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DENMAN ISLAND: THE FUTURE OF SOCIETY?

By Anthony Gregson

OP/ED

Some months ago, Dr. Ron Wilson, who, with Emily Guinane, organized the series of climate action seminars held at the Denman Island Community School last fall, told the Grapevine that things were going to ramp up big time this Fall. He's right. DIRA approved the formation of a Climate Action Committee at a well-attended meeting of Sept 9. The lecture last Wednesday, Sept 18th by well-known eco-futurist Guy Dauncey at the Denman Community Hall, was the kickoff for the most ambitious phase of all: getting the whole community on board.

Introduced by Ron Wilson, Dauncey, who describes himself a practical utopian who wishes to develop a positive vision of the future, proposed that Denman is an ideal place to show the world how to move to a new eco-civilization, one in harmony with nature.

Dauncey is a thinker of broad interests. He has published extensively on climate change as well on other subjects such the rainbow economy, violence and terror, cancer, and animal suffering. He is also a community economic planner and an experienced organizer, full of practical advice. But the focus of the evening was very much on the power of collective action.

There was no shortage of urgency. Dauncey likened the feeling in the air to the profound sense of unease that preceded World War One, when no one knew what exactly to expect. The meeting watched Greta Thunberg at the UN climate summit urging world leaders to start panicking. Calm, she pointed out, is nearly always preferable, but not when your house is on fire. "In an emergency, people change their behaviour." Dauncey likened the enormous collective effort needed to cut emissions in half by 2030 and achieve zero emissions by 2050 to Britain's Home Guard in World War Two, which had 1.5 million volunteers within eight months of the start of the war, everyone with ideas

of how they might contribute.

Dauncey puts the climate crisis down to four factors: ecological ignorance, failure to curb the human impulse to dominate, faulty neoclassical economics, and a loss of civilizational purpose.

Ecology must be part of basic education, and nobody should get into university without Ecology 101. There are cabinet ministers who do not even understand the carbon cycle. But the ignorance also cuts the other way. There is a huge amount that is not known about climate interactions, about life on Earth.

The natural social impulse to dominate must be curbed through collective action of which democracy is the most powerful tool.

The flawed assumptions of neoclassical economics are based on the idea of a selfish being called homo economicus who acts only in their own interest. "Economists were trying to be scientists who needed their own version of the atom." The other false economic assumption is that if everyone behaved in the same way, "the market would reach equilibrium", with no need for intervention by government – "very convenient for corporations". But having plowed through some 270 books on economics and its history for his

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BIG THANK YOU By Ella & Brian Goldring

Brian and I are moving to Courtenay to assisted living called "Casa Loma". Our last day is 29th of September. Also, we would like to Thank all our Family & Friends who have helped us throughout this past year, we couldn't have done it without you. Listed below are the people who have been so wonderful to us.

• The General Store •

Daryl - for his kindness, and staff - Mandy, Barry, Jennifer, Keely, Kelsy, Debbie, Asha - if I have missed someone, I apologize.

• Yvonne's Cookies •

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Last - United Church member - for all your Wishes & Prayers - Rev. Hicks & Tammi for Communion and visits. God Bless All.

Thank you. Love & Hugs to All - Brian & Ella Goldring

THE DEER RESPONSE TEAM (DRT)

COMM
INFO

By Peter Karsten • Co-Chair WAC

PUBLIC NOTICE: the Wildlife Advisory Committee of DIRA (WAC) has formed a DEER RESPONSE TEAM (DRT) of members who are equipped to deal with injured and road-killed deer. Please call these members directly for immediate assistance.

The WAC list on the inside cover of the Denman Island Phone Directory is out-dated. The future edition of the Phone Directory will have the following: *(cut it out and put it on your fridge)*

WILDLIFE ADVISORY

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DOG CONCERNS: Chris Danks 335-1838,

OTHER WILDLIFE: Mike Nestor 250-218-0782 cell

This is also a reminder to travel our roads with caution and anticipation to encounter deer. Deer are looking for forage along roadways

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •

2019-09-26 (Thursday)			2019-10-01 (Tuesday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)	Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:29	4.1	13.5	02:10	1.2	3.9
10:23	1	3.3	08:33	4.6	15.1
17:18	4.7	15.4	14:20	2.3	7.5
23:13	2.6	8.5	20:07	4.8	15.7
2019-09-27 (Friday)			2019-10-02 (Wednesday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)	Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:33	4.3	14.1	02:54	1	3.3
11:13	1.1	3.6	09:35	4.7	15.4
17:52	4.8	15.7	15:11	2.7	8.9
23:57	2.2	7.2	20:42	4.6	15.1
2019-09-28 (Saturday)			2019-10-03 (Thursday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)	Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
05:34	4.5	14.8	03:39	0.9	3.0
12:01	1.2	3.9	10:38	4.6	15.1
18:25	4.8	15.7	16:08	3	9.8
2019-09-29 (Sunday)			21:19	4.4	14.4
Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)	2019-10-04 (Friday)		
00:42	1.8	5.9	Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
06:33	4.6	15.1	04:26	1	3.3
12:47	1.5	4.9	11:45	4.6	15.1
18:59	4.9	16.1	17:18	3.3	10.8
2019-09-30 (Monday)			21:59	4.1	13.5
Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)			
01:26	1.5	4.9			
07:33	4.6	15.1			
13:33	1.9	6.2			
19:33	4.9	16.1			



Source: tides.gc.ca

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Come and enjoy a fun filled night at Fawltly Towers, AKA The Guesthouse Bistro, while enjoying a delicious 3 course dinner. Tickets are \$45 and will be available at Abraxas from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8. When reserving you will need to choose your courses from the menu which will be listed in the October Flagstone. Limited seating.
Proceeds go to my7 work in Ghana.

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forthcoming book, Dauncey concludes that “there are no economic laws. Capitalism is not a thing in itself: it is a system of self-interested human values expressed in the economy through the use of capital”. Neoclassical economics is a false science. “Nobody,” he said, “would dream of teaching neo-classical biology.” In Britain, when the Treasury used neoclassical economic modelling to analyze the possibility of climate action, it concluded that action was not possible because it would impact GDP negatively. He has his own definition of GDP (Gross Domestic Product): Gross Depletion of the Planet.

Clearly humans are not the centre of the universe. A new model of civilization is needed that is in harmony with nature. Dauncey even went so far as to write a novel exploring this vision of a utopian society in eco-harmony titled *Journey to the Future: A Better World is Possible*. It is an important point. You can’t get anywhere without a vision. He mentioned Bianca Andreescu who at age thirteen wrote herself a fake cheque for the exact amount she would win at the American Open tennis championship which she indeed went on to win this year to national elation.

Dauncey went through the basic things that we all need to know about climate change. Drive the 30 km from Denman to Merville and you would be on the edge of space. That’s how thin is the Earth’s atmospheric envelope on which all life depends. The zero carbon emissions we must reach by 2050 cannot as yet account for biofeedbacks like the melting of the Arctic permafrost. Meat and dairy account for 15% of all global emissions – as much as transportation. There were many others, but perhaps above all, “you don’t understand how bad the situation is until you get that sinking feeling in your stomach”.

Without fossil fuels, the advances achieved in scientific knowledge, technology and our standard of living would not have been possible. Put this

way, fossil fuels have served their purpose. We must move on. You can discourage yourself with dystopian visions of societal collapse and chaos but a more positive approach is to make things happen. Small groups can change the world.

So why Denman? Dauncey is looking for places where a new ecological society can be demonstrated in fairly short order. First of all, the government has to be supportive. The federal Liberals may be compromised by the pipeline, and the NDP by the LNG policy, but they understand the need for climate action, “they are not doing a Trump”. Secondly, our energy has to be green. All of our electrical energy is already hydroelectric or wind, so that’s one less challenge we

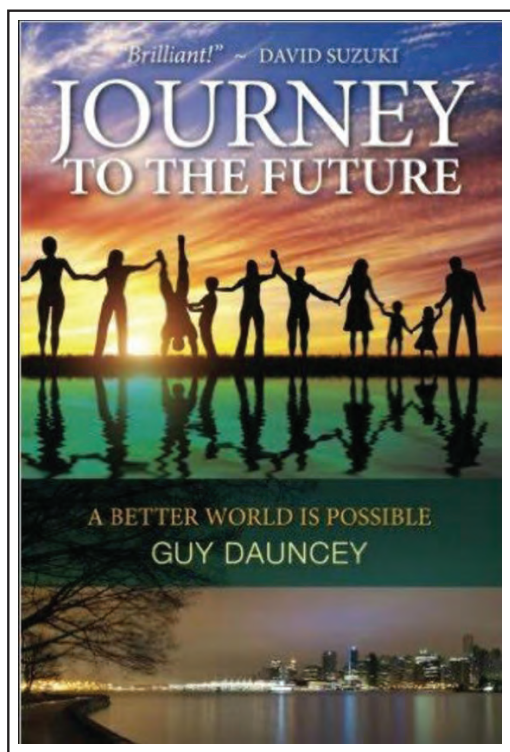
have to take on. Third, the community has to be self-defined, which qualifies all Gulf Islands. Fourth, there must be a high level of community organization, an indicator of community involvement. With over 40 non-government community organizations, Denman is perhaps almost overqualified. Its important because, in his view, Dauncey thinks the Islands Trust and the CVRD do not have the legal mechanisms to effect the deep changes that are needed, many of which are at the individual level.

That’s where the climate action sign-up sheet came in called *Denman Island Personal Planning 100% Climate and Nature Friendly by 2025*. Dauncey’s big hope is that Denman Island could take on the goal of becoming the first community in the world to become 100% climate and Nature-friendly within five years - by 2025. The idea is to make a commitment to action. The sign-up is a comprehensive list of suggested actions covering home, finance, business, forest, farm and garden, shopping, waste, community engagement – even your funeral. For example, find a climate action buddy, or learn how to invite your neighbours to a climate potluck, knowing that they may include climate deniers, bank with climate-friendly financial institutions or buy an electric car. Dauncey had all kinds of practical advice on how to go about these ideas. The point is, as war-time Britain found in the Home Guard, there are a million ideas out there once the collectivity is mobilized.

The sign-up sheet will be available on the DIRA website.

Dauncey is hoping that the community of Metchosin outside Victoria might also support the 2025 goal. The meeting was all for it. With the Peace Movement, and the issue of marine microplastic pollution, Denman has proven that a small

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and around human dwellings leading to vehicle impact injuries and worse. Collision with deer can easily injure vehicle occupants as well.

Here are some pointers to avoid deer accidents:

1. Use seat belts for that reason alone.
2. Drive close to the centre line as traffic permits to have the extra space and second to react to a deer suddenly crossing the road.
3. Always, if you see one deer crossing the road expect another to follow.
4. A second fawn often follows a doe with a fawn a moment later.
5. Deer sometimes reverse and runback to cover – give them time.
6. Dim the headlight to reduce confusion by the deer.

If you see injured deer unable to run off, fatally injured or killed deer call the Deer Response Team for assistance. Try to move the body to the shoulder of the road for pick-up to prevent raptors feeding on it and get hit as well. Mark the spot with white paper or anything you can think of (plant material just at the pavement). Report the road name and closest property house/number when you call for assistance OR stay at the scene if you have the time. This is appreciated to find it quickly and since most deer are too heavy to lift into a truck by one DRT member alone. Thankfully Islanders stop when waved to help to load deer. A big thank you to all who have helped in the past. The carcasses are taken to a safe place to feed eagles, vulture and ravens.

You will see new, blue warning signs along the roads to alert drivers of the danger colliding with deer. We hope it will help. I picked up two road-killed deer in the last week!

Thank you for your support and assistance to keep our community safe and well cared for. 🍷

DIRCS 2019 AGM By Suzette Cullen COMM INFO

DIRCS 2019 October 16th AGM Denman Island Recreation Community Society

COUNT DOWN!!!

I went to Guy Dauency talk on Wednesday September 18th and he seemed to be saying we must get our community involved. How better to be involved than on a community hall board. Folks this is a time for leadership and energy. Ten hours a year at a minimum is enough to make a difference, a positive difference.

We have moved our AGM to a hopefully more inviting time October 16, 2019 7:30 in the back hall. Refreshment will be light but they will be served.



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group can be heard in high places. It is said, in fact, that you need only change the minds of three percent of the populace to effect a big change. True or not, Denman has never had any problem seeing itself as an example to the world.

Dauncey's presentation included a song from the Ecodfndrs 2019 Denman Summer Camp, "Every Day Miracles are Happening" written and performed by Ella McMechan and Kalena Young. The meeting closed with Dauncey's own version of the famously hopeful "White Cliffs of Dover", immortalised by Vera Lynn during WWII:

*There will be solar rooftops
And lush organic gardens
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.*

*There'll be bike bells ringing
And nature singing
Tomorrow, when the world is green.*

You can find the video of Guy Dauncey's talk on the Islands Grapevine site at www.tinyurl.com/climate-dauncey. You can find more on his work and writing at guy-dauncey@earthfuture.com.



Denman Island
Community Education Society

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 22nd, 2019
at 2:45pm.

At the Community School
Refreshments will be
available.

*Please join us to support
community education
on Denman!*

THE SATURDAY MARKET: À la Crêpe & Camelia's Baking COMM INFO *By Kerri Boland*

Véro Eriksson has been making traditional French crêpes and delicious coffee at the market for years. I love seeing everyone, especially children, wandering around with her crêpes, and I always think it's funny when the market has slowed down enough for Sam from Two Roads to wander over and get coffees for him and Emily. You can choose from chocolate, cheese, or lemon for your crêpes, and Véro's coffee is sure to warm and wake you up on these crisp fall days. Her coffee is fresh and strong, and she uses organic beans. Partner one of her coffees with one of her crêpes and you're sure to have a cure for any hangriness you have on a Saturday morning.

Camelia's baking is varied, but it is mostly in the Russian Pirozki style. She bakes lots of gluten free muffins, and her whole-wheat and buttermilk breads are excellent sellers. She sells sweet and savoury scones, and we tried one of her cheese and kale stuffed pastries this past weekend

and it was a hit with our 2 year old! There are a variety of other stuffed pastries that I'm excited to try as well. Camelia will continue to come to the market until Thanksgiving.



Your Input is Wanted



Denman Cross Island Trail Public Consultation

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) will be attending the Denman Island Farmers Market for the purpose of providing planning updates and seeking feedback on future development plans for the Denman Cross Island Trail. Visit the CVRD booth at the farmer's market to provide your input.

September 28th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Denman Island Farmer's Market

Marcus Isbister Old School Centre, 5901 Denman Road, Denman Island

For those who cannot attend, the presentation boards from the open house will be made available after the event
at: comoxvalleyrd.ca/crossislandtrail



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A COLLECTION OF TIME PIECES ARTS&LIT

By Bill Engleson • www.engleson.ca

Introduction

Some years ago, I offered for Flagstone consumption, a series of articles entitled Time Pieces. They were brief historical tidbits, mostly, save for the first one, extracts from an earlier Island publication, The Rag and Bone. I thought the extracts captured some of Denman's post sixties tenor.

Here they are in the order I think I submitted them. To be honest, I am not sure all of them made it into the Flagstone and initially I submitted them with a request that they be published anonymously. Given my recent exposition on secret writings, I should confess that I was trying to be cute rather than cagey. I think at one point the Flagstone editor may have accidentally slipped in my name and the cat was out of the non-sensical bag.

My introduction to each snippet was always the same. In fact, aside from that recurring introduction to each extract, and of course the selection

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Side-by-Side ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas

Here is all you need to know about a sailor named Thea:

Even after fitting an Autohelm windvane steerer to end the tiller's tyranny... on sunblasted trade wind days, with land beyond memory and white horses stampeding over a tilting blue horizon, the mate would clip on, disconnect the self-steering, and hand-steer for an hour for the sheer joy of guiding her own spirited steed over the Pacific's wild open range.



*Thea onboard Celerity in Sausalito.
Will Thomas photo*

How I loved watching this seawoman sail! Long before we fetched Tahiti, Thea knew *Celerity* as well as my own body. Master of both, her touch could make us sing.

But for true intimacy, we put our lives in each other's hands every night at sea. Alone and dog-tired during the aptly-named dog watch, with a black squall blanking the stars to windward – or the in-line masthead lights of a rerouted container ship popping up six-miles off – a mistake at three in the morning could leave us treading water 15 minutes later.

Rock climbing couples sharing a rope know this intuitive bond. But even they don't spend weeks at a time in such risky realms.

of the material, I provided little creative energy. Regardless, I think these time pieces, and the many more still out there yet to be mined, still have merit in describing change, in shining a slight lamplight on a portion of the history of our small enclave.

1. Time Pieces

With Denman's past inevitably impinging on its future, it will be the joyful task of this column to snare selected snatches of recorded posterity and give them at least one more moment of light.

Extract from a conversation between Ross Westergaard and Dora Drinkwater in

"The Islander" on Sunday, July 7. 1991

We arrived at the old dock that stretches like a lonely finger into Baynes Sound. Its planks are crumbling, and at the entrance the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans has placed a neat sign informing one and all that the wharf is unsafe for public use. I wonder how the government expects the owners of the half-dozen yachts and fishing boats moored to the single ramshackle float to get to their boats. Swim?

Dora points out where the freight shed once stood at the end of the dock, and murmurs with just a touch of bitterness in her voice: "They've done no maintenance for years and years, and now they want to tear the whole thing down! Imagine an island without a dock—we'd be the only Gulf Island without one! And what if the ferries went on strike, or the ferry landing was damaged, or if we had some disaster like an earthquake or a forest fire? We need our dock!"



For her part, the mate placed complete trust in someone she described to others as, "my captain". No matter how instantly precarious our predicament, I was expected to have the solution on tap.

Which meant I'd better be prepared when an urgent call from the deck watch splinters cocooned dreams and catapults me into crashing wind and dangerous darkness to glimpse a parted quarter-inch stainless-steel wire whipping past my head, 900 miles from nearest land.

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Oct 5th **WORK BEE** 10am-1pm

Seniors' Affordable Housing proposal site
3730 Denman Road (Bev Severn's)
to clear debris & brush

Bring good gloves and footwear
Pruners, handsaws, shovels
and rakes are useful



phone 335-2799 for further info

DCLTA

Low income housing

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Clapping a spare line to the splintered lee shroud, leading it through a snatch-block to an unused winch and taking up hard keeps the mast standing – as I'd worked out months previously, while reading Moitessier and anticipating various *what if* scenarios.

My watchword for passagemaking was: *First day good*. Though "Turn Back Thomas" was renowned for retreating from heavy weather the first day out, our trademark rowing style really set tongues wagging throughout the cruising community.

Early on, it became clear that one person rowing from the middle of an 8-foot bluff-bowed pram, while the other simply weighted down the stern, was ungainly. Not to mention, lubberly.

Also, hard work!

"Sit beside me," I'd suggested that first experimental afternoon in Sausalito. "Just row steady. I'll steer."

After initial sea trials, the results were so revelatory we were astonished to never encounter another cruising couple rowing together. For with this task *shared* and a laden dinghy *balanced on her lines*, the effort required of each participant is negligible – regardless of wind strength or the distance

to be covered.

The challenge lay in visiting another boat in a bouncy anchorage without bashing her topsides. Manning the outside oar, I would initiate our ballet by making for a spot close aft of our intended disembarking point.

An updated command, "stop rowing" was quickly followed by the sailor's age-old cry, "Boat your oar!"

As Thea lifted her long sweep clear and inboard, I would dig in my outboard blade to pivot us neatly alongside.

Sometimes our hosts applauded.

And sometimes we changed sides.

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BAIRD, BLACK & WHITE TRIO

MUSIC

By Roger Baird

The Baird, Black and White Trio, composed of Roger Baird, drums, Miles Black, piano and Scott White, bass will play the Denman Island Hall on Saturday, October 5 at 8 p.m.



Miles Black's playing has been compared to the likes of piano greats, Keith Jarrett and Brad Mehldau. He needs no introduction to Co-mox Valley listeners, having played here in many different groups covering a multitude of styles. His performance is melodic, creative and spellbinding. This is a rare opportunity to see Miles play in an environment where his creativity and musicality shine in a completely new light.

Scott White left Canada to become the Musical Director, band-leader and bass player for Berlin's Cirque du Soleil. Now he's back and living in Victoria. A gifted bassist, he tours around Europe and North America collaborating with many renowned musicians in styles ranging from Russian Folk and Gypsy Swing to Free Jazz.

Scott is a very entertaining player to hear and watch. His sound palette encompasses manyunorthodox percussive and melodic effects. He is a virtuoso with an unmatched playing style.

Roger Baird has performed and recorded around the world in a career that spans decades.. He was active in the 70's New York Loft scene as a founding member of The Music Ensemble with Daniel Carter, William Parker, Billy Bang and Earl Freeman. An unapologetic improviser, his atmospheric style of drumming brings a fresh vision to the instrument.

Always full of surprises, the Trio constantly delights people who enjoy their music filled with new ideas, spontaneity and a wide range of musical expression. Each performance is unique.

Advance tickets, \$15, are available at Abraxas Books and the General Store. At the door \$20. Tickets for both shows are also available online by e-transfer to studiolivestudio@gmail.com.

THE DEMOCRATISATION OF AIRPOWER

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published Sept. 23, 2019

Big shifts in the military balance happen quietly over many years, and then leap suddenly into focus when the shooting starts.

It happened to classic blitzkrieg tactics in the Arab-Israeli war of 1973, when both sides lost half their tanks, mostly to cheap, infantry-fired anti-tank missiles, in just three weeks. And it happened to 'air superiority', in the sense that it has been understood for the past 75 years, in Saudi Arabia last week.

Tanks ruled the battlefield from the German blitzkrieg of 1940 until 1973. Only more or better tanks could stop them. Tanks have got a lot more sophisticated since 1973, but so have the anti-tank weapons, which are a lot cheaper and therefore a lot more plentiful. There is no longer a single, simple equation for battlefield success.

Air superiority, the other main component of blitzkrieg, had a much longer run of success. The powers that could afford to design and build the most advanced combat aircraft controlled not only the sky but the land beneath it, and could batter weaker states into submission (NATO against Serbia, the US twice against Iraq, NATO again in Libya, etc.) with few casualties of their own.

Fast forward to September 2019 in Saudi Arabia. The oil-rich kingdom should be among the privileged, invulnerable few, for it has a very high-tech air force and the best air defences money can buy. It can also call on the immense power of the United States, which maintains military bases in a number of Gulf states and has promised to protect it. What could possibly go wrong?

What went wrong was a swarm of cheap drones and cruise missiles that the Saudis didn't even see coming. According to the Houthi rebels in Yemenis, who claim to have launched them, there were at least ten Samad 3 drones (the Saudis say eighteen drones hit the Abqaiq oil processing site) and an undisclosed number of Qasif K-2 cruise missiles (the Saudis say four cruise missiles struck the Khurais facility).

The Saudis didn't see them because they flew nap of the earth, so low they were hidden from Saudi radars. They were launched from three different sites, but timed to reach their targets simultaneously from three different angles. They took out half the oil-processing capability of the world's second-biggest producer for at least some weeks – and the whole swarm of them only cost one or two million dollars.

That's assuming they were built in low-wage Yemen. They'd cost twice that to build in Iran, and at least ten times as much in the United States. But that's still pretty cheap when you consider that a single F-35 fighter costs \$122 million. You get a very capable airplane for your money, and a couple of them could do equal damage to those oil processing facilities – but they

wouldn't do a much better job.

They could also get shot down, which would be a very large amount of money (plus maybe the pilots' lives) down the drain. The drones and cruise missiles can also be shot down, of course, but they're cheap, they have no pilots, and if there are enough of them, some are likely to get through. If they don't get through today, send more tomorrow.

The Saudis made it extra-easy for the Houthis (or the Iranians, if you believe the Saudi-American version of the story) by not having any short-range air defences for their most important economic assets, or at least none facing in the right direction. But this is because Saudi Arabia doesn't plan to do its own fighting in any confrontation with Iran.

The big question that is finally going to be asked, in countries rich and poor, is why the air forces insist on buying ultra-expensive manned aircraft instead of flocks, swarms and fleets of small, cheap, disposable unmanned vehicles. The truth is that air forces are run by pilots, and they like to fly planes, but what happened in Saudi Arabia last week will finally give the civilian authorities arguments that the aviators cannot resist or ignore.

So the shift to primary reliance on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for offensive action will get underway at last, and the result will be the democratisation of air power. Only rich countries with a mastery of high technology can own F-35s. Even the smallest, poorest country (and some non-state actors too) can afford to build or buy a few thousand drones and a couple of hundred basic cruise missiles.



UNMASKING THE SAUDI OIL ATTACKERS

By William Thomas

OP/ED

Exclusive to the Grapevine:

While terrified ARAMCO princes and red-faced American weapons-wholesalers scramble to unravel the epic fail of the Kingdom's \$290 billion defences under an explosive aerial onslaught of... somethings from.... *somewhere*, few expected a Denman Islander to figure out how the pinpoint raid that took down half of Saudi oil production was carried out. But Mister X was on it.

"Flying carpets," he said.

"What???"

"They used flying carpets," he patiently repeated. "Rolled up on camels in a camel train" presumably plodding across the empty Rub' al-Khali desert to the Saudi border.

"*Stealth carpets*," he elaborated. "Right out of – what was that story?"

"*The Arabian Ni...* that's it!" I exclaimed, recalling how I'd sought shelter in a carpet seller's aromatic shop during a violent Desert Storm. The rich colours, inviting textures, evocative histories and intricate designs of the costly rugs decorating every surface of that exotic Arabian den were hallucinatory, greed invoking – and given the prices, quite possibly lethal.

Some *could have been airworthy*, I realize now. But at the time, what I really wanted was an expensive souvenir t-shirt with "Dam-mam Hard Rock Café" on the front and "I SURVIVED A SCUD ATTACK" across the back. Which was true. Alas, this oil-splattered emergency eco-war responder from Salt Spring Island didn't have the scratch.

"*Hyper carpets*," I blurted, inspired by such Aladdin-like reasoning.

Mr. X nodded approvingly. Even though we were on the phone.

"Which would suggest Russian or Chinese involvement."

I stopped, overcome by the most obvious conclusion. "Unless they really were *Persian* carpets. From you-know-where."

To his credit, Mr. X refused to speculate. Instead, he slammed the inbred defenders. "Why didn't they just Hoover them?" he demanded, suddenly shouting, "Bomb the rug factories!"

But you can't vacuum what you can't see.

Calm down, I urged. No one expected to be slapped down by a swarm of flying stealth carpets from impoverished Yemen, I continued, uncomfortable with sticking up for Wahabis, White House, Ottawa and Whitehall psychos bringing death, dismemberment, displacement, cholera, terror and starvation to *hundreds of thousands of infants and little kids*.

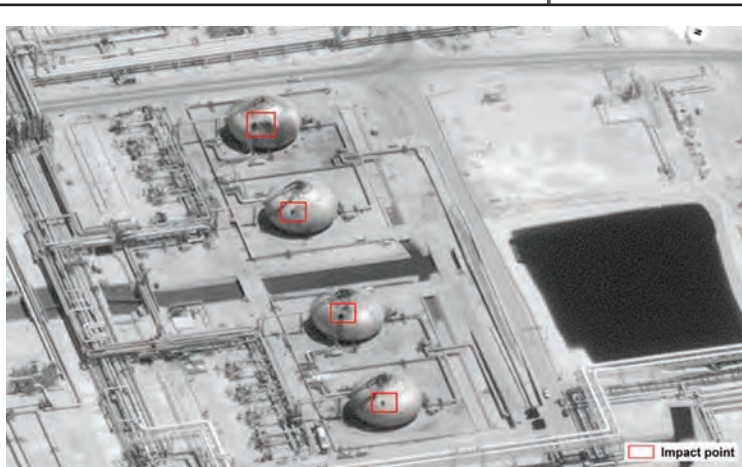
In the face of such egregious – and now official – war crimes, Mr. X's account of the ensuing blowback makes as much sense as anything in these dark and wondrous times.

Disturbing Notes:
"Since 2015, Canada has also approved more than \$284 million in exports of Canadian weapons and military goods to the countries bombing Yemen." [Toronto Star April 30/18]

"Canada is the No. 2 arms supplier to the Middle East... The Canadian government has diluted the language around arms-export controls to make them less sensitive to human-rights concerns and more attuned to commercial interests." [Globe And Mail May 16/18]

"Canada remains complicit in the war on Yemen... MADE IN CANADA USED TO VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS BY SAUDI ARABIA [Amnesty International headlines, Nov. 2/18]

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Damage to the infrastructure at Saudi Aramco's Abaqaiq oil processing facility in Buqyaq, Saudi Arabia.

Photograph: maldonci/AP

COMPOSTING TOILET STUDY SURVEY COMM INFO DEADLINE COMING SOON *By CVRD*

The Comox Valley Regional District is undertaking a feasibility study to better understand the number of homes and businesses using composting toilets on Hornby Island, the viability of a community processing facility for composting toilet residuals, as well as alternative options for managing residuals off-island.

We are inviting all Hornby residents and property owners to participate in a brief survey - whether you have a composting toilet or not. This quick survey will help the CVRD learn more about composting toilet use and interest on Hornby Island. If you haven't yet filled out the survey, you have until Monday, September 30, to do so.



Take the survey, and learn more, at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/compostingtoilets. Paper copies of the survey are also available at the FreePost or in the library.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. Your answers will support informed decision-making! 🍷

ECHÉA STRING QUARTET *By Anthony Gregson* MUSIC

"That's what I love about them," enthused Robert Newton of Concerts Denman who presented Sunday's concert of Victoria's Echéa Quartet. "They are all so young, with their career ahead of them, they are not weary of anything, and they are just going for it." Go for it they did, featuring three works by Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847), Béla Bartók (1881-1947), and Josef Haydn (1732-1809). Eliza Millett (violoncello), Clara Loeb (viola) and Emily Earl (violin) are students of the Royal Academy of Music. Aliayta Foon-Dancoes, who is completing her studies at the University of Victoria, will soon be joining them.

There was a freshness to the performance, with lots of eye contact between the players, quick smiles of triumph or reassurance, and passionate playing. The program itself was a careful balance of experiences, not all of it familiar. Fanny Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E Flat Major is her only string quartet, but as Eliza Millett explained, "It is a gem." She was right. It was like a long, beautiful pennant twisting and streaming in the wind, a tour de force of lyrical exhilaration, each movement full of a soft-edged energy.

The Bartók String Quartet No. 3 was in total contrast. It's been said of his quartets that they are as if Beethoven lived another century, leading on from his late quartets. Dissonant, restless, it was as if the instruments were having a disagreement amongst themselves, sometimes breaking out into echoes of the Hungarian folk dances Bartók collected with Ernst Dohnanyi in his early years, at others, falling into the riotous skirling of gypsy violin before lapsing back into testing each other, and the instrument, using unfamiliar techniques. To say the least, it was dramatic, and kept the listener on the edge of the seat, with its density and constant shift of ideas. Like a lot of twentieth century modernism, it remains challenging 72 years after Bartók's death, but even so, there was a recognition of its substantial complexity. Not for nothing is it part of the canon.



Eliza Millett, Violoncello - Clara Loeb, Viola - Emily Earl, Violin - Aliayta Foon-Dancoes, Violin

The Haydn Quartet in G Minor was the very sound of civilization as it used to be, a thoughtful choice after the Bartók. Written when Haydn was 40, the Quartet in G Minor is one of three Sun Quartets and are entitled *divertimenti*, a reference to an early form of the string quartet that gradually evolved into something weightier. Haydn's honest elegance and emotional rationality were reassuring.

The Echéa Quartet likes to explore. The concert ended with an unexpected encore, *Presto II*, a furious, joyous scrum of pizzicato, full of animal spirits, by the contemporary Uruguayan composer, Miguel del Águila. Águila is one of those uninhibited South American composers of tremendous range of expression, somewhat in the mould of Astor Piazzola, equally capable of a beautiful, elegiac reflection between violin and piano, and a chaotic orchestral modernism. He is well worth checking out on YouTube. 🍷

A GOOD MAULING *By Leo Simmons*

ARTS&LIT

Hitch-hiking is a part of island life; even more so on an island with a small and open-minded community. As a newcomer to life on a small island, I still carry with me the instincts of one brought up on a much, much larger island, and one who subsequently spent a little too long living in the maelstrom of activity which has overtaken the Lower Mainland. In such places, hitch-hikers were viewed with a mixture of bewilderment and suspicion. A hitch-hiker's physical appearance, whether we want to admit it or not, is often the make-or-break factor with regard to being offered a ride. Amid the hustle and bustle of modern life, anyone who looks a little 'different' tempts fate by standing at the roadside and raising an enquiring thumb.

I doubt, for example, that I present a particularly edifying prospect to a passing driver. Who wants to spend time in a small metal travelling device alongside a balding, pot-bellied and significantly overweight man with the expression of one who is distinctly dissatisfied with his situation? A middle-aged curmudgeon is unlikely to make enjoyable company. At least I don't carry a machete in one hand (I don't own one, so it's also unlikely to happen in the future) or an axe...

An axe? Today, my lovely lady and I offered a ride to an axe-carrying fellow, but this was not quite the act of foolish bravado that it may seem to be. First, our passenger (as he became) was not a total stranger; we had offered him a ride on a previous occasion, on that day *sans* weapons of any kind. Second, we knew him to be a friendly person whose company was a real pleasure. Third, it wasn't an axe, it was a *maul*. As he pointed out, a maul is a most inconvenient and impractical tool for murdering purposes. For starters, a sledgehammer would also need to be employed, and with both hands filled with heavy log-splitting tools, how would he open the car door? Oh how we laughed...

This island continues to educate me. It is still whittling away my established attitudes, suspicions and prejudices. Three years ago, I would never have offered a ride to 'The Mauler' (I shall spare his blushes and leave his true identity a tantalising mystery). My eyes have been opened enough to overcome my old, more prejudiced self. Just a few days earlier, I'd offered a ride to a similarly 'different' individual, and found him to be a delightful companion for the short journey we shared. A pleasant learning experience.

Now don't get me wrong; I'm not especially partial to bladed weapon-wielding pedestrians. In fact it's fair to say that overall, I prefer my passengers to be unarmed. What's changing, however, is how I prefer my passengers to *look*. The simplest way to put it is this: I don't.

Every time I discover I was wrong about something, I grow. I just wish it wasn't always around the waistline.



The Baird, Black & White Trio stage. Photo by Chris Seguin



side effects include wobbly axis, kazy skies and a bit of a scar.

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por Thomas Provençal

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Se vira sem seu rei.*

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Como roubar o país
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No seus crimes tão brutais.*

*Brasileiros que trabalham
Honestamente com suor,
Aguentam a injustiça
Com ansiedade e mau humor.*

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- Profiles of individuals, history, reviews and op ed are published free of charge.
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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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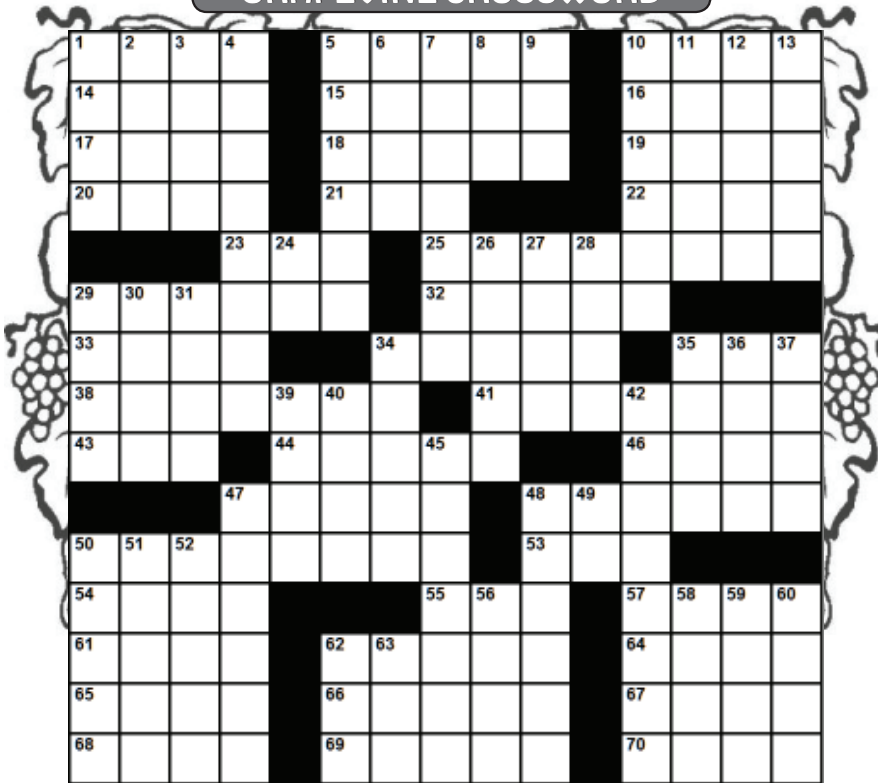
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WANTED: A SMALL TRAVEL TRAILER 12 to 14 feet long, preferably fiberglass in good condition. Please call 250-335-9150 or email annepage@telus.net.

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DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SOCIETY invites applications for Program Coordinator and /or Teen Night staff. The candidate should be experienced in delivering programs for children and youth and have strong written and verbal communication skills. Must be a reliable individual, willing to work evenings and weekends. Find a full job description at dices.ca, submit resume to dices.director@gmail.com by Oct. 11

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October 12, 2019 • 2 pm
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Potluck snack contributions would be welcome.

Please RSVP to Jane Cooper, janecooperma@gmail.com

Memorial donations may be made to the organization that provided such amazing home care for Davide, the Hornby & Denman Community Health Care Society at hornbydenmanhealth.com/services-programs/home-support/

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THURSDAY 26

- CAP SITE 11-2 pm • Community School(DI)
- DSMS meeting 8:30pm • DAC(DI)
- SONGBIRDS DANCE BAND 6:30pm • The Thatch(HI)

FRIDAY 27

- CAP SITE 11-2 pm • Community School(DI)
- SENIOR'S LUNCH Noon • DAC(DI)
- CHI PRESENTS ALEXANDRA MORTON 7pm • The Hall(HI)

SATURDAY 28

- ON THE ROCKS QUARTET 5:30pm • Lerena Winery(HI)
- "NO HORSES" MUSIC FEST • The Hall(HI)

SUNDAY 29

- DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)
- "NO HORSES" MUSIC FEST • The Hall(HI)

MONDAY 30

- QUILTER'S GUILD 9:30-3 pm

TUESDAY 1

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

WEDNESDAY 2

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- GLID meeting 5-7pm • DAC(DI)

THURSDAY 3

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE meeting 12:30 • DAC(DI)
- DANIEL CHAMPAGNE 7pm • Guesthouse(DI)