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STRAIT OF GEORGIA HERRING IN STEEP DECLINE

By Conservancy Hornby Island

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New DFO data validates concerns of First Nations and conservation groups, shows 60% decline in biomass since 2016.

(Coast Salish Territory/Straits of Georgia) International and local conservation groups calling for an immediate closure of the herring fishery in the Strait of Georgia, after recently released data from the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) revealed the population biomass has dwindled from approximately 129,500 metric tonnes in 2016, to 85,700 tonnes in 2019, and is predicted to fall to 54,242 tonnes in 2020. This is a reduction of almost 60 percent in four years.

The herring population in the Strait of Georgia has endured years of excessive quotas, based on overestimated biomass calculated using a post-industrial fishing baseline. According to Victoria Postlethwaite, DFO's Regional Herring Officer, the 2019 quota was set based on a predicted return of 122,291 tonnes, but only 85,700 tonnes returned. Fisheries ended up catching 25% of the population—exceeding the 20% harvest quota once again. The four other herring populations in B.C. have already collapsed in recent years due to overfishing.

On Friday, October 25, DFO released Commercial Fisheries Plans for the Food and Bait and Special Use fisheries, with recommended quotas of 500 short tons (453.6 metric tonnes) and 902 short tons (818.3 tonnes), respectively. The plan for the Roe fishery is expected in early December. According to a DFO representative, the department is discussing total harvest levels between 1,600 and 10,850 tonnes for 2020 with stakeholders. Stakeholders are defined by DFO as predominantly herring industry representatives and some First Nations.

Additional data disclosed by DFO forecasts that not only will fewer fish be returning, but the population will consist of smaller and younger fish with lower reproductive capacity. Herring once spawned throughout the Strait of Georgia and Johnstone Strait, but only one area of spawn remains, located between Qualicum Beach and Comox. In their management approach, DFO does not address the severely reduced geographic range and historical abundance of herring in the Strait of Georgia.

Conservancy Hornby Island and the Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards, headquartered at the epicenter of the remaining herring spawning grounds in the Northern Gulf Islands, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, and Pacific Wild, are calling on the federal government to create a Pacific Herring Recovery Program for the Strait of Georgia and immediately close the fishery.

The conservation groups will co-host a forum with the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council on November 7 in WSÁNEĆ territory to discuss strategies for restoring the abundance and distribution of herring populations in the Salish Sea, develop ideas for what management will look like moving into the future, and return benefits to local communities.

Quotes:

"If DFO is serious about protecting endangered Chinook salmon populations and Southern Resident Killer Whales, the first step should be to protect what is left of their food supply. Shutting the herring fishery

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ISLANDS YOU WOULD NEVER WANT TO VISIT

By George Fetherling

ARTS&LIT

Not all islands are as idyllic as BC's coastal ones. You can draw the sharpest contrast by remembering that some foreign prisons are located on almost inaccessible islands to strike special fear in the prisoners. If the dot of land housing the facility is within sight of the mainland—in sight, that is, of freedom and civilization—then the cruelty of imprisonment is all the more delicious to the captors. Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana in South America, and Alcatraz, in San Francisco Bay, are of course the two most infamous examples, but they're hardly the only well-known ones.

Robben Island off Cape Town in South Africa, once a leper colony, later a political prison, is where Nelson Mandela spent nearly 27 years behind bars. It's now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Côn Sơn Island in the South China Sea off Vietnam, mentioned by Marco Polo in his Travels, was called Poulo Condor by the French, who stuck political prisoners there between 1861, when they took over the southern part of Vietnam, and 1954, when French Indochina collapsed. Later the Vietnamese used it to house US PoWs. It's now a luxury spa. But Devil's Island and Alcatraz are still the best known such institutions. Devil's Island was one of the penal facilities in French Guiana used by successive French governments to keep opponents in check not merely by jailing or exiling them but rather by taking away, then restoring, then taking away again, their civic (as well as civil) rights—in many cases, permanently. Some of France's overseas colonies (another example is Nouvelle-Calédonie in the southwest Pacific) existed as much for this purpose as they did for trade, military advantage, or propagation of the Christian faith.

French Guiana, which most French people called simply Cayenne, after the only permanent town there, is the clearest example because, paradoxically, it was the most maddeningly complex. L'Île du Diable is one of three islands in the Salut group (salut in this case, meaning "salvation" of course rather than "hello"). All of them were prisons and all were failures. The French also built an equal number of prison facilities on the mainland, just across the narrow strait. For a time, Devil's Island served as the leper colony for the entire system. Between 1852, when the French government established this complex of prisons, and 1953, when they shut it down, 80,000 prisoners were shipped there. The idea was not merely to exile undesirables but also to use them to make a functioning colony of such a place. Why did a similar idea work well for the British in Australia when it failed so miserably for the French in South America? Partly because the French did not endorse the setting up of families (indeed, only a handful of women were ever sent there) and also because Paris kept rewriting the rules of incarceration.

The colony was a place with the aroma of impermanence about it. The French declaration of sovereignty appears to have accelerated the general disappearance of the original native inhabitants. France then began to import African slaves, who themselves fled into the jungle whenever the opportunity arose.

As the French Revolution erupted in 1789 and grew increasingly radical over the next ten years, prisoners of all sorts were condemned to French Guiana: royalists, priests and political prisoners as well as common criminals, dangerous and otherwise. Punishments meted out to counter-revolutionaries were like those previously given to, for example, Parisian vagabonds, in that punishment was aimed at what everyone was supposed to hold most dear: a sense of national belonging. One study reports how "A court clerk would lead a convict to the town square and declare: 'Your country has found you guilty of infamous action. The law strips you of your French citizenship.' The

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •

2019-10-31
(Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
02:28	0.6	2.0
09:37	4.9	16.1
15:05	3.2	10.5
19:59	4.4	14.4

2019-11-01
(Friday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:10	0.7	2.3
10:32	4.9	16.1
16:08	3.4	11.2
20:38	4.2	13.8

2019-11-02
(Saturday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:53	0.9	3.0
11:27	4.8	15.7
17:24	3.4	11.2
21:22	3.9	12.8

2019-11-03
(Sunday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:39	1.2	3.9
12:26	4.8	15.7
18:58	3.3	10.8
22:17	3.6	11.8

2019-11-04
(Monday) ☾

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
05:29	1.6	5.2
13:25	4.7	15.4
20:33	3.1	10.2
23:41	3.3	10.8

2019-11-05
(Tuesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
06:27	1.9	6.2
14:21	4.6	15.1
21:39	2.9	9.5

2019-11-06
(Wednesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
01:29	3.2	10.5
07:31	2.2	7.2
15:08	4.6	15.1
22:20	2.6	8.5

2019-11-07
(Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:06	3.2	10.5
08:34	2.4	7.9
15:45	4.6	15.1
22:51	2.3	7.5

2019-11-08
(Friday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:18	3.4	11.2
09:30	2.5	8.2
16:15	4.5	14.8
23:17	2.1	6.9



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down to let stocks recover should be the first course of action.”

—Ian McAllister, Executive Director of Pacific Wild.

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“The fact DFO can contemplate any commercial herring fishery on such reduced stocks shows their lack of leadership in conservation and recovery of the species. We know how important herring is to wildlife on this coast. The Americans were smart enough to shut herring fishing down in Puget Sound, we should be, too.”

—Captain Locky MacLean, Director of Campaigns, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society

“It seems incredible to us that after liking the DFO modelling that allowed them to continue to overfish, the herring industry now doesn’t like it because it says the quotas should be drastically reduced. They can’t have it both ways.”

—Grant Scott, Chair of Conservancy Hornby Island

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Images of Pacific herring and the commercial roe fishery are available at <https://bit.ly/2IZywdB>. 🍷

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convict would remain bound and on display for between two and six hours with a placard over his head indicating his name and crime.” Then it was off to hard labour.

In January 1798 a tone-deaf vaudeville performer who recited anti-government doggerel in the streets was shipped off to French Guiana to the sound of a drumroll along with priests, hairstylists, nobles, cobblers, and two legislators: a typical assortment. Revolutionary France did abolish slavery (as well as the custom of branding criminals with hot irons) but Napoleon re-legalized slavery in 1802. Finally it was being quashed throughout the empire in the European revolution of 1848.

Prior to that, *déportation* was simply a legal term. Later it became a fanatical cry. The citizens called out for the deportation of “deviants of all sorts,” including minor offenders, political and otherwise. The policy of taking away their citizenship and civic rights indicated that the majority of the public wished them sent somewhere remote from ordinary society, whether to French Guiana, or the once and future colony of Madagascar, or the imperial hinterland of Namibia. This was a kind of double quarantine for prisoners who were not simply deported but deleted.

French citizens in the middle decades of the nineteenth century, Parisians in particular, seemed to have been fascinated by crime almost as much as they were, not without reason, frightened by it. Population boomed, politics were unstable and frequently violent, and suspicious foreigners were everywhere. It was Napoleon III in 1854 who made French Guiana into a true penal colony, as distinct from the all-purpose rubbish bin of humanity. But the emphasis was on penal more than on colony. Once they had completed their sentences, prisoners were forced to remain in French Guiana for a period equal to their incarceration—except if their original sentence

had been greater than eight years, in which case they were to remain in the colony for life. Criminals and political prisoners accounted for most of the population until 1885 when minor offenders were sent there too if they committed a second offence. In time, the French saw their policy for what it was. After some delays arising from the Second World War, they shut down the Guianan prisons in 1953. But they still retained French Guiana.

Alcatraz was often called the American equivalent of Devil’s Island. As the most notorious and feared federal prison, “the Rock” functioned for only 30 years. It was dreamed up by President Herbert Hoover in the late 1920s and opened under the first Franklin Roosevelt administration. After 1948 it reverted to being just another federal prison, no more harsh and awful than any of the others, and was finally closed in 1963. The island itself, however, had been a prison a long time. It was first used by the Spanish, who “discovered” it in 1773 and named it Alcatraz,

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the Spanish word for pelican. Once California became part of the United States, the site was used as a military prison for deserters, recalcitrant aboriginals, individuals who refused to swear an oath of the allegiance to the federal government, Filipinos taken prisoner during the Spanish-American War, and pacifists. The inmates in San Francisco's municipal jail, barely two kilometres distant, had to be relocated there temporarily following the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906.

In addition to Alcatraz there were only three federal prisons: Leavenworth in Kansas, Atlanta, and McNeil Island in Puget Sound, Washington State. The third of these was the last island prison in the federal system (unless one stretches a point to include manmade Terminal Island just outside Los Angeles). McNeil was finally abandoned in 2011, after 135 years of use. Of course there's a huge one run by New York City—Rikers Island in the East River, with about 20,000 prisoners and half as many staff. It is scheduled to be torn down soon.

By contrast, the statistics on Alcatraz seem small. It had only 270 cells, including the dreaded underground dungeons. Prisoners there, some of them naked, lived in darkness and were starved and sometimes beaten and handcuffed to the bars in a standing position during daylight hours (or what would have been daylight hours had there been sufficient daylight). In three decades of use, Alcatraz housed a total of only 1,546 inmates. On average, inmates in Alcatraz stayed only four or five years before being transferred out or even released, but there are striking exceptions. One example is Richard Stroud, a pimp who murdered one of his whore's customers over an accounting snafu in Alaska in 1916. Although he's known as the Birdman of Alcatraz, he kept birds only when he was imprisoned at Leavenworth, not during the 16 years he spent in solitary in Alcatraz.

In any case, Stroud was also atypical in not being a serious career criminal, the sort for which Alcatraz was designed. The whole point of Alcatraz was to house 1) the most notorious, dangerous, and volatile prisoners from throughout the federal prison system and 2) pacifists. Until a federal judge ruled the practice unconstitutional, the prisoners were even forbidden from communicating with their lawyers.

The most famous inmate (he was America's first official Public Enemy Number 1) was Al Capone, who arrived with the first batch in 1934 and died a free man—free but with syphilis destroying his brain—in 1947. There were

constant rumours and press reports that Inmate No. 84, as he was known in the files, lived like a king inside Alcatraz and still controlled the Chicago underworld from his cell. Such talk, which was completely untrue, drove the Bureau of Prisons itself to the edge of madness. People in authority hated the urban bootleggers of Prohibition not simply because they flouted the increasingly difficult-to-enforce liquor laws but also because so many of the more prominent hoodlums became folk heroes. When the world slipped into the Depression, prohibition was ended and gangsters of a new type—rural in character—displaced the old in the affections of the masses. These were big-time bank-robbers and kidnappers of the Midwest and South, people with names such as Machine Gun Kelly (in time, an Alcatraz resident), Pretty Boy Floyd, John Dillinger, and Alvin Karpis (about whom more in a moment).

Strikes and organized protests were frequent inside Alcatraz. There were a number of destructive riots, including one in 1946 that became known as the Battle of Alcatraz. It resulted from an escape plot. There were 14 attempted break-outs in all, only one of which might have been successful, though no one knows for certain. This was the 1962 jailbreak by Frank Morris and a pair of brothers, John and Clarence Anglin. To

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OPEN HOUSE ON INTERNET IMPROVEMENT

Sunday, November 3



- **On Hornby** from 10:15-1 pm at the New Horizons Centre. Refreshments provided
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the federal government, that was the last straw. Alcatraz—a prison where talking was the most common infraction for which men were sent to solitary—was abandoned.

For a short while, the government appeared to have learned an important lesson in prison policy. Letting the Bureau of Prisons to conclude that, rather than concentrating troublemakers in one small prison, they should be dispersed to many prisons. That strategy began to fail in the 1970s as violence related to prison gangs and drug trafficking mushroomed. Congress approved a worse place, the federal prison at Marion, Indiana, where a 23-hour lockdown was standard and underground punishment cells found new life. Marion was later downgraded to medium security as other supermax prisons were opened. None of them, it seems, is on an island, yet the idea of incorporating such geographical considerations into prison design does not wither away in other countries. In Italy there was vigorous debates about two prisons located on islands off the coasts of Tuscany and Sardinia. In Nigeria, the political prison on Ita Oka Island was a state secret for years. Now, with its cover blown and the authorities no longer able to deny its existence, there is a new prison at a secret location exclusively for the purpose of locking away Islamists. One can almost look back on Alcatraz (now a tourist trap) with social nostalgia.

The person who inherited the coveted Public Enemy Number 1 distinction from Al Capone was a infamous Alvin Karpis who was born in Montreal.. In the early 1930s his was a name familiar to everyone who read banner headlines. He was a kidnapper of millionaire businessmen and a robber of banks and company payrolls, often in association with Ma Barker and her offspring—hence “the Karpis-Barker gang.” In 1936, FBI agents captured him in New Orleans. Then they signaled their boss, J. Edgar Hoover, to come out of hiding, so he could take credit for the collar. The capture was perhaps the biggest boost to Mr. Hoover’s career since he deported American citizens such as Emma Goldman to Russia in 1919.

Karpis held the record for the greatest length of time served in Alcatraz—more than 25 years. Like Al Capone, he spent much of his tenure learning music (and years later, while resident at Terminal Island, taught Charles Manson to play the guitar). Many one-time Alcatraz inmates vouched that Mr. Karpis “was a nice guy in his later years.” So I too found him to be.

In 1968, having successfully survived 32 years’ imprisonment in various institutions, he was released—and instantly deported to back to Canada. He was a slender man with a grey flat-top haircut, a vertically lined face, and a calm if careful demeanour. When he finally got out of prison, he told me, the first thing he wanted to do was to see Arthur Penn’s new movie starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway: Bonnie and Clyde. “They were friends of mine,” he explained. He died in 1979, age 71. 🍷

HORNBY DENMAN MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

By Dr. Peter Walford

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Yes the dental clinic is still open - Dr. Walford has not retired.

The dental clinic has been in the news lately and this has circulated around social media, leading to people inquiring if we are still open. Yes we are, and still serving Hornby and Denman as usual.

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FROM THE CROW’S NEST: Yoda at Sea

ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas

As a student of philosophy and connoisseur of desolate places, one of the captain’s top fantasies while finishing the boat in Svend’s backyard was how “the lonely sea and the sky” would make him a mystic like Moitessier, pondering immensities and taking notes.

Wrong.

Offshore with Thea, the captain found himself too immersed in course-keeping and mutual survival to indulge thoughts lofty enough to risk a fall. Had he seriously expected

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that thundering beam seas and 25-knot Tradewinds for weeks at a stretch would leave time or inclination for any considerations less weighty than their freshwater remaining and the next sextant shot?

He was no Bernard Moitessier. On the final lap of the first solo, nonstop, world-girdling yacht race, the famed Frenchman who wrote so simply and movingly of conversing with seabirds and his red steel ketch in the Great Southern Ocean, radioed in that leading the race had made him shy of flashbulbs and adulation.

So that pelagic sea-gypsy would round Africa's great cape again, and sail on to Tahiti.

Masefield called this incurable affliction, "Sea Fever". In the first poem the captain ever memorized, "the wind's song and the white sail's shaking" had provided a stunned 8th grader all the philosophy he would ever need.

Just like his introductory dusk alone in the Rockies, that first dawn off Flattery brought the stark realization that living long enough to ogle and report wonders would depend on his unwavering attention and the purity of his intent – when all he really wanted was sleep.

Hadn't the Stoics taught that true power comes from self-mastery? And that in the midst of a hurricane's tumult, the only way to harmonize with Forces trying to swallow them whole meant staying calm and attentive to his vessel's needs – while terrified to his toes.

Don't ask Yoda. The world's most renowned Stoic had advised Luke Skywalker to "remain unafraid."

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DI Growers & Producers Alliance Annual General Meeting

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- **Meet and join the Board.**
- Refreshments.**

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Fuggitaboutit! the captain thought. Part of him was frightened every minute offshore. His primitive self didn't know a more appropriate response to this mad modern need to drive a spidery homemade spaceship across a shifting blue universe to far-flung island galaxies.

If unceasing wariness fostered preternatural awareness, this was fine by the captain, who preferred all six senses over the most pretentious ponderation.

His canniest fears opened him to the future. In each prediction – sensing the scend of the swell, eyeing the weft of the sky – the captain became a practicing Stoic. For it was Yoda who also advised the impetuous young starfighter to be alert to what's coming: "Difficult to see, always in motion, the future is."

Inhabiting a realm awesome as space, the captain would find plenty of moments to marvel. And never a spare second for any metaphysics less revelatory than the three intersecting lines of a star fix revealing their position like tossed yarrow sticks.

Instead, he constantly scanned sails, sea, compass and sky – only to find himself exactly where he was. Which seemed to be the point of this entire exercise.

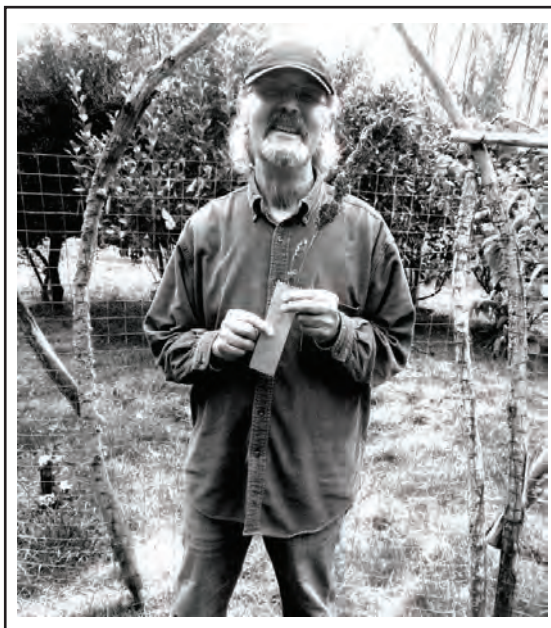
Now the captain understood that every moment on passage was an unfolding meditation, so subtle he only glimpsed the extent of this sea-change when swaying back ashore onto disturbingly steady land. 🍷

REMINISCENCES AND CONFESSIONS OF AN OLD GROOVER

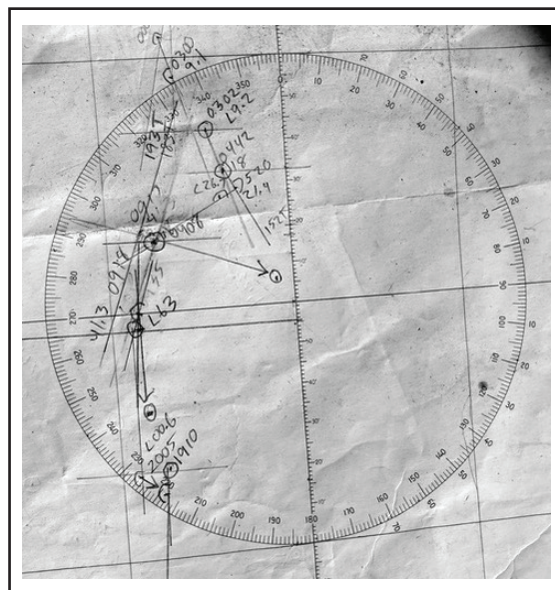
By King Anderson

ARTS
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Even though marijuana has been legal for about a year now I still find myself highly amused that it is indeed legal in Canada. Looking back over the decades, there's many fun illegal stories about being stoned. Downtown Vancouver 1964 artist friend Mary came over to my place with our first really good joint and we got high. We walked to a burger joint with the munchies and giggled so much we could hardly eat our food.



An American folk singer friend J.B. hid his stash in a hollowed out bar of soap wrapped in a washcloth, in his bathroom bag, wrapped in a towel, inside a sleeping bag, all rolled up in a duffel bag when he crossed the border to come play music at the clubs in Vancouver. J.B. was amazed that I could just go to art school, play my guitar, smoke pot and didn't have to join the army. Welcome to Canada said I. We'd sit in my attic studio with the doors locked downstairs and huff and puff on skinny little joints. Despite our fear of the narcs it was worth it. We'd



also ride around Stanley Park in my VW van and toke up. Coming out onto Beach Avenue at English Bay driving 5 mph, people in the back were yelling, you're driving too fast!

My girlfriend's brother in England used to send me via the Royal Mail Afghani hashish inserted into slots cut into glossy rolled-up fashion magazines. Six weeks later I was selling grams at \$10 each. That doubled my money, paid for more hashish and gave me lots of excellent smoking material. One day the narcs knocked at my door with an arrest warrant for the previous tenant. They pushed their way in, found my bowl of hashish on the table and I was busted. Just as they put me in the police car a musician friend showed up to visit. He phoned my girlfriend who arranged a lawyer from Vancouver's best marijuana lawyer's office. I spent an hour in jail, appeared in court and was out on the street an hour later. I was fined \$200 and

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paid the lawyer \$200. Good money in 1969 and there went all my hashish profits.

In the late 1960s in Vancouver there was a ceramics pottery shop on West Pender Street called "The Pot Shop". Everyone had knowing smiles as we knew the potters were pot heads as well. I see now there's a "pot shop" in the mall with Super Store in Courtenay. Our shopping lists can now say milk, bread and B.C. bud, maybe some pot brownies for desert. Maybe what the Canadian Tire/London Drugs mall needs to compete is a cannabis cafe.

I came to know marijuana as a "non-selective awareness amplifier", hence the stoned munchies, the laughter, the occasional bummer,

and serious grooving to music. Many evenings in Vancouver's Jazz clubs and movie theaters were under the influence of the "amplifier". Nowadays I occasionally smoke a medicinal bowlful of primo weed to enhance my Sci-Fi movie watching experience on the hi-def screen. Life is tough.

The irony of marijuana becoming legal is that for so many years it's been readily available and often times for free. Good friends were growing too many marvelous two toke buds which they've happily shared. Sure there's been trouble with narcs, smugglers, gangs, and the black market. So now it's Health Canada busting a medical pot farm for selling to the "illegal" market. Authorities in Holland now say that state grown pot must be sold in "unattractive packages" to minimize appeal. Mexico is finally thinking of legalizing pot by the end of October. A large cannabis producer in Ontario has to destroy 77 million dollars worth of pot by grinding it up, mixing it with cat litter and burying it so it will compost, all because of a license violation. They are not allowed to burn it, too much smoke! Jeez, the war on drugs indeed!

Now that government and businesses are legally entangled, I hope the pot dealers will be able to sort out all the bureaucratic rules, regulations, red tape, green tape, complexities and nonsense without getting the giggles and laughing too hard, spacing out and charging us too much!

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TIME PIECES *By Bill Engleson*

ARTS&LIT

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 nonsensical 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 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.

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 Tandra Moreland's October 1977 Rag and Bone (Issue 24) article "Early Denman Island" quoting the recollections of her Great-Aunt Nan

"I was fond of exploring the island. Once I took a short cut through the woods and found when I came out on a road there was a notice up on this side of the style saying; 'Anyone who passes here will be shot!' Not very cheerful I thought. I sat up on a branch over a pond a bit lower down to watch some lovely ducks and wondered how I could get back as the way by the road was much longer.

Presently up from the lower road came someone who looked like Robinson Crusoe. I climbed down from my branch and asked him about this notice. He said, "Oh don't worry about that I'll take you through." So, we set off and he told me why he had not joined up to fight. (This was during World War 1)

He lived in a houseboat at the top end of the Island. He was a cousin, so I discovered afterward of Mrs. Reginald Lacombe who had a ranch at the lower end of the Island. Later on, she told us he was called Pete and had disappeared one night from his home out East because he could not face up to the marriage his family had arranged for him to a very wealthy girl back there."



THE MIDDLE EAST: Winners & Losers

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published October 28th, 2019

The death of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi serves as a symbolic full stop to the many civil wars that have engulfed Syria in the past eight years, although Baghdadi was not personally in charge of anything by the time he died. The outcome of all those wars was already becoming clear, and it is the Russians and Bashar al-Assad who have won.

Donald Trump's abrupt withdrawal of American troops from eastern Syria makes the Russian victory clear: within days, there were Russian soldiers taking selfies in the abandoned American bases on the Syrian side of the frontier with Turkey.

Trump's elaborate thanks to the Russian, Syrian and Turkish governments for their aid in the Baghdadi operation was a genuflection before the powers that now really count in the region, but the Russian response was as disdainful as ever. "We are unaware of any alleged (Russian) assistance during this operation," said Maj.-Gen. Igor Konashenkov.

The Russian contempt for Trump is understandable, but showing it so publicly is self-indulgent and quite untypical. They clearly have some hold over the man, but why flaunt it? Perhaps their victory is going to their heads, because they can never have expected to win so decisively. But that is a question for another day.

What have the Russians won? Four years after they began providing air support to a Syrian regime that was teetering on the brink of defeat, Bashar al-Assad's brutal rule once again extends over almost all of Syria. They never had to commit Russian ground troops to combat, and yet they are now the dominant outside power in the entire Fertile Crescent.

Assad didn't do too badly either. First he cleared the rebels out of all the big cities, then he regained control of all Arabic-speaking rural areas except the northwestern province of Idlib, and now his troops are re-occupying most of the Kurdish-speaking east without a fight.

out of Syria on 6 October, betraying the Kurds, Russian diplomacy finessed that into another win for Assad.

The Syrian Kurds were immediately attacked by Turkey, which intended to ethnically 'cleanse' the Kurdish population from northeastern Syria and replace them with Arabic-speaking refugees from other parts of Syria. It was almost certainly Russian emissaries who persuaded the Kurds to give up their dream of independence and invite the Syrian army back in to protect them from the Turks.

When the Syrian army went back in last week it was accompanied by enough Russian soldiers to deter the Turks from shooting at it, so Syrian troops now control most of the border and ethnic cleansing is presumably off the menu. Turkish troops still hold some bits of Syrian territory that they grabbed last week, but Ankara has publicly stated that it will not try to keep them indefinitely.

It was really the Russians who rescued the Kurds, so you can guess where their loyalty lies now. And remarkably, the Turks are coming around as well.

Turkish strongman Recep Tayyip Erdogan backed the jihadi rebels throughout the Syrian civil war and still protects them in their last stronghold in Idlib. He even kept the border with Syria open so that foreign jihadis could cross to join Islamic State. But he is a pragmatist who understands the new realities, and within months he will reopen diplomatic relations with Assad's re

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He never had to fight Baghdadi's 'Islamic State' either. It was a Syrian Kurdish militia with US air support that destroyed the part of IS that was located in Syria. And when Donald Trump pulled US troops

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gime in Syria.

That will mean that Turkey can no longer provide military protection to the jihadi groups in Idlib (most of whom now acknowledge the leadership of Osama bin-Laden's old organisation, al-Qaeda). Thereupon the final operation to reconquer Idlib can begin, although it may be done quite slowly and methodically to keep the Syrian army's casualties down.

The Russians have accomplished everything they set out to do in the region in 2015, and the main risk they face now is over-confidence. They saved Assad and he owes them a lot, but he also owes Iran, which provided and paid for the foreign Shia volunteers who provided vitally needed military manpower when the Syrian army was running out.

They have drawn Turkey away from its old reflexive loyalty to NATO, but it is still a member of the alliance and Erdogan's political position in Turkey is weakening.

Vladimir Putin's visit to Saudi Arabia two weeks ago went well, because Saudi crown prince Muhammad bin Salman has been seeking friends elsewhere after Trump did nothing in response to the recent drone attacks on Saudi Arabia's oilfields. But MbS's position at home is hardly secure either.

The truth is that Russia has won the prize, but the prize is a can of worms.

The Inspector concluded it was a murder suicide.



Ethereality

by Thomas Provençal

*Have you ever felt your life
was on a path that's ready-made?
Have you ever spent an evening that
felt as if replayed?
Have you ever felt an angel
deflect a dangerous blade?
Have you ever heard the wisdom of a
witch?*

*Have you ever wondered
if the world is really what we
see? Have you ever entered into
conversation with a tree?
Can you feel the energetic charge
between you and me?
Do you know the time is woven stitch
by stitch?*

*Have you ever tiptoed quietly
to not disturb the night?
Have you ever felt a graveyard spirit
catch you in its sight?
Have you ever thought another world
may share with us our plight? And
everything we do reverberates.*

*Did you know the physical
and ethereal are one?
Connected through the spirit,
we flip until we're done.
Accumulating lifetimes,
we evolve around the sun
and the lucky is the one that
procreates!*

*The shadow world's available
to all who wish to see.
Some spirits have agendas
to visit you and me.
Communication 'tween the worlds
can help a family tree
and trust must hold sway over fear.*

*Like night and day, the sides of a coin,
the two do coexist.
For millennia this has been known
and responded to with a fist.
These two worlds can live in peace
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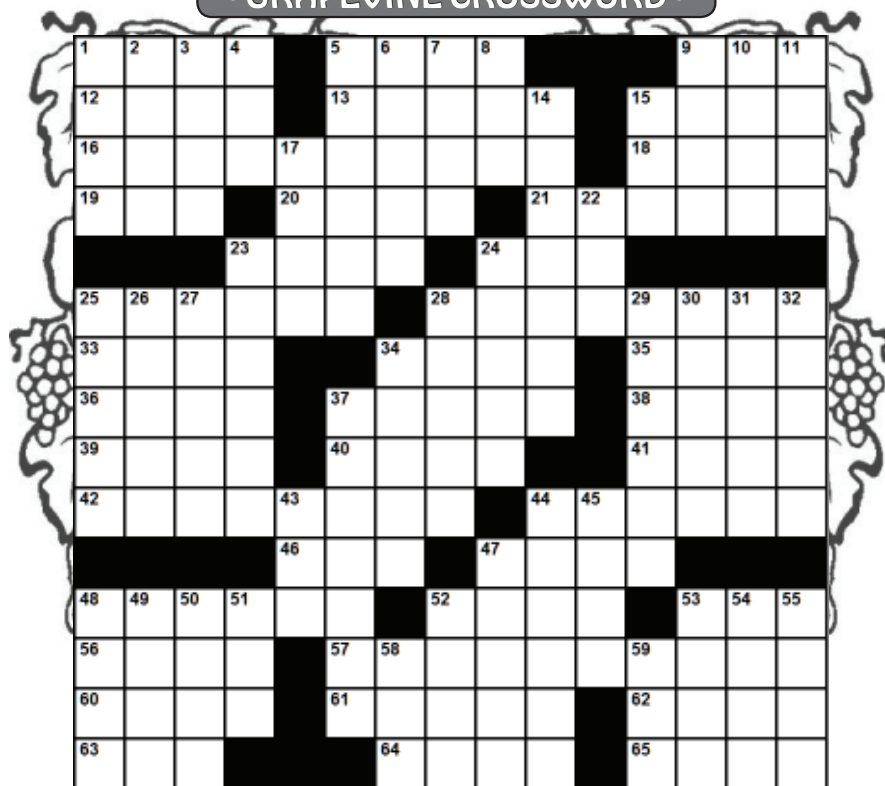
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WEDNESDAY 6

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