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A LETTER TO DENMAN ISLANDERS

By Debbie Frketich for Plastic Free Denman

COMM INFO

During the past few weeks, as we began the slow and careful easing into a less isolated phase of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Plastic Free Denman committee had a distanced meeting. We met outdoors and there was no hugging or getting close to each other, but the fact that we could see each other in person and converse on a topic close to all our hearts, was soul restoring.

We began the meeting with a feeling of discouragement over the return of single use plastic during Covid 19. While we all recognized the absolute need to keep people safe the fact remains that plastic takes 1000 years to decompose and we are drowning in it. But once this was acknowledged, the tone changed and we started discussing positive actions we were taking, things we appreciated more fully and positive changes we had noticed around us. The things we learned from each other made us feel a whole lot better, more positive and even more hopeful so we want to share this list with you.

1. First, we want to express our appreciation for the extraordinary efforts island businesses have made to serve islanders during Covid 19 by working tirelessly to stay open, make goods available and implement creative measures to keep us all safe.

Thank you to:

- 1. The General Store: for teaching us how to safely distance in the store, stocking as many staples as possible and making home deliveries for those who needed to stay isolated.*
- 2. The Denman Hardware Store: for showing us what full service looks like by bringing our orders outside to us, tap through the window payment and all the new gardening supplies.*
- 3. Abraxas: For taking our book orders by phone and email to keep us reading.*
- 4. Guest House: for offering showers, safely filling bulk orders of scarce supplies and opening the outdoor coffee wagon to allow for distanced visits with friends and neighbours.*
- 5. All members of the Growers and Producers Association: for working so hard to provide islanders with island grown or produced goods and a safely distanced Saturday market.*

2. Other random (and by no means comprehensive) new habits we have learned and discoveries we have made include:

- 1. Chucking the Lysol wipes and using good old soap and warm water after discovering that wipes are made of plastic!*
- 2. Moving past the guilt of using Ziploc bags but washing them over and over while vowing never to buy a new supply.*
- 3. Embracing the opportunity that being more isolated has given us to expand our vegetable gardens and grow even more of our own food.*
- 4. Truly savouring the birdsong, the night sky and the blooming landscape in the new quiet.*
- 5. Maintaining our commitment to climate action during the immediacy of the global pandemic.*
- 6. Using positive forms of digital connection to stay in touch with our friends and family.*
- 7. Getting involved in Denman Island food initiatives such as Plan B(Been) and SPUDS.*
- 8. Keeping our lives and purchases simple and basic and shopping locally.*

Holding onto the idea that less is more is a good place to end this outpouring. We expect many of you are grappling with the same concerns that plague us and have realized the wisdom of supporting local businesses, keeping climate action alive and appreciating this beautiful island on which we live. It is our sincere hope that the reprieve Covid 19 has provided, from what was normal, will encourage us to move forward in a gentler, simpler, and more sustainable manner.

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LIVING WELL • Week 12 *By Verna Isbister* COMM INFO

Wearing Masks

Wearing masks has become a new phenomenon in our Covid-World. I must admit that I sometimes have a difficult time recognizing the person behind the mask. Last week, I met someone wearing a mask, who knew my name, but I didn't have a clue who they were. **"Who was that masked man?"** I asked my partner. No, it wasn't the Lone Ranger riding off on his trusted horse, Silver, but another Denman resident riding off on their e-bike! Do you remember that famous question, which was asked at the conclusion of many episodes of the Lone Ranger T.V. Show?



Today, many people are choosing to wear masks to protect themselves or others from the Covid virus.

For most of us, wearing a mask was something we did at Hallowe'en as a fun disguise. Originally, on Hallow's Eve, masks were worn to protect oneself from evil spirits. If you were ever lucky enough to be invited to a masked ball, you had the opportunity to conceal your true identity which could lead to new adventures, romance and even death. Just ask Romeo and Juliet.

The Baroque masks of the Venetian Carnival season were stunning with their jewels, feathers and designs. Unfortunately, Denman's Baroque Festival had to be cancelled this year so we missed the spectacle. I was hoping that some enterprising Denman artists would fashion baroque-style Covid masks. That would get Denman Islanders on the CTV Nightly News.

Masks have been worn since the beginning of time for protection, disguise, in ceremonies or in performances. The theatre of ancient Greece, introduced the masks of Comedy and Tragedy, which allowed the theatre goers to witness the actor's emotions from their distant seats and the masks amplified the sound. More recent theatre and movies have introduced us to many masked actors including Zorro, Batman, Cat Woman, the Dread Pirate Roberts in The Princess Bride, the Phantom of the Opera, Sister Knight, Darth Vader, Janelle Monae's mask of jewels and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, to name a few.

The first medical mask was invented by a French surgeon in 1897. Protective masks are worn in sports and certain occupations. Masks have been used to intimidate others from bank robbers to pro wrestlers. The Occupy Movement's Guy Fawke's mask provides the wearer with a sense of solidarity and protects identity. People choosing to wear a Covid mask are also demonstrating a world-wide sense of solidarity and a protest against a stalking virus.

In the field of psychology and counselling, people are encouraged to take off their masks, to be vulnerable and uncover their true selves. In many elementary classrooms, children are encouraged to identify how they are feeling. Shown icons, like the Greek masks, the children learn to identify their emotional states at the beginning of their day. How would you rate yourself today?

Masks have taken on new meanings in this Covid-season. In Act 2, Scene 2, of Romeo and Juliet, Juliet says, "Thou knowest the mask of night is on my face". In the dark, she is emboldened to declare her love and fears. Which invites me to ask, "Who or what is important in my life when all could be taken away in a heartbeat or rather in a virus borne breath? It's not too late to declare our love and fears.

So whether you are donning a mask so you can be transformed into a courageous, caring and compassionate person or taking off your metaphorical mask to be authentic and vulnerable, our post-Covid world will need both kinds of people. You could be a blessing in disguise. Then I could ask, **"Who was that masked person?"**

As you ride into the Denman sunset shouting, **"Hi, yo, Silver, away!"** 🍷

TIDE TABLE		
Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove Source: tides.gc.ca		
2020-06-11 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:02	3.1	10.2
09:44	3.5	11.5
16:33	1.4	4.6
2020-06-12 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:10	4.7	15.4
07:18	2.9	9.5
10:59	3.2	10.5
17:17	1.9	6.2
2020-06-13 (Saturday) 🌑		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:52	4.6	15.1
08:22	2.6	8.5
12:39	3	9.8
18:05	2.3	7.5
2020-06-14 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:31	4.5	14.8
09:11	2.3	7.5
14:42	3.1	10.2
19:01	2.7	8.9
2020-06-15 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:07	4.5	14.8
09:49	2	6.6
16:20	3.3	10.8
20:05	3	9.8
2020-06-16 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:38	4.4	14.4
10:21	1.7	5.6
17:20	3.6	11.8
21:12	3.2	10.5
2020-06-17 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:06	4.3	14.1
10:50	1.4	4.6
18:04	3.9	12.8
22:15	3.4	11.2
2020-06-18 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:34	4.3	14.1
11:19	1.1	3.6
18:42	4.1	13.5
23:10	3.5	11.5

BRINGING BUTTERFLIES BACK FROM THE BRINK IN HELLIWELL PARK

By Chris Junck

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Taylor's Checkerspot butterflies vanished from Hornby Island in the mid-1990s. At the time, lepidopterists thought they were the last Canadian population of the imperilled butterflies, and there were only a few locations where they existed south of the border. Total extinction of the species seemed imminent, but new Taylor's Checkerspot populations were discovered on Denman Island (2005) and near Campbell River (2018).

This spring, Taylor's Checkerspot larvae that were raised at the Greater Vancouver Zoo were released in Helliwell Provincial Park. After conducting butterfly surveys in May, biologists can happily confirm that at least 25 of the caterpillars survived to become adult butterflies, and there may be more that were not seen. It's a hopeful sign that the co-operative efforts to re-establish a population of the endangered butterflies on Hornby Island are paying off.

"It's wonderful to finally see the butterflies in Helliwell again after working so long to achieve this goal", said Jennifer Heron, Chair of the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team and invertebrate conservation specialist for the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. The project team started planning for the recovery of the species in 2005, and then spent years preparing the area in collab-

oration with BC Parks staff, contractors and local volunteers. Trees and invasive plants were replaced with thousands of native plants and seeds to restore the open coastal bluff meadow habitat that the butterflies and many other species require.

Although the survey numbers are encouraging, Heron doesn't expect that the first caterpillar release will result in a long-term, stable Taylor's Checkerspot population.

"The butterflies aren't out of the woods yet. They need to find food plants and mates, produce eggs, transition through more development stages, and then survive winter as diapause larvae," said Heron. "It may be necessary to continue

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Thea (concluded)

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

"Do you still want the jib?" I called back to the helm.

"Wait one, Thea."

From here, it looked like the flattened stainless-steel shackle holding the mainsheet "pulley" on the traveler had snapped. It was not supposed to do that.

After Randy re-secured the sheetblock with a spare lashing, Jeff winched in the mainsail. We had it under control again. But we couldn't sail upwind without the...

"OKAY ON THE JIB!"

Keeping a close eye on the captain's pet gadget, I ran the yankee up the headstay. Jeff winched in and *Celerity* took off. Flying an outrigger, we were soon dipping and rolling to the big seas coming around Moorea's eastern point. That 15-mile return passage was starting to look more like 30.

Luffing to the bigger headseas, then falling away to regain speed in the troughs, an hour's hard sailing found us maybe two miles upwind from Opunohu. Watching *Celerity* gallop, this Lubbock girl couldn't stay upset.

"Who's that?" I called out, as four equally-tall masts topped the horizon ahead. As if we didn't know. *Club Med* had to be doing 20-knots as it ran down on us. There was nothing feminine about that oncoming chunk of steel.

The French love sailboats. But not this one. "She ees so uglee!" was the unanimous dockside verdict when Alain Colas had shown up with his slab-sided, single-handed ocean racer – ballasted, sailors were saying, by spent uranium from a

nuclear reactor. As if any more radioactivity was welcome here after those French atom-bomb tests at Moruroa sickened so many Tahitians.

We were losing ground on this heading, so Randy called a tack back towards Tahiti. This put us on converging courses.

Colas – if indeed France's darling was at the helm – held on. Pushed sideways by endless breaking waves, our hardest-won ground would not be easily regained if we had to give way. Why didn't he put the wheel up a spoke and let us by?

Instead, he came on. True to his own racing upbringing, and growing outrage, our captain held his heading.

They're going to macho it out...

In *Celerity's* cockpit, three heads tilted back as the distance closed. Now we could hear waves hammering that huge steel hull – dull booming blows – as if infuriated by more French arrogance.

"Ready about," our skipper muttered.



*Thea sailing fast inside Fijian reef -
Will Thomas photo*

with habitat restoration and releases of captive reared butterflies for at least a few more years. "It takes a lot of cooperation to bring butterflies back from the brink of extinction."

The public is urged to report Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly sightings to Taylors.Checkerspot@gov.bc.ca, or by using the free iNaturalist app (www.inaturalist.org) – an easy to use species identification tool that enables citizen scientists to record and contribute important species data for projects around the globe. The public can also assist by staying on marked meadow trails in Helliwell that are delineated by ropes and restoration area signs. Trampling by people and their pets is one of the greatest threats to the butterflies and their food plants. Dogs must be on a leash according to provincial park regulations.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team includes representatives from BC Parks, Denman Conservancy Association, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Mosaic Forests, Wildlife Preservation Canada, consultants, and others. There has also been a lot of local assistance from Helliwell Park neighbours in High Salal Ranch Strata, volunteers, Conservancy Hornby Island, the Hornby Island Natural History Centre, and Hornby Island Provincial Parks Committee.

The recovery project has benefited from funding generated by the BC Parks License Plate Program, the Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund and the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.

Background Information

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*)

- Also known as Edith's Checkerspot.
- Historical range was Hornby Island, southeastern Vancouver Island, Puget Trough and to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In BC, they were once abundant at 10 sites in the Greater Victoria Area, one site each near Mill Bay and Comox, and sites on Hornby Island (including Helliwell Provincial Park).
- They were thought to have been extirpated (became locally extinct) from Canada by 2000 when no Taylor's Checkerspots could

I took three quick wraps of half-inch blue Marlow braid on the opposite winch. And then that monstrosity was right on top of us!

Jeff squirmed.

Randy threw the helm over, loudly inviting Colas to do things I could hardly imagine as I spun the winch and *Celerity* pirouetted aside.

Club Med followed us down! Stunned, we watched that 240-footer turn *towards us*, adding insult to seagoing injury by stealing our wind!

As that grotesque offense to centuries of sail slammed past, all hard-angles and absolutely without grace, the great man himself appeared on the freighter-like wing-bridge. Looking down on us peons without expression, he... waved!

Forced onto the losing tack, our sails filled with a mast-shaking *crack!* Obviously, this was not our day...

Jeff took the *Ki Ki* to Papeete.

We followed that ferry a day later, making the run in light-air without further drama. Apologizing for disregarding my earlier appeals, Randyman promised that treacherous deck-fitting would go. And as soon as we re-anchored off Papeete's exhaust-shrouded *Boulevard Pomaré*... it did.



be found in their last known sites on Hornby Island despite intensive searches. However, new populations were discovered on Denman Island in 2005 and near Campbell River in 2018.

- It is federally listed as Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA Schedule 1), and is on the BC Red list of at-risk species.
- Taylor's Checkerspot butterflies need open sunny meadows where they can find suitable host plants (food for larvae and nectar producing flowers for adults), such as Woolly Sunflower, Common Camas, Small-flowered Blue-eyed Mary, Wild Strawberry, Sea Blush, and Yarrow.
- Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation are major factors in the species' decline. For example, the meadows along the coastal bluffs in Helliwell Provincial Park became less suitable for butterflies due to invasions of non-native plants and encroaching forests. Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- or removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project is an initiative of the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team's Invertebrates at Risk Recovery Implementation Group. It is a collaborative effort to restore Taylor's Checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities.

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COVID Cafe
with Dr. Stephen Malthouse

Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 am

At the Earth Club
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Outdoor meeting with lots of space,
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The coffee is delicious!

We will discuss all matters
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and public health statistics.

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For more information about the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project, visit: www.goert.ca/activities/taylors-checkerspot/

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Helliwell butterfly survey. (L to R) Dawn Marks, Neil Wilson, Jennifer Heron.



Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly in Helliwell Provincial Park.

BUZZ ON BEES *By Rachel Halliwell*

SPECIAL INTEREST

It has come to the forefront of mainstream media that honeybee populations are struggling, but what is really happening and how can we do our part to help them? Honeybee populations have faced multiple obstacles over the past few years. The synergetic effects of habitat loss, pesticides, lack of nutrition and disease outbreak are some of the barriers honeybees are facing- and possibly native pollinators as well.



A varroa mite

Tackling the problems as a whole may seem too daunting a task, but we can chip away at the problem. As mentioned in the past, we can all plant flowers to increase bee food variety and increase nutrition for all local pollinators. As beekeepers, we could do our part in keeping an eye on honeybee disease outbreak. Using integrated pest management techniques to prevent diseases is perhaps our best method. This means implementing practices to keep pest populations at a low, desirably by preventative measures but when chemical practices are needed, being environmentally friendly and using pest specific strategies. These preventative methods should be used in unison and should become habituated in your beekeeping practices. Some techniques include: cleaning your hive tool between hives, buying new equipment or equipment that has been sent through Iotron, recycling old comb after a few years and maybe even drone brood frame removal.

At this point of the season, we should be concerned about mite levels. An integrative pest management (IPM) for the Varroa Destructor Mite would include periodically checking mite levels using sugar shake test, using a sticky board to trap mites, inspecting the brood frames for perforated holes, looking for mites on bees and possibly drone brood frame removals. Checking your mite levels with a sugar shake test is incredibly important and should be integrated into your beekeeping routine. Set a time once every 3-4 weeks to do a sugar shake test. This will give you an indication of mite levels within your colonies. If you integrate this pest management strategy into your beekeeping schedule, it will help you keep on top of mite loads. When mites exceed a certain threshold in our hives, we see devastating effects such as deformed wing virus and an immensely weakened colony. And when mite levels go unchecked, colonies can completely collapse. When mite levels reach a certain threshold, chemical means could be the answer. I would strongly advise against prophylactic treatment because if your bees aren't sick, why chemically treat? Handling disease within your own hive can have a huge effect on preventing the spread to neighbouring colonies. And in turn, doing our part in keeping disease outbreak at an all time low.

A good beekeeper is a knowledgeable beekeeper so try to read up on diseases within the hive and if diseases are suspected, reach out to your local apiary inspector which you can find through this link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/animal-production/bees/apiculturist-inspectors>. If you need more specifics on mite controls, how to do a sugar shake test or mite treatment, email info@homegrown-bee.ca for more information.

Happy beekeeping!***The Day Davy Crockett Might have Come to My House***

By Bill Engleson

*It was his spittin' image
That came a knockin' at my door,
A classic frontier vision,
The mountain man of yore.*

*Strangers are not welcome,
I sought the words to say,
A gentle way to tell him
That he must be on his way.*

*He stood there on my doorstep,
Davy Crockett to a tee,
Upon his leg my dog leapt
And clung there to his knee.*

*And then, with ancient tone,
a toothless smile on his face,
He asked to use my phone,
with no irony, not a trace.*

*"Sir," I roused some daring,
"You seem to be out of step.
These Covid times are wearing
You're a weight I cannot schlep."*

*I could tell that I'd confused him,
A lost and lonely star,
My words stung; I'd refused him,
With my verbal repertoire.*

*Suddenly, he stepped towards me,
Social distancing tossed aside,
And said, "Do you want to see
How much my brains are fried?"*

*With that, I grabbed my pooch
And shut my open door,
left him ranting on my stoop
shaken to his crazy core.*

*Anon, I heard him sing,
A song I'd never heard before,
Though it had a familiar ring,
some classic fifties Disney lore.*

Author Information Alert:

These last five lines may be sung to this tune if you've a mind to.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16o4Ua1k-CaM>

Born in an urban Virus factory,
Strangest place you could ever see,
Wore me a mask so I could be let be,
Alive and kicking and livin' free,
Novel, Novel Covid, Thing of the wild VIRAL
Fear.
www.engleson.ca

ACKERLY BONCE *By Leo Simmons*

ARTS&LIT

Suppose we should have been more tolerant of Ackerley Bonce. He had, after all, been burdened with what was perhaps the most ludicrous name in the English-speaking world; a name more suited to a newly-discovered English folk dance. It was so remarkably awful, in fact, nobody ever saw fit to give him a nickname - the real thing did all the work for us. It's hard now to be sure whether this immediate setback in life was the major drive in Ackerley's life, but whatever the cause was, he certainly seemed determined to get on with making his distinctive mark upon the world. For starters, he played the Sousaphone. Prior to meeting Ackerley, I had no idea that there was such a word; all I knew was that there was a huge brass instrument which was always played by the fat bloke in a brass or marching band. Bonce unwittingly introduced the name of his instrument into my vocabulary, a service for which I've remained stubbornly ungrateful.

The sight of a small boy wrapping himself around such a huge brass instrument passed beyond 'comical', skirted around 'bizarre' and landed fair and square with both feet in 'disturbing' territory. I couldn't help wondering at what point Mr and Mrs Bonce had decided that their perfect little cherub was ready to tackle the shiny plumber's nightmare. Clearly, that decision had been made some years earlier, since the little bastard was - and I hate to say this, even today - at the age of eleven, really rather accomplished. It's hard to admit this because it was demonstrated to - actually 'inflicted upon' would be more appropriate - the assembled school without warning or letters to parents one morning in 'the big hall'.

We knew nothing about it until we trooped into the hall and there he was, sitting on a raised chair at the bottom of the steps leading up to the stage. The headmaster, too, seemed equally taken by surprise by the small boy seemingly entangled in a maze of gleaming pipework and may, therefore, have been anticipating a demonstration of escapology. He certainly didn't seem to have been anticipating the sound that Ackerley made when he let rip on the enormous instrument - that much was evident from the little jump he performed as the first note rent the air. True, it sounded rather like a very loud fart, but quickly followed as it was by a collection of notes which resembled a melody, calm was soon restored to his creased features.

Ackerley, needless to say, appeared to be enjoying himself immensely. It wasn't difficult to discern this since his eyebrows - thick and luxuriant as they were, even at such a tender age - seemed to be performing forehead gymnastics as he studied the music sheet, swayed around and puffed his cheeks out until they had turned an unpleasant shade of purple. For the rest of us, the experience could best be described as unedifying. Once the novelty of the moment had worn off (within approximately seven seconds), the fact that we were listening to an unaccompanied sousaphone was hard to ignore. Why am I beating around the bush? It was bloody awful.

When the noise stopped, a smattering of applause slowly developed among the assembled hundreds of captives. The teachers, who usually took such opportunities to nudge one another and make (I assume) unkind comments about whatever performance we had been subjected to, merely sat staring into the middle distance, looking thoughtful. Ackerley beamed at what he obviously considered to be his doting public, a red ring around his ruby lips, and beads of sweat on his forehead. The kid was indomitable.

In only a few months, he was at it again - this time singing a solo - accompanied, mercifully, by the piano - in our music festival. That was pretty terrible, too.

As the years passed and we all grew upwards, Ackerley grew in other ways. In his own mind, he grew in stature among us by virtue of his magnificent talents. The sousaphone aside, however, almost all of Ackerley's talents were fictitious - or at least not particularly evident, although nothing so vulgar as the facts could put a dent in his self-assurance. The little git also began to grow upwards, but this was accompanied by just a smidgen too much of outward growth, so that by the time we were fifteen, he resembled a vertical black pudding, albeit a very, very white one. The effect was enhanced by the addition to his uniform - I kid you not - of a waistcoat. While he clearly felt that his sartorial elegance was the envy of us all, what actually happened was that people began to actively avoid him and his ego, unless of course - as happened not infrequently - they wished to throw something at him.

In accordance with his feelings of superiority, Ackerley's head also grew. I mean it: his head began to grow as if it was trying to outstrip his enthusiastic waistline. In the end, it won. The sixteen-year-old Bonce - perhaps appropriately - sported a cranium unequalled among our number, either in physical dimensions or by virtue of the size of the ego it kept just barely under restraint. None of it mattered, of course; we all knew that he was heading for a fall once he was unleashed upon a cruel and

withering world.

It would be many years before we discovered that the universe is indeed a fickle mistress and that against all our wishes, A. Bonce esquire had become a highly successful businessman. We found this out in the only appropriate manner - he announced it himself, in writing, on a popular website for old school acquaintances. His little self-penned biography, when distilled amounted to something along the lines of: "I'm disgustingly rich! Ha-haaaa! Told you so!" I swear I could hear the distant notes of a huge Sousaphone as soon as my eyes settled upon his name. The annoying little bastard haunts me still. As you can tell. 🍷

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE: DENMAN GREEN

Denman Green, the proposal to build 4 units of affordable housing, 8 units of limited-cost rentals, and 8 market rental units in a cluster off Denman Road, is producing a real difference of opinion in our community. Here's a summary of community input to Islands Trust so far. Thirty-eight households have submitted opinions to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee:

22 submissions supported Denman Green. Nine of these supported affordable housing in principle, 9 described the need for affordable housing on Denman, 6 supported the concept of rainwater harvesting, and 2 mentioned they supported the proposal if it can provide adequate water;
16 submissions rejected the proposal, including 12 that indicated they support housing affordability. These submissions included about 113 paragraphs describing specific problems (the proposed water use minimization and rainwater collection plans, the septic plan and soil conditions, deviations from planning standards, limitations involving BC Housing, and the risk if the project does not resolve these various problems).

Supporters and rejectors of Denman Green have fundamentally different perspectives. The former describe the need for affordable housing or their support affordable housing in principle, then endorse Denman Green. The later (I am one of these) say they support affordable housing but give detailed reasons for rejecting the Denman Green plan.

How can our community reach a decision about Denman Green? Sending submissions to Islands Trust won't accomplish much, because one side is generally arguing principles while the other is arguing practicality. I think we need to get Denmaners who are interested in our needs for affordable housing to come together in a room (a big one with adequate social distance!) and talk together about how to make a practical project that would accomplish the principles most of us share.

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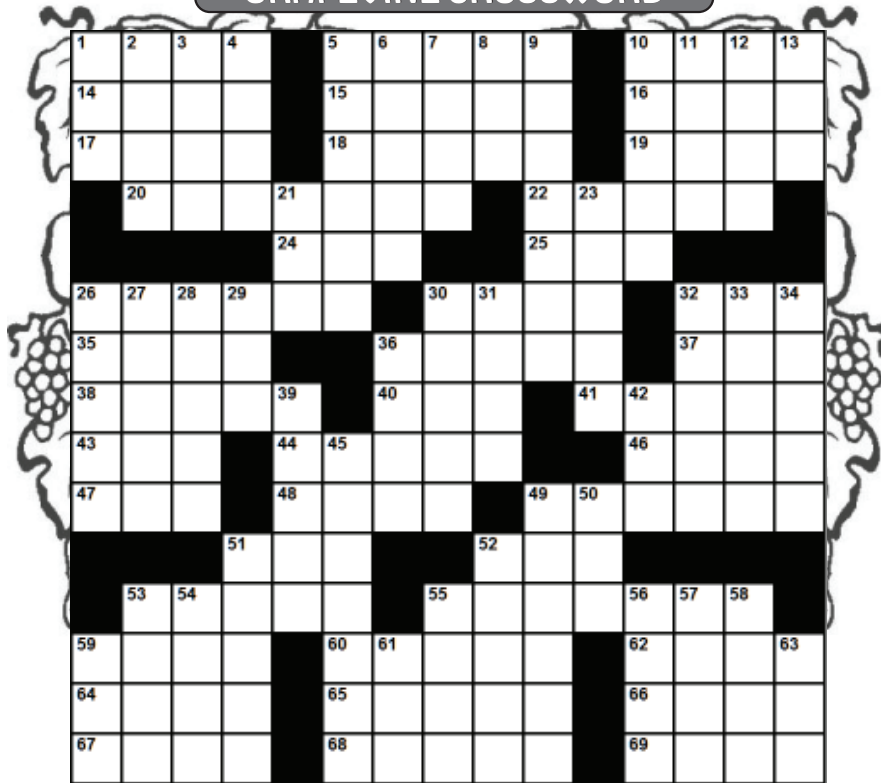
I would like to thank Dr. Stephen Malthouse for his kind generosity in publishing a Grapevine insert 2 weeks ago regarding Covid-19.

It was most informative and helpful in softening the atmosphere of fear.

Thank you!

~Miho Baird

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Dance piece
5. City of salts
10. A kind of review
14. Do road work
15. Keno kin
16. Sponsorship, var.
17. Barley beverages
18. Borders on
19. Answer, abbr.
20. Salad nuggets
22. Chopin creation
24. Census form question
25. Yang partner
26. Paid under the table
30. Derive from
32. Burnt tree
35. Hokkaido ancients
36. Horace offering
37. Any miss
38. Diving gear
40. Boot hill abbr.
41. Like a king
43. Formal address
44. Billboards
46. Farmer's home
47. "A Chorus Line" finale

48. Fizz flavor

49. Poor part of town
51. Adult elver
52. Certain Asian
53. Raccoon like carnivore
55. Purify, as water
59. Safecracker
60. Largest asteroid
62. Deceased
64. Between chores
65. Man in the mirror
66. Hassle free
67. Baron, e.g.
68. Rode roundly down the river
69. Altar area

• DOWN •

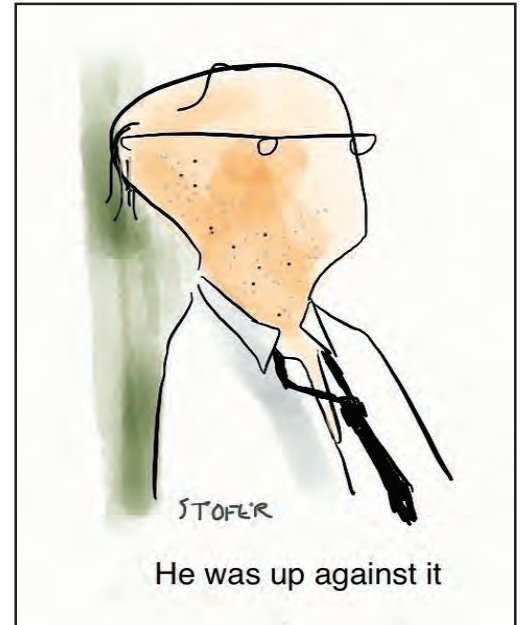
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2. Agalite
3. At any time
4. Chilean money
5. Floating on air
6. Mail receptacle
7. Bedaze
8. Giant great
9. Ambled
10. Old TV program
11. Added years
12. Clamping device
13. 6th sense
21. "It's no ___!"
23. Racing official
26. Ezio Pinza, e.g.
27. Castor-bean product
28. Habituate
29. Fella
30. Book's side
31. A number one
32. Right up to date
33. Ten commandments verb
34. Hi there
36. As a result
39. Balance sheet item

42. Adorer's writing

45. Clandestine
49. Showed off
50. All the rage
51. Anxious
52. Feudal vassal
53. Give up
54. Eye coyly
55. Dully colored
56. Brain wave
57. Bounding distance
58. Bonny miss
59. Cry of pain
61. Cassowary kin
63. Change the locks

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• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• **FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: Alpaca socks - warm and wonderful. Llama and alpaca hats, gloves, neck warmers and bed socks. Buy direct from the farm - Denman Island. Meet the llamas and alpacas that provide the luxurious fibre. Hand spun and locally produced. Rose 335-1117

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FOR SALE. 18' Thourston Glascraft. 150 Motor & Trailer. Electronics & Appliance. 2 Electric Stoves. Prawn Boat with high back seats. Range 3125. \$1500.

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APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Ranges, washers, dryers, fridges, dishwashers, gas/electric range. All fully restored and come with a full six month warranty. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.

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• **CLASSIFIED ADS** •

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THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Denman stockpile for smaller loads. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@gmail.com

MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & All household major and small appliances. All large and small machinery. Yard machinery, chainsaws, outboards, automotive, sharpening, welding and fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.(HI) (12/20)

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• **FOR RENT**

PRIVATE OFFICE SPACE FOR HIRE Contact Abraxas - 335-2731 or drop in for availability & rates.

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

BLACKBERRY LANE Children's Centre has postponed fall registration until June 8 - 19. If you are interested in a registration package or have any questions about early childhood education on Denman Island, please contact Melisande at blackberrylanecentre@yahoo.com

• **FREE**

FREE ONE dark brown leather easy chair. please call 335 0415 for more info. and to view

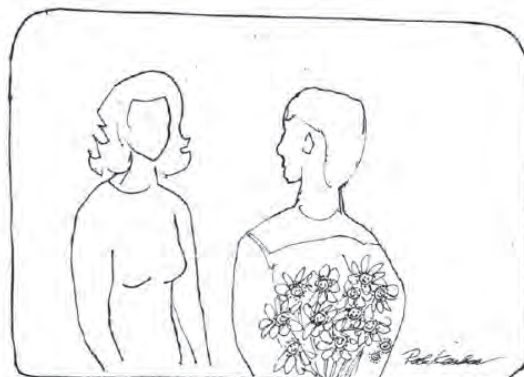
CORRECTION TO JUNE CALENDAR

THE RECYCLING & BOTTLE DEPOT HOURS LISTED ARE WRONG - PLEASE REFER TO WEEKLY EVENTS LISTING ON PAGE 8 FOR CORRECT TIMES. THANKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ANY CONFUSION



JULY CALENDAR
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COVID 19 "Surprise, surprise!"

by Peter Karsten

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• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-9177 (D/H)
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)

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- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Bobcat and Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- Dean's Digger - Mini Excavator & Small Haul 218-4534 (D/H)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Gutters Supply & Install • Kevin 667-3233/335-1986 (All)
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured 335-1741 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Denman Renaissance • tile & stone installation 334-6644 (D/H)
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- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gresson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy & Acupuncture • Carmen B-Gautrais RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Tree Service - Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker 335-1535 (D/H)

WEEKLY EVENTS

THURSDAY 11

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm

FRIDAY 12

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

SATURDAY 13

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET 9:30-12:30pm • Old School
- COVID CAFE 11am • Guesthouse

SUNDAY 14

MONDAY 15

TUESDAY 16

WEDNESDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm

THURSDAY 18

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm

Trippin'
by Thomas Provençal

*Trippin' in the forest
with the breathing of the trees, watching their
stomata,
flying with the breeze.
Feeling all creation
expressing life together.
When aligned with nature's rhythms you can
change the weather.
The power of the mind
is expanded with a drop. Astounding new
discoveries
keep rising to the top
of your sensitized awareness
while percolating bliss
will keep your soul connected
like living in a kiss.*

