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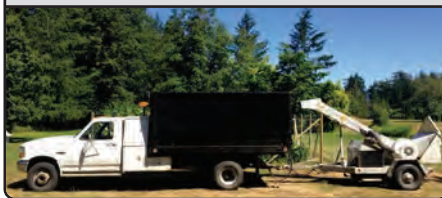
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Parent & Tot & Tai Chi Starting Next Week!

By Emily Guinane • DICES

COMM INFO

Parents' & Tots' Morning Out will take place every Thursday starting October 22, from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Our new location is at the Gathering Place (the United Church back hall) at 4575 Denman Rd, the entrance is at the back of the building. The morning will be filled with stories, crafts and snacks; all prepared in a COVID safe manner by our facilitator Veronique Eriksson. When the weather allows we will venture out in the forest behind the building to play. This is a great way for the children to socialize and for parents to meet other parents. There is no fee for this program. This is a parent/caretaker participation activity – all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Beginners Tai Chi is starting on Wednesday October 21, from 5 - 6 p.m. at the Community Hall. Tai Chi is a form of exercise that comprises gentle physical movements and stretching with mindfulness. It has been shown to reduce pain and the symptoms of depression, improve balance control, fitness, and flexibility, and reduce the risk of falls in older people. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that originated as a martial art and has evolved over centuries to become a means of alleviating stress and anxiety, a form of "meditation in motion". The Tai Chi form taught in this course is based on Master Moy Lin Chin's Daoist Tai Chi. The course runs from Oct 21 - Feb 3 with a break Dec 17 - Jan 6. For beginner's it is important to commit for the duration of the course. The cost of the course is \$80, you are welcome to come and try the first class for no cost, and please contact us if a bursary would be helpful to you.

The Ongoing Tai Chi Group will meet on Wednesdays 4 - 5 p.m. at the Community Hall. Social distancing of two metres is required during practice.

It's been a beautiful autumn, but it does have the potential to be a long, weird winter, without so many of the seasonal social events that help get us through the winter blues. We would like to host a multi-part series of workshops on strategies to maintain our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being through the darkest months.

Do you have strategies you'd like to share, topics you'd like to know more about, or folks you'd like to nominate to teach us? Tell us your ideas, dices. communityprograms@gmail.com or 250-335-2058. 🍷

Living Well • Week 28 • 2 Bulbs

By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

Years ago, I watched a short mini-drama featuring two famous Canadian bulbs. The time was set in October and the bulbs were being planted in the sunny and well-drained prospect of a garden. The two main characters were firm to the touch, pointy at the top end and rooty on the bottom. Linda Hagen of Garden Design described these actors as "little packets of flower power."

As the bulbs were being placed in the designated depth of holes (2-3 times



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their length), the camera began to roll, the gardener shouted, “Action” and the bulbs began their dialogue. The first bulb was not happy. It did not want to be lowered into the cooling soil, where it would have to isolate for many months beside this other unknown bulb. Not only that, but the winter would be dark and uneventful. This was one melancholy bulb.

The second bulb, massaged the earth with its exploring roots and settled down into the soft dirt. As the soil was placed onto its pointy head, this bulb gave a sigh of relief as it was placed in such cozy quarters. The Danish word “hygge” came to mind as this bulb sipped mulled, compost tea in the moonlight and created beauty in simplicity.

As the days past, the first bulb was unhappy, lonely and didn’t like the shorter, darker days. The second bulb, occupied itself by storing nutrients, water and developing roots. It loved to rest and dream of Spring and listen to the sounds of the rain and wind and to listen to the words of the Byrds singing,

*“To every season, turn, turn, turn,
There is a season turn, turn, turn
A time to plant, and a time to reap ...
A time to build up and a time to break down ...
A time to love ...
A time you may embrace
A time to refrain from embracing ...
A time for peace, I swear it’s not too late.”*

The freezing temperatures alerted the bulbs to chemical changes happening within themselves and as Spring approached their carbohydrates were turning into sugar. The second bulb welcomed each change while the first complained about its changing hormones, aches and pains.



The warm, sunny days of May called each bulb to push upward, unfold and bloom. To one bulb it felt like a rebirth and to the other nothing but work and drudgery, “Why bother?” The one was called to new life, colour and fragrance and the other, well the other, stayed the same.

I realize that not all bulbs are created equally. Not all have the same capacity or agency to

choose. Not all have the same options or roots to grow. All the more reason to plant in groups of three to six and cheer each other on to better living. Encourage your gardener friends to sprinkle some bone meal as a slow release fertilizer to build roots and promote flowering.

This mini-drama (actually a skit at my youth group) had a setting, theme, rather slow developing plot, musical score and antithetical characters that showed some depth.

I invite you to create a winter season for yourself and others that will be:

“A time to love”, “A time to embrace”... “And a time for every purpose under heaven.” 🍷

TIDE TABLE		
• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove • • Source: tides.gc.ca •		
2020-10-15 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:56	4.2	13.8
11:11	1.6	5.2
17:32	4.7	15.4
23:59	1.8	5.9
2020-10-16 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:57	4.4	14.4
11:59	1.9	6.2
18:02	4.8	15.7
2020-10-17 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:40	1.3	4.3
06:57	4.6	15.1
12:46	2.2	7.2
18:34	4.8	15.7
2020-10-18 (Sunday)		
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01:23	0.9	3.0
07:58	4.7	15.4
13:34	2.5	8.2
19:08	4.8	15.7
2020-10-19 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:06	0.7	2.3
08:58	4.8	15.7
14:26	2.9	9.5
19:45	4.7	15.4
2020-10-20 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:50	0.6	2.0
09:58	4.9	16.1
15:23	3.2	10.5
20:24	4.5	14.8
2020-10-21 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:35	0.6	2.0
10:59	4.9	16.1
16:30	3.4	11.2
21:07	4.3	14.1
2020-10-22 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:24	0.8	2.6
12:02	4.9	16.1
17:51	3.4	11.2
21:58	3.9	12.8

From the Crow's Nest: Infidelities

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

Some hard-earned marital advice from my ex, after cornering her *Vancouver Sun* photographer husband that long past afternoon in our perfect house of red cedar and *tatami* at the foot of Grouse Mountain. You know. That little Japanesey place hidden-away behind bamboo, with the built-in futons and sliding glass doors we didn't bother to lock. Unlike our despairing hearts.

Ready?

Never ask a question whose answer you are not prepared to accept.

Someone had to say it. And she finally did. Through tears.

"Do you want a divorce?"

My infidelity was no secret. How do you hide a 31-foot trimaran? Even if those half-completed hulls were tucked away on some Gulf Island a thousand light-years from North Van.

All this time, we'd both been sure the Jersey girl I'd married was onboard with our boat-to-be. But while many women had followed their man to Canada, with the house paid for and their child asleep in the back room, accompanying him to sea had come to seem less romantic fantasy and more exceptionally bad idea. Not every seagoing spouse reaches this conclusion in time.

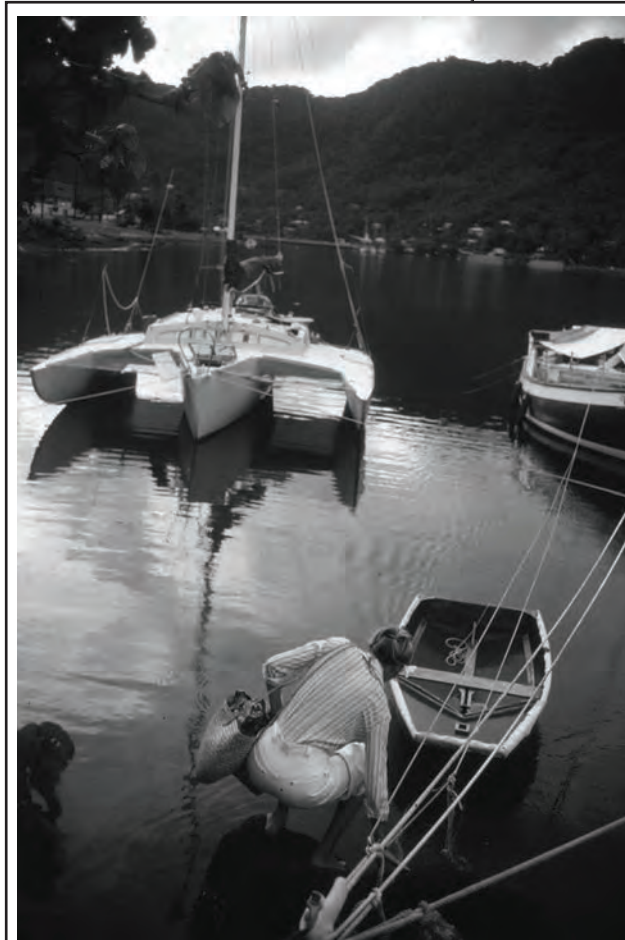
Never mind the examples I'd detailed of cruising kids who were so much more worldly and self-reliant than all those imagination-deadened, rote-reciters ashore. Somewhere along the way our boat had become "your boat".

The catch, of course, is that demanding your partner choose between you and a sailboat – or flying, or any other unrelinquishable mistress – risks a one-word reply.

So I knew better that morning in Pago, when I approached Thea as we were getting underway for Tonga.

Her attraction to that too-quick-to-grin, free-spending Kiwi with whom she'd shared so many hours while I was at work was as painfully clear as her smoldering discontent. Cruising magazines never talked about being

trapped for the hurricane season in a stinking, sweltering, not-always-friendly port with a captain still traumatized by running out of funds in Bora Bora.



Thea returning from work in Pago Pago

Like any vessel, a relationship can founder on a seemingly minor navigational error. Months before, this same Bligh had turned down her request for a new bathing suit, explaining that right now they needed every penny for *Celerity's* long-overdue refit. An autopilot and bigger solar panel, propane stove and outboard motor were only the costliest items in a pages-long manifest of gunk and gear on order from the States.

It was *her* money, earned with a new skill computing monthly payroll ashore. But still she had asked. Because along with our shared love and intent, spilled blood and

sweat, exasperations and ecstasies, we'd always consulted each other on expenditures. And because *Celerity's* needs had always come first.

Until now.

Never had I seen anger like that in Thea's eyes. But never had I so profoundly insulted her dignity. What I missed before the shutters came down behind that glare was her resolve for retribution.

What I *did* was apologize for my anxious tight-fistedness, attempt

atonement, and demonstrate reform by using subsequent *Samoa News* pay-checks to present the love of my life with the sterling-silver dolphin ring she so admired in *Cruising World*. And the wrap-around batik skirt she'd found in a local shop, which she had obviously come to Earth and American Samoa to wear.

The impeccably-cut, ocean-tinted fabric matched Thea's eyes. And made her even more desirable. Especially in that Marilyn Monroe moment when a playful gust unfurled the elegant folds of what quickly became her favorite attire.

Only now I feared someone else was untying it.

Cruising women are exceptional creatures. And stuff happens when wind-blown vitality, competence in arcane arts, and total commitment to a life-risking discipline are distilled into a proud and confident stride that draws every male eye.

Even a skipper fortunate enough to sail with the loveliest shipmate in the Pacific was not entirely immune. That beguiling Tassie on *Shaula* wasn't the only seamstress I'd traded glances with.

But like most people with a partner they prized, I never pursued those fleeting fascinations. I was foolish. But not foolish enough to detonate the life I'd made with Thea – or mean enough to bust up another cruising couple far from home – by pursuing an infrequent itch that soon disappeared over diverging horizons.

Someone deeply hurt and needing validation might feel differently.

"Wait," I said, putting a hand on Thea's shoulder and turning her to face me on the foredeck, where she was preparing to recover an anchor and chain meant only for *Celerity*. "Were you sleeping with him?"

Voicing that long-avoided question shocked us both. But before entrusting my life to her on the open sea, I needed to know where my mate's allegiance lay.

Never mind the clumsy phrasing of that thought. Given the suspicion implicit in the heaviest interrogative any couple can face, could I handle her reply?

Survival storms, near collisions, fire onboard, medical emergencies, breaking reefs close in our lee – all were lighthearted incidents compared with the trepidation that stopped my heart as she looked me straight in the eyes.

And spoke a single word...

"No."

*Pago Pago (pahn-go pahn-go)

Photo by Will Thomas

Scan by King Anderson

My Metal Years by Alan Black

In the metal years
the feathered mullet
was my helmet
and we prayed to the metal
gods,
their leather and
spandex gleamed under
the purple,
blue,
red,
orange lights of the
stage
as they wanked triple neck
guitars,
we worshiped with
horned fingers to ward off
evil spirits while chuffing on
big fatties and bobbing our
heads like they were on the
end of jack hammers,
fighting our oppres-
sion,
when we could figure out
what it was.



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Spring Storm 1919

By Bill Engleson • www.engleson.ca

ARTS&LIT

The air was corpse-still that morning. No breeze. No wind. Barely any breath. The boy was in the north field as the sun rose. “Bring them in, laddie,” he’d been told by his father. “First thing. Don’t like the looks of that sky.”

The herd was small. Last years drought had taken its toll. Withered away at least half the stock. The war had also taken its toll. His uncle Walter had perished in ’17 on some wart of the earth known as Hill 70. His father was never the same after Walter’s death. They had always shared their parents farm, meant to work it far into the future, their children harkening the same sure path.

Now, there was no clear view.

He felt the sky darken before he saw the clouds stampede in from the north. A crack snapped loudly but it seemed miles away.

“Why me?” he thought. For a time, he’d considered taking off. Leaving Alberta behind. Living a different life. Maybe go to Vancouver, become a sailor, see the world. They did say there would be no more wars, that mankind had done so much damage to the earth that war would be banned.

He could almost smell the sea.

The sky cracked again. Like a bone breaking.

And again.

The animals scattered.

He had failed.

Suddenly, the heavens lit up.

A hellish aurora.

He ran for a tree, shelter from the storm.

Lightning smashed into his skull and he was no more. 🍷

Bolivia: A Free & Fair Election

By Gwynne Dyer • OP October 12th, 2020

OP/ED

The quotation is usually given as “Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely”, but Lord Acton’s original remark went on to say: “Great men are almost always bad men.” And so they are.

This is not to say that all bad men in power are also great men. President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, in power for 26 years but currently fighting eviction after another rigged election, is clearly a bad man, but he is also a petty man of no discernible merit.

Evo Morales, president of Bolivia for 14 years, is certainly a great man: the first person of indigenous descent ever elected to lead a country where only 5% of the population is of European origin. But he was ousted from power late last year, and he deserved to be. (He is sitting out next Sunday’s election in exile in Argentina.)

This has been taken by most people elsewhere (and not just people on the left) to mean that there was a ‘coup’ in Bolivia last year, and that democracy there is in danger, or even at an end. That impression was reinforced by the fact that the caretaker president for the past eleven months has been an extreme right-wing politician.

But it wasn’t really a coup; more of a car-crash. The presidential election last year was followed by weeks

of popular protests claiming that it had been rigged to give Morales a narrow victory in the first round of voting.

Morales resigned when an investigation by the Organisation of American States reported that there had been “serious irregularities” in the vote and “clear manipulations” of the voting system”. That was the right thing to do, but then his party, the Movement Towards Socialism (MAS), made an incredible blunder.

It boycotted an ad hoc meeting held by the opposition parties, the Catholic Church and representatives of the European Union to choose an interim president. All the senior MAS officials having resigned together with Morales, the choice fell on the second vice-president of the senate, an obscure politician called Jeanine Añez – who turned out to be



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Within a week journalists were digging up racist tweets in which she called Morales a “poor Indian” and declared an indigenous new year celebration “satanic”. In the same week, she fired all the military top brass, replacing them with her own appointees, and gave the police and soldiers blanket authority to use lethal force against protesters. At least 28 were killed.

Añez seemed well on the way to enshrining the rule of the extreme right. Morales was banned from seeking the presidency again, and in May she declared that she would run for the presidency herself when the election was re-run. But now that election, much postponed because of Covid-19, has come round at last – and she has just withdrawn her candidacy.

It turns out that mourning for the death of Bolivian democracy has been a bit premature. The leading candidate in this election is still from the MAS: Luis Arce, a former economy minister who oversaw the nationalisation program under Morales.

Arce’s main opponent is the same man Morales faced last year: ex-president Carlos Mesa, a former journalist and professor who is centre-left politically. Añez withdrew to give the other hard-right candidate, Luis Fernando Camacho, a better chance of getting through to the second round, but he still probably won’t make it.

The second round remains the key issue. The rules say that the leading candidate wins in the first round if he or she gets 40% of the vote, and is at least ten points ahead of the nearest rival. If not, the two leading candidates go through to the second round – but then the supporters of all the losing candidates will probably unite behind the challenger to defeat the socialist (who is invariably the leader in the first round).

Morales did not have a ten-point lead over Mesa last year when 85% of the votes had been counted – but then the ‘quick count’ stopped for no clear reason for a full day, and when it resumed Morales ended up with a 10.1% lead. So no second round: Morales wins. That’s when the mass protests started, and rightly so.

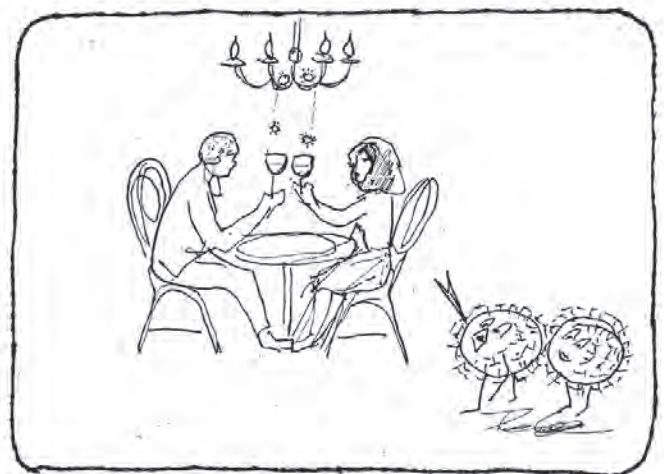
An unexplained halt of that duration in the vote-counting always means they are fixing the outcome. Given Morales’s past record – he held a referendum to end the two-term limit on the presidency, lost it, then got an MAS-dominated court to set the referendum result aside and end term limits – not too many people were willing to give him the benefit of the doubt.

His time is up, but the MAS under Arce’s leadership could still win this election, and if it doesn’t then Mesa will probably become president, which would not be a disaster either. Democracy is not dead in Bolivia. 🍷

Anastasia is by Thomas Provençal

*revelation of spirituality lost:
Mankind led by a noose into enslavement
and self-destruction
with demons at the tiller.
Their greedy lust for power
over human souls
knows no limit,
using religion and laws
to muster the flock.
The evolution of fear
in the human heart over millennia
attests to its dominance
over our gut reactions.*

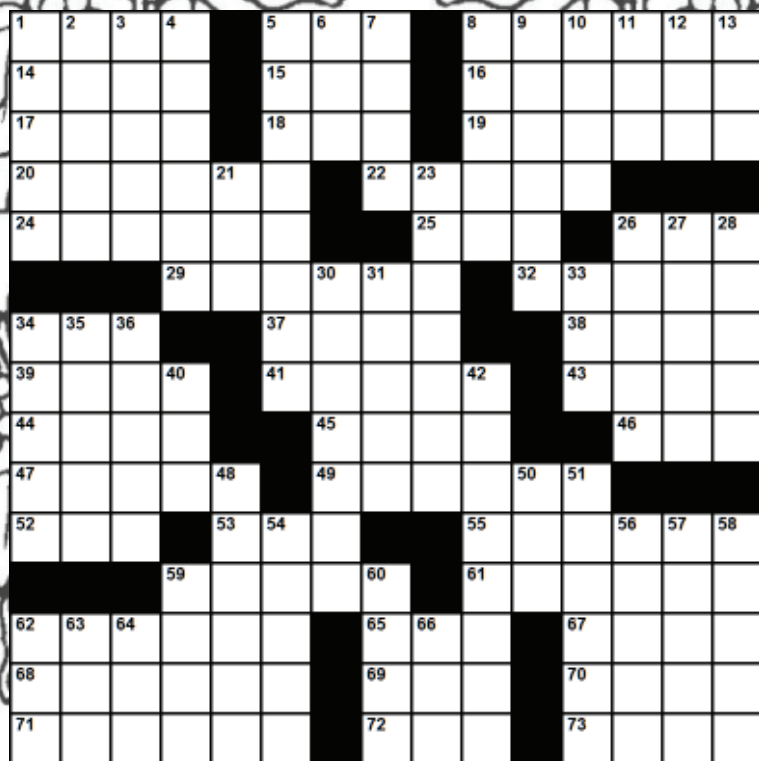
*With vision clear and will alight,
a conscious human being
manifests the paradise
reflected in their soul.*



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COVID-19 by Peter Karsten

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5. Banned substance
8. Rwanda capital
14. Cup on a green
15. Appreciation for beauty
16. Garland
17. Biblical preposition
18. Barely visible
19. Spends
20. Within reach
22. Large artwork
24. Narrow furrows
25. Aunts, e.g.
26. African serpent
29. Whoever
32. Choice group
34. Child's game
37. Bad deed
38. Common scent
39. From the top
41. Star in Cygnus
43. Cogwheel
44. Alpha follower
45. Feel sure of
46. Pork place
47. Book jacket ads
49. Deadly fly
52. Nope's opposite

53. 100 percent

55. Thwart
59. Alcohol base
61. Cloth
62. Serious injury
65. Flexible wood
67. A party to
68. Devon and Dorset
69. Aves, once
70. A small ante
71. California city
72. Aye opponent
73. Musical Myra

• DOWN •

1. Avoids deliberately
2. Music for nine
3. Chapel area
4. City on the Illinois
5. Naive
6. Change the locks
7. Bristle with
8. Tall timber of New Zealand
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We look forward to seeing you at the local Denman Island Free Store. Thank you to our generous donors that have the shelves bursting with delights and to our volunteers that have been working hard to make this happen. Covid protocols in place. Hours subject to change, based on volunteer availability.

A BLUE-POINT SIAMESE frequents the 1500 block of Pickles Road. Wanders at all times of day and night. We are

concerned about her welfare, as she seems to be growing thinner. Is she yours? 250-609-1493 (leave message)

COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS Projector and screen: Book with Abraxas Books and Gifts 250-335-2731 abraxas9@telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/

• EMPLOYMENT

WANT TO SMELL DELICIOUS? Come join our production team at Denman Island Chocolate. Full or part time available. Email us at dichoc@telus.net

Dear Grapevine, I am DELIGHTED to tell you that TWO angels offered to help me - Roxanna Mandryk and Sue Hirst. It has happened that now Sue has picked up my Christmas mugs at the Beardsley's and will be bringing them to Victoria tomorrow. We will meet up at the Four Mile Pub so that I can transfer them to my car and then treat her to lunch.

"I NEED SOME KIND SOUL to pick up and bring an order from the Beardsley potters, Scott & Garnet, on Denman Island down here for me please? I'm 86 and it's a long way for me to drive. I'd have to break my trip and stay in a motel risking COVID and that's not really a great idea. They are 12 mugs as Christmas gifts for my family so there's time for me to find an angel. dclangmead@shaw.ca"

Anna Lin (Linda) Thomsen

Service of Celebration and Remembrance

**Oct. 18, 2 pm at website for
First Lutheran, Vancouver, BC**

Also available for a month at First Lutheran
Vancouver website, You Tube Channel

Albert George McKinley

February 15, 1944 - October 6, 2020

***"Albert has departed but
his shadow remains"***

He is survived by his wife
Rollande, Nathalie [daughter],
Gilles [son-in-law], and
granddaughters
Madison and Chayse

• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (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)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- 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)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text
465-1889 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy & Acupuncture • Carmen B-Gautrais RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Trees Service • Chipping • Certified faller • Antoine 207-3884 (D)
- 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)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- MINDFULNESS FOR HEALTH 7pm

FRIDAY 16

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

SATURDAY 17

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

SUNDAY 18

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

MONDAY 19

- DENMAN FREE STORE 4-7pm

TUESDAY 20

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY 21

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
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THURSDAY 22

