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PETER MARSHALL'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

COMM INFO

By Anthony Gregson • Photos by Dreadful Imagery

“Peter Marshall is the only man I would ever trust to harness me up and toss me over a cliff,” declared Dr. Doreen Tetz to the crowd of over 100 people who turned up in the Activity Centre on Saturday afternoon. We were there to honour Peter Marshall’s retirement from the Denman Fire Department after an astonishing 30 years of volunteer service – and, it turned out, mischief. Normally, this sort of remark would be expected of a firefighter tribute - except that “Dr. D.” was referring to “deviant behaviours” in the romantic life of two people in constant demand on Denman, frustrated by three pagers and two cellphones between them. “We liked that people were looking. We did it again.”

And so it went. As Grumpy (Daryl Mcloughlin) put it, “Too often we have these types of events and celebrations of life, so here, instead of a funeral, the person can take it all in, and sit - and squirm.” Well-deserved praise and moving attestations of camaraderie there were aplenty, but the roast was on.

Hosted by Fire Chief Don Lockett, proceedings began with a secret recording by Del Phillips of a Christ-

mas Eve callout that ended with one emergency vehicle in somebody’s front room, three others smouldering at the bottom of Quarry Hill, and jets scrambled from Comox Airbase in response to a thermonuclear attack. “We’re turning the lights out so we can see where the fire is”.

This hilarity was followed by a version of “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” adapted by Wendy Boothroyd on the ukulele. “Everyone would be quietly working away at whatever exercise they were taking, and suddenly there would be this screech of victory because Peter had scored a point.” The guests gleefully joined in the chorus:

*Sunday morning, table tennis,
it’s quiet in the gym.
Peter’s playing ‘gainst David Scruton.
Oh look! He just beat him.
I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I won I won!
I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I won I won!*

Both MP Comox-Alberni Gord Johns and Premier John Horgan wrote in to personally praise Peter’s many achievements as an exemplary model of community volunteerism: the building of the



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NOTES FROM A TRUSTEE

APRIL 20149 *By David Critchley*

**COMM
INFO**

Unfortunately, our scheduled Local Trust Committee meeting of April 4 had to be cancelled because of staffing shortages, but the good news is that we are now set for April 24 at 12:30.

It will be a busy Thursday because the evening will feature a community consultation event on the most recent version of the farm plan project. This will be held from 7 to 8:30 at the Community Hall and will be done in “world cafe style” to facilitate discussion and exchange. If you don’t know what world cafe style is then you should definitely attend to experience this exciting new method that is stimulating intellectual development globally. OK, that is a bit hyperbolic, but you really should come and check it out.

At our last meeting we referred the matter of new Islands Trust signage at Buckley Bay to our communications specialist; BC Ferries having given permission to relocate the signage back to its earlier prominence on the west side of the waiting room building.

We also received a report from our bylaw enforcement manager recommending the adoption of a system for bylaw enforcement notices, aka BEN, aka tickets. The system is in use successfully, and uncontroversially, on several other islands. However, an earlier proposal for this on Denman was not fully embraced. Nevertheless, there are benefits in having such provisions available: flexibility in resolving alleged infractions, a simpler method of contesting and adjudicating matters and, of course, much lower cost than Supreme Court proceedings. The Local Trust Committee has the ability to restrict the use of such a system so that, for example, it is not an oppressive tool against people who are living peacefully in accommodations that are, by the letter of a bylaw, illegal. That is to say, we seek a gentle BEN.

Bylaw Enforcement Manager, Miles Drew, will be arranging a “coffee and questions” type of public information meeting on the topic before we advance this further.

As you probably know, there are two affordable housing projects presently underway in our community. Each of them were well represented by their respective volunteer champions, Harlene Holm and Simon Palmer at the March meeting. Much discussion was directed at the topic of water in both cases.

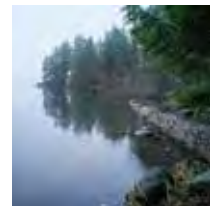
With regard to the seniors affordable housing project in the village area, we have asked staff to prepare draft bylaw language while we await word on certain policies and practices of the subdivision approving officer and the water licensing branch. Parenthetically, I learned

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •

2019-04-11 (Thursday)			2019-04-16 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)	PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:04	3.4	11.2	04:20	4.7	15.4
09:35	4	13.1	10:38	2.4	7.9
17:09	1.2	3.9	16:04	4	13.1
2019-04-12 (Friday) ☉			2019-04-17 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)	PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:53	4.4	14.4	04:56	4.8	15.7
06:30	3.5	11.5	11:23	1.9	6.2
10:34	3.8	12.5	17:08	4.2	13.8
18:11	1.3	4.3	23:16	1.7	5.6
2019-04-13 (Saturday)			2019-04-18 (Thursday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)	PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:58	4.5	14.8	05:31	4.8	15.7
07:53	3.3	10.8	12:05	1.5	4.9
11:58	3.7	12.1	18:09	4.4	14.4
19:19	1.3	4.3	2019-04-19 (Friday) ☉		
2019-04-14 (Sunday)			Time	Height	
Time	Height		PDT	(m)	(ft)
PDT	(m)	(ft)	00:05	1.9	6.2
02:53	4.6	15.1	06:05	4.8	15.7
08:59	3.1	10.2	12:47	1.2	3.9
13:31	3.7	12.1	19:07	4.5	14.8
20:25	1.3	4.3	2019-04-15 (Monday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)	PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:39	4.6	15.1	09:52	2.8	9.2
09:52	2.8	9.2	14:53	3.8	12.5
14:53	3.8	12.5	21:26	1.4	4.6



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sports field, unstinting fundraiser, renowned mentor, his long service filling many roles in the Fire Department and First Responder teams, famed bow-tied pancake chef and so forth. Well and good, but you wonder if they knew that this is also the fellow, as Don Lockett later pointed out, who invented the game of Hoseball. "Take a big cage, like a tennis court, get three or four people on a team, and get them in full bunker gear, and then put hoses in their hands, crank up the pressure to 150psi, and then tell them to charge a ball and get it to the end. Who would invent a game like that? Somebody evil!" On display was the infamous Hoseball trophy, amongst others, that Peter concocted himself.

References to Peter's disconcerting competitiveness were numerous. Stewart Goodings praised Peter's ability to put on a "signature" table tennis tournament for ten years with unmatched camaraderie and good spirit. But he, too, also warned us about a "slightly evil side". "You see the benign smile, the cheeriness - he's happy - but then he crouches down ready to serve. He throws the ball in the air a couple of times - a little strategy to knock the opponent off his game - and his paddle twists in the air, and then he hits the ball and the ball has so much spin, it is almost impossible to return. He loves that! He can do a malicious serve that nobody - occasionally

Dave Scruton or Ken Madsen - can get back. "

Then there were his "interminable" stories. "Some of you here today," said former Fire Chief John Kirk," never had the honour of attending the Fire Department's Christmas dinners. It is at these

Christmas dinners, annual awards are given out - Deputy Chief and Don Lockett giving out Firefighter of the Year Award, Fire Chief Award. And after all that, Peter quietly comes to the podium and without fail, gives out a few awards . . . embarrassment awards. Many of these awards were handcrafted by Peter . . . but before - and it is a big but - before he presents the award, there was this very long-winded, highly, highly embellished story. There are times when Peter can't find the evidence, he was looking for, so he actually fabricated." John then presented proof of the lengths Peter would go to fabricate evidence where none was to be found.

About thirty years ago, John was hired to blast out the site of Peter and Doreen's house. When they were drilling, Peter told him he needed a two-foot deep trench, also blasted, running out from the house site up to his workshop. "I explained to Peter that due to the angle of the trench coming off the house-site it would be really difficult to control the small trench's fly rock. There would most likely be some rocks hitting his workshop. Peter said this is okay, as long as it still left standing. . . His workshop survived unscathed except for a few rocks landing on the roof. It was the end of the day when I finished inspecting the site after blast and I told Peter I would be around first thing in the morning to start to clear out the rock. The next day when I arrived, he was up on the workshop roof, patching up where some of the rocks had scarred the torch-on roofing. I went up the ladder to see how things looked. Nearby the ladder I was standing on,

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Peter Marshall ponders a Search and Rescue jumpsuit as a reminder of Dr. Doreen Tetz's attendance on a badly injured driver who had driven over a cliff along Lacon Rd. Terrified of heights, Doreen was hoisted up in the arms of a buff SARTEC into a helicopter, only to make an anti-climactic return, landing by the school which was eagerly anticipating Santa Claus

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was a square of 3/4 inch plywood from the roof with a rock nicely embedded into it. I asked if I could take this piece of plywood home as a souvenir of the job. He answered, "No problem". John then held up Exhibit A, a piece of 3/4 inch plywood with the embedded rock "Please note the shred on the back side where that rock came through." Fast-forward to John's own retirement party in 2008, "Peter took to the podium and after his long, embellished story about the blast that nearly destroyed his workshop", produced a piece of plywood with a rock thrust through a neatly cut out hole - Exhibit B. "Undeniable, hard rock evidence of fabrication."

Then there was the poor fellow, an unwitting rookie who didn't know any better, persuaded by Peter to stand in one corner of the Christmas Dinner with a Swiss fire fighters uniform taped to him, so that people could toss buns at him all evening. "Rather gross," noted Deputy Fire Chief John Ralston.

Apparently, Peter may have joined the Fire Department under some duress. John Kirk was helping Peter line a well, passing pieces of casing down to him. "I probably turned off the motor on the backhoe and called down to him that the Fire department was looking for new recruits. I could see the thought process taking place - "Sure I'll join - I might not get this well finished".

So much fun - but there were also many heartfelt tributes to Peter's capacity for mentorship and commit-

ment to helping others. A couple who live near Peter and Doreen found themselves with a big hemlock fallen over their roof and no power as a result of major storm. Peter fetched a generator to save their freezer-full of food. He then clambered up the tree in his climbing gear to cut off the top, where it projected far over the other side of the roof, so a backhoe could haul it off. Finally, he and Doreen found them temporary accommodation. "Every time we have a day like today when the wind blows high, I think of that event, and that's what it means to be community. And I knew, the moment those events were happening, despite having lived many places in the world, that I was home, and it's those experiences that make a home."

Kevin Behrens recalled white-water kayaking with Peter. "It is a completely ridiculous sport, it has no socially redeeming factors, it is completely impractical - and Peter is one of the most practical people I have met. If you need anything done, Peter is the person who will get it done. He is so good at everything." Roxanna Mandryk, chair of the Denman Seniors and Museum Society, which runs the Activity Centre, echoed that sentiment. She pointed out how indispensable to the hall maintenance Peter has been,

fixing everything from doors handles to furnaces and stoves.



DVIFD Hoseball Champions



Safe Driving Award/ The Wattenbarger



Automobile Extrication Champion

"Without Peter," she said, "the Board would really suffer."

Ironically, Peter himself never had to call 911 until recently, when Doreen took a serious fall. "If you ever feel the need," she said, with her inimitable wit, "to take a fall and knock yourself out and sustain a fracture, do it on Denman Island. I can say that our emergency responders are second to none."

Permitted more than thirty seconds to speak, despite frequent pleas, Peter ended the celebration with tributes to all his colleagues. "Volunteerism is the heartbeat of the community. When Doreen and I moved to Denman Island thirty years ago, it felt like winning a lottery; It feels the same today."



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that within the lingua arcana of planners there is a distinction to be made between the creation of a draft bylaw and the creation of draft by-law language. It is a valid distinction in terms of economy of resources but one that I had not previously encountered.

As to the 20 unit Denman Housing Association application, we received a presentation on the ability of the project to be serviced completely by rainwater collection. While this is novel in the Trust area for approval of a substantial project, it has been looked upon favourably by a number of community members and environmentalists. However, it is complicated from a regulatory point of view and we need to know if such a method would be acceptable to Island Health, the subdivision Approving Officer, and the Executive Committee of Trust Council. The quest for answers is underway. In the meantime we have referred the matter to our Advisory Planning Commission for comment.

I will conclude by mentioning that the Islands Trust Stewardship Awards program is inviting nominations this year and the deadline is April 22nd. At the foot of the landing page on the Trust website is a link to the program and how to make a nomination. Trustees are not eligible to make nominations so please consider doing this as an individual to honour one of the many worthy candidates we have locally.

As usual, I point out that these notes are unofficial, incomplete and subject to error.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

By Matta Schall

COMM NOTES

DICES and PAC are putting on Mother's Day fundraising plant sale on May 11th. If you are rearranging your garden or dividing plants keep us in mind! Plant an extra tray of seeds, or bring in your extras starts. We rely on our island's amazing gardeners for our annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. This year is on Saturday, May 11th at Recycling.

Fundraisers like these help Denman Island Community Education Society to offer community services such as After School Programs, Summer Camps, Parent and Tot Group, Youth Programs, Food Bank, Computer Lab and Community Education in arts and sports.

The Plant Sale Fundraiser makes up a valuable part of budget!

Plants can be dropped off at the school closer to the date of the plant sale. If you have any questions please email denman@uniserve.com or call 250 335 2058.

DIRA WASTE MANAGEMENT: LARGE ITEM PICK-UP

By Stacey Armstrong

COMM INFO

The DIRA Waste Management Committee is organizing a large item pick-up for the first week of May. This program is meant for those community members who have one or two large items that need to be taken to the dump or recycled, but do not have easy access to a truck.

Items will be picked up in the first week of May. Dave Lang and an assistant will be happy to load your items on to the truck.

A nominal fee of \$10 per item will be charged, and must be pre-scheduled. Any items that contain coolant, such as refrigerators, will be \$15. This program is subsidized by DIRA and donations to the Recycling Centre. If you are in full support of this program and would like to help those in the community who find the fee onerous see Stacey about making a donation.

To be added to the pick-up schedule please contact Stacey Armstrong at stacey.armstrong@mac.com. You can also find us on Facebook at Denman Recycling and Waste Management.



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FROM THE CROW'S NEST: FLIGHT OF THE ALBATROSS ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas

*At length did cross an Albatross...
And round and round it flew...*

And lo! the Albatross proveth a bird of good omen, and followeth the ship

• Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner

On our second mind-blown day offshore, with Cape Flattery a distant rumour, the barometer collapsing, and Hawaii weather radio predicting imminent mayhem, I am hand-steering when the albatross finds us.

Holding that gracefully-tapering 12-foot wing rigid, the huge bird glides in to circle this broad-winged stranger. On each close pass, we lock eyes.

Sailors say these far-ranging cape birds are the reincarnations of drowned seamen. From the grave inspection that close-circling wanderer gives our three-hulled craft, I can only concur.

That evening, the albatross returns to check on us. And again the following morning, homing on our new position with unerring accuracy over trackless Pacific wastes. As wind and seas build into stunning violence, the great soarer tacks effortlessly in ground effect, wingtips feathering each advancing crest. Hidden behind intervening waves, the kindly creature bursts repeatedly into view, swooping close past the cockpit to fix the person at the helm with an unblinking gaze before flying off.

These visits cheer us immensely. In heavily-breaking seas driven by near-hurricane winds, Thea and I await each diurnal appearance with anticipation rivalling meal times. In the relentless din of such a vast, inhospitable realm, it's reassuring to have such a concerned and experienced seaman watching over us.

One evening, the albatross leads a tanker to our position. How else to explain the simultaneous appear-

ance of both bird and black ship?

We carry no radio. Decks awash, the tanker stands by for nearly an hour as the albatross circles. Towing a tire drogue, *Celerity* must look a brave sight sledding down the faces of those great combers.

For five days and nights we run off, steering three on, three off for our lives. On the last gray morning, the breeze falls away to a full gale as porpoises circle our plucky trimaran in further inter-species support.

Soon after, the albatross shows up – this time with his lifelong mate. Together, they circle us in farewell. That night, blown 200 miles off the California coast, we cross the 40th parallel. Abruptly, the wind shuts off.

Three decades later... the captain of the small sailing research vessel *Alguita* watches albatrosses circling a

bobbing line of plastic trash. "These distinguished strangers from another world" seem to be picking "the reds and pinks and browns," captain Charles Moore recounts. "Anything that looks like shrimp."

With little forage in a dying ocean, an albatross will also gorge on packing pellets. *One-hundred billion pounds* of "mermaid tears" are produced annually – each featherweight plastic nurdle a perfect replica of a fish egg.

Another favourite: waterlogged plastic bags resembling tasty jellyfish. Floating plastic lasts from 100 to 1,000 years, accreting chemicals that block reproduction.

Longlining is also decimating sea and sky. Multiple fishing lines – each as long as 60 miles, bearing thousands of baited hooks – trail behind each boat, drowning up to 100,000 very-slow-to-reproduce albatrosses every year.

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AND MAKE YOUR NOMINATION.**

**-PETTI WILLIS-
2019 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP
AWARD RECIPIENT**



With the warming days comes the understanding that our readers are less likely to use their community weekly as fire starter!

The changing of the season seems to have ushered a greater engagement from our readership as well. Like a flower blooming. As publisher, I've been privy to information like never before. Information I feel worth sharing.

In being alerted to the Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards nominations (deadline April 22nd) I was directed to a video of 2010's Award recipient Patti Willis. Her articulate and eloquent acceptance speech from nine years ago at the foot of the Arts Centre is no less valid today. It was 13 minutes well spent. I'll encourage you to check out the video at:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/stewardship-awards/previous-years/>

Inspirational words from an inspirational woman!

Our region has certainly seen its share of recognition through the Stewardship Awards Program.

Past winners include: Jenny Balke (2003)

Tony Quin (2003)

Denman Conservancy Association (2005)

Hillary Brown (2005)

Hornby Water Stewardship Project (2005)

Patricia McLaughlin (2009)

Hornby Island Residents and Ratepayers' Association (2009)

Hornby New Clinic Committee (2011)

Hornby Quilters Group (2012)

Peter Karsten (2012)

Ana Miriam - posthumous (2013)

Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards (2014)

Denman Island Memorial Society (2017)

Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society (2017)

Who will we be nominating for 2019's awards?

On another front, I was directed to a radio interview featuring friend of the Grapevine, Doreen Hynd!

The Women & Film Festival is running this upcoming weekend, April 12-14th in Port Townsend Washington.

Denman filmmakers Francois Laliberte and Jocelyn LaCroix's 'The Great Balance,' featuring Doreen is being screened at the festival and her 14 minute interview speaking on T'ai Chi Ch'uan is like receiving a visit from an old friend. If hearing Doreen via radio isn't enough for those of you who know her, I'm told that she is planning to return to our islands for more teaching soon after the fest. Check out her interview at:

<https://we.tl/t-cCyYDq98cn>

Happy Spring!



LIBYA: HAFTAR'S LAST THROW?

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published April 10, 2019

With Khalifa Haftar's forces stalled outside the capital, Tripoli, the eight-year omnishambles in Libya is approaching a climax. It's not clear yet which side is going to win, but at least the dozens of rival militias in the country are now lined up in two recognisable sides. Haftar does have the gift of bringing clarity to a situation.

Alas, he achieves this mainly by making so many Libyans hate him. To them, he is Gaddafi 2.0, a would-be military dictator who aspires to be a Libyan counterpart to Egypt's General al-Sisi (and is generously backed by the Egyptian dictator). That's not what they fought the 2011 revolution for.

Of course, the militias didn't really do the heavy lifting in that revolution. They were colourful extras fighting little local battles, but the real execution was done by French, British and Canadian aircraft operating under NATO command that bombed Gaddafi's troops almost to extinction in a six-month campaign in 2011.

The militias' main role was to put a Libyan face on the whole operation, but when NATO walked away after Gaddafi was killed they were left in charge. They split repeatedly as their quarrels over local extortion rights became acute, but they are united in resisting the re-establishment of central control by a national government. It is not in their interest.

There is, however, a basic division between eastern Libya (Cyrenaica) and western Libya (Tripolitania) that underlies the manifold rivalries of tribes and clans in both parts of the country. It's a division that goes all the way back to Roman times, when the east spoke Greek (the language of the eastern part of the empire) and the west spoke Latin.

It persists today, even though everybody now speaks Arabic. The two parts of Libya live largely separate lives, divided by the central strip of coast where the desert reaches the sea – and the west has two-thirds of the country's 6 million people.

Haftar controls Cyrenaica and the vast and largely unpopulated desert south of Libya (where most of the oil is), but the west has the advantage of numbers and a profound dislike of being ruled by the east. That's why the western militias are coming together now, and why his offensive against Tripoli is at least temporarily stalled.

As for the rights and wrongs of the situation, there's plenty of blame on both sides. Haftar ostensibly represents the parliament elected in 2014, which fled to the east later that year when Islamist militias seized control of Tripoli. It now sits in Tobruk in the east and is entirely under Haftar's thumb.

This is Haftar's only plausible claim to legitimacy. Once a colleague of Gaddafi's, he fled the country, ended up in exile in the United States for fifteen years, and is an American citizen, but he returned to Libya in 2014 and gradually united the militias of the east under his command as the 'Libyan National Army' (LNA).

He cleared the Islamist extremists out of Benghazi, the big city in Cyrenaica,

in a bloody two-year war, and then set out to take the rest of the country. His troops reached the outskirts of Tripoli early this month.

The 'internationally recognized', United Nations-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) inside the city is equally unconvincing as a national saviour. It was not elected, but cobbled together by UN mediators in 2015. Its leader, 'Prime Minister' Fayed al-Sarraj, didn't even arrive in Tripoli from abroad until 2016, and he has struggled to establish his authority over the city, let alone over the militias or the entire country.

So now Haftar is making his big bid for power, and Sarraj is practically irrelevant. The various militias of Tripolitania that are coming together to resist him undoubtedly outnumber him, but they have no joint command structure and Sarraj cannot provide one.

The 'smart money' says Haftar is bound to lose, but that remains to be seen. He has both Egyptian and Russian support (although it's unlikely that either of them authorised this adventure). And ordinary Libyans face a choice between a new 75-year-old dictator and continuing chaos, poverty and intermittent low-level violence as the militias squabble over the spoils. Not that they will actually be asked about the choice, of course.

How much does this matter to other Arab countries? Not a lot. How much does it matter to the rest of the world? Not at all. As Janice Joplin once remarked in a radically different context, freedom's just another word for 'nothing left to lose'.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LIVING

OP/ED

IS EASY *By Esther Muirhead*

Did anyone try to engage in the NDP's Clean BC telephone town hall a couple of weeks ago? I had nothing much to do that Sunday night so when the call came in I did my best to keep an open mind. My question, if the government will finally begin to take into account the carbon dioxide released from logging and from forest fires, was duly noted by a human being on the other end of the phone. One hour and 15 minutes later, when my brain got sauted with gooey gushing navel-gazing by Environment Minister George Heyman about his plan to save us from climate catastrophe, by helping us recycle more waste and investing in public transportation, etc. I hung up. Not one caller asked about stopping the destruction of forest ecosystems. One caller did say they were upset about tax cuts for the LNG industry and the Site C dam fiasco and quite a few asked about what I consider band-aid solutions like green building incentives and more charging stations for electric cars. Were they screening the calls or were most voters out at Green Party meetings that night?

Last week we were informed that scientists knew four years ago that Canada is warming at twice the

rate of the rest of the world. "IT IS EFFECTIVELY IRREVERSIBLE.... URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED TO REDUCE EMISSIONS:" stated Elizabeth Bush, a climate-science adviser at Environment Canada. This information is only coming out now to support the Liberals rolling out of their carbon tax plan, as if these taxes really will be used to help us stop the crisis. The federal targets to reduce emissions by 200 million tonnes is for 2030. That is eleven years from now. Besides carbon taxes, the usual solutions are cited; no mention of saving the oceans and the forests which are the lungs of the planet.

How do we Boomers go about life as usual when we know that our children and grandchildren and life on this planet are in danger of extinction? I, for one am feeling huge amounts of despair, recoiling from the widespread brainwashing of obedient, middle class families and the wanton corporate greed of my parents' generation. I rebel each time I hear that the NDP's new LNG tax credit will allow fracking processes to spew out 3.4 MEGATONNES OF GREENHOUSE GASES ANNUALLY.. Does this number, 3.4 million tons, make you go numb?

Will someone explain to me how this tax bresk fits into their new Clean BC plan?

A Globe and Mail contributor, Dec. 23, 2018, reports that Millenials have less engagement on global warming than other generations. "Pushing the needle away from from the

most dangerous climate change scenarios requires economic and social changes so fundamental that they ...cannot happen without broad popular support for collective action. The only precedent for such mobilization is wartime. But in war we face an enemy. In this struggle (against climate emergency) there are no tanks on the horizon.....the enemy is us. How can we rally against ourselves?" Apathy is the opposite of empathy. Apathy is an admission of our self-obsession. Apathy is created by a lack of imagination and the fear of any kind of strong emotion; a state of indifference based on a belief that others do not have significance. This sadly describes many Millenials I know. Empathy is the desire to understand and share in the feelings and suffering of others. Empathy can be messy, scary and worst of all, it can be time-consuming.

"Until we FEEL the danger (rather than think about it) of enviromental degradation, we will not understand the risk." Stepping out of our denial of climate emergency often leads to feelings of powerlessness, loss and images of chaos and sacrifice. If I was raised hearing that I can control my life and I deserve the best of everything, whenever I want it, then I shall continue to think thoughts such as; "Not raining=Nice weather=I can play tennis and wear sun screen and my government will send money to those poor victims of hurricanes." Meanwhile, as the forests are being mowed down and the oceans destroyed, without consent from the common people, ask your neighbor how they are feeling about the future. And offer them some empathy.



LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER MARSHALL

Dear Peter,

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on your retirement from the Denman Island Fire Rescue.

For three decades, your dedication to your community has benefited many fellow islanders. Your work as a volunteer firefighter, EMA First Responder, and BC Ambulance Service driver has helped other locals in times of crises. As a former Captain and Training Officer for the DIFR, your initiative to lead water delivery to front-line firefighters was invaluable, and the practice continues to this day. Your passion for the Fire Department extended to your organizational and fundraising skills that helped make the DIFR Pancake Breakfast an island legend. The sports field on Denman Island is also a testament to your efforts and your commitment to the well-being of your community.

The unwavering service you have provided on Denman Island has improved the quality of life for many. It takes courage and dedication to always be at the ready to respond to emergencies and assist your neighbours, friends, and family. Your contributions have been extensive and you will be leaving big shoes to fill.

I wish you good health, much happiness, and some relaxation in your years ahead.

*Honourable John Horgan
Premier Of British Columbia*

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Dear Peter,

Greetings from Ottawa to everybody gathered at the Activity Hall on Denman Island in the territory of the K'omoks people to honour Peter Marshall for his many years of service to the community as a Volunteer Fire Fighter, First Responder, ambulance service driver, late night physician chauffeur and legendary pancake chef! Peter has led by example through his thirty plus years of service and it goes without saying that the entire community owes him a debt of gratitude for his immense contribution to the development of the department and to so many worthy causes in the community. Best wishes to Peter and his family and thank you so much for being there for the people of Denman Island.

Gord Johns, MP Courtenay-Alberni



I've hung on the walls at the Guesthouse before...
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DENMAN ISLAND GUESTHOUSE APRIL 2019

Denman's own Leslie Dunsmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to the feel-good Islands Trust public relations piece in your April 4, 2019 issue entitled, “Land Donation Expands Valens' Brook Nature Reserve”. Obviously, the protection of the Valens Brook watershed is laudable in and of itself. However, greenwashing is not. To cut to the chase, this “donation” was not simply an altruistic gift to the island, but was actually part of a more complicated exchange involving a residential density transfer to local developer Henning Nielsen which is not mentioned in the article. The number of residential densities which are attached to a property determines the development potential of that property. As a developer, Nielsen is constantly on the lookout for densities that can be transferred to him for use in his future development schemes, and he is aided and abetted in this search by his wife and business partner, local Remax realtor, Bente Pilgaard. Pilgaard was the “donating” couple’s realtor who presumably first steered them to Nielsen once they got off the ferry. [ed. comment removed] It seems that Nielsen offered them the following deal: the use of his Pandesign firm’s services for their new home in exchange for the transfer of some of the residential densities attached to their property which could later be made available for development by him. No worries, Nielson promised to even shepherd the deal through the Islands Trust process on the newcomers’ behalf. After all, he knew the bureaucratic ropes and he could operate behind the scenes with the property owner publicly listed as the official proponent.] [ed. comment removed]. In order to sweeten the deal and make all parties look like good samaritans, this slick business venture would be exclusively spun and framed as a land conservation “donation” in relation to expanding the Valens Brook Nature Reserve (which would also have the added benefit of titillating the Islands Trust Conservancy and appeasing any local conservationists who might otherwise object to furthering the possibilities for new upscale development on the island in the future).

Those who spoke out at community information and Local Trust Committee (LTC) meetings in opposition to the transfer of densities to Nielsen, and in favor of any transferred densities on that piece of land solely being reserved for affordable housing, were made to feel very unwelcome by Local Trustees. The Trustees claimed that the land “donation” (for which Nielsen was not officially the proponent) and the density transfer (with which he was more directly involved as the receiver) should be treated as separate issues. At the June 16, 2016 LTC meeting, after some pointed questions from the audience and confusing responses on Nielsen’s part about how many densities were actually up for grabs, he frantically stammered that at least one (and maybe even two) of the densities that he received would be made available to the LTC density bank. Placing a residential density in the LTC’s density bank designates it as only to be used for affordable housing rather than gentrification. At this point, the meeting was adjourned in an authoritarian fashion by the off-island chairperson with my words of protest hanging in mid-sentence while I still held the floor, leaving all present to wonder

to this day about the final outcome of that disputed density transfer arrangement.

Why not just be clear? The Valens Brook Nature Reserve “donation” was actually the smiley-face part of a cynically brokered deal for a transfer of densities initiated by a developer and a realtor. Isn’t it about time we reserved the words “donation” and “gift” for those benevolent acts of community-mindedness which fully deserve those designations because they have no backscratching gentrification strings attached. And while we’re at it, in the spirit of reconciliation; why not have the LTC set up another density bank that would allow for the emergence of autonomous forms of indigenous stewardship.

Ron Sakolsky

Editorial comment: When asked, the Islands Trust was of the opinion that Henning Nielsen presented himself throughout this process to the public together with the donors. Complex as the deal was, no-body broke any laws or attempted an end run on the Community Plan or on established procedure. We would add that the mention of the role of the realtor, as “aiding and abetting”, leading unsuspecting buyers to a developer, seems a gratuitous insinuation when there was a fair benefit to the buyer and it is common practice for realtors and developers to work together.





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by Thomas Provençal

Where I breathe with the trees

My nose is in mother nature's bush

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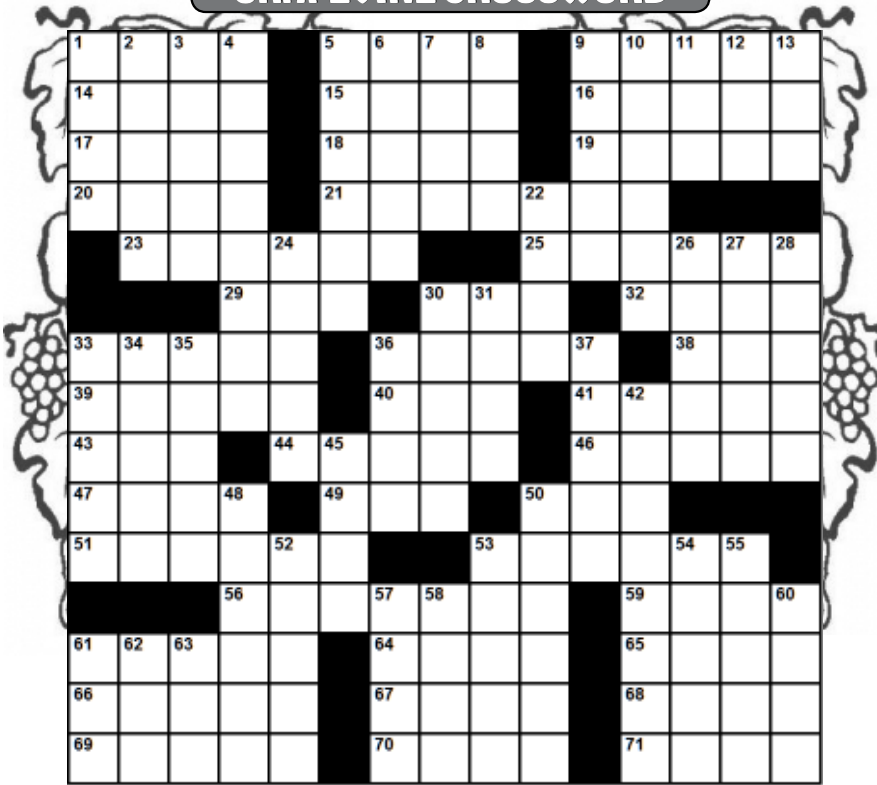
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- Profiles of individuals, history, reviews and op ed are published free of charge.
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- Promotional content for products, services, programs, and events will be published at going advertising rates.
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- With regret, no exceptions can be made for non-profit status.

Please keep in mind that Hornby and Denman are a very small market for newspaper publication. We do our best to provide quality content at no cost to our readers but we ask you to understand that this depends on financial viability. Paper, ink, postage, equipment, and rent all add up. As it is, the Grapevine can only be brought to you with considerable subsidy of time and energy by our team which is very willingly given. The Grapevine would like to accept more content free of charge, particularly around community news, and is working on plans to expand its reach and revenue base to move towards that goal.

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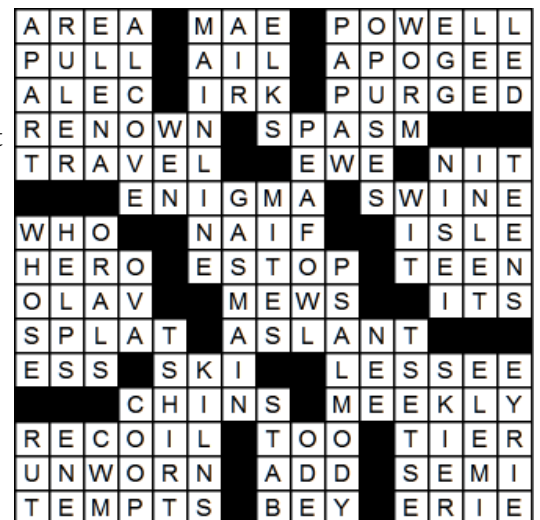


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- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DENMAN JAZZ 6pm • Guesthouse(DI)

FRIDAY 12

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- NIA 10:30 am • DAC(DI)
- BCEH WALKING GROUP 3pm • Central Park(DI)

SATURDAY 13

- CAP SITE 11-2 pm • Community School(DI)
- COMEDY ON DENMAN hosted by Megan Rose (adult content) 7pm • Guesthouse(DI)
- KIRNEL AGM 10:30am • DAC(DI)
- 70'S/80'S REVIEW music&comedy 11am • The Hall(HI)

SUNDAY 14

- DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)
- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)
- CATHOLIC LENTEN MASS 2 pm • Phipps Point(HI)
- ANNUAL WALK/RUN/CYCLE registration 9:30am • DAC(DI)

MONDAY 15

- QUILTER'S GUILD 9:30-3 pm • United Church Hall(DI)
- DIRA meeting 7:30pm • Back Hall(DI)

TUESDAY 16

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DCLTA AGM 7:30pm • DAC(DI)
- EVENING CONCERT • The Hall(HI)

WEDNESDAY 17

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DIRCS meeting 7:30pm • Back Hall(DI)
- DENMAN GARDEN CLUB Seedling Swap 2pm • United Church(DI)

THURSDAY 18

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DAACs OPEN STAGE 7:30pm • Back Hall(DI)