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Two Roads Farm Navigates Pandemic Through Hard Work & Community

COMM INFO

By Trish Weatherall for Denman WORKS!

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit in March, Two Roads Farm operators Sam Croome and Emily Anderson were mainly concerned about the pre-school closing and what to do with their two toddlers, Wilf, 5, and Alasdair, 21 months, while working their small commercial farm operation.

Learning is now on the land as their farmer parents navigate this difficult year with community support, an incredible volunteer crew, a new farm stand, and a new online store through Local Line.

Initially, sales at the Denman Island Farmer's Market and through the Denman General Store increased as locals stayed and shopped on the island. Two Roads Farm adapted their produce market stand at the Denman Island recycling centre to include wearing masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer. The Denman Island Farmer's Market is in full swing now and the market stand traffic is steady.

However, as more restrictions were announced and restaurants shut down throughout BC, Sam says, "We lost 60-75% of our wholesale trade to off-island restaurants and grocers."

The work has been nonstop this year, but they are grateful for Denman's volunteer spirit which helped them accomplish more than they expected.

"The volunteer crew, mainly seniors, have been incredible. We've had up to 14 people show up to get the work done – field work, building. The farm stand would not have been completed as quickly. We really have to give a shout out to them!"

The new farm stand, a complete overhaul of an existing old cabin on the property, opened in early June, a few weeks later than usual. Sam says, "It was worth the wait! It a nice airy, bright, well-ventilated space."

They give back each week when they contribute produce to the Denman Food Bank. "We always have excess and it's not much extra work. It just seems like the right thing to do."

Supporting each other is an island's lifeline, whether lending a hand or participating in the local economy.

"We buy a lot of Denman Island chocolate. It's one of the perils of having our stand next to them at the market," he jokes. "We also buy Denman Island-raised beef, Ima's Kitchen sourdough bread, Corlan Vineyard's wine, and as much as possible at the Denman General Store."

Sam goes a step further to include services. "We use Denman Island tradespeople as much as possible, for plumbing, concrete finishing and the like. If we're all going to be viable in the long-term, we have to scratch each other's backs."

They also provide employment for one full-time and two part-time 'Denmonites', plus two full-time students through a Canada Summer Jobs grant.

While locals can tell you that Two Roads Farm has quality produce, they received particularly inspiring praise from Chef Dan Hayes during filming of an episode of Moosemeat & Marmelade in 2018: "Sam's vegetables are incredible! They're fresh, vibrant, they are colourful and they have that . . . continued on Page 5 . . ."



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A New Roots-Rock Voice Has Arrived *Vancouver Sun* **MUSIC**



Kalyna Rakel singer/guitarist featuring Dan Gurman on pedal steel guitar will be performing at the earth club factory (3806 denman road, denman island bc) on august 22nd at 7pm. Kalynas music draws inspiration from old-time country/blues. Stomping on drums while playing her distorted slide guitar, she let's her songs out with a big voice straight from the heart. Tickets are available for advance purchase or at the door on a first come first serve basis. Admission is \$10. www.kalynarakel.com 🍷

Baird, Black & White Trio *by Miho Baird* **MUSIC**

@Community Hall Aug. 22, Sat. 8pm

Finally, a ray of hope will shine on Denman Island Community Hall on August 22nd Saturday 8pm with beautiful music! At the front hall with the grand piano, Baird, Black & White Trio (composed of Roger Baird, drums, Miles Black, piano and Scott White, bass) will bring much needed food for the soul.



Advance tickets are \$15 (\$20 at the door), available at Abraxas Books and the General Store. Tickets are also available through e-transfer to mihonb@gmail.com

In order to keep ample space between seatings to follow Covid precaution guidelines, letting us know (by email to mihonb@gmail.com or phone 335-3062) of how many are in your group would be much appreciated so that we can prepare grouping of seats in advance. Get your tickets early since the number of available seats are limited.

The Baird, Black and White Trio, composed of Roger Baird, drums, Miles Black, piano and Scott White, bass will play at the Denman Island Hall on Saturday, August 22 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 Comox 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, bandleader 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 many unorthodox 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 accomplished 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. 🍷

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Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove Source: tides.gc.ca		
2020-08-13 (Thursday)		
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PDT	(m)	(ft)
08:04	1.7	5.6
16:11	3.9	12.8
20:05	3.7	12.1
2020-08-14 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:34	4	13.1
08:59	1.4	4.6
16:59	4.2	13.8
21:36	3.7	12.1
2020-08-15 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
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09:52	1.1	3.6
17:39	4.4	14.4
22:35	3.6	11.8
2020-08-16 (Sunday)		
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PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:52	4.1	13.5
10:40	0.9	3.0
18:15	4.5	14.8
23:19	3.5	11.5
2020-08-17 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:53	4.2	13.8
11:26	0.6	2.0
18:49	4.6	15.1
23:59	3.4	11.2
2020-08-18 (Tuesday)		
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12:08	0.5	1.6
19:21	4.7	15.4
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05:42	4.5	14.8
12:49	0.5	1.6
19:51	4.7	15.4
2020-08-20 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:23	2.9	9.5
06:36	4.5	14.8
13:30	0.7	2.3
20:20	4.8	15.7



From the Crow's Nest: 8:15

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

For three months we've coasted Nippon. Up from Amaterasu's tropical southern islands, through sudden katabatic squalls, the Narrows fierce whirlpools, tiderips of the Bungo strait, and wild shipping melees in a jarringly polluted Inland Sea... on a misty morning in early August, we slip past a stone lantern half-submerged in Miyajima's shallows. Already sacred in prehistoric times, one of Japan's Three Wonders rises in our lee.

The next gust brings the scent of pines. The boat heels, a pilgrim's bow. Jinking past a tourist-laden ferry, we come to anchor beneath a towering *o-torii* arch. From their nest of scaffolding, workers refurbishing faded vermilion stare down at the *gaijin* aboard a visiting UFO.

Our two-oared shuttle grounds among blissed-out deer near the home of No-Mikato. Built in 593, Itsukushima Shrine was last refurbished in 1168 at the height of Heian artistry. In evening's hallowed light, the orange-and-gold pavilion of a goddess appears to hang suspended, free of earthy ties.

Past bronze *komainu* temple dogs guarding Shinto altars in shadowed alcoves, a covered boardwalk swallows our foot-falls in the hush of centuries. Featuring shamanic spells and still-practiced rituals of purity and fertility, the "Way of the Gods" has venerated the *kami* spirits of ancestors and natural phenomenon for more than 2,000 years. Oblivious to the finger-snap of Canadian history, a panhandling doe escorts us back to our skiff.



Celerity anchored off Miyajimas renowned otorii.

• Photo Will Thomas

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Impelled at dawn by the reverberations of a massive gong smashing life's dream, we follow the robed bell-ringer and Emperor Meiji's ghost to the *Daisho-In*, where an abbot beckons us towards the most revered temple in all Japan. Inside that dimly-lit aromatic hall, candlelight glints on a sanctuary resplendent with gold figures and filigree. When the smiling holy man proffers powdered incense, we uncertainly anoint our hands.

With a bustle of saffron robes, monks enter beneath the serene wooden countenance of Namikiri-Fudo. Though its bulk threatened his flagship's stability, Japan's first *shogun* – Hideyoshi Toyotomi – carried this great Fudo aboard his flagship *Takara Maru* when his invasion fleet sailed for Korea in 1592.

A chime sounds a single crystalline note.

Chanting commences. Building sonorously in subtly changing inflections, the Diamond Sutra's low-pitched drone hammers like a heartbeat until it seems to match some deeper pulse.

Buddhism's hold on half the world is suddenly comprehensible, the spread of Siddhartha's awakening in northern India through Tibet, China, Mongolia, Korea and 6th century Japan only natural among peoples who value Confucian harmony above all aspects of daily life.

Back outside, the tapering roofs of distant pagodas float above the trees. The abbot bows to Thea. Absent the usual commotion of a male mind addressing a strikingly fetching young woman, his direct acknowledgement of her Buddha-nature holds me transfixed as he turns and walks away.

But I'm most interested in the koan: *What is the smell of three beancakes frying?* Seen as a sign of inevitable autumnal change, a vendor's *momi-jimaju* delicacies take the form of a three-pointed Maple Leaf. We purchase several of the sweet, sticky, azuki-filled cakes lifted steaming from a griddle, before making our way back to the boat whose three hulls dance in the anchorage where Toyotomi's fleet once lay. The wind gusts, snapping her ensign...

... glimpse of scarlet Maple Leaf over darkening shores.

to be continued...

(Miya = Shrine Jima = Island)

Special thanks to King Anderson for scanning my transparencies.



... continued from Page 2 ... sense that they were picked at 5 a.m. with the dew still clinging to them.”

‘A small family farm on an island off an island’ is Two Roads’ tagline on their website tworoadsfarm.ca where you can learn more about their farming practices which are informed by the Canadian Organic Standard, Certified Naturally Grown.

Emily, originally from Toronto, has a background in resource management and sustainability. Sam trained in forest management in Scotland. They met in Canada, married in 2012, and started looking for land to farm.

They had visited relatives on Denman Island, and in 2014 when the right piece of land came up (good soil, water and West-facing orientation) at the right price, they bought the Northwest Road property and started cleaning the land. In 2015, they had their first stand at the Denman Island Farmer’s Market and their first child. They launched commercial wholesales to restaurants and grocers in 2016.

Since then, they’ve embraced modern marketing and sales. You’ll find photos of the farm, the beautiful produce and the adorable children on Facebook and Twitter @TwoRoadsFarm.

They created prepaid market cards a few years ago. “A lot more people have been buying them, which really helps out. For some it lets them shop cash free, but I



Family Farming: Emily Anderson and Sam Croome balance farm work with raising their two young sons at Two Roads Farm.

know some have bought to help us with our cash flow, and it’s very much appreciated. We also are now taking debit card at the market!”

And they have recently incorporated online ordering on their website through Local Line.

They are still navigating the child care, taking shifts during the day and working ‘night shift’, as Sam calls it, together on the farm in the evenings.

There are benefits to the farming way of life. “We work long hours, but we get to work outside and raise our kids in a beautiful place with an outstanding community,” says Sam. “Our kids get to eat carrots they pulled out of the soil themselves, catch snakes, and swim in the ocean all in the same day. We have a lot to be thankful for.”

Find Two Roads Farm produce at their farm stand at 1536 Northwest Road, 12-7:30 pm. Six days a week from Wednesday-Monday (closed Tuesday), at the Denman Island Farmer’s Market Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Denman Island General Store, and at the Hornby Island Co-Op. 🍇

Living Well • Week 21 • “All I Really Need to Know” By Verna Isbister **COMM INFO**

In my teaching career, I taught all ages of students from Kindergarten to university level. I must say that I loved the Kindergarten students. My teaching motto was: Secure, Significant & Enjoyed. I wanted the classroom to be a safe place where the children could take risks and try new things. I wanted the children to feel safe and secure in themselves and in the classroom environment. I wanted them to believe that each child was unique and had unique and newly learned gifts to discover and share. I wanted to create a community where we laughed and enjoyed each other as we learned together. We played, explored, sang, read, napped, ran, danced, listened, introduced Show and Tell, laughed and cried. Robert Fulghum was right when he wrote All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten in 1990. His reflections and wisdom bear repeating in today’s world. I’ve re-formatted the poem to save space:

“Share everything. Play fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things that aren’t yours. Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life-learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traf-

fic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup-they all die. So do we.

And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned-the biggest word of all-LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

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... continued from Page 5 ... Take any of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm.

Think what a better world it would be if all-the whole world-had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap.

Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are-when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

I will never forget one little fellow, who came from a very poor and neglected background. We worked hard as a class to teach him all of the above, especially the "don't hit people" part. He was a real challenge for me and the other students

but we persevered in accepting and supporting him. On the very last day of school, he was the first to leave the classroom. He turned back and with his hand held high, waved good-bye and shouted, "I love you guys!"

That response made my day and my career. After a school year, where his classmates extended Kindergarten grace, he felt beloved. Isn't that what we all want?

Now, I'm off to wash my hands and make chocolate chip cookies!



Ripple Rock Explosion *By Craig Baird*

SPECIAL INTEREST

There have been several large explosions in Canadian history, and one of the biggest planned explosions was without a doubt, the explosion of Ripple Rock. First, a bit of background on Ripple Rock itself. This underwater mountain sits at Seymour Narrows along the Discovery Passage, it presented a significant hazard to boats coming through the area. George Vancouver wrote in his diary in 1792 that it was one of the vilest stretches of water in the entire world.

The first large ship to ever hit the rock was the USS Saranac, which crashed into it in 1875 on its way to Alaska. From that point until 1958, 20 large ships and 100 small ships were sunk or badly damaged on the rock. It is known that at least 110 people drowned in the accidents caused by the rock.

As soon as the first ship hit the rock in the 1800s, it was decided that the rock had to go and an explosion of monumental proportions was needed. One plan had a bridge being built to connect Vancouver Island with Blue Inlet, using the rock as a support but that was abandoned in the 1860s in favour of eventually destroying the rock. In 1931, a Canadian marine commission recommended removing the rock completely but it would be over a decade until the government gave permission to do so. The first attempt to destroy the rock with explosives was in 1943. Floating drilling barges were tasked with drilling into the rock to blast it into pieces. This approach was abandoned quickly as cables tended to break every 48 hours. In 1945, another attempt was made using two large overhead steel lines but this was abandoned when only 93 out of 1,500 controlled explosions were successful.

In 1953, the National Research Council of Canada commissioned a feasibility study on planting explosive charges underneath the peaks of the rock. Three companies, Northern Construction Company, J.W. Stewart Limited and Boyles Brothers Drilling Company were granted the contract, worth \$3 million. The United Kingdom's Atomic Weapons Research Establishment were very interested in this explosion as it was going to be a very large, non-nuclear, explosion.

From November of 1955 to April of 1958, 75 men working in three shifts built a 500 foot vertical shaft from Maud Island, and a 2,370 foot long horizontal shaft to the base of Ripple Rock. Two more main shafts were built from the twin peaks.



A total of 1,270 metric tons of Nitramex 2H explosives were used. This was 10 times what would have been used for an explosion above water.

On April 5, 1958 at 9:31 a.m., the explosion took place. A total of 635,000 metric tons of rock and water were displaced by the explosion. Rocks and debris were thrown 1,000 feet into the air. The blast was large enough that it cleared 45 feet of vertical rock, providing ships with plenty of room to go over.

As for the destructive aspects, there was a brief 25-foot tsunami, and a few fish died, but that was it. The only damage that was reported was to a wall clock at a mining clock at Quadra Island.

Register for my Zoom History Conference on Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. MST. It is all about the seances of T.G. Hamilton of Winnipeg. You can register by visiting www.canadaehx.com and clicking Register, or by e-mailing me at craig@canadaehx.com

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Solidarity in Shangri-La: A Path to Affordable Housing

OP/ED

By Bill Engleson, RSW (Retired and Non-Practicing) • www.engleson.ca

An August 6th op/ed in the Grapevine suggested that some new residents might fail to appreciate the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust. It also suggested that the Denman Green project would attract those in need of rental accommodation from off-Island.

The Islands Trust Act is somewhat of a living document. The Preserve and Protect Object is its mainstay to be sure but over the years the Act has been amended more than a dozen times, most times to make it more effective.

In 2018, the Trust Council chair requested a as-yet-to-be-acted-upon series of three broad legislative changes from the Provincial Government. The third broad legislative change referred to affordable housing. Here is the full link to the letter http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/346985/vo_tc_2018-12-18_chair-to-minister-robinson_ita-amendments_ltr_final2.pdf

and here is the specific excerpt: **ADVANCING THE MISSION OF THE ISLANDS TRUST:** *Diverse communities are a key element of Trust Council's vision for the Trust Area and relates to its current land use authority. Recommended amendments are:*

10. *Affordable Housing: to be able to enter into agreements with third parties to administer affordable housing, to be able to operate a housing service, and for local trust committees to be able to acquire and dispose of land.*

As for the suggestion that off-islanders will be drawn to the availability of our affordable housing opportunities, something also alluded to occasionally on social media, the Denman Housing Association has been crystal clear that the Denman Green project is for the people in our community who require safe affordable housing.

Final thoughts

As recently as 2018, the Trust commissioned affordable housing reports for both the northern and southern Gulf Islands.

The northern report, http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/346025/lpc_2018-06-21_northern_hna.pdf much like its southern counterpart, leaves little doubt that we need action not only now but continuously into the future to provide safe affordable accessible rental housing. Much like the entire Islands Trust area, our current population's requirements will not diminish.

The Local Trust Committee is aware of the need. In a 2018 letter of support for

Understanding the Islands Trust

OP/ED

By Denise MacKean

Iwould like to hark back to the 1970s when the Islands Trust was established. The reason for taking this strong and brave step by the government of the day was to preserve and protect the special environmental nature of the Gulf Islands from tremendous development pressures. It was clearly argued at that time that these islands provided a unique ecological niche very close to urban centers. As such, they were of great value preserved in their natural state for the enjoyment of all – not just by those nearby city dwellers but people like myself living in the East Kootenays who strongly supported this move. Although we lived far away and may never have anticipated living on the islands, we felt more secure knowing they were being protected and preserved for ... continued on Page 8 ...

funding opportunities by the Denman Housing Association, Susan Morrison, the Local Trust chair at the time, borrowed this excerpt from our OCP:

These objectives are clear. To have a diverse and vibrant community, we need a diverse range of housing options. Much human capital has already been invested in Denman Green. We should be able to coalesce around this crucial project. Our social fabric requires some mending. Denman Green is an excellent additional thread to that end.

I trust we can rise to the occasion.



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One way Denman has met this historic challenge was demonstrated by our last intensive overall review for our present Official Community Plan. It retained large, undivided properties which is exactly what constitutes "ruralness". Whether these properties are privately or publicly owned, it is this ecological integrity we need in order to preserve an intact ecosystem. Subdividing any of it sells out the advantage of viable corridors. If a person acquires 100 acres or more which allows for only one dwelling with the knowledge of our existing community plan and zoning and we stick to our principals and do not allow wholesale rezoning of such land, the chances are that the buyer is one who shares the desire to preserve and protect large areas in perpetuity and will be thankful for our foresight and trust us not to change the rules for others.

A Letter to Honorable Bernadette Jordan *By Dorrance Woodward*

OP/ED

DFO and the Shellfish Industry need a long-term plan for cleaning up their own plastic pollution if they are to actually be sustainable and recover their social license.

The Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards, (ADIMS) was deeply concerned to read that the BC Shellfish Growers Association (BCSGA) had recently received \$350,000 from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to pay them to clean up this industry's own plastic debris over a two year period. Shockingly, it will only cover the deep water areas below their own rafts, but not the industry debris which litters our shores!

Our home, Denman Island, forms the eastern shore of Baynes Sound, which is the epicentre of shellfish growing in BC. This decision concerns us because tonnes of plastic debris from the industry continually wash up on our shores, compelling us to organize volunteer beach cleanups and do what we can to prevent additional microplastic contamination.

Why would DFO fund BCSGA to clean up its own lost gear, instead of taking action, as the regulator, to ensure that growers take care of this problem without cost to the taxpayers?

It's always been ADIMS' position that the industry should clean up its own lost gear. Similarly, it's always been our position that DFO should enforce its own regulations, and pursue a relationship of respect and compliance between itself and the shellfish growers. We expect that DFO and the Province would also require that growers respect the needs of both the marine ecosystem and local residents by removing their toxic debris from our waters.

When we met with Jim Russell, executive director of BCSGA, we found we were all in agreement regarding who is responsible for cleaning up lost gear - the growers - and what DFO should be doing as regulator - monitoring and enforcement.

We discussed the two year grant itself, which is exclusively for submerged ghost gear, meaning gear coming from the rafts, or netting swept off inshore tenures. The \$350,000 matches growers' costs, who will have to cover the expense of divers. Growers will pay 50% of cleanup costs.

We believe this grant will only account for a small part of the industry's plastic debris problem as we witness it from Denman's shores.

More importantly: this grant will not fund the development of a model for growers to take responsibility for their lost gear in the future. Will DFO just keep on paying growers to clean up their own mess?

For the last 10 years, DFO has not routinely monitored or enforced this clear vio-

We are hearing that sustainability and less aggressive growth is the way of the future. Therefore I suggest we revisit the need on this island for affordable housing and find ways to make existing accessory dwellings conformable and design new regulations which provide affordable movable or small housing on presently existing building lots. Let us not lose our hard-worked-for rural heritage but revisit and if necessary, change our present rules to conform with conditions existing today.



lation of the Fisheries Act. This industry's lost gear constitutes a well-recognized threat to fish and fish habitat by depositing toxic plastic debris into critical salmon and herring spawning and nursery habitat. This decade of under staffing and under budgeting for basic regulatory functions can only be viewed as a policy decision, for which the Minister is responsible.

By allowing the shellfish growing industry to continue as a publicly visible plastics polluter of our oceans and shores, DFO has become an enabler of the current shellfish aquaculture practices and complicit in the industry's loss of social license. Shellfish aquaculture used to call itself sustainable, and highlighted the pristine waters of Baynes Sound. There is an army of witnesses, who can attest that neither of those industry claims can be made at this time.

DFO must step up as the regulator, and work with this industry to comprehensively address its plastic debris failings and adoption of a model for real and continued sustainability. We all need Baynes Sound waters to be pristine-- for the sake of the shellfish aquaculture industry, the environmentally sensitive and diverse marine and fore-shore ecosystems, and the present and future generations of islanders who live and work along its waters.

Sincerely,

Dorrance Woodward
Chair, ADIMS



Lebanon Meltdown *By Gwynne Dyer • OP August 10th, 2020*

OP/ED

Beirut has been living with car bombs and air raids on a sporadic but continuing basis for so long that it would probably make sense to rebuild this time with shatterproof glass. The torrent of broken glass falling from a thousand shattered buildings probably accounted for half the 158 dead found so far in Beirut, and certainly for most of the 6,000 wounded.

The Beirutis were not expecting a giant exploding warehouse, of course, but Lebanon has been cursed in so many other ways that in retrospect it seems almost inevitable. Fifteen years of brutal civil war, followed by thirty years of corrupt rule by the very warlords who ruined the country, ended Beirut's claim to be the 'Paris of the Middle East' a long time ago.

The sense that the country's time was running out has taken different forms over the years, but it was always there. I even thought the end might be coming with Islamic State a few years ago, and took my wife there to see the old Lebanon (some of which still survived and was easy to love) before IS came over the mountains from Syria to destroy it all.

Another blow to my reputation as a prophet, and one I was happy to take. IS overreached itself, and is gone. What finally did it for Lebanon was more banal: the deliberate looting of the country's entire fragile economy, and the concealment of the proceeds in obscure foreign banks, by the few thousand people whom ordinary Lebanese contemptuously call the 'political class'.

'Warlords' is the right name for them, although many are sectarian leaders whose pedigrees go back to Ottoman times. It is a country where old men and obsolete communal loyalties oppress the impoverished young. That is true of almost every country in the Arab world, of course, but in Lebanon's case the only remaining route to a better future may lie through even greater violence.

Popular anger was great even before the 2.75-kiloton explosion last week. Garbage collection failed years ago, the only safe water comes in bottles, and there is still not reliable 24-hour electricity 30 years after the war. The currency has collapsed, most people's savings have been wiped out, the country has defaulted on its debt, and there are no jobs for the young.

There were huge non-violent street demonstrations last October, and the multi-party coalition government was forced to resign. (The 'parties' are really the old militias renamed.) "All of them means all of them," the demonstrators chanted – but all that really changed was the faces of the cabinet ministers. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

There is a lot of sympathy for the Lebanese, and foreign governments are willing to bail the country out of its troubles – but only on condition that the loans don't just get pocketed by the same thieves in silk ties, and that there is complete transparency in banking and in government financial transactions.

Those conditions were too tough for the 'political class', since many of their past crimes would be exposed and future ones would become more difficult. So, incredibly, the Lebanese government refused the loans even as families went without food. Then came the explosion on the waterfront, which was clearly the result of official incompetence at the very least.

An online summit of fifteen countries hosted by French President

Emanuel Macron on Sunday pledged a quarter-billion dollars for immediate humanitarian aid to Lebanon. However, Macron made it clear that a \$20 billion International Monetary Fund bail-out will depend on real reforms, including an audit of the central bank and regulation of the country's capital markets. That is unlikely to happen voluntarily.

The demonstrators came out on the streets in force on Saturday, and by Sunday the army was there as well, firing live rounds into the air. The militias are out too, but so far they have left their weapons at home. The likelihood that this confrontation will be resolved peacefully? Worse than evens, certainly.

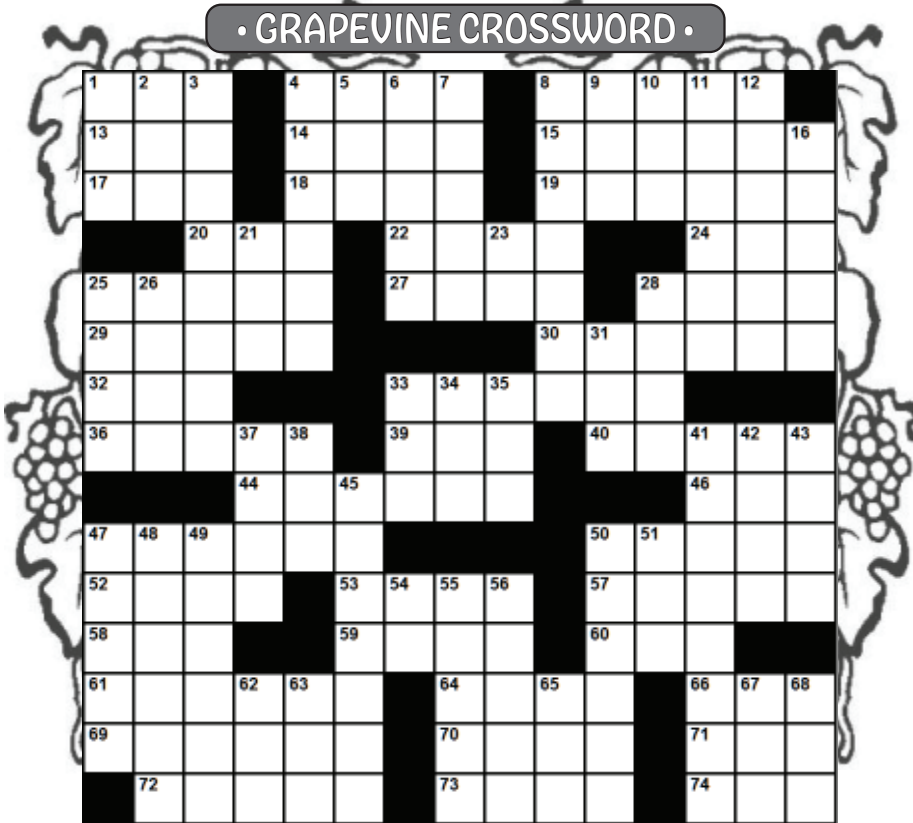
The crisis might have been delayed another year without the explosion, but not more. Even Hezbollah, once violent but relatively honest, now also has its hand in the till, and popular outrage is huge. This time, the protesters are building mock gallows in the street.

The oligarchs have their backs to the wall, but they know that popular rage can often be drowned in blood in the Arab world. In the past decade it has been done successfully in Syria, in Egypt, and in Bahrain, so why not in Lebanon too?

Here's why not. Even if they win in the streets, the oligarchs still lose, because there is no economy left to plunder. And if they lose in the streets, they could easily end up on real gallows. 🍷



• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

- 1. Be master of
- 4. Indian sage
- 8. Jam up
- 13. Romanian money
- 14. Blue flag, for one
- 15. Fished
- 17. Banned substance
- 18. Stead
- 19. Capital of Punjab
- 20. Apple color
- 22. Chatterley or Windemere
- 24. Asian gazelle
- 25. Furniture set
- 27. Food for pigs
- 28. Angler's supply
- 29. Roll in dough
- 30. It's nothing to sniff at
- 32. Yang partner
- 33. Expense
- 36. Praises highly
- 39. Aquarius, e.g.
- 40. Actor Kevin
- 44. Byron of golf
- 46. Be contrite
- 47. Papal official
- 50. Destined to diet
- 52. Balm ingredient
- 53. Eye coily

- 57. Court call
- 58. Belief, in brief
- 59. Any time now
- 60. Anonymous Jane
- 61. Right now
- 64. Egg outline
- 66. Annoyer
- 69. Get off the track
- 70. Airplane head
- 71. Actor's hint
- 72. Return in kind
- 73. Little yelps
- 74. Barely manage

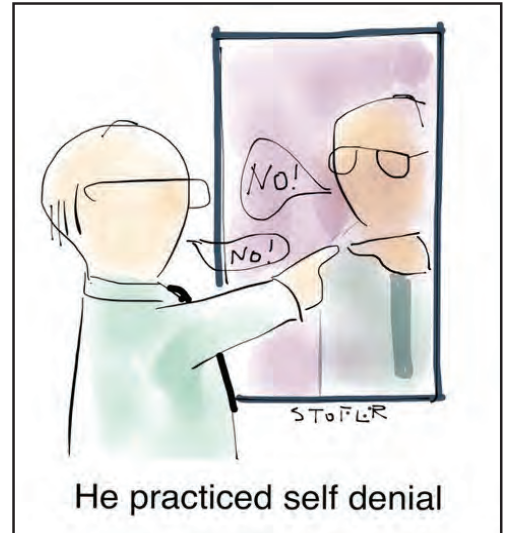
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- 1. Archaic
- 2. Became one
- 3. Source of nourishment
- 4. Coated with gold
- 5. Altdorf's canton
- 6. Cambodian cash
- 7. As expected
- 8. Day-O style
- 9. Carrier of genetic info
- 10. Crude grunt
- 11. Catchword
- 12. Dauntless
- 16. Tarot card
- 21. Airport info
- 23. Pull off
- 25. Scottish isle
- 26. Computer operating system
- 28. Alpha follower
- 31. Bath feature
- 33. Ballet step
- 34. Antiquity
- 35. Far Eastern money
- 37. A single time
- 38. Luau wear
- 41. Believability
- 42. River of England
- 43. Never, to Keats

- 45. Ordinarily
- 47. River nymph
- 48. Heavy wool overcoat
- 49. Not now
- 50. A whole lot
- 51. A rel.
- 54. Move on
- 55. Hairbrained
- 56. Poetic postscript
- 62. Baby's break
- 63. Alias org.
- 65. African serpent
- 67. Diving shorebird
- 68. Aw, shucks

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He practiced self denial



NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND READERS

WE WILL BE TAKING ONE WEEK OFF IN AUGUST - THERE WILL BE NO ISLANDS GRAPEVINE PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY AUGUST 20TH.

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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MY PARTNER AND I ARE LOOKING for a home on Denman or Hornby island. I used to live on Hornby island and worked in the Preschool. I have my ECE and am a RMT my partner is a landscaper and will offer maintenance services such as mowing, pruning, Trimming and mulching. Please call 250-893-1044

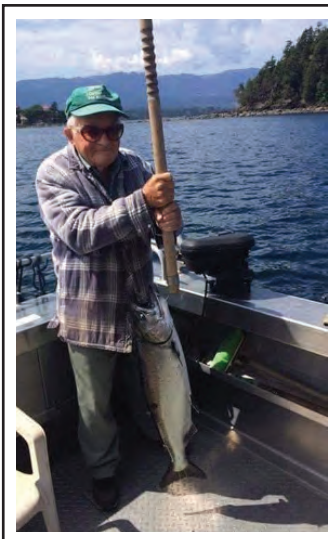
• **HELP WANTED**

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SEPT CALENDAR
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FRIDAY AUG 21ST
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Donald Frederick Janes

Nov 9, 1929 ~ July 31, 2020



After a short illness, Dad took his last breath on Friday July 31 at Dufferin Care Lodge where he resided for almost a year.

Dad was predeceased by our beautiful Mom Audrey Janes (Millard). He is survived by his four children; Larry (Jackie) Janes of Denman Island, Donna (Dave) Conelley of Royston, Joanne Williams of Ladner and Terry Janes of Denman Island.

The Siblings can't thank Terry enough for the care he gave Dad which allowed him to stay in his home on Denman as long as he was able. Dad is also survived by 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and a new great grandchild arriving in October.

There will be no service by Dad's request. If anyone wishes donations can be made to the Denman/Hornby Home Care that were amazing looking after our Mom then our Dad. The valley has lost another of the pioneering family members - a member of the Hawkins family.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.PiercysMtWashingtonFuneral.com for the Janes family.

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THURSDAY 13

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
JEFFREY RUBINOFF SCULPTURE
PARK 9:30-1pm

FRIDAY 14

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

SATURDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET 9:30-12:30pm • Old School
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

SUNDAY 16

- SUMMER DAY CAMP DI Comm School 10-2pm
- DCLTA AGM Farmers' Market 2pm

MONDAY 17

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- SUMMER DAY CAMP DI Comm School 10-2pm

TUESDAY 18

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

WEDNESDAY 19

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

THURSDAY 20

Lost
by Thomas Provençal

*We've lost the path to paradise.
Confusion's in control.
People really aren't so nice,
their ideas not so drole.
By allowing insecurity
to measure our perception
we weaken our community
and strengthen the deception.*

*We're told, "Go forth and multiply."
The world is ours to plunder.
As resources dwindle,
now's the time to wonder.
Where's the path we should've taken
that skirts around the mire?
Now we see ourselves forsaken,
our situation dire.*

GEROME WAS THE PIONEER OF KNEE BOARD HITCHIN'

