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Looking Towards the Fall

By Emily Guinane • DICES

COMM INFO

As there is uncertainty around what activities and gatherings will be allowed in the upcoming months, Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) will not be publishing a brochure at this time. Instead we will use the local newspapers and our newsletter to share information about our courses and workshops. This will enable us to adapt to the ever changing situation. To sign up for our newsletter or to fill out a proposal form for a course you would like to offer please visit www.dices.ca.

With the increasing reliance on technology during these times we are interested in offering computer workshops and tech support. We would appreciate suggestions on what kinds of courses to offer, you can reach us at 250 335 2058 or dices.communityprograms@gmail.com.

To ensure that we minimize possibilities for transmission of COVID-19, we will not be using the facilities in the Community School. Instead, the Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) will offer Community Programs that take place outside. As the weather gets cold we will be looking at renting indoor spaces and continue offering programs. We will still be offering Food Bank (Thursdays 3:30pm-7:00pm) and Computer Access (Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30pm-7:00pm) in the portable located next to the Community School.

Celebrating Summer Programs!

Our summer programs were a great success with all our programs filling up and the kids having a lot of fun in a safe environment. Our programs took place outside and followed a COVID-19 protocol that had been approved by the Comox Valley School District.

Katarina Meglic, Leticia Gardner and Marlee Munroe did an amazing job of keeping our day camp a safe and happy space and a whole crew of volunteers and staff made the afternoon programs a success. Thank you to our T-ball volunteers; Kevin Hutton, Daniel Farrow and Mike Black, to the soccer crew; Shel Brosgaard, Kaizan, Logan Pierce, Chiara Levesconte, Adam Hopper and Kaizan to the basketball coaches; Alex, Siquoia and Colby O'Neil and our capoeira trainer Ian Avery.

We also want to thank the Denman Island Firefighters and the Sports Field Committee for lending us the tents that made the outdoor program possible. Thank you to Dylan Gale for building our foot pump handwashing station and to Mike Nestor for doing our recycling and to SD71 for allowing the programs to run on school property.

A sincere thank you to our funders Comox Valley Community Foundation, the Community Gaming Grant and Canada Summer Jobs, without their help our summer program would not have been possible. 🍷

Fall Farmers Market Update

By Laura Busheikin COMM INFO

Although change is in the air as summer shifts to fall, the Farmers Market will keep happening every Saturday morning, 9:30 – 12:30 at the Old School. The final market on October 10 (Thanksgiving weekend) will be extra special because Apple Fest is happening that day. You'll be hearing more about that.

The Market tends to be more intimate after Labour Day. People who felt daunted by the prospect of crowds might want to try things out now. The busiest time is 9:30 – 11:00; things are quieter after that.

September brings a cornucopia of produce—tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, melons, broccoli and cauliflower, beets, garlic, still the endless zucchini, greens, apples, pears, plums and much more. Farm stands stand side by side with artists and crafters, take-out food vendors, bakers, and sometimes a massage tent. There have also been chanterelles and we may see more of those golden beauties!

New this year is Lacon Trading Company, selling Kombucha and artisanal coffee; Sheila, Fred and Jesse who sell woodcrafted garden planters, trellises, arbours and Muskoka-style chairs, Peter the Carver offering gorgeous masks and turned bowls; and Mali selling home-made cookies.

The market continues to follow Centre for Disease Control protocols to keep everyone safe. Please enter and exit from Denman Rd (you can't miss the signs), maintain a six-foot distance from others, practice hand hygiene, and if you want to socialize, find a quiet corner or head to the picnic tables. If you have been showing any symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been in a high-risk situation recently, please stay home! Mask wearing is appreciated but not required, in line with CDC guidelines. We provide plenty of hand sanitizer.

Everyone involved in the market extends a warm thank you to the Denman community and to visitors for supporting the market, and being patient and adaptable as we figured out COVID response. As a result of your patronage, this key economic, cultural and food security initiative has remained strong and vibrant in 2020—no easy task. Thank you!

Also, an extra big thanks to our volunteers—those who helped with set-up and take down, who made, lent or gave us materials for barriers and signage, and who helped us figure out technical challenges. There are too many of you to list here. The market would have floundered without you. Thank you for giving us your time and energy. 🍷



Local Shopping Benefits: Myth or Reality?

COMM INFO

By Laura Busheikin for Denman WORKS!

We hear that shopping locally is good. But is this true? Are there quantifiable benefits? Are the economic gains for the community really significant?

Yes, yes, and yes. Research commissioned by the non-profit organization LOCO BC in 2019 provides some eye-opening statistics.

- Local businesses recirculate up to 4.6 times more revenue in the local economy than multinational corporations
- For every \$100 spent with a BC local business, \$63 is re-circulated back into our economy, versus \$14 for multinationals
- Independent businesses produce up to 8.4 times more jobs/ft² and up to 8.1 times more revenue/ft² than multinationals
- Independent businesses donate up to 24 times more per dollar of revenue to local charities than multinationals

Provincially, a 10% shift in shopping from chains to local businesses would create 14,150 jobs and keep \$4.3 billion in the B.C. economy. We don't have statistics for Denman Island but there is no doubt that if each of us upped our local shopping by 10%, it would make a significant difference in jobs and economic security for working people on the island.

Shopping locally isn't just a feel-good activity (although it is that). This research shows that it truly supports a strong, resilient local economy.

The research was carried out in an urban setting. A small rural island has unique challenges (there aren't a lot of shopping options) but also extra opportunities (our interconnections are obvious; chain stores are far away).

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2020-09-10 (Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:51	1.7	5.6
13:53	4	13.1
18:21	3.6	11.8
22:39	3.9	12.8

2020-09-11 (Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:55	1.6	5.2
15:12	4.2	13.8
20:17	3.7	12.1
23:42	3.8	12.5

2020-09-12 (Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
08:05	1.5	4.9
16:07	4.3	14.1
21:31	3.6	11.8

2020-09-13 (Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:19	3.8	12.5
09:09	1.3	4.3
16:50	4.4	14.4
22:18	3.4	11.2

2020-09-14 (Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:44	4	13.1
10:05	1.1	3.6
17:26	4.5	14.8
22:58	3.2	10.5

2020-09-15 (Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:50	4.1	13.5
10:55	0.9	3.0
17:58	4.6	15.1
23:37	2.9	9.5

2020-09-16 (Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:49	4.3	14.1
11:40	0.9	3.0
18:27	4.7	15.4

2020-09-17 (Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:18	2.5	8.2
05:46	4.4	14.4
12:24	1.1	3.6
18:56	4.8	15.7

From the Eagle's Nest: Cliffhanger

ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

From Swansea's summit, 3,300 feet above the miniature alpine town of Invermere, snowcapped peaks ring the horizon like stepping stones to a dominion ruled by gods.

I've never jumped off a mountain before. And I'm finding the bottom-line urge for self-preservation difficult to ignore.

Beside me, Dean Kupchanko cinches his helmet strap, tasting the air with his eyes. Turning, he looks directly into my own dilated peepers. "Whatever you do," he instructs, "*don't stop*."

Translation: *if you hesitate before reaching the rim, we will die*. Just like that dude who stalled on takeoff and smashed into Swansea's granite flanks.

Bending to help lift the wing, I am momentarily reassured by its heft – until a "rotor" back-eddy tries to rip it out of our hands. Together, we sprint hard for the summit.

Six waiting fliers watch the "wind dummies" depart. Ten steps and we're gone, whisked from view as abruptly as a rabbit disappearing back into gravity's hat. A heartbeat later, we do *not* reappear.

It seems my additional weight has taken this gossamer solo contraption and the laws of physics by surprise. *Now you've done it!* my betrayed body berates as we plummet towards the trees.

There's no time to wonder if Thea sewed this wing, after I found her a job at Macken Sails. "If every line of stitching isn't perfectly straight," she assured me, "it will crash."

Suddenly, we "pop". Entering the updraft caroming off Swansea's face, the airfoil inflates with a bang. Six craned heads steadily shrink below. From their vantage, our Mirage is graceful as a gull. But my pilot is working hard.

Dean lies prone beside me, similarly attached to the rip-stop-nylon sail by a cloth strap called a "halo" – which is what we'll be wearing if it fails. To counterbalance the shifting air currents, Canada's National Hang-Gliding Champion heaves continuously on the control bar.

"How do you like it?" he

shouts. *Like it?* Ask Superman how *he* feels as the earth unscrolls a half-mile below.

Descending at 60 mph, the air's solid presence snatches at my face and clothes. Throwing his weight outboard, Dean banks us into a vertical turn. Mountains tilt crazily as a stand of trees pinwheels silently around the lowered wingtip.

This is nothing like flying Cessnas. Gone are the loud clattering motor, the dials and controls, the enclosing cabin structure. This is flight distilled to a 35-pound wing and two guys "hanging out" in shorts and t-shirts.

Exiting the lift band, we drop fast as Dean's gymnastics around the fixed trapeze slide the Columbia's headwaters into view.

A thermal jolts us crossing the two-lane into town. I'm still snapping tourist photos when a clearing opens out ahead. Dean banks us steeply over the trees.

Looking up from the viewfinder, I'm startled by clumps of brush blurring close below my belly.

"Push out!" Kupchanko cries. Reacting with a sailor's reflex, I shove hard on the bar. The glider stands on its tail. Two quick steps and we're back in the land of mortals.

The field fills with folks running, shouting, clapping me on the back.

"That was fantastic!"

"How was it? How was it?"

The same question Dean asked minutes ago in that radical realm. It elicits the same response. Speechless, I can only grin.

Photos by Will Thomas. Scans by King Anderson.



Hang glider launch.



Swansea take-off zone above Invermere BC



... continued from Page 3 ... When we create a circular economy where money moves from hand to hand in the community, we build not just economic sustainability but also a web of relationships. As well, supporting local businesses keeps expertise, know-how, products and services on the island so they are there when we need them (for instance, during a pandemic, or when ferry line-ups are untenable).

To read the report by LOCO BC, and more material on supporting local economies, go to locobc.ca. This article is part of a series on local shopping, sponsored by DenmanWORKS. 🍇

Living Well • Week 24 • Preparing for Fall *By Verna Isbister*

COMM INFO

Have you begun to notice the signs of Fall? On the eastern side of Denman Island, we are hearing the crickets chirping and the loons calling, observing the geese gathering, the rose hips bursting, the spider webs glistening, the morning and evening air cooling, the sun rising later and setting earlier, the apples ripening, the blackberries finishing, the jam and jelly jars filling, the pumpkins and squash rounding and the summer flowers dying and scattering their seeds. My taste buds are dreaming of apple crumble, pumpkin pie and roasted squash. The birds and animals are beginning to prepare their winter homes.

One autumn, the squirrels in our yard worked tirelessly, to gather and store their nuts for winter. Our children used to have a play house that had a six inch foam mattress. We discovered that the squirrels had buried literally thousands of nuts into the foam, rendering the mattress unsleepable. The Princess and the Pea, fairy tale, had nothing on this bed.

I'm thinking that this year, we too, need to be preparing ourselves for a long, dark and different winter ahead. We will need to prepare our homes and psychologically, prepare our minds and hearts for this new season. We have braved Covid Spring and Summer and now Fall and



Winter lies ahead. Many of our traditional autumn and winter Island Events will be cancelled or re-invented according to Covid guidelines. The good news is that we are a creative and flexible people. Challenges allow us to be creative and come up with new solutions. Check out the on-line Christmas Craft Fair!

Darkness can be filled with light. Consider the example of rural, uneducated women in India and Africa who have been trained at the Barefoot College to make and repair solar lights. These women are called the "solar mammas" and they have brought light into their villages. They in turn, have trained other women across the globe. Let's follow their example and care for ourselves and each other. I invite you to nurture your physical, mental and spiritual life. Here are a few ideas:

1. Get lots of exercise. Walk daily with socially distanced friends. Buy an umbrella and raincoat. Choose a new trail, beach or park each week.
2. Get out the old blankets and warm coats and continue your small group, socially distanced visits around campfires, porches, garages and under tarps.
3. Start thinking about your Winter Bubbles. Who would you like to hibernate with this winter? Your man-cave, woman-cave, human-cave or mine?
4. Set up table tennis, dart boards, play areas or home gyms in your garages or barns.
5. Share great on-line resources. Learn a language, guitar, pottery, cooking, dancing, singing, concerts, TED talks, Qi Gong, travel shows, relationship builders, etc...
6. Phone, e-mail and write friends. Connect with other people around interests or friendships.
7. Limit watching the news and time on-line. Limit Covid-talk.
8. Begin that hobby that you've always said that you'd love to do: wood working, knitting, painting, metal working, carving, pottery etc ... and buy your supplies

before they run out at the stores. Youtube provides lessons for every interest. 9. Begin preparing for your Mexico Dream Holiday for January 2021. Cut an extra cord of wood so you can heat up the house, put on your bathing suit and sombrero, fill the tub, drink margaritas, eat your home-canned Salsa while taking Salsa lessons on Youtube. Find things to celebrate.

10. Keep growing and eating plants all winter long. Eat healthily and imbibe moderately.

12. Buy some new board games. Play cribbage, chess, checkers or socially distanced Trivia.

13. Be prepared by having these supplies on hand: masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizers and wipes, tissues, a thermometer, flashlights, batteries and candles, bleach, 60-100% alcohol, soaps: dish, hand and laundry, ink for your printer, essential prescriptions, liquids: tea, coffee, broth, juice and water to keep you hydrated, cough suppressants and expectorants and a 14 day supply of food. Peanut butter for the daily "smell test".

14. Take a weekly road or bike trip around Denman Island. Stop and shop locally as you go. Go down roads you've never travelled.

15. Practise one act of kindness each week. Let your little light shine!

Let's follow the example of the "solar mammas" and find ways to shine light into the Fall and Winter days ahead. 🍇

DENMAN ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Denman Island Residents Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on September 14, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. in the Denman Island Community Center.

The health and safety of attendees is of primary concern. Appropriate Covid-19 precautions including safe distancing, the wearing of masks, and the recording of attendees contact information will be in effect.

We look forward to seeing you.

DIRA Executive

Soccer & Salvation

By Leo Simmons

ARTS&LIT

Sunday church attendance had always been the rule; I certainly don't remember it beginning. It was, as my awareness of the world developed, an immutable part of life.

The first parish priest that I remember in my home town was Father Carson. To this child's eyes, he was a giant of a man, although most of that effect was probably due to his priestly vestments because when standing next to my dad, he was clearly nothing of the kind. Sixty-something, pot-bellied and bald despite the two dozen hairs he optimistically combed across his scalp, he carried around an expression of complete distaste with the world. This was misleading because he proved to be – in private at least – a kind, down-to-earth man with a wicked sense of humour and a fierce allegiance to the local football team. His Sunday sermons started off quietly, his beady little eyes staring at something in the organ pipes a long way above and behind us. Frequently he began with a wry observation about the world (at least I guessed as much from my parents' reactions), but once he got into his stride, he rarely held back from telling us all where we were going wrong. He didn't exactly point his finger, but when he spoke of 'people' I just knew he was thinking of me, quietly cowering in the rearmost pew.

The 'early mass' at eight in the morning rarely filled the church to capacity, but that was where our family was almost always found. As I grew, I came to understand that the morning after any Saturday night is less likely than other mornings of the week to produce devout Catholics before nine o'clock. We typically attended the early mass because – and this always raised a shadow of doubt over my parents' professed level of devotion – having done our duty, it allowed us all the rest of the day to use as we pleased. There was occasionally a suggestion that getting up early on Sunday was itself some kind of act of sacrificial worship, compounded by our early arrival for the early mass, but it all sounded rather suspicious to me. The idea also supported the unspoken assumption that our family was ahead of the average Catholic breeding unit in the ongoing competition for holiness. We were relatively poor (a bit like Jesus), we were publicly humble (like Jesus) and we got up early on a Sunday morning. Case closed, obviously. Perhaps unsurprisingly, from an early age I was skeptical about the whole business.

I resented the mass on Sunday; it took up weekend time which I strongly believed could be better spent doing just about anything else. This was despite my parents' warnings about the need to worship and lead good Catholic lives or else end up 'in durance vile' – one of my dad's favourite, if sinister, sayings – on judgement day. The long form of the regular mass lasted at least forty-five minutes, but with a visiting priest at the helm with a point to prove, could easily stretch out to a seemingly interminable hour.

Inclusive Denman

By Jennifer Chandler

OP/ED

Hello, I would like to introduce myself. I am one of the many people who have bought a home on this island but are not a permanent resident... yet.

It was over 30 years ago when I first set foot on Denman Island. I returned again after receiving an invite to my friends family cabin. That tiny cabin was demolished when her parents retired and they became a permanent part of your community. Fond memories remain of past and present day visits.

In 2016 a lovely small home on Denman becomes the perfect place for my husband and I to create memories of our own. When I come here I like to go to my mailbox and catch up on island news through two publications. I read about services and business, what's new at the General Store, how to attract bats and butterflies, event information, call for volunteers, and all of that further endears me to Denman's community.

What concerns me are articles surfacing that seem divisive in nature. This tends

The ferocity of Father Carson's sermons and his assumptions about the depths of sin to which we all stooped was, I would one day learn, in large part governed by the football results from the previous day. If his team had lost, the world was a foul place and his disdain for humanity reached its peak. At first it seemed like a strange basis for us all to be doomed to suffer endlessly, however when I learned that he had once served as an army chaplain on the battlefields of Europe, it seemed far more understandable and from that point on, I quietly cut him some slack. He'd earned it.

He was a charismatic man and his is the face my mind conjures up whenever I hear the word 'priest'. My entire family remembers him to this day, and I hope that he would regard that as a kind of success. After his death and as I grew older, I would learn that his acts of quiet kindness spread throughout the community. With his pastoral care he supported the local hospital, two schools and several nursing homes. He was a tireless source of comfort to the people of our small town. He even helped arrange a loan for my parents which allowed them to finally qualify for their first mortgage at the age of forty. Although he and I might disagree today on the subject of faith, I still regard him as an example of goodness, and so I can easily forgive him for scaring the crap out of me on a Sunday simply because Liverpool had lost to Manchester United the previous day. After all, there was always next week and the possibility of a soul-saving victory over Bolton Wanderers...



to really manifests itself when speaking about the lack of affordable housing. Though there is mention of government and local challenges to meeting this need, inevitably the focus shifts to THE WEALTHY. I read opinions with multiple references to wealthy retirees, people having lots of loot, housing reserved for the rich and that dirty word gentrification thrown in for more impact.

I take issue with negatively charged characterizations of some people who are choosing this island as their permanent home or home away from home. This stereotypical language frankly highlights a desire for a lack of community inclusivity on the part of those writ-

ing. It all seems rooted in a deep seated resentment of people who have worked to be successful in their own way. Maybe that's not your way, a different path taken, but who are you to judge?

To assume that we are incapable of being the people to make this "community more vibrant, creative and inclusive" is arrogant and wrong. I would ask you, How are you bringing your community together if you are disrespectful towards others?

Maybe you could consider that we are "dreamers, artists, creators" too. We take care of children and the elderly, clean homes or commercial buildings for a living, own businesses that employ people in communities throughout BC and beyond. We are musicians, trades people and in service to each other.

I have worked my whole life with people who faced significant challenges in life, including supporting survivors of violence, persons with disabilities and addictions. Working for non-profits I have learned to rely heavily on the good fortunes of others to support our agencies. When people "with loot" showed up at our fundraisers they exceeded our expectations. From the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver to the Fraser Valley, I've seen the benefits wealth brings to our programs.

So, it is likely that through donation or tax dollars (which are also directed to BC Housing) we help fund projects here on Denman, just as you do. Our dollars go to support artists across this island and we care enough to give time, money and energy to events. As we travel we contribute to local economies. We may also work towards the dream of becoming a permanent resident one day.

We are not all wealthy folks but are hard working citizens who come to Denman to be nurtured by its energy, enjoy nature, contribute where we can and through meeting many wonderful people we develop new friends. After attending the documentary about Denman Island I believe it has a long standing history of people whose experiences are similar. First peoples, immigrants and settlers.

It's time to stop distancing people who come from different walks of life. It's time to leave the Us vs. Them, Part-time vs. Full-time BS behind. If you are trying to build a community this language is not productive. Be at peace with the diversity of experience and don't assume people are not struggling or haven't paid their dues. We are part of Denman's community NOT OUTSIDERS. Things will improve for everyone the sooner that line of thinking is embraced.



Letter to the Editor

The Grapevine,

The following is a portion of a letter I sent to the Local Trust Committee in early August. As is evident from recent communications in the Grapevine, the temperature of discord on our island in regard to the provision of safe affordable housing is ratcheting up. I have no doubt, or, at least, little doubt that every clear-thinking resident of Denman wants everyone to be housed appropriately. Making that leap to action, to appreciate that we probably need a wide range of options and that we should, within reason, get behind any solid project, even ones that threaten us in some personal or philosophical way, is to my way of thinking, the best, most collegial and community-based course.

While this missive is unlikely to lower the feverish rush to opinion, I sincerely trust that it might serve to lessen concerns on at least one feckless front.

"A local resident has raised the supercilious spectre of gentrification as a reason to turn down the Denman Housing Association's Denman Green project. In my view, gaslighting gentrification as some form of incendiary trope to negate the benefits of affordable housing on Denman is both absurd and counterintuitive. I don't disagree that rural gentrification is real. Change is also real. Housing needs are painfully real.

This report from 2005 <http://www.ruralhome.org/storage/documents/gentrification.pdf> has much to say about the impact of rural gentrification and housing. Perhaps this less than perfect excerpt might get to my main point which is that the open market has failed to address the need for safe and affordable housing:

"Elderly in-migrants are often welcomed because they tend to rely more on services than on goods and the increased demand for services leads to higher employment rates. Service employees tend to have lower wages than workers in other sectors, however, and their income levels may not rise significantly over time. These factors and other differences in income and education tend to create rifts between Beaufort County natives and wealthy retirees. Most housing development in the county has focused on the desires of the latter, leaving service workers to commute up to four



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hours each day to their jobs. Local non-profit organizations are working to develop affordable rental and ownership housing in Beaufort County itself. In each of the counties studied, gentrification has led to a lack of housing opportunities for lower-income residents. Newly constructed housing serves upper-income residents. All three counties have experienced widespread failure in the affordable housing market. As a result, the only entities working to meet low-income families' housing needs are non-profit organizations and government agencies."

Our issues, our community need for affordable housing, is not new, nor is it ours alone. It exists everywhere. Gentrification also exists in many places and certainly, for example, in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Gentrification is almost a product of who we are. As I hope my excerpt indicates, and as I have highlighted, non-profit organizations and government agencies are essential in almost every jurisdiction in the creation of affordable housing.

Denman Island has two non-profits attempting to provide safe affordable hous-

ing for their respective sectors. While I would prefer that they both show more mutual support for the other, neither, even if both come on-line, will fully answer the affordable housing needs of the community. This is all the more reason to move forward and allow these two projects to get on with it."

Regards,

Bill Engleson RSW (Retired and Non-Practicing)
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Losing Both Elections

By Gwynne Dyer • OP September 6th, 2020

OP/ED

"To lose one parent...may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness," wrote Oscar Wilde in his play 'The Importance of Being Earnest' in 1895.

In somewhat the same spirit, British journalist Robert Fisk wrote last week "At some point in the next two months we are going to have to decide whether we absolve the American people if they re-elect Donald Trump." Losing one election to Trump is unlucky; losing two in a row may be saying something about the national character.

Fisk has been Middle East correspondent of various British newspapers since 1976, so he was not on familiar ground when he wrote that about the United States in 'The Independent' last Friday. On the other hand, he was expressing a mostly unspoken but widespread attitude among all Europeans except the extreme right. Let me quote some more:

"Like all snobs, we've taken the view that Trump did not really represent American values – any more than the Arab dictators reflect the views of their people. We've hoped and prayed and fooled ourselves into believing this was only a temporary autocracy, a deviation, an old and reliable friend suffering from a serious but ultimately curable mental disease.

"Yet...I wonder how we are going to react to Americans if the Trump years become the Trump era; or if his dreadful, ambitious family transform themselves into the Trump Caliphate.... if the America we felt we could always ultimately rely on – once they've straightened out their little Trump misadventure – turns into the nation we can never trust?"

I grew up in Canada, and Canadians, like Mexicans, while fond enough of individual Americans, are by nature mistrustful of the American state –

"like sleeping with an elephant," as Pierre Elliott Trudeau put it. If it just rolls over or wakes up cranky, you can get badly hurt.

Europeans have a different perspective.

Bob Fisk grew up in the United Kingdom, which like France remembers (most of the time) that it would have lost both world wars without American help. Even if the United States was years late to both world wars, it showed up both times in time to save the day.

And American troops stayed in Western Europe to protect it from Soviet power throughout the Cold War. Most Eastern Europeans see the United States as the instrument of their liberation from the Soviet Union, even though it did not in the end involve a hot war.

So there is still a deep well of respect and trust for the United States in Europe. Fisk is probably right that a second Trump election victory would finally poison that well, which would be a pity.

Another four years would also see him complete the destruction of the existing international order (without giving a single thought to a replacement). Trump is, as Michael Moore noted in 2016, "a wretched, ignorant, dangerous part-time clown and full-time sociopath."

But would two terms of Trump mean

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the end of American democracy? Not necessarily. Not even likely. What Trump has triggered – and somebody was bound to trigger it around now, because every political niche, like every evolutionary niche, is always filled – is a final reckoning on the ‘race problem’, about 150 years after the American Civil War.

At the time of the Civil War (1861-65), black Americans accounted for around 12% of the total population, and four-fifths of them were slaves. Whites accounted for almost all the rest; only a quarter-million were Native Americans.

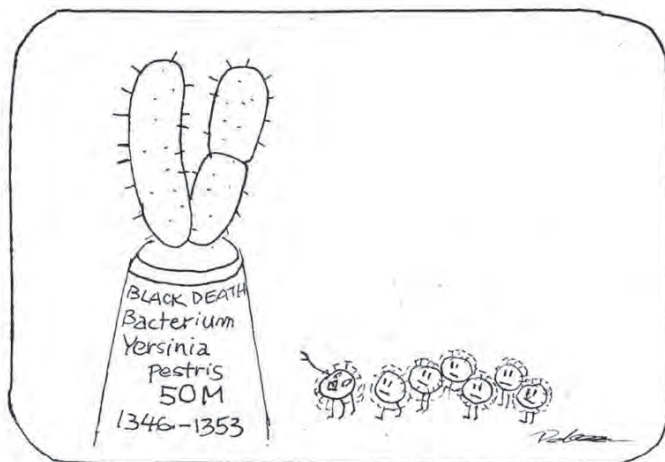
‘African-Americans’ still account for the same 12% share of the population today, and many of them are still victims of the same white fear, exclusion and official violence that their ancestors experienced (mainly because they were slaves) 150 years ago. But since US immigration law changed in 1965, allowing people from the entire world to immigrate, the ‘non-Hispanic white share’ of the population has dropped to only 60%.

That share will drop to 50% by 2044, according to forecasts based on current birth rates and immigration trends. This has triggered a huge panic among working-class white Americans, who often compete for the same jobs and used to depend on their whiteness as a competitive advantage.



Trump is personally a racist, if his remarks and behaviour are any guide, but he is a cynical populist and would be exploiting white fears right now even if he really loved non-white Americans. That is why the vicious legacy of the Civil War, which ended slavery but not white privilege, is finally being dragged out into the open.

Having been so exposed, it will probably finally be extinguished – but not necessarily in time to thwart Trump’s re-election. This is not the end of the United States, nor the advent of a new Hitler either. It is a necessary evolution of American history, for which some people living elsewhere may also pay a substantial price.



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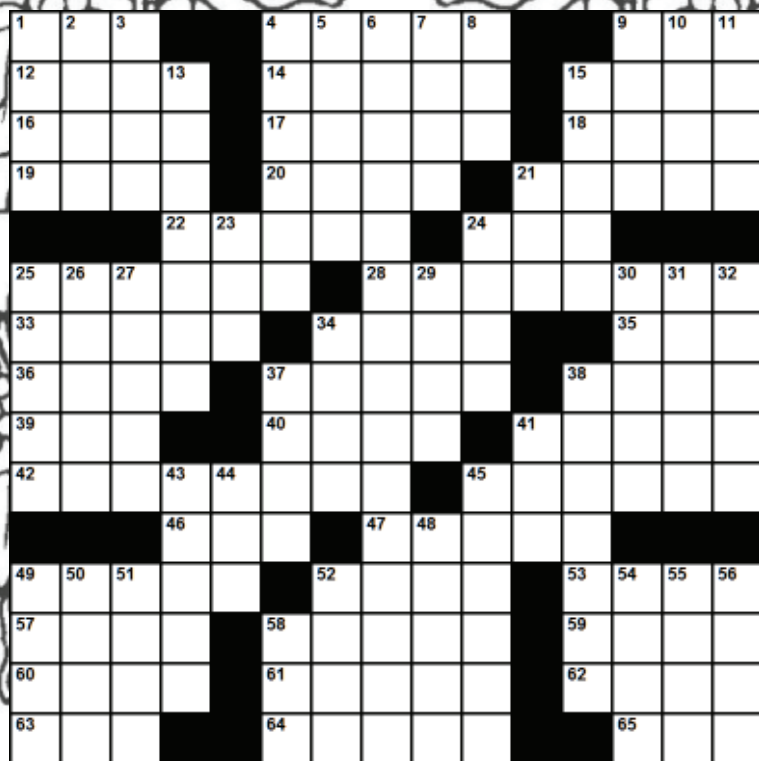
COVID-19 by Peter Karsten

Systematically Opposed

by Thomas Provençal

*When you live within the system
it's incumbent to comply
with rules and regulations
that dog you till you die.
Town councillors insist upon
the need to keep us safe
by obliterating liberties.
I wonder what they quaff?
And the sheople keep on bleating
to eliminate their fears,
stymied by a system
that keeps them in arrears.
But such is your condition
when you let some bozo rule
and you're dependent on the system
like nobody's fool.*

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1. Bath, for one
4. Cineplex staffer
9. 1/20 of ton, abbr.
12. Cabal unit
14. Graph starter
15. Quick test
16. Advance an argument
17. Hawk grabber
18. Armbone
19. Beef, e.g.
20. A nitrate
21. Offensive odor
22. Greedy one
24. Afflicted
25. Handle wrongly
28. Kiss
33. Partner of alas
34. Bullets for short
35. A pop
36. Stamp backing
37. Hitler's mistress Eva
38. John Dickson or Vikke
39. Assembled
40. A cling on
41. Body trunk
42. Three digits after 1
45. Wimple wearer
46. Bio-pouch
47. Gets introduced

49. Brooklyn

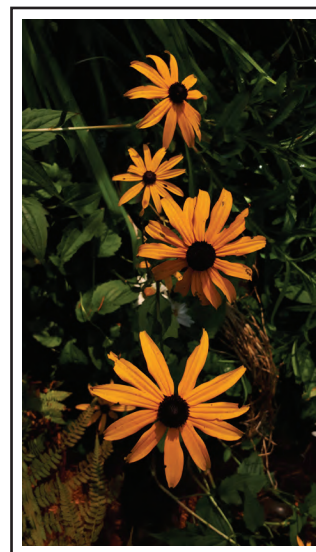
52. Petty dispute
53. Becomes gray
57. Anatomical network
58. Elite category
59. Get by
60. Common scent
61. French historian Albert
62. Bewail, Irish style
63. Burt's frequent co-star
64. Engraved pillar
65. Apple color

• DOWN •

1. Pond coating
2. Dijon daddy
3. Aquatic plant
4. Mental grasp
5. Pity
6. Lands ruled by Charlemagne
7. Certain organic compound
8. Actor Ely
9. Group of devotees
10. Bowery figure
11. Despot one
13. Garden crop
15. Pacify
21. Cold weather malady
23. Answer on Jeopardy
24. Computer pix
25. Molten material
26. Not so healthy
27. Fry lightly
29. Filthy stuff
30. Asunder
31. Brief
32. Baseball flub
34. Extra dry
37. Congressional caucus
38. Soviet mountie
41. Before mouse
43. Autumn flower
44. Alley prowler
45. Alight
48. Artist's prop
49. Elbow action
50. Perform again
51. Bit for Fermi
52. Assigned time
54. Live wire
55. Alternative to a rapier
56. Cause to go
58. Ninny

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 10

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

FRIDAY 11

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

SATURDAY 12

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

SUNDAY 13

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- DIRA AGM 7:30pm • DI Community Center

MONDAY 14

TUESDAY 15

WEDNESDAY 16

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

THURSDAY 17

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