIS WINDSHIELD

By Ron Sakolsky & Jason Abdelhadi

Of course we still put our hopes in birds. Absolute freedom is birdlike absolutely. But if, according to the Audubon Society, 2018 is in fact the Year of the Bird, we still see through our binoculars precious little evidence of civilization becoming more fundamentally birdlike. How could it, given its present obsession with such terrestrial fixations as border fences, walls, and pipelines? So in place of any real bird watching we are treated to a bizarre counter-spectacle: a fervent avianationalism being promulgated by certain unhinged Canadian ornithologists.

The misappropriation of the wilderness by nationalist concerns is nothing new, is an ancient tradition even, but this case is so specifically egregious that we felt compelled to draw attention to some of its more ridiculous aspects. Along with the noise around Canada's 150th unbirthday in 2017 came a flurry of symbolic diorama-thinking, hoping to cover up the 400 years of indigenous genocide, exploitation and ecological destruction with, as is de rigeur in such cases, a vague and whitewashed image of wildlife deprived of all essential wilderness: more or less the kind that makes for a wholesome desktop background image.

As for the birds, they're in for it too. Long the undeserved favourite of powers of conquest and imperialism since antiquity. But the Bald eagle doesn't even sound like the propagandists' want you to think it does (in fact, that sound is the Red-tailed hawk). Likewise in Canada, a parallel campaign has been ongoing promoting and clamoring for Canada to declare its "official bird", an honorary post as yet not filled, despite our penchant for monetizing wildlife in every possible way—culminating in the supreme irony of our fauna-themed currency.

The unlucky avian chosen for this dubious honour is the Whiskey jack or Gray jay. It's a bird long at play in indigenous tradition and north-eastern woodsmen folklore alike. The name Whiskey jack is actually derived from the Cree trickster figure Wisakedjak. According to the Tlingit, the bird is also known as the "camp robber" for its bold behaviour and has earned a variety of other

very beautiful heteronyms over its history: "lumberjack", "meat-bird", "venison-hawk", "moose-bird" "gorby", and in French, the "mésangeai".

All of this makes the recent official reversion of its name back to the bland and jingoistic "Canada jay" all the more undignified. We cite it as just another example of the now classic Canadian erasure of indigenous identity, and the smothering of myriad folk traditions under the homogenizing banner of a national pseudomyth. Unlike an open and poetic engagement with a wild thing, they once again reduce something strange and convulsive to a postage stamp mascot. We here see the worst possible permutation of humanizing anthropomorphics: the animal as, not just human, but the concrete symbol for the sad state of existence that humanity currently has on offer.

But besides this obvious lack of respect for both indigenous traditions and wildness itself, we have to wonder if the promotion for NATIONAL bird of a creature which is known as a "trickster" could nevertheless be read in spite of its stated intentions. Perhaps it is a sly political commentary on the hypocrisy of Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party, or more pointedly, on their featherbrained prank to ram a pipeline down the throats of BC birdlovers in spite of widespread indigenous and environmental activist opposition.

Furthermore, the campaign management itself is noteworthy in many ways, not the least of which is that the BC ornithologist spearheading the initiative is actually named Professor David BIRD. As for us, we're all aflutter... We had no idea that 2018 was the Year of the Bird, but now we have to ask, which bird are we celebrating, the aforementioned Gray Jay of the woods, or the Professor who seems to have a sizeable woody for it?

We defer to Loplop, Bird-Superior, about this Dr. David, Bird-Inferior. Just who is this Avian Apostle? A bit of research reveals that Dr. Bird was originally a pulp fiction identity from the 1930s, appearing in *Amazing Stories* by the equally bizarrely named author Sterner St.

Paul Meeks (both stern and meek, it seems...):

Meet Dr. Bird, a cross between Sherlock Holmes and Nikola Tesla. Dr. Bird, of the Bureau of Standards, along with his faithful sidekick Operative Carnes, travels the world solving mysteries and crimes using scientific methods and pure, cold logic.

Not unsurprising that such a bland take on pulp fiction crimefighting with such a positivist focus on "pure, cold logic" would result in a supervillain as obsessed with taxonomic pillaging as his current incarnation seems to indicate.

A man of simple deductions. We discover that one of the key reasons that Professor Bird in particular has championed this bird is because "the jay doesn't migrate in the winter". To us, this might as well be a subconscious critique of those Canadians who go south for weather, known as "snowbirds", as being insufficiently nationalistic to stay put for the winter. Perhaps even more likely it is a coded xenophobic attack on the growing "immigrant crisis"; it's no coincidence that the biggest abuse of wildlife imagery comes from the anti-immigrant neo-nazi gangs springing up here and there with their usual banners of wolves and eagles.

Interestingly, it seems that in north-eastern superstition, whatever you do to a Gray Jay is done right back to you in an act of cosmic reprisal. One cruel woodsman who plucked off a gorby's feathers woke up the next day without any hair. One only shivers at the kind of revenge that will be exacted on Dr. Bird for his smear campaign. Maybe he'll wake up one day covered in birdshit?

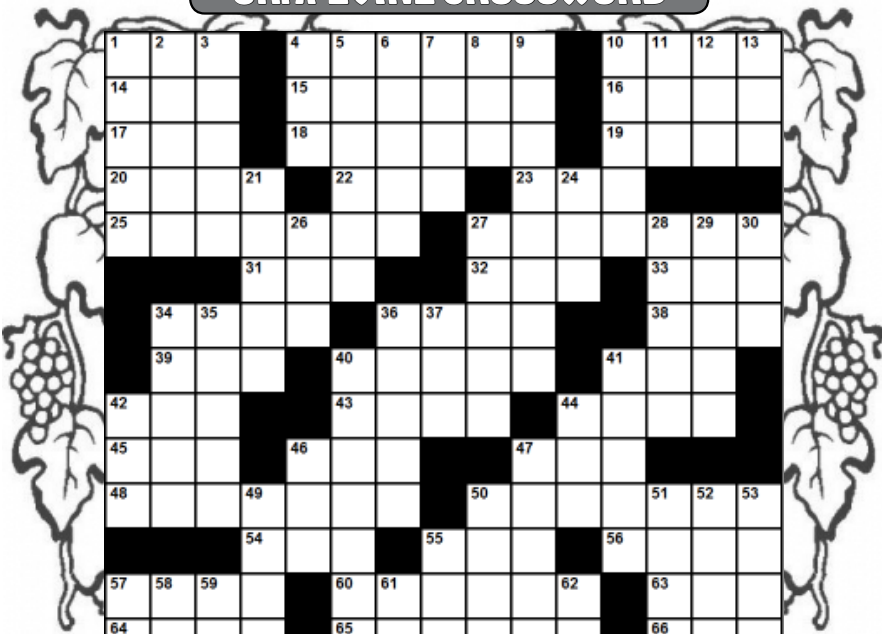
"If the Canada jay doesn't become the national bird by the end of 2018, Dr. Bird says he will walk across the country to raise support for the cause."

It seems Dr. Bird wants to "walk" across Canada...

Shouldn't he be flying?



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• ACROSS •

1. A memorable Arden
4. In the same place, Lat.
10. Commoner
14. Big bird of legend
15. Gaming place
16. Anatomical network
17. Love, in a sense
18. Country
19. Egg outline
20. Picket line crosser
22. Fraternity characters
23. Also
25. Foursomes
27. Robs
31. Actor Carney
32. 5 1/2 yards
33. Bearing pivot
34. Basketball tactic
36. Face part
38. Colorization
39. Additionally
40. Golf bag collection
41. Coat rack piece
42. Pipe material
43. Salamander
44. Fiery heap
45. Afflict
46. Cultural collection

47. Basis of light
48. Breast bone
50. Destruction
54. Appreciation
for beauty
55. Capt's heading
56. Carol
57. City near
Chernobyl
60. Make tidy
63. Ankh's cross
64. Beige
65. Urge
66. Breakfasted
67. Lesser tide
68. Threat ender
69. Just short

• DOWN •

1. German surrealist Max
2. Bass or alto
3. Acclaim
4. Actor McKellen
5. German statesman Willy
6. Verse accent
7. Emcee's site
8. Ancient Tokyo
9. Brings up
10. Math discovery
11. Bk. after Exod.
12. Airport info
13. Logarithmic unit
21. Type of product
24. Archaic
26. Aquatic zoo

27. Art copy
28. Chloroform
 kin
29. Blush's kin
30. Behold
34. Lifeboat
 device
35. Remus or
 Sam
36. Best part
37. In what
 manner
40. Indirect
 implication
41. Traffic cone
42. Ballet step
44. Cluster of
 seals
46. Even the
 slightest
47. Cynical looks
49. Gun the
 engine
50. Up to a time
 that
51. Greek letters
52. Under, in
 posey
53. Sticky
55. Alleviate
57. Actor Olin
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59. Historic time
61. Always, in
 verse
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JUST A THOUGHT

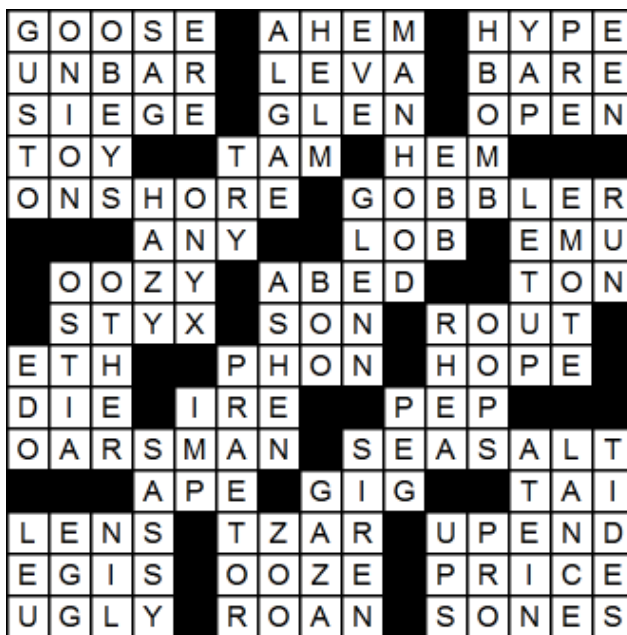
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BRUISE LIKE HUMANS.
I'M GLAD THEY DON'T
SCREAM WHEN YOU BITE
INTO THEM."

• PHIL LESTER •

Mr. Stofer



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IMA'S KITCHEN HOURS Icecream-everyday 9:00am-dark (All icecream is vegan and gluten free) Fresh bread-Tuesdays and Fridays 4-7pm. (DI)(07/12)

WE'RE ALL TREATY PEOPLE. How do we as settlers respond when elected leaders don't honour treaties? Last May, the BC govt decided to go ahead with the Site C Dam and violate Treaty 8. How can we support the Moberly Lake and Prophet River First Nations in their legal actions to honour Treaty 8 and protect the Peace River Valley? Please join the conversation with members of the Reconciliation Group at Gladstone Beach on the evening of Sunday July 1 (7:00) BYO.(DI)(06/28)

DROP IN TOUCH RUGBY Calling all former and current rugby players! Or just those that want to learn or just run around for an hour! Starting up in mid-June, at the soccer field, will be a drop-in hour designated to play or learn touch rugby. Touch rugby is a dynamic and fairly uncomplicated game and a great way to get fun cardio and also good

for improving pass-catch skills. The designated time is to be Monday evenings around 6. If you have any interest or questions, please contact louise626573@gmail.com.

LOST & FOUND

WE FOUND A PAIR of Silver metal frame (prescription?) eye glasses by our gate, possibly dropped by someone picking up "free" stuff near 5555 East Road - Shannon Ford's Studio 250-335-5533

LOST: OPINEL POCKET KNIFE behind the General store a few weeks ago while doing the recycling. Hope you found it. Philippa 250-650-9171.(DI)(02/22)

LOST: HOMEMADE PATCHWORK BAG Doreen Hynd misplaced her bag when she last visited Denman. It is a very colourful, homemade patchwork bag - 18" long 12" wide with a handle. The bag has some important documents in it - if seen, please contact Jocelyne at 335-3065. (DI)(02/22)

EMPLOYMENT

Summer help wanted for house cleaning. Every Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM. \$24 per hour. Will pay for ferry if from Denman. Contact Joan (250) 335-3019. Hornby Winery. No car? Can use hornbybus.com for free. (06/07)

WANTED

Wanted: Donations of gently used books for DCA book sale at the Blackberry Faire. Call DD Fuchs (335-1413), Susan-Marie Yoshihara (335-0253) or Doug Bell (335-2576) for pickup of donated books.

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• DENMAN ISLAND (DI) • HORNBY ISLAND (HI) •

THURSDAY 28

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
DENMAN JAZZ
5 pm • Earth Club Factory(DI)
"DEMENTED DOG & PONY SHOW"
Denman Summery Art Gallery
Opening
7 pm - Denman Arts Center(DI)

MONDAY 02

FRIDAY 29

NIA CLASSES
10:30-11:30 am • DAC(DI)

TUESDAY 03

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)

SATURDAY 30

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
FARMER'S MARKET
The Old School (5771 Denman Road)
9:30 am - 12:30 pm (DI)
SPINNERS & WEAVERS SHOW & TELL
The Old School (5771 Denman Road)
9:30 am - 12:30 pm (DI)
ROADSIDE RATTLE Concert
7 pm • Earth Club Factory(DI)
"LOOKING BACK"
Video presentation
2:30 pm • DAC (DI)
MOVIE NIGHT
"RED SPARROW" - 18A
Jennifer Lawrence - Spy/Action
8 pm • The Hall(HI)
FARMER'S MARKET
11-2 pm - The Cops(HI)
ANNUAL YARD SALE
8-1 pm - Community Hall(DI)

WEDNESDAY 04

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)
FARMER'S MARKET
11-2 pm - The Cops(HI)
MOVIE NIGHT
"A Fantastic Woman" - PG
8 pm - The Hall(HI)

SUNDAY 01

DENMAN UNITED CHURCH
10:30 am(DI)
CROSS POLLINATION Concert
2 pm • Community Hall (DI)
DENMAN FIRE/RESCUE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9-Noon • Firehall (DI)
CANADA DAY AT CORLAN VINEYARD
1-5 pm • 8441 McFarlane Rd. (DI)
"IMAGINE ALL THE PEOPLE"
Opening
12-3 pm • Denman Museum (DI)

THURSDAY 05

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
CAFE OLE Concert
7 pm • Earth Club Factory (DI)



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