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## A Big Thank You and an Employment Opportunity COMM INFO

All the DICES board and staff members wish to express their gratitude and thank everyone who made the Christmas Hampers happen again this year!

The list of Denman Islanders who donated their time, money or gifts to this program exceeds a hundred people. Your generous donations are so much appreciated by our hamper recipients and are what makes the Christmas Hampers program possible. The inspiring result of all this generosity was 35 Christmas Hampers filled to the brim with food and gifts. A big thank you to all of you!

Despite the more unstable and unusual time we are all in because of COVID, we are happy to highlight that our day of packing, wrapping and delivery of the hampers went smoothly with the great help of a dedicated and meticulous team of volunteers.

Special thanks are due to Daryl McLaughlin, and the entire team at the General Store; as well as to DIRCS (the Community Hall) for letting us use the space, Evan Penner for providing us with boxes, the Denman Island Hardware Store for hosting the gifts drop off box, Abraxas for providing refreshments to volunteers on packing day, and the Times Colonist Christmas Fund for their generous contribution to our Christmas Hampers.

We would also like to thank all the businesses that donated to our Christmas Hampers; Tree Island Yogurt, Cold Star Solutions Inc., Quality Foods, Very Good Butchers, Victoria Box and Paper, Agropur Cooperative, Denman Bakery - Vasisili's Bread Shop.

As DICES Executive Director, Emily Guinane, is planning to take a year off for parental leave we are seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Temporary Executive Director. Find a full job description at [www.dices.ca](http://www.dices.ca), submit resume to [dices.director@gmail.com](mailto:dices.director@gmail.com) by Jan 25. 🍷

## AA On Denman - Change of Venue COMM INFO

By DI Friday Night AA Group

**Starting** 15 Jan the Denman Friday Night AA Group will meet every Friday at 7PM at the United Church Hall just past Pickles Rd at the top of the Big Hill.

Our group has been meeting weekly on the island for more than 25 years. This is an open meeting; anyone curious about Alcoholics Anonymous is welcome, even non-drinkers. All who attend are invited to share their experience and any issues with alcohol; remaining silent is also an option. The tradition is that identities of those who attend are confidential.

The new ventilation system at the United Church is state-of-the-art COVID protection. And we follow the protocols recommended by the Provincial Health Office for indoor events (AA is a specific exception to the ban on events): masks and distancing required. 🍷

## Art Videos & Videos About Art ARTS&LIT

By King Anderson • Blue Pony Art Videos

To all the artists and art fans on Denman and Hornby Islands ... ever since art school days I've been fascinated by what visual artists insist on doing and making with their creativity and imagination. Documenting and collecting the visual evidence to share and enjoy has been a fun project over the decades.

Now that we are well ensconced in this new era with screens that connect us to the billion channel universe around the planet, I've set up a YouTube channel, *King Anderson Art Videos*, where you may surf and browse a portion of west coast art history at your leisure.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_1yLjgL6KWxwHBra7cRbGg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_1yLjgL6KWxwHBra7cRbGg/videos)

One of the more popular videos on the channel is, *Hornby Arts & Culture - Y2K to 2020 - Part One*. Also on Hornby take a Friday evening tour of the art openings in, *Hornby Gallery Crawl 2007*.

Fans of ceramic arts and pottery will be intrigued by, *The Denman Island Pottery Tour 2016*. Fans of weird art on Denman will enjoy the electric bike 'Easy Rider' tour, *The Volt Riders Do Denman - 2019*.

Check out cool computer art and luscious paintings in, *The Artwork of Robin De Lavis - 2018*, in the Hornby Community Hall. Hornby artist, *Gordon Payne talks with Lesley Jones about his art practice - 2016*, in his studio.

*Roberta Pyx Sutherland 2001*, shows off a fascinating series of drawings in her Hornby studio. Have a look in world famous artist, *Wayne Ngan's studio on Hornby Island - 2000*, and listen as he talks about his pottery, paintings and sculptures.

Many more videos are there where you can explore the Vancouver art scene as well. Take a break from news of fresh environmental disaster, political skullduggery and Facebook posts to explore one of the pinnacle's of human activity, the art world. Some might even agree that we need the arts and culture more than shopping. All you have to remember is, *ya hafta wanna look atta lotta art!* ENJOY! 🍷

## Living Well • Week 40 •

COMM INFO

By Graeme Isbister

*"And for all this nature is never spent,  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things."*

Gerard Manley Hopkins

**A**fter one of our recent winter storms Verna and I walked the beach at Fillongley Park. The wind and rain had pounded up Lambert Channel for the previous night and day. Now the drama of the staggering wind, slate grey skies and lashing waves was over.

It seemed like the right time and place to pause and take a breath, as it seemed nature was doing. We found a dry log at the north end of the beach and sat.


There were still waves, big ones, but these were rolling combers riding the spent force of the previous thirty six hours.

The rhythm of the waves seemed, not for the first time, like breathing: the gradual intake of breath as the water recedes over the pebbles, building, building, then the curl and exhale of the gentle break.

There was much to take in: the gentle hissing as the stones are washed and rearranged, the silences between the cadences, the transformation of the foam of the break to a clear window on the multi-colored pebbles below.

The previous day's storm had been mesmerizing as all storms are; this was a different kind of entrancement, one that required a little investment, a little stillness and attending.

In Annie Dillard's "Pilgrim at Tinker's Creek" the author writes about the year she spent observing and reflecting on the changing of the seasons and the flora and fauna near her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

TIDE TABLE		
Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove Source: tides.gc.ca		
2021-01-14 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:07	0.3	1.0
07:33	5.1	16.7
12:59	3.5	11.5
17:33	4.5	14.8
2021-01-15 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:48	0.5	1.6
08:09	5.1	16.7
13:48	3.3	10.8
18:25	4.3	14.1
2021-01-16 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:27	0.8	2.6
08:43	5.0	16.4
14:40	3.2	10.5
19:18	4.1	13.5
2021-01-17 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:05	1.2	3.9
09:15	5.0	16.4
15:33	3.0	9.8
20:15	3.8	12.5
2021-01-18 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:41	1.7	5.6
09:45	4.9	16.1
16:28	2.7	8.9
21:18	3.6	11.8
2021-01-19 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:15	2.2	7.2
10:14	4.8	15.7
17:24	2.5	8.2
22:38	3.4	11.2
2021-01-20 (Wednesday) 		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:50	2.7	8.9
10:41	4.6	15.1
18:18	2.3	7.5
2021-01-21 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:35	3.4	11.2
04:29	3.1	10.2
11:07	4.5	14.8
19:08	2.0	6.6

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## From the Crow's Nest: Yari (concluded)

By William Thomas • [willthomasonline.net](http://willthomasonline.net)

ARTS&LIT

*"If you have any fear of heights, do not do this..."*

-insidekyoto.com

**S**tarting down the path, I stop to look up. Holding my eyes with his own, the hutkeeper grants me a farewell *namaste*, releasing me to my dharma. After returning my own folded-hands bow of gratitude for his costly gift, I turn to embrace a fool's fate.

The initial trail upslope is so gentle, I wonder what all the fretting was about.

Then the Way becomes steeper.

Then it becomes sheer.

Though grateful for a series of big-link chains and 20-foot iron ladders bolted in place, it's clear that without such aids this would be an advanced technical rock climb at 10,000 feet – way beyond the abilities of a hiker who usually attempts only summits he can walk up.

Having conveyed me to a lethal height, the last rung decants me onto bare-naked rock. Reaching up for the next hold, I pause to contemplate the gnats swarming around my hand. How fascinating to find a "superior" being confronting his mortality, while supposedly "lesser" creatures remain completely at ease in this same high place!

To my left, a nasty traverse along a dizzying ledge ends rudely when an overhang snatches my packframe and tries to shove me off the face. Somewhat belatedly, I decide I'd rather not die after all!

Not that I've left myself much choice. Retreating to downclimb near-vertical rock is not even a consideration. But the only way past this jutting overhead shelf is to reach up with each hand, *swing both legs out into empty space* – and boost myself up and around it.

Did that swaying, airy climb to *Ji Fung's* topyard prepare me for this?

As I hesitate, my homemade packsack tries to kill me. Tugged backwards and off-balance, I consider releasing the gut-strap and jettisoning it. The eventual impact of all that cargo will render louder tribute to gravity's supremacy than my own squished corpus. But the Superwide's in there, too...

Time to accept the move and get out of the way of a body as intent on survival as every rock-scaling hominid over the past 53-million years. Next thing I know but can't quite believe, I'm hustling wide-eyed and re-embodied through rocks and scrub up the continuing path, exultant that the worst is behind me.

Until I edge around a scary corner to face a long narrow ledge perched over a thousand-foot drop.

*You can do this*, I tell myself.

*You cannot do this*, my Self retorts. *You're the kid who was petrified walking across that log suspended high above Silver Creek. The sailor who hates crossing gangplanks onto other decks. You're terrified of the heights you constantly seek. But don't worry. If you fall here, it's only the last foot you need be concerned about.*



*Author holding Superwide on descent  
from Yarigatake (upper left) in Japan Alps*

Though ideal for comfortably transporting heavy loads, my formerly-beloved packframe will not allow me to step down onto this uncertain tightrope, where everything drops away. Not without the inside aluminum upright snagging the cliff face and propelling me overboard.

Instead, I'm forced to sidle across, one deliberate sidestep at a time. Fingertips pressing rock more intimately than flesh, unwavering focus comes from knowing that one slip or additional peek down will – after a brief flight – produce another gory portrait for a hutkeeper's nightly gallery of horrors.

And he asked me not to.

On the far side of eternity, a session of arduous scrambling seems almost "safe". Until friable rock crumbling and clattering underfoot reminds me how a single misstep downclimbing onto this notorious traverse will whisk me into whatever comes next.

With its radical sawtooth ascents and steep drops, the "seriously exposed" ridge resembles a dragon's tail frozen in mid-flail. The only way across its thin fraying spine is to somehow tiptoe under a restless pack above twin abysses dropping straight off the planet on either side.

Now I understand the gatekeeper's extreme reluctance to let me pass. And the underserved predicament I had to put him in. The only way to repay this bodhisattva's gift is to... not die.

I'm all for this. But more than two hours' hard going, punctuated by blasts of adrenaline-spiked terror, have left me trembling and traumatized. And this last bit – followed by a steep ascent – is the most hair-raising yet.

Alerted by the hutkeeper to my certain demise, the Yarisanso innkeeper is shocked to see me walk into his sprawling tin-roofed lodge, so unexpectedly and spectacularly situated in the saddle a hundred meters below that spearpoint summit.

Perhaps I am a *kami* spirit? My mumbled greeting and thousand-lightyear stare confirm that I have indeed transcended. And not yet left the death zone.

Would I care for an early dinner?

When a distant voice explains that I cannot pay for such extravagance, my latest Buddhist benefactor hands me a smile and a broom.

Sweeping that great entry hall provides the best possible return to gloriously mundane blessed life.

The meal is delicious.

Notes:

date: alpine autumn 1984

place: Northern Japan Alps

dharma – discovering our true nature through right spiritual conduct along our life-path.

bodhisattva – one whose goal is final awakening, yet compassionately stays behind to help others.

Superwide – this photographer's favorite glass: Hasselblad's distortion-free, infinite-focus, "picture window".

"narrow ledge" – perhaps 14-inches across.

"thousand-foot drop" – official published height.

"brief flight" – 8 seconds (Splat Calculator)

"last bit" – now an officially-designated, "many accident section".

About free-soloing:

*"This is your path and you will pursue it with excellence. You face your fear because your goal demands it. That's the goddamn warrior spirit. I think the free-soloing mentality is pretty close to the warrior culture, where you give something 100% focus, because your life depends on it."* -Alex Honnald after free-climbing Yosemite's 3,000' El Capitan. [FREE-SOLO Blu-ray]

Photos by Will Thomas  
Scans by King Anderson



Saddle at sunrise- Yarigatake at right

...continued from page 3 Rooted in her observation of the natural world and alert to every detail around her, she draws our attention to “a butterfly, a muskrat, a heron, a coot...” as well as tinier water creatures and plants.

These observations become for her a “Via Positiva...an accumulation of the world’s goodness and God’s.”

Her meditations are variations on William Blake’s lines:

“To see a world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wild flower  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,  
And eternity in an hour.”

I accidentally disturbed some leaf mulch in our garden the other day and found underneath the season’s first, pale green, nearly translucent daffodil shoots. (The mulch was quickly and carefully replaced.) On a walk up Owl Crescent yesterday we were entertained by the raucous, tearing calls of duelling tree frogs – astonishingly loud, given the size of the duellists...

What about the siskins, juncos, towhees, warblers, finches, chickadees, hummingbirds and the myriad other birds we see and hear in our neighborhoods and at our feeders right now?

There are beauties here, more subtle, perhaps, than at other times of the year but more rewarding for the attention they require: snowy-breasted gulls, coasting, wind-dancing and knitting through the wildest the storms can throw at them; canopies of road side, burnt orange rose hips; chunky-bodied, carrot-billed oyster catchers skittering ahead of us on our beach walks...

The marvels at the beach that afternoon, the common miracles in our yard and neighborhood are invitations to G.M. Hopkin’s “dearest freshness” and can bring us outside ourselves.

In this particular season, with its unique demands of dormancy, let us lean into the things that connect us in life-giving ways with ourselves, each other and the world. 🌸

## An Open Letter to Dr. Malthouse

By Maxine Rogers

**D**ear Dr. Malthouse,

I want to thank you so much, not only for the many years of careful and professional service when you were my Doctor (how I miss you!) but also for the kindness you have shown our community by doing all that research on the Covid 19 inoculation. That was a heap of work and then to pay to have it delivered as an insert was a very loving act but that is just like you.

I find the best physicians take a wait and see attitude to new medical procedures and drugs. Often, I have wanted to try a new drug for my asthma and been told, "Let's wait six months and see how other people do instead."

I also find it interesting that I am seeing reports that half the hospital staff in California have refused to take the vaccine. I guess they also want to wait and see how the guinea pigs do. In fact, I am also hearing that some states in America are considering punitive action on persons who do not wish to take the vaccine. If the vaccine is so wonderful, let those who want it take it first.

I have photocopied your careful article and sent it out to friends and family who live off island.

Much love to you from,  
Maxine Rogers

## Comforting the Cold Croc Within: Part 2

By Eartha Muirhead

OPIED

**L**ooking back after 60 odd years of confusion, self-disdain and addiction, Jann Arden, in her book "If I Knew Then" chronicles her journey from childhood abuse, alcoholism to eventual sobriety. Sobriety came only after many hospitalizations for heart disease caused by drinking too much. For many adults, this is a common story because most of our parents were saddled with their parents' unhealed traumas, nor did they have the knowledge or time to sit down on the floor and play with their children. Schooling focuses on mental intelligence but not on emotional intelligence. We rush out into the world unprepared for self-awareness, self-care and relationship and community building.

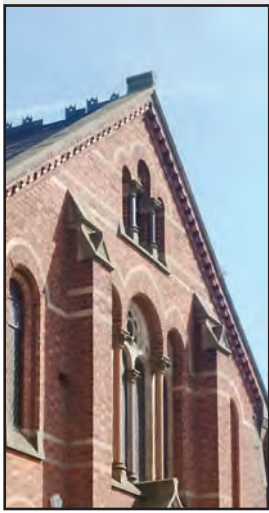
One day, when I was working as a play therapist, I was in the playroom with a well-regulated 5 year old child, who had just been through a severe loss, and he was building a house with wooden blocks. I caught myself being more focused on the progress of the building block house and on his hands than I was on the child's face. When I began to shift my focus onto smiling and looking into his eyes, I realized that the child had already been looking into my eyes. Everytime he completed one step, he would look into my eyes; confident, unabashed, fearless. He was already predisposed to heal the trauma through inner and outer intimacy circuits. Everytime he met my eyes, mirror neurons in his Pre Frontal or motor Cortex (PFC) reinforced his already strong self-regulation skills. Because his caregivers had been able to give him their kind attention and acceptance, intimacy, affirmation and connection were deeply wired into his PFC. Although his amygdala got easily triggered, his Inner Cold Crocodile was acting out with tantrums and raging. This too was met with the knowledge that he was trying to heal from the trauma. When a child is witnessed with love and gentleness, they internalize these skills for themselves.

"Because of mirror neurons, children experience what *continued on page 8...*

## An Unpainted Portrait: Race War

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons



**R**unning, involving only the most rudimentary coordination of the upper and lower limbs was a something I could do. At least a bit, anyway.

A five-lane grass running track was marked out on the athletics field with liquid lime - the kind of substance which imparted immediate chemical burns upon contact, and therefore considered ideal for school use. The lack of practical space didn't prevent our games masters from using the track to stage two and four hundred metre races, the latter involving four tight bends and some mild dizziness.

We began with two hundred metre sprints and such a distance - when properly marked out - seemed inordinately long to an eleven year-old. Running over a measured distance made everything seem different. Suddenly, there was a hell of a lot at stake. I had to win this insignificant race or die in the attempt.

The five boys I was up against represented the whole morphological spectrum. In the inside lane was a tall, thin lad called Dummock. His legs were exactly the same colour as his bright white shorts, as well as being the thickness of my wrists. I dismissed any potential challenge from that quarter. Between he and I was a hairy block of chunkiness known to us all as 'GeePee'. His surname was Smith, and using his initials was the best way to avoid having a roomful of people turn around when trying to attract his attention. I quietly hoped that his hairiness equated to some significant aerodynamic resistance.

On the other side of me was an enormous individual who possessed the outlandish surname of Frim. Due to his proportions, nobody had ever pointed out how silly his name sounded, but that didn't matter at that moment. What did matter were his enormous legs. There, I thought, was my greatest rival. I wasn't sure if I wanted to beat him, just in case he decided to turn me into ground beef. On the far side of Frim (it sounds like some kind of distant planet, doesn't it?) lurked a large lump named Phillips. With the apparent inertia (I didn't know it was called inertia - we hadn't had that lesson yet) of a beached landing craft, he was going nowhere fast. Finally, in the outermost lane was an almost completely spherical, spotty youth called Rees.

Mr Onion, standing slightly in front of us and wearing his customary expression of confused dismay, held aloft his handkerchief. We crouched, and I could hear Frim's breathing, not unlike that of a draught horse, alongside me. "Riiight..." droned 'Pickle'. "On yer MARX!" We already were. "Get SERT!" Sert? I thought, perfectly distracting myself at the crucial moment. "GO!" yelled Pickles, dropping his arm theatrically. Frim, Geepee and Dummock shot off the line like startled birds, leaving me gaping. With a grunt which probably sounded more like a squeak, I launched myself into the fray and in two or three steps had caught Phillips, who was already making a noise like a bursting steam boiler. I didn't want to be around when he blew. Spotty Rees was next, his disproportionately small arms and legs pumping like pistons while he leaned forward determinedly. Because his stride length was approximately eighteen inches he was soon merely a memory.

As the passing air roared in my ears, it dawned on me that Frim and Geepee were some considerable distance ahead already. Dummock, taking extraordinarily long but very slow strides was doing frustratingly well, but I could tell that I had his measure, and soon pulled alongside the disorganized tangle of limbs. As soon as I'd done so, my attention was fixed upon the leading couple. Geepee appeared - much to my dismay - to be out on his own, a long way ahead. Frim the man-mountain, however was clearly reachable.

Purely by instinct and to my own surprise, I suddenly, from somewhere, found another gear. Rising up onto my toes, I began to almost float across the turf, my feet only barely touching - nay caressing - mother earth. Having reduced a major source of drag upon my body, I astonished Frim by smoothly passing him, and then, amazingly, began to reel in Geepee. It was too late, however; the great hairy beast crossed the line in short order, leaving me to streak home at top speed, but very much second best. I consoled myself with the delusion that had the race been twice as long, I'd have caught him. This first resounding defeat nevertheless gave me two reasons to harbour a simmering, unreasonable hatred against Geepee; he was faster than me and he was hairier - far hairier than me, which was the greater sin. However, since he was such a nice guy, I found it impossible to cultivate any bad feeling about him, although I did try very hard.



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...continued from page 6 their parents are experiencing.....When a child sees someone looking at them with disgust or contempt, the child will believe that the person is angry, disgusted or contemptuous with them." Sarah Peyton from her book *Your Resonant Self*. If you did not get the compassion you needed as a child, *The Cold Crocodile Within* will need to be continually reassured and comforted. Maybe we believe we believe in God, who will save us from our suffering. Or maybe we think we are truly happy, without realizing that our security and safety exist only when we have money in the bank and can spend our days mindlessly shopping on-line and pitying those less fortunate and our evenings entertaining our dissociated Crocodiles watching television, ideally under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Or maybe we are ready to be brave and face our suffering.

Jann Arden's mother told her many times; "If you cannot be brave, be reckless." Harsh, eh? For the brave ones, here is an alternative to recklessness. "Mindful attention to your own experience activates many of the same neural circuits that are stimulated in childhood by the attuned and caring attention from others. Thus, you are giving to yourself here and now what you should have gotten when you were little." Rick Hanson, from his book *Buddha's Brain*. We can soothe our limbic brains using resonance and mindfulness skills.

To state the obvious, safety is a basic survival need for all living creatures. For some people with a history of trauma, the idea of meditation feels threatening. Lowering one's guard can bring up feelings of panic and vulnerability. Sitting still with eyes closed can feel unsafe because in evolutionary terms, you become prey when you are not scanning the horizon for danger, i.e. if danger arises, you cannot detect it or attempt to fight off or run away from. Meditation entails contradicting these primitive instincts of hypervigilance. Let me tell you, after 40 years, I still find meditation to be challenging. Here are some tips for working with the fear of "losing control".

Start with micro-moments of mindfulness, but first limit your exposure to bad

news; listen to the news once a day, at most. Try the following, which could take up 10 minutes of your daily life, but requires no yoga mat, no mantras, no bells or whistles. About eight times a day, before starting a new activity, close the eyes for a full inhalation and a full exhalation. When an activity is completed, close the eyes, breathe in and out. The PFC's job is to create boundaries and definition and so delineating our experiences with a beginning and an ending, actually helps us feel safer. Ask yourself what the big rush is and slow down your movements.

Another way to experiment with mindful awareness, is STS, i.e. Shake then Sit. Stand and shake the whole body for as long as you can. Jiggle, wiggle, waggle, quake, quiver, shimmy and SMILE. Turn off the devices, sit down with a clock, spine straight, with knees above the hips, for 10 minutes. Pay attention to the whole body. Feel your whole body resting in space. Name what arises, give yourself warmth and empathy and watch for inevitable feelings of self-mastery and comfort.



## A Medicalized Society?

By Christiane Brown

OP/ED

**H**aving been born in Berlin at the end of WW II, into a family, some members of which lost their lives because of their resistance to the National Socialist regime, I cannot ignore the sound of alarm bells, again.

Going back to the years between 1933-1945, medicine was also at the heart of the German society, not because of a pandemic but due to a political dictatorship that focused on "the collective body of the people" (in German: *Volkskörper*), regulating life in a centralized and selective way.

Then and also now, medicine was part of state administration; it was a comprehensive medical police system, i.e., health was no longer defined as a private matter. Health became a public issue, generally binding and mandatory.

Then and now, individuals were supposed to arrange their lives according to the guidelines of science and state.

Then and now, professionals, including medical doctors and hospital workers were (in some countries) provided with increased income and benefits for following "the party-line".

Then and now, no respect was being paid to the individual's ability and autonomy to cope responsibly with difficult situations; instead, we find ourselves back in the Middle Ages when church leaders and monarchs demanded blind obedience. No alternatives to solve the crisis were listened to. In fact they were being ridiculed.

What governments and the media rarely mention today is world hunger, catastrophic refugee situations, poverty and hunger in Africa, not to mention the Palestinian misery or the 120 million day-laborers in India who were robbed of their livelihoods for "**protection against infection.**"

One could add countless examples where the "protection" turns into

the opposite and the damage done far exceeds the threat of the virus - socially, medically and psychologically.

Digital schooling, which is a tragedy from the point of view of education and also of child-and youth-psychology, is being promoted and ever more enforced. The human right of a child to see the unmasked countenance of the Other, the development of trust and confidence, the need and right to breathe unhindered, are endangered globally by government policies – "for our protection." Technical surveillance – "for our protection." Lockdowns of places such as synagogues, churches and mosques; of artistic activities and performances, of badly needed libraries, all without consulting these communities first – "for our protection."

Why are supermarkets and bars "essential services"? Spiritual and artistic activities (done responsibly in a crisis) are not?

What we are witnessing is fear mongering on an unheard-of scale. People who are expressing doubt or skepticism with regards to Bill Gates' "selfless" plan for global "vaccinations" are being called rightwing or even radical rightwing.

And then there is "The Great Reset" looming, led by the German Klaus Schwab and his wealthy elites, which – you heard it right – "will re-define what it means to be human," and yes, mass "vaccinations" are part of the plan.

The similarity between the spirit of National Fascism in the 1930s, and what is showing its ugly face now, only this time globally, is too obvious to ignore and gets deeply under my skin.

I am fully aware that it is not helpful, and can even be dangerous, to simplify history and to deny a serious illness with many deaths; but it is most certainly dangerous to ignore technocratic and totalitarian forces.

This has never happened before on such a global scale ; it should be a red light to all of us and we cannot afford to look away.

The following quote by Joseph Weizenbaum who played an important role in the development of the computer at MIT, said (and I paraphrase):

*We should realize that mankind has managed to create the most appalling surveillance states even without use of the computer. I would not be concerned about the future of the computers and the surveillance state, if humans had developed sufficient morality. Because then they would be able to employ technology in a good way and use it to defend democratic values. The appalling form of computer-driven surveillance will primarily be a consequence of human beings who no longer wish to defend their freedoms and no longer take any interest in their freedom.*

Could this situation be an opportunity for us to reflect upon the core values of human freedom and human dignity, without fear? Or will we allow Klaus Schwab to use this "window of opportunity" and "take advantage" of this Covid time to reset the World Economic Forum's global agenda?



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**Yellow  
Cedar  
Chamaecyparis  
nootkalenses  
20-40 m tall, foundling  
in northwestern North America by  
n carol brown**

I began the oiling for its protection. I was told to put on as many coats as possible. The object was a piece of Yellow Cedar, 2 and 1/2 inches thick and 45 long x 25 wide. It would become the counter for a glass vessel and to complete the vignette, a bronze edged water-fall faucet, a nod to history. I loved working with wood although it had been many years since I had created something from wood that couldn't be called anything other than house maintenance or a shelf at best.

As I listened to the rhythm of the brush I tried to remember the story of this wood. I asked for a 2 inch thick piece with the tree's natural edge from my son-in-law. He had many planks that he had sawn for his boat business. We looked at many; wide yellow cedar with hardly a straight edge present. I crawled on top of the precious pile, measured, looked at the grain and knots but thought it a shame to shorten the plank for just 45 inches. We went across the boat shed, past table saws, anthill size mounds of sawdust, sheets of aluminum to the red cedar standing up as if a tree had just been slivered from above. Beautiful straight grained planks with the sharp medicinal scent of the red, but they narrowed quickly to just short of the needed width.

traded it for work or for a different item, possibly my bar top. My Yellow Cedar piece, not suitable for the bar, ended up sheltered under a live cedar tree with thick sloped branches, harboured in a lost rocky nook on this island, then put into a work shed for years. The red cedar forests left a funky aroma based on mosses and decayed plants. The Yellow Cedar came back to me but what was its origin? I am sure my family brought it with us, thirty years ago when we moved from the largest island to the south along the northwest British Columbia coast. I remember we had bought lumber from a mill that hadn't changed in over 100 years. The owners, Norwegian descendants, still hand logged and pulled the trees to the water's edge with an engine and cables from an A-frame and barge. The trimmed trees were floated to the beach in front of the mill until their day came to be sawn as lumber.

Meanwhile, I wanted to get a better idea about the character and the look of the Yellow Cedar Fairy. Instead I stumbled upon *The Folklore of Shakespeare* by T.F. Thiselton Dyer, 1883. I found that the famous playwright/poet William Shakespeare knew the common folk-lore of fairies. "Elves of hills, brooks, standing lakes and groves; And ye, that on the sands with printless foot, Do chase the ebbing Neptune, and do fly him, When he comes back..." - William Shakespeare

He knew the common traditions and superstitions; in fact these impish faeries and elves were so familiar to Shakespeare that he wrote the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* which includes the King and Queen of the fairies, a play within a play. A few days later, mid-summer, my son-in-law remembered this piece that had been mine. I had

I see now my poetic pre-conceptions of fairies lie with Dulac and Shakespeare who showed their best features. A fairy in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act II Scene I, speaks:

"I serve the fairy queen, to dew her orbs upon the green. The cow-slips tall her pensioners be: In their gold coats spots you see; Those be rubies,

Finally, I do not think my Yellow Cedar came from that island mill. By inspecting the saw marks on the surface and live or natural edge of the wood, it looked like it was sawn on an Alaskan mill, probably by my partner while I helped. The portable mill has a frame that allows you to use your own chain saw. This yellow blond cedar we probably imagined would find a place in the boat we were building. The strong grain and resistance to rot could have settled conveniently into the hull of a boat. On every voyage this cedar could have the strength and resolve to kiss the waves over and over, smooth and stormy. The log had been found on our beach, floated to us by a high tide like a corked bottle, the message being "origin unknown". I wanted to reward the spirit in the wood, as my brush caressed its face, do something special to cap its golden beauty. The two blemishes, shallows scarred by pebbles forced inwards from the strength of the ocean storms, I will fill with gold sparkle acrylic paint, like jewels near the heart.

Oberon and Titania have starring roles. According to Brian Froud and Alan Lee in their book *Faeries* your pre-conceptions of fairies become reflected in their appearance.

An illustration by Edmund Dulac, three winsome fairies hovering gracefully in the wind above the surf, correlates with images in my imagination.

In my e-mail a post arrives from the Ancient Forests Alliance. I am curious because I was a part of a demonstration against logging old growth forests on Vancouver Island in the seventies in BC. Did we not check that off our list of environmental issues? A law was passed but incomplete in stopping old growth forest from clear-cut logging. There are pictures, of seemingly small people in front of giant yellow cedars. It is a call for help. I wonder what wisdom these trees hold that is unknown, unseen by humans. It could be the history of the forests, a library few people of the world take any thought of.

The place endangered is named The Fairy Creek Valley and is described as "a truly rare and special place". One of the trees there is considered one of the 9th widest yellow cedars in Canada and a tree of its magnitude could be over 2000 years old. If you sit at the roots of a favorite tree and find solace there or if you admire the blossoms and fruits brought into your house, washing, cutting, or primping to enhance their beauty, then what would you do when at the foot of one of the oldest life forms on earth at risk of clear-cut logging? I think I might bow or lie prostrate and be still, listen to the last unprotected intact old growth forest on Vancouver Island. The cuts and logging roads circling, hanging above the source of Fairy Creek. The winds echo a final warning as roads bear down from the ridges.

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fairy favours, In those freckles lie their savours: I must go seek some dew-drops here, and hang a pearl in every cow-slip's ear." -Wm. Shakespeare



## A Letter to the PM

By Sally Campbell

OP/ED

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
(cc: MP Gord Johns)  
Dear Sir:

6th of January, 2021

### Re: UN Treaty for Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (The “Ban Treaty”)

Further to my letter to you of August 3rd, 2020, I am happy to report that the above-noted Treaty has now been ratified by the requisite 50 states and will officially come into force January 22nd, 2021. As you know, this means that under international law, nuclear weapons will now be **prohibited and illegal**. We might say it's long overdue, given the horrific damage nuclear weapons have already caused in their use & testing, and the ongoing risk posed to all of humanity by their very existence. We humans often don't look out for our own best interests until we're up against the wall!

The time is right for Canada to come on board and sign the Treaty as well. We have been contradicting ourselves by publicly claiming to oppose nuclear weapons, yet consistently voting against measures such as the Treaty. Shamefully we even voted against the negotiation of this Treaty, but *negotiation* went on without us. Canada stands in the minority now, aligned with the 9 nuclear weapons states, the NATO nations and others with their heads in the sand. The majority of world states (122) has signed the Treaty.

What message are we in Canada giving to the world, and more immediately our children, by our belligerent stance against removing the threat of nuclear war?

We need to make January 22, 2021 a day of massive celebration, in recognition of a major step toward a more peaceful, secure world for us all. COVID has ironically presented us with an opportunity to recalibrate, to put our money where it's truly needed – renewable energy, jobs, high quality healthcare, affordable education, food security and clean drinking water for all. There are resources aplenty to do that if we reduce military spending and reallocate that money to our priorities. NATO keeps us from signing the Treaty and keeps us in a cold war mindset despite the fact that the actual “Cold War” ended 30 years ago. That mindset keeps us from aligning with those who have now created a clear pathway to eliminating our planet's most dangerous military threat – nuclear weapons.

Once the Treaty takes legal effect on January 22, next steps are: negotiation of a Nuclear Weapons convention, involving the nuclear weapons states; setting out a timeline and the mechanics for an enforceable, verifiable elimination process. We know we can do this because Russia and the US *significantly reduced* their arsenals in the Gorbachev-Reagan era, from approximately 70,000 active nuclear warheads to the current approximately 13,400 warheads, still more than enough to destroy the world as we know it. (International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons – www.ICAD.org)

There are numerous treaties limiting testing.\* None of these treaties has ever made nuclear weapons themselves prohibited and illegal under international law. Now the US is reinvesting in its nuclear arsenal; other nuclear states are making similar noises. As well, there are a number of “aspirational nuclear states” – Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iran, Turkey, South Korea and Japan. In a world of never-ending war, why shouldn't they have the right to develop nuclear weapons when there are 9 known nuclear weapons states, arguably breathing down their necks? \*\* Does Canada really want to support an even more dangerous world? **We could instead be involved in making our world safer, by signing the Treaty ourselves, and proactively engaging with the UN process of giving the Treaty “teeth”.**

Canada has long considered itself a supporter of international law. We were many times an elected member of the UN Security Council but lost out to Ireland this last round. Ireland, by the way, supported the Ban Treaty and we didn't. Or did our loss have to do with our slavish support of US militarism and empire? If we want to influence at the “big table”, we need to show we are global citizens, not stuck in outdated Cold War thinking.

World-respected intellectual and elder Noam Chomsky will be interviewed January 22nd by the *Canadian Foreign Policy Institute's* Bianca Mugenyi, in a free webinar entitled: “**The Threat of Nuclear Weapons: Why Canada Should Sign the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty**”. I know you are a very busy person, but this may be worth your while, Prime Minister! As well, www.worldbeyondwar.org offers many ways people can promote and celebrate the Treaty on January 22nd.

Canada has an opportunity right now to set an example for the other NATO nations, by signing and ratifying the Treaty. Let's be on the progressive side of history. Please show the leadership we need and join the majority of world states - have Canada sign the Ban Treaty!

Thanks once again for reading,

Yours sincerely,  
Sally Campbell  
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\* eg. *The Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty - 1963 (PTBT); the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty - 1968 (NPT); the Threshold Test Ban Treaty between the US & USSR - 1974 (TTBT) and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty - 1996 (CNTBT).*

\*\* *China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, UK, & US (93% of nuclear weapons are owned by Russia & US).*



## Vaccine Triage

By Gwynne Dyer • OP January 4th, 2021

OP/ED

**Triage** is always crude and messy, and there are always mistakes, but the goal is to save as many lives as possible in an emergency where there are not enough medical resources to save everybody. That certainly applies to the Covid-19 pandemic, and there is certainly rough-and-ready triage going on right now in hospitals across the world.

But there is also something approximating to triage happening with regard to vaccines in the United Kingdom now. The estimable Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for almost half his life, was denouncing it on the media only the other day. But just this once, he may be wrong.

Britain was one of the first countries to start vaccinating people last month when the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine became available (8 December), and it now has been the first to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine, but both require a second shot three weeks after the first.

At the same time, however, the UK has been ground zero for the new strain of the Covid-19 virus, romantically named VUI/202012/01 (or B.1.1.7 for short). More than half the world's reported infections are there, and the reason it's spreading so fast is that it's three times more infectious than the older variant.

Daily infections in the UK tripled in three weeks, and now regularly exceed 60,000. Deaths from Covid-19 are now well over 1,000 a day, and may stay up there until a sufficient fraction of the population has been vaccinated. Therefore the faster the vaccinations can be done, the fewer people will die or suffer 'long Covid' symptoms.

So the chief medical officer of England, Professor Chris Whitty, and his counterparts in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland took a brave and potentially momentous decision. They announced that the scheduled second shot of the vaccine would be postponed to twelve weeks after the first for everybody who hadn't already had it – effectively, for almost everybody in the country.

The advantage of doing it that way is obvious. Whatever speed the vaccinations are being done at, you will be processing twice as many people in the same time if you don't have to devote half your resources to giving second shots at the same time.

In England, under Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government, that may be no better than Donald Trump's pathetic 'warp speed' vaccination programme in the United States, which promised twenty million inoculations by the end of December and managed about four million.

From foolishly delayed lock-downs to a shambolic test-and-trace programme that still doesn't work, the British government has failed every test it was set. The United Kingdom still leads the United States by a hair in the race for the coveted world title of Second-Worst Covid Death Rate for a Large Developed Country. (Italy still leads the field.) But all the more reason to speed up the vaccinations.

Now, the obvious drawback with this one-shot-now, one-shot-twelve-weeks-later approach is that nobody is getting the full protection that would come with a booster shot after only three weeks. Or at least that's the consensus, although you can find researchers who argue that later is better.

Professor Andrew Pollard of the UK's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation is one of them. "If you have a longer gap between that first and second dose," he told the Guardian, "then the strength of the booster tends to be stronger....That's what we see with almost every other vaccine that's ever been tested."

There certainly is an element of triage in this. A few people who don't get their second shot on the original schedule may contract the virus and die while waiting twelve weeks for the booster. However, a lot more people will avoid dying from Covid-19, because twice as many will have received that single shot in the same time.

There is now a steady stream of spokespersons for the pharmaceutical firms that produced these vaccines publicly warning that there is 'no evidence' that a single shot gives protection for more than three weeks. Of course there isn't. All the tests were done with a second shot after just three weeks, so how could there be?

However, it's just as true to say that there is no evidence that the vaccine's protection fails after three weeks, and a lot more relevant. The lawyers told those spokespersons to say what they said in order to protect the firms from possible lawsuits, but it would be almost unprecedented in the history of vaccines if the single shot's protection were to fail so quickly. That's not how vaccines work.

Short-term efficacy from the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is around 90%; for the AstraZeneca jab, it's 70%. As Prof. Pollard said, "From three weeks after the first dose, we're not seeing anyone who's vaccinated admitted to the hospital or developing severe disease."

In a pandemic, this radical measure is just common sense, and others should take heed.



## Letters to the Editor

### To the Grapevine

*From Oswald Perceival-Smythe, P.Eng (UK). Unlisted.*

*Having moved to Hornby a few years ago I read with interest the wonderful activities on the quieter island of Denman. And as a cross island commuter, the roads need some work. For instance the quarry hill on Denman Road, is much like the staircase in Monty Python, you have to go up before you go down. That knob where Pickles joins in can be removed in a weekend with two bulldozers and a half case of dynamite, with the help of your famous earth moving entrepreneurs. Of course the Pickles approach would be a little steeper but we could get the slope grade cut in half and create a great corner for sports cars.*

*I see from the Climate Change Task Force advocating self government, this is a task the island could support. And if only the proposal from my friend at the U of Manchester, Dr. Goldsmith-Jones, for taking the cliff stone monoliths to the Denman fairgrounds for a small Stonehenge could be revisited, what a wonderful win-win-win opportunity. The good Doctor and the island committee should reapply for the Canada Council Grant this year.*

*Be of good cheer.*

*Just sign me Oswald from Hornby. 🍷*

*January 11, 2021*

*Re: Dr. Michael Dennis' Letter to the Editor*

*Recently I read the letter written by Dr. Michael Dennis regarding Dr. Stephen Malthouse's insert in the Islands Grapevine on Covid 19 vaccinations. Dr. Dennis put some effort into questioning Dr. Malthouse's credentials as a medical doctor and trying to associate him with racists and sexists. What he did not do was provide facts to rebut Dr Malthouse's points (Dr. Malthouse provided a page of footnotes to back up his statements that referenced science based, factual documents from well known publications and institutions including Scientific American and the CDC). Dr. Dennis' one attempt at reasoned discourse, when he stated "... the rest of us who have received vaccines, as we do not then carry and spread this pathogen to others." is directly contradicted by the CDC Covid 19 FAQ which states in response to the question "When can I stop wearing a mask and avoiding close contact with others after I have been vaccinated?" that "There is not enough information currently available to say if or when CDC will stop recommending that people wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide before making that decision".*

*Dr. Stephen Malthouse, you have my respect and thanks for putting this information into the public domain for people as they educate themselves on health issues related to Covid 19, including their decision on whether to get vaccinated. Your submission is absolutely in the public interest. It's a shame Dr. Dennis resorted to insults and character assassination rather than a reasoned rebuttal of your points.*

*In a free and democratic society, people have the right to make their own choices about their personal lives, including their health and everyone else has a responsibility to respect those choices whether they agree with them or not. To personally attack someone because their choice is not the one expected of them by others is unprofessional and reflects poorly on the medical community.*

*Steve Christensen Denman Is, BC 🍷*

*Hello - i received the Grapevine today and was heartened to see that you published a letter by Dr Dennis contesting the earlier fullpage of comments by Mr Malthouse.*

*(I cannot bring myself to call Malthouse a doctor when he so obviously does not follow honest proven medical guidelines)*

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*Good for Dr. Dennis to call out this dangerous quackery!*

*It was shocking to me to see that the missive in late December was allowed to be disseminated to our community. It was full of half-truths and frankly, lies, despite its deceiving 'medical references' -taken out of context from legitimate sources.*

*When the Denman community has worked so hard in so many ways to keep itself Covid-free by whatever means it has had so far, I am very disappointed that you disseminated this piece of junk, apparently as an opinion piece, without checking the medical veracity of what Malthouse said -*

*It is so sad to see this - and my biggest fear is that possibly it will be forwarded by innocent people without scientific training to other innocents, could be worldwide!*

*Not everyone has medical experts in their lives, as I do - (and so it is easy for me to access real medial information from several sources)*

*I believe that if your newsletter intends to send out purportedly 'medical information' by someone who calls himself a doctor, you would do very well to do some fact-checking first.*

*Who actually does your fact-checking? Without it, Fake News and Alt Facts spread.*

*My husband has sent a letter to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC about this.*

*Its shocking to see, frankly!*

*sincerely*  
**Wendy Wulff** 🍷

**Letter to the Islands Grapevine Jan 8/21**

*Dear Editor, I write in response to Dr. Michael Dennis's letter in the Jan 7/21 Grapevine.*

*Dr. Steven Malthouse, along with many others, both physicians and lay people, has the courage to speak out in favor of choice in the matter of vaccination. Reactive people are quick to label him "antivaccination" which is inaccurate. We deserve to be informed about a substance injected into our bodies – especially one that has been developed very fast and about which there are dire warnings, as outlined by Dr. Malthouse in para 2 of his comprehensive, scientifically footnoted "screed" – with links that I would have thought Dr. Dennis, as a physician, might have appreciated. To say that Dr. Malthouse "purports" to be a medical doctor adds only to the generally undignified and abusive tone of the message. To throw out words such as "racist," "sexist," and "unscientific" in this context is ridiculous.*

*As Dr. Dennis notes, many of us have benefited in the past from vaccination against smallpox, polio and measles, with vaccines that took years to develop and were extensively tested. We are now facing global vaccination with a rapidly developed and inadequately tested substance. This situation requires a new way of thinking, not one fuelled by habit, prejudice, or blind trust in government, medical expertise and big pharma. I consider it vital to look seriously at the information shared by people such as Dr. Malthouse who have nothing to gain, and indeed much to lose, from speaking out on behalf of an otherwise uninformed populace.*

*Please note Para 5 of the Malthouse insert – "Dr. Anthony Fauci ... acknowledges that the vaccines may prevent symptoms but will not block spread of the virus" – then ask yourself why indeed are we urged to submit to a Covid vaccination if it will not protect us. This is a crucial question.*

*I thank Dr. Malthouse for keeping us informed of what is actually going on; and I urge Dr. Dennis to reach out to Dr. Malthouse with an apology, either in these pages or in person, since they both live on the same small island. Congratulations to Mike Van Santvoord for a measured and fair response to Dr. Dennis's alarm.*

**Amanda Hale, Hornby Island** 🍷

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## Halloween All the Time

by Alan Black

It is Halloween all the time these days.  
Young men with skull masks  
and women with pink masks  
with rabbits,  
but the creepiest one I've seen is a car insurance guy  
with a mask that has a nose,  
a mustache,  
and an enormous full lipped grinning mouth.  
I imagine it to be like the greeter  
you'd meet on the way into hell,  
laughing the whole way as he leads you into the eternal black fires.

## Lies - A Poem. Or Maybe Just a List?

by Bill Engleson [www.engleson.ca](http://www.engleson.ca)

So many synonyms...  
Dishonesties,  
Deceits,  
Falsehoods,  
Fabrications,  
Fibs,  
(ah fibs, his nibs, so sweetly innocent)  
Inventions,  
Mendacities,  
(I love mendacities)  
Deceptions,  
Denigrations,  
Libels,  
Misrepresentations,  
Slurs,  
Smears,  
Slanders,  
Inaccuracies,  
Untruths,  
Unreliability's  
Spuriousness's  
Tall tales,  
AND  
Trumpism.  
In a nutshell.

## Silent Night

by Brooke Lydbrooke

What about an Atheist Day  
In March or April or the middle of  
May  
For those of us who don't believe in  
God?  
There, I've said it. Are you shocked?  
Did you feel a rumble? Did the planet  
rock?

On Atheist Day, we'll all have a feast.  
We'll confess to each other, instead of  
a priest  
We'll discuss life and death and things  
in-between,  
And the wonders of Earth and the  
things we've seen.  
And we won't say a prayer to some  
Higher Being,  
But try to solve problems with a  
rational way of seeing.

Yes, Atheist Day! I can hardly wait.  
I wonder if business will steep up to  
the plate  
And sell Happy A-Day cards,  
Celebrate Life Without God!  
What do you think? What are the  
odds?

(submitted by Donna Millen)

## The Penultimate Poem

by Richard Balfour

Those ain't bone spurs, those are your basic cloven Hooves

Who heard the click of the key?  
T'was noon and Biden swears, 'I do'  
The Orange One steps aside so all can see  
The nuclear suitcase flashes: 4..3...2.....

## Looking Ahead

by Rick Middleton

When in my hour of need I seek some aid  
 That this pandemic might not claim me too  
 However large or small the request made  
 Precautions for myself and also you  
 At times a mask, when warranted I wear  
 Or wash my hands three dozen times a day  
 I do these things not just for my own care  
 But also friends and neighbours that I pray  
 Are following their own health guidelines through  
 In order that we all may see the day  
 When COVID dies and we can then review  
 If we deny the science our mistake  
 Will leave more dead and dying in it's wake



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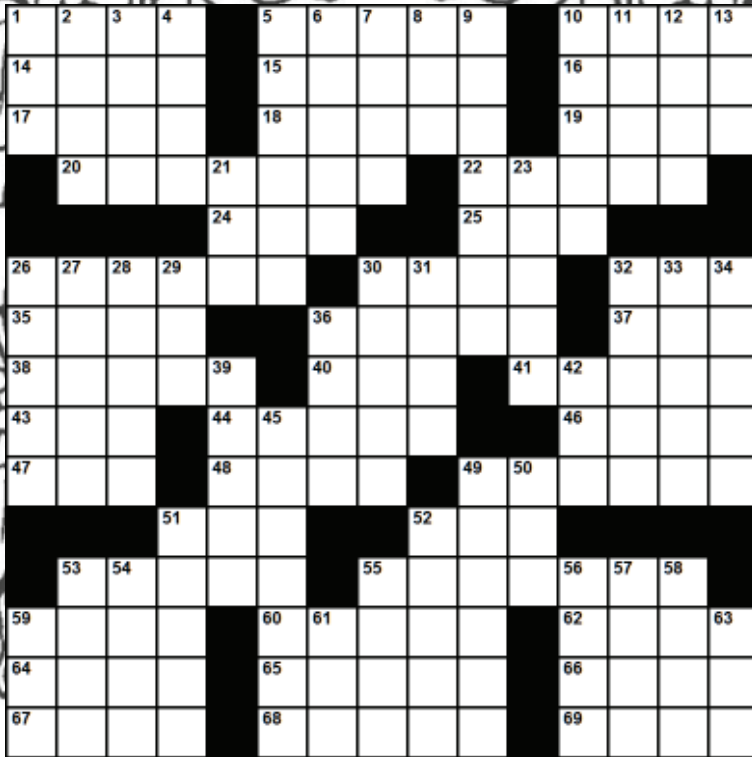
### EDITORIAL POLICY

The Grapevine is dedicated to fostering a sense of community on Denman and Hornby by covering events, issues, and the creativity of the many gifted people amongst us. The following is our policy on content:

- Profiles of individuals, history, reviews and op ed are published free of charge.
- Literary content including poetry, stories, belle lettres is published free of charge.
- Promotional content for products, services, programs, and events will be published at going advertising rates.
- Public service announcements, notices of meetings, and news releases will be published for a fee. Exceptions will be made for emergencies where the public is immediately endangered.
- With regret, no exceptions can be made for non-profit status.

Please keep in mind that Hornby and Denman are a very small market for newspaper publication. We do our best to provide quality content at no cost to our readers but we ask you to understand that this depends on financial viability. Paper, ink, postage, equipment, and rent all add up. As it is, the Grapevine can only be brought to you with considerable subsidy of time and energy by our team which is very willingly given. The Grapevine would like to accept more content free of charge, particularly around community news, and is working on plans to expand its reach and revenue base to move towards that goal.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Big story
5. Greeting on a lanai
10. One on the bottle
14. Perform again
15. Aqueduct
16. Bugbear
17. Audacity
18. Cake bit
19. Chesnut or bay
20. Ability to walk aboard a ship
22. Established procedure
24. Capt.'s heading
25. Amalgamation
26. Fight
30. Baby's place
32. Adjust for proper functioning
35. Musical medley
36. Like new pennies
37. In what manner
38. Big state
40. Clumsy clod
41. Tibetan capital
43. Bearing pivot
44. Rearward, at sea
46. A Walton
47. Ninny

48. Clean the windshield
49. Nurse's activity
51. Coat rack piece
52. Japanese pond fish
53. Amusing fellows
55. Without a goal
59. Queen of Carthage
60. Nomadic tribe
62. Excellent
64. Emcee's site
65. Beat
66. Nordic rugs
67. Carry along of
68. Check the fit of
69. Annoyers

• DOWN •

1. Dyne-centimeter
2. Carobs
3. At leisure
4. Bottled beverage
5. Foreigner's giveaway
6. Colossal
7. Encumbrance
8. Broadway mugger
9. Yolk
10. Common cleanser
11. All aflutter
12. Highland hillside
13. Asian currency
21. Actress Salonga
23. Woman soothsayer
26. Terra -----
27. Fridge stocks
28. Shuffles
29. Animal squeezer
30. Abrade
31. Crack in the earth
32. Lamb Chop's voice
33. Fluorescent red

34. Nasality
36. Bar in the tub
39. Created dust
42. Him's opposite
45. Fat cat
49. Enticement
50. Afflict
51. Not poetry
52. Familiar address
53. Breezy greeting
54. Colliery entrance
55. Culturally pretentious
56. Get a paycheck
57. Certain bean
58. Fishing woe
59. Banned substance
61. Belonging to us
63. Ar chaser

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FEB CALENDAR

deadline is

FRIDAY JAN 22ND

theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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**• CLASSIFIED ADS •**

**• FOR SALE**

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 2 cords to Denman, \$540 plus GST. Hornby \$560 plus tax. Text or call Scott at 250-334-7323

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

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DB EXCAVATIONS AND CLEARING (Dorian Baker) Equipment: 040 Excavator, 080 Excavator, Skid-Steer Services: Land-clearing, Power Installations, Landscaping, Trenching, Site Prep. Licensed tree faller available. Coming soon if interest shown a mulching head for clearing, tree trimming and broom removal. Great alternative to burn piles. Call or text 250-465-1889 or email dorianbaker56@gmail.com

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

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**• EMPLOYMENT**

ARE YOU LOOKING for a bittersweet job? Come join our production team and make deliciousness happen. Email dichoc@telus.net

**• COMMUNITY NOTICES**

DENMAN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, CHANGE OF VENUE Until further notice the Denman AA Group will meet at the United Church Hall every Friday, 7PM. Open to anyone, including non-alcoholics. Provincial COVID protocols observed: masks and distancing. As a support group, AA is specifically exempt from BC ban on public events.

DAN BRUIGER ANNOUNCES his new book Holy Terror and the Beauty of It All: how to live with existential anxiety. You can download the text for free at [www.stanceofunknowing.com](http://www.stanceofunknowing.com).

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SOCIETY seeks a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Temporary Executive Director. The position is for 20-30h/week for the time period April 2021-May 2022. Find a full job description at [www.dices.ca](http://www.dices.ca), submit resume to [dices.director@gmail.com](mailto:dices.director@gmail.com) by Jan 25



CHOOSE TO MOVE AT HOME  
- Are you 65+ and interested in moving more and staying connected while safe at home? Call Rachel Goodman, Activity Coach & Coordinator at 250-898-0243 for more information about this free program

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

**• WANTED**

LICENSED GUN BUYER wants your unwanted rifles & shotguns. Cash buyer, call 250-335-1686 or 250-650-0355

YVAN, A LONGTIME DENMAN RESIDENT, seeks a rental location for himself and his tiny (10x24) home; he can provide caretaking/labour/rent; 250-792-2770

**• 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)
- Cloufier 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)
- Katarina Meglic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

**• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •**

- Bobcat & Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (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)
- Guffers 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)
- Water Tanks & Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)

**• SERVICES •**

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac 778-992-0165 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah 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)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 514-605-9398 (D/H)
- Mandala Massage • Lisa Larkin • CHMP • text 871-8701 call 335-2836 (D)
- 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)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Piano Tuning & Repair • Greg Joly 250-475-1106 (D/H)



**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

THURSDAY 14

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 15

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 16

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark

SUNDAY 17

MONDAY 18

- DI LTC Zoom meeting 10am

TUESDAY 19

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm



WEDNESDAY 20

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

THURSDAY 21