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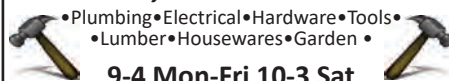
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Celebrate Our Differences: Literacy for Seniors

By *Rana Van Tuyl*

COMM INFO

My name is Rana Van Tuyl with Celebrate Our Differences, a social venture in Nanaimo. As part of the New Horizons for Seniors Program funded by the Government of Canada, we've developed a free digital literacy program for seniors in the Nanaimo Regional District, Gulf Islands, and Sunshine Coast.

As you can imagine, COVID-19 has changed our ability to deliver the program in person at this time. To support seniors in learning about ways to stay connected, safety and fraud awareness, and lifelong learning during these challenging times, we're now offering three delivery models that are free and available to all:

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2. For groups that are part of the same COVID-19 social bubble and would like to dig deeper into digital literacy together and ask questions, we'd love to host a virtual session for you and your group. To schedule a free virtual session, contact us at connect@celebrateourdifferences.com.
3. If virtual learning is not for you, that's okay too! For those who prefer hands-on experiences, we look forward to holding free workshops in your community when it is once again safe to do.

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Arts Denman Call for Artistic Submissions

By *Michael Rapati ~ President, Arts Denman*

ARTS&LIT

Arts Denman is calling on all artists for submissions for PUBLIC ART.

This includes **Sculptures, Murals, Performance Art, Literary Works, Musical Composition and Recording...**

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The best and most suitable ideas will be chosen and the Artists paid and project costs covered. The amount of projects chosen will depend upon the amount of funding available and how many suitable projects are proposed.

Get your creative juices flowing now. Submissions need to be in by early March and the successful projects will be chosen by March 24th 2021. The work needs to be completed within 2021.

The submission should include;

- Who the artist is and a little bit about yourself and qualifications relative to your proposal.
- Description of the project including drawings, written description, concepts (which ever are applicable)
- Cost and budget of the project.

Make submissions to; artsdenman@gmail.com

Funding for this initiative is from the BC Arts Council

More details will be forthcoming soon. 🍷

Blackberry Lane is Moving!

COMM INFO

By Kerri Boland

Staff, students and families – current, past and future - are thrilled about Blackberry Lane’s upcoming move into our new early childhood education centre. We are elated that this monumental work has paid off – the fact that there is now a dedicated place for our youngest learners is incredible. So many people have dreamed and imagined and worked and worked and worked to have this happen. But there’s a lot of sadness too. Blackberry Lane has operated out of the Community Hall for over 30 years, and many island children have spent countless hours in that space. A lot of magic happened there. It was warm, and inviting, and it served our community.

And so, as we begin the process of moving, we want to value and treasure what we had. To do so, we’re putting out a call for photos or short stories that people would like to share about Blackberry Lane, and more specifically about the space that Blackberry Lane operated in at the Hall. These stories and photos will be compiled and shared with the community in a way befitting the documents we receive! To share, please email thebbboard@gmail.com, or leave in the envelope at the FreePost at Abraxas under BBL.

We are also currently seeking donations of usable lumber and supplies for garden beds or to build a small playhouse. Contact Melisande at 250-703-1387 if you can help. Thank you for all of your support - the children thank you too! 🍷

Living Well: Red Herrings

COMM INFO

By Verna Isbister

Reading a good book is a great way to get through these cold, February days. I love a mystery novel. My goal is to discover whodunit well before the conclusion. It’s a challenge to work through the clues and solve the puzzle of who is guilty of a crime or murder.

Years ago, I began reading the mystery novels of Dorothy L. Sayers. Dorothy was known as one of the “first feminist mystery novelists” and founded a group called the Detective Club. She was friends of the Inklings, which included J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Her detective protagonist, Peter Wimsey, and his mystery writing friend, Harriet Vane, filled many hours of my reading.

With all of the news and anticipation of the herring season, I was reminded of one of Sayer’s books called *Five Red Herrings*. Being a mystery aficionado, I was intrigued by the phrase “red herrings”. What does it mean? There are references to “red herring” as far back as 1250 in a poem by Walter Bibbesworth, “He etep no ffyssh But Heryng re.” A 1420 reference mentions the salting and smoking of herring, which turns the fish a red colour. In 1686 there is another reference to the red herrings being dragged over a trail to distract the hounds and throw them off the scent. In 1782, there is a reference to the “red-herring scent of American taxation” or the stink of raising taxes. Rubbing a red-herring across one’s clothing saved many a fugitive from capture by leading the hounds in a different direction.

Today, we use the term “a red herring” to refer to something or someone who throws us off the track of solving the real issue. When watching our British detective shows on Netflix, we must sort through the misleading clues and characters to figure out who is the real culprit.

So how can we solve this problem of overfishing our herring stocks? Is it that big of a mystery? Many people feel that maintaining the 20% harvest rate is a crime against this resource and are seeking a moratorium. Smoked red herring or smoke screens are used to divert our attention. We could call this mystery, *Who Killed the Herring?* The red herrings, the distractors, in the mystery could be: -climate change, changes in the ocean, the orcas, seals and sea-lions, First Nations rights and promises, claims that the situation has recovered or is recovering, scientific formulas, the fishing industry, etc...

In the end, many conclude that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) are the ones who have “dunnit” “through mismanagement, wasteful practises and poor planning.” Tony Pilcher an Aquatic Ecosystems scientist was quoted in a Stephen Hume March 2019 article,

“The failure of fisheries science ... is creating both trauma and denial
Among its practitioners ... These failures are chronic and well-documented
and are commonly responded to by many of our colleagues in a range of *continued on P.5...*

TIDE TABLE

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

2021-02-25
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
05:31	4.6	15.1
10:48	3.4	11.2
15:33	4.3	14.1
22:49	0.8	2.6

2021-02-26
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:01	4.7	15.4
11:25	3.2	10.5
16:26	4.4	14.4
23:29	0.8	2.6

2021-02-27
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:29	4.7	15.4
12:04	2.9	9.5
17:18	4.5	14.8

2021-02-28
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:08	0.9	3.0
06:55	4.8	15.7
12:45	2.6	8.5
18:13	4.4	14.4

2021-03-01
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:47	1.2	3.9
07:22	4.8	15.7
13:29	2.3	7.5
19:12	4.4	14.4

2021-03-02
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:28	1.7	5.6
07:50	4.8	15.7
14:15	1.9	6.2
20:16	4.3	14.1

2021-03-03
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:11	2.1	6.9
08:21	4.8	15.7
15:04	1.6	5.2
21:28	4.2	13.8

2021-03-04
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:00	2.7	8.9
08:54	4.7	15.4
15:56	1.4	4.6
22:51	4.2	13.8



An Unpainted Portrait: Car Trouble

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons



Cars. *Def: mechanical monsters with ability and inclination to cause trouble in every circumstance. We all wanted one.*

In the early 1980s, the idea of everyone having access to a car as soon as they passed their driving test at the age of seventeen was still an exotic one. Only a few of our peers had parents who were willing to gamble with putting their teenage sons behind the wheel of a two-ton instrument of death. Even then, the vehicles ranged in type from battered 1960s relics all the way up to gleaming, nearly-new missiles. One such lucky swine was Nicholas 'Teabag' Lipton.

'Teabag' was, by only a day or two, too young to have been in the next school year. This meant that, despite his diminutive proportions, he was the eldest of us all, and had obtained his driving licence a long time before anyone else. It was a moment of great import then, when he showed up outside the school in a gleaming Lancia coupe.

It was a thing of wonder: only a couple of years old – and thus considerably newer than anything my dad had ever bought - with sporty wheels, wide tyres and bright orange upholstery. Teabag, basking in the attention of our small group of envious onlookers, leapt out of the vehicle with a flourish, looking very pleased with himself. Within two seconds, however, he was scrabbling frantically at the door handle as the lovely beastie began to creep slowly down the hill. Despite our howls of delight, he managed to climb inside and yank the e-brake on before any damage could be done, and thereby ruined what would have been an entertaining start to the day.

I'd never been a member of Teabag's close circle of friends, but we were on good enough terms to exchange friendly greetings and chat once in a while. One day, I managed to be in the wrong place at the right time. Quite why or how it happened, I'm still not sure, but suddenly I found myself in the back seat of the Lancia, preparing to make a lunchtime trip to Weston Kirk. This in itself wouldn't have seemed too bad, had three more teenagers not piled themselves around and on top of me in a back seat designed for only two small people. By this time I'd left behind the stage of being undersized and was by far the largest person in the car. I was wondering how the hell to get out of it when we set off as if propelled by an explosive charge.

In retrospect, pinned down as I was by smaller humans, I was probably in the safest possible position, but it didn't feel like it. Teabag had obviously decided to demonstrate his prowess behind the wheel, and proceeded to drive as if he was trying to kill himself and all his passengers. Being half buried meant that I couldn't see much of what was going on, but the gravitational forces being exerted upon us, the screaming engine note and the squeal of rubber on road told the story. For five minutes I placed my fate in the hands of any deity prepared to listen while trying not to breathe in the body odour of 'Pimply' Pearson, an excitable lad whose backside was waving about uncomfortably close to my face.

A sudden yell followed by such heavy braking that Pimply flew into the front passenger foot well and stayed there, upside down, indicated that an unplanned something had happened. Relieved of my burden, I peered over the pile of bodies and through the windscreen. We had come to a sudden stop about a hundred yards from a parked police car. As Teabag struggled to find reverse gear, I began to try to find a corner of the car as far away as possible from him. In doing so, I was more or less crushing Danny Jones on my left.

I still possessed the unconscious attitude of a small kid, but my body had grown monstrously from those early days at Ridgeway. In these circumstances, the result was a small amount of muffled squealing and cursing from my victim as

I remorselessly pushed him out of his seat - nobody was wearing seat belts, of course - and towards the roof of the car. He had nowhere else to go, and I was as surprised as anyone else when Danny tumbled in a knot into the space that I had been occupying only a few seconds earlier. It was a pleasing result, all things considered – especially when the mewling Pearson (something about having broken his nose) returned to the back seat, and happily, onto my companion's lap.

All this had been going on while Teabag was executing his escape plan which consisted of reversing the car out of sight around the corner we had just negotiated on two wheels. "Get out!" he said, a wild look on his face as his new driver's licence flashed before his eyes. Complying with his wishes was more difficult than it might seem. With four of us in the back seat, we only had one front door to exit through, and of course the front seat passenger – Jon Lawless - had to get out first.

Much grunting and swearing filled the air as we tried to propel the unfortunate lad out of the car purely through weight of numbers. He half-fell out of the door while Pimply, his backside now firmly pushed against my face, tried to scramble past me and to freedom. Unable to think of any other way to encourage his egress, I punched him in the groin. Just to be helpful, you understand. This worked spectacularly well, and with no more ado he left the car like a champagne cork leaves the bottle. I pushed myself upright and clambered out of the car as quickly as my gawky teenage frame would allow.

Thirty seconds later, we stood on the pavement - well, Pimply crouched, clutching himself and moaning softly - as Teabag carefully reversed into a nearby parking space. Sure enough, around the corner as our hero exited from the driver's door, came the police car. The officer parked across the front of the Lancia and after a brief glare at us - trying our best to look nonchalant - he slowly approached the trembling Lipton... As we walked innocently away towards the nearby fish and chip shop, he looked rather forlorn...



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voices that seek to deflect and deny.”

“Deflect and deny” smells like words for red-herrings.

Admittedly, I’m not an expert on the issue but rather an Island observer. I’ve witnessed the yearly herring fishery in full operation. Day and night, we’ve watched and listened to the staccato grinding of the cranks dragging the herring into the boats and seen the waste. One of the real tragedies

is that the male herring are ground up for pet food, fertilizer and food for Atlantic salmon farms (which is prohibited by the Canada’s Fisheries Act 31 (1), without Ministerial authorization) and 12% of the herring, the “sac-roë”, are sold to Japan for kazunko, a marinated roe delicacy because the Japanese herring population has been destroyed.

Meanwhile the Indigenous people lament the loss of this food and broken promises disregarding their fishing rights. The chinook salmon, whales, sea-lions, seals and seabirds are being affected by the loss of this food source. The fishery has been shut down in three out of five places on our coast and around the world. Iceland, Norway, Russia, Japan and Alaska have depleted and closed their herring fisheries. It seems a crying shame not to better protect the herring in our channel. The DFO must look back at these world-wide closures and look forward and protect the



Pacific coast herring. The DFO should be doing everything in their power to protect and showcase this natural wonder.

Instead of hearing the growl of the herring nets being hoisted day and night, I’d rather hear the orcas blowing, the seals barking and the seabirds calling. This may be the last place on earth where people can come and witness this amazing sight.

May the words, “the herring have arrived”, become a celebration rather than an antiquated reference in some history book.

We do thank the Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards and Conservancy Hornby Island for keeping this issue at the forefront and for the Islanders who have organized this year’s letter writing campaign and last year’s protest at Boyle Point.



The Herringbone

By Serendipity Uprising

COMM INFO

The Herring Bone seeks submissions of articles, poetry, cartoons or art on the subjects of poverty, housing, and the intersection of both on gulf islands. We are in the midst of a housing crisis here on the rock, and so many are affected. It is time to rise! To bust the conversation open even wider, to include the voices of those who are in vulnerable positions and cannot contribute to the public debate. So, we especially welcome submissions from all who would like a voice but feel unsafe to talk openly on the current situation.

Are you a land owner? Renter? Living in an illegal dwelling? Ideas? Rants? Raves? Everyone is welcome to space in the Herring Bone.

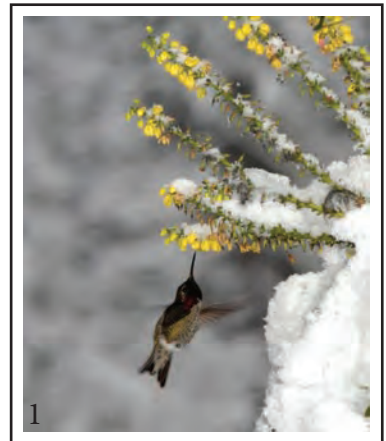
We are aiming publication for early may. Please send submissions to.....theherringbone@protonmail.com

Gardening for Winter Hummingbirds

By Peter Karsten

SPECIAL INTEREST

The only species of hummingbirds that stays here for the winter is the Anna’s Hummingbird. Rufous Hummingbirds migrate to their wintering ground in Mexico and the southern US in the fall. They are back in the spring when the Red Currant is flowering. By that time there is no shortage of flowering plants for them but what about the Anna’s? Native plants do not flower much in the winter hence their winter range did not extend northward until humans began to grow winter-flowering plants and, more importantly, fed them reliably with sugar water. Sugar water will sustain their energy needs, but nectar and pollen contains important essential amino acids, lipids and vitamins which sugar water does not. Insects provide protein. Few are found in the winter and none in freezing weather. The absolute champion of the winter-flowering shrubs is the Mahonia “Charity” a cultivar of the Oregon Grape. It grows to a stately bush 6 feet high and more and blooms from November to March! The sprays of soft yellow blossoms open continuously from the bottom to the top. If you only plant one kind, this is the top *continued on P.6...*



...continued from P.5 choice. Fortunately, some imported plants flower in our winter. I say 'our' winter since some Australian plants actually flower in the summer in their homeland but have not switched once brought here. We experienced this with Australian Black Swans as well at the Calgary Zoo who insisted to nest in the depth of winter in the chilly Alberta. The Australian Royal Grevillea (*Grevillea victoriae*) and the Australian Fuchsia or Dusky Bells (*Correa* sp.) decidedly attract humming birds. The Chinese Winter Jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) probably does as well and so should the fragrant Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis* sp.) found in eastern North America, China and Japan, although I do not see them being visited very much by the humming birds. *Virburnum* sp. has modest cluster of flowers in the winter. I grow them but again the hummers are not

very interested in them. I enticed them with flowering heather (*Erica* sp.) but again nothing like the interest seen in Mahonia. These plants are all winter hardy on Denman Island. However, the Dusky Bells are somewhat tender and need frost protection if it gets colder than 1 degree minus. It should also be noted that bumble bees feed on the above listed plants on warm winter days. So it is not all for the birds. Lend the hummers a hand for the winter. They are such a ray of sunshine in the "dark season".

- 1 - Anna's Hummingbirds feeding on Mahonia "Charity"
- 2 - Anna's Hummingbirds feeding on Australian Fuchsia.
- 3 - Winter Jasmine in January
- 4 - Grevillea

Photos by Peter Karsten 🍷



An Open Letter to Minister Katrine Conroy & Premier John Horgan

By Eartha Muirhead

OPIED

Dear Minister Katrine Conroy and Premier John Horgan:

I am a retired psychotherapist trying to save the few last remaining old-growth forests on Vancouver Island. There are so many reasons to stop destroying ancient forests. To name a few: the sequestering of carbon to mitigate climate change, to uphold UNDRIP and show respect for Indigenous land rights on whose land the forests are on, the protection of at-risk species and now the prevention of viral pandemics.

Deforestation and the spread of viruses are now becoming public knowledge, and yet BC Timber Sales has endorsed the destruction of 177 old-growth forests in 2020. Three thousand year old yellow cedars, in TFL 46, in the areas around Fairy Creek, in river valleys held sacred by the Pacheedaht Peoples are now at risk with last week's injunction by Teal-Jones. These crimes against nature and future generations must stop now.

The German Federal Environment Minister has been quoted as saying: "Science tells us that the destruction of ecosystems makes disease outbreaks including pandemics more likely. It is well documented that around 70% of human pathogens originate from fauna, including Lyme Disease, HIV, Ebola, MERS, SARS and influenza." Sandra Junglen, head of the Ecology of Emerging Arboviruses, has been quoted as saying the same thing. "The emergence of multiple diseases can be explained by human encroachment into untouched nature...clearing of forests least

to biodiversity loss, which changes the composition of mammal populations."

In light of all the Old-Growth ecosystems lost since the NDP took power, and the recent Teal-Jones' application to shut down blockades around Fairy Creek, I implore you to implement the Old-Growth review Panel's recommendations that urge the ban of logging all old-growth forests. 🍷



Affordable Housing Petition

By Riane DaSilva

COMM INFO

Your help is urgently needed to keep vulnerable and valuable members of our community safely housed.

Islands Trust Housing Needs Assessment of 2018 states that 80 affordable homes (to house 80+ adults and children) are needed on Denman Island. Until the Islands Trust acts on this information, those housing needs are being met through housing options that contravene current bylaws. This has gone on for decades with an unofficial 'don't ask, don't tell' approach.

With the hiring of a new Bylaw Enforcement Officer in March 2020, by-law enforcement against illegal dwellings has been on the rise, and a number of vulnerable members of our community have been or are facing eviction. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Islands Trust says they are not evicting anyone. They are simply demanding that landowners get "into compliance" with the Land Use Bylaws. How those landowners do that is irrelevant to them. They simply want compliance with Land Use Bylaws. However, the only way for a land owner to get into compliance with those bylaws is to evict their tenants. The provincial order against eviction is not helpful for tenants as that would further penalize land owners who provide housing options.

Land Use Bylaws take their direction from the Official Community Plan. Our OCP has been scheduled for a review for some time now. As it currently is written, it does not yet support a variety of housing options. Nor do our Land Use Bylaws.

Therefore, to protect our community fabric, we have begun the following petition:

We the residents of Denman Island request the following:

1. An immediate moratorium on enforcement of Land Use Bylaws that would result in eviction, in any and all housing on Denman Island, and maintain that moratorium until the following are accomplished :


- a) Hold an Official Community Plan (OCP) review, in consultation with a representative cross section of residents (including vulnerable renters);
- b) Complete a targeted review of Housing regulations in the Land Use Bylaw 186;
- c) Craft relevant and community centered Land Use Bylaws (LUB) that support and prioritize affordable housing options, sustainable and environmentally sensitive approaches to any development, and reflect the needs of a healthy and diverse community, in light of changing demographics and the impact of socio-economic conditions on rural housing security.

If you care about having a strong community that is able to resilient meet the com-

ing (economic, environmental, social) storms, then please sign the petition as soon as possible. We will presenting the signatures to the Denman Local Trust Committee on March 16, 2021, so your immediate signature would be very helpful.

The petition can be found at <http://chnng.it/TtwTyQ5z>

Or, there are paper copies at the General Store, the Hardware Store, Abraxas Books, the Denman Island Guesthouse and at the Saturday FreeStore. Please ask a staff member and they can help you find it. Thank you Denman community for caring about your neighbours.



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Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 28th, 2021
Online Zoom at 1:00 PM

You are invited to attend our on-line AGM that will review Denman Works activities and report on financial results for 2020.

Activity reports, financials, and proposed slate of directors will be available March 1st on our website denmanresource.wordpress.com/Home/AGM2021.

The zoom invitation will also be available on-line at the same location.

Enquiries 250-335-2087 or cell 778-838-7110 (Tony Gregson)
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Texas, Rossby Waves & Wave-7

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer ~ OP February 21st, 2021

Texas puts out more carbon dioxide than any other US state, so there was some innocent amusement to be had from the indignation of Texans unable to boil their drinking water during the Big Freeze because the power was still out. Things like that are not supposed to happen in a modern, developed country like the US of A. How dare they?

Others, aware that Texas has cut every corner in the public services that it's possible to cut, were unsurprised by the five-day mini-disaster that struck the country's second-biggest state (30 million people). One blogger wrote philosophically: "Occasionally, something will happen in Texas to remind the people who live here that we live in a failed state."

A winter temperature 25°C colder than usual for the time of year is rare, but this is not the first time it has snowed in Texas. The electricity failed, triggering a cascade

of other disasters, mainly because of a long-standing refusal to connect the state electricity grid with the two main national grids. (This was done to avoid federal supervision on prices and standards).

Other people have cold snaps too. Germany, Russia, Canada, even northern China get much colder than Texas, but they don't end up freezing in the dark because they are prepared for it. Texas could have been prepared for it, too, but somebody in power would have had to read the science journals. Since they almost all got elected with donations from fossil fuel producers, that was never very likely.

The 'explainers' on the media talk about a rogue 'Arctic vortex', but what's really happening is much simpler than that. It's just what global heating has done to the northern hemisphere's 'jet stream'.

The northern jet stream is a high-speed, high-altitude atmospheric 'river' that flows from west to east all the way around the planet. It marks the boundary between the polar air mass, sometimes called the 'Polar Vortex', and the warmer air masses of the mid-latitudes. (East-bound airliners crossing the North Atlantic and the North Pacific often hitch a ride on the jet stream, saving up to an hour compared to the west-bound journey.)

The energy that drives the jet stream comes from the temperature difference between the two air masses it divides. However, the Arctic is warming much faster than the rest of the world, so that difference is shrinking – and with less energy, the jet stream is slowing down.

It used to blast straight east all the way around the planet, but even then it occasionally developed long S-shaped kinks called Rossby waves: big loops extending far north and south of its usual track. As it has slowed down (the average speed is now 150-225 kph), the Rossby waves have grown both more frequent and bigger.

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They are often now great loops deviating far north and south from the straight track, and those loops bring with them cold polar air rarely seen so far south, or warm air not seen previously so far north. That's what happened to Texas last week: one of those Rossby waves brought cold Arctic air all the way south – and then stuck for a while.

The jet stream itself didn't stop. It just flowed all the way around that loop and kept going east, but the kink stayed put and the cold air in it froze Texas. This pattern will recur lots of times, and Texans will have to learn to live with it. Climate change doesn't care whether you believe in it or not – and it may get worse.

In June and July of 2018 record-breaking heatwaves hit the western United States, Western Europe and the Caucasus-Caspian Sea region at the same time, while there was extreme rainfall and flash flooding on the US east coast, in eastern Europe and in Japan. It was all happening in big Rossby loops that had taken over the entire jet stream.

All the loops, containing hot dry air or cool moist air, were 'stuck' for upwards of two weeks. Norway had its hottest temperature ever but only half the normal rainfall for July, while in Japan severe floods and landslides caused by heavy rain destroyed more than 10,000 homes.

By last year, researchers had found that over the past twenty years the same pattern of seven stalled peaks and lows over the same regions – 'wave-7' – has lasted seven times for more than two weeks. In the previous twenty years (1980-2000), that had not happened even once.

This suggests that the pattern is getting stronger – and the latitudes where the loops are stalling include most of the major 'breadbasket' regions of the northern hemisphere. If we're looking at a future of synchronised crop-killing droughts and heatwaves in those regions, world food production is in big trouble.

It's often the 'unknown unknowns' that do the worst damage. 🍷

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

It is hard to understand why other physicians are not speaking up about the misinformation presented in Dr. Enn's letter to the Grapevine last week. Her letter is as close to propaganda as I have ever seen and is not based on research or evidence-based medicine in the slightest. This should be apparent to anyone who does not rely solely on the CBC or CTV for their information.

The Moderna and Pfizer experimental genetic products are described as mRNA vaccines, but are not really "vaccines" by definition, since they have not been shown to prevent contagion and are really gene modification products. We are still in Phase 3 clinical trials and anyone who gets a shot has been enrolled as a trial participant without their knowledge. Animal trials were extremely brief or skipped entirely in order to warp speed this shot to market and release it under Emergency measures. It was never officially approved for use. In fact, administration of these vaccines contravenes the Nuremberg Code for human experimentation because informed consent is not possible (we won't know the ingredients until 2023) and adequate animal trials were not performed prior to starting the human part of the experiment. In other words, you will be a guinea pig.

These shots will not "protect individuals and their love ones against COVID-19" as Dr. Enns claims, but can reduce symptoms in a few people, by about 19-29% (according to Peter Doshi, assistant editor of the BMJ who independently reviewed the data¹). The frequently touted 95% figure was created by statistical manipulation that omitted many of the adverse events of the trials. Our most vulnerable, the frail elderly and those with multiple co-morbidities, were not included in the trials, so nothing is known about them, except that now many are dying after the injection. One third of the 900-plus US deaths reported to the CDC so far occurred within 48 hours of the shot², many within minutes or hours. The CDC's website continues to deny these deaths had anything to do with being vaccinated, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary³. Can anyone still regard the CDC as a "trusted" source of COVID-19 vaccination information? Their conflicts of interest and economic ties to the vaccine manufacturers are fast becoming legendary.

It is ridiculous to declare "Vaccines are safe and the benefits of being immunized against COVID-19 continue to vastly outweigh any risks". The media headlines are showing just the opposite⁴. Long term care home residents are dropping like flies after this vaccination. No obvious benefits either. The Pfizer and Moderna trial designs omitted the most important measures of effectiveness: hospitalization, ICU admissions or deaths. Probably because there were no reductions expected

Across Baynes Sound on this Monday Morning-A Shi

Rensa by Bill Engleson.
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*Above Fanny Bay,
a cushion of clouds slip by
as time and I watch.*

*As time and I watch,
the whole of the world moves on
in viral ascent.*

*In viral ascent,
we must inoculate hearts
against ignorance.*

*Against ignorance
we stand with facts, with vaccine,
for a healthy earth.*

and the trials were only 2 months long anyway. Usually drug trials are 5–10 years in duration. (Unless you can declare a global Emergency.)

We are not going to “quickly and safely return to the activities and normalcy of life” because neither vaccine has been shown to stop transmission of SARS-CoV-25. Since you can still give and get the virus, public health policies such as mask wearing, physical distancing, isolation, quarantine of asymptomatic individuals, lockdowns and closures will continue⁶. There is no light at the end of this vaccine tunnel. And, despite what Dr. Enns might think, it is scientifically impossible to obtain population or herd immunity with a vaccine that does not prevent spread of the infection.

Epidemiology shows that most of the world probably has natural herd immunity by now and does not need a vaccine. Only about 20% of the world’s population needed to be exposed to develop herd immunity to SARS-CoV-2 because we already had T-cell cross-immunity from previous coronavirus exposure⁷. The “variants” we are now identifying are a normal progression for viruses. Viruses depend upon the human host to survive and so become less dangerous to humans in order to survive themselves. Of course, fear-mongering in the media will continue, so we can expect the promise of newer vaccines to solve a variant “problem” that does not exist.

Why would we need a COVID vaccine anyway for an illness with an infection survival rate of 99.95% or better under the age of 70 years (and while withholding any early treatment)?⁸

Since March 2020, we have had one carrot after another dangled in front of us, only to be moved further away as we approach. The WHO, CDC, Dr. Tam, Dr. Henry and our Public Health officers have repeatedly ordered us to comply with just one more little inconvenience for a few weeks. Be a good citizen. Be kind, be calm, be safe. It did not surprise many of us when Fauci announced we will be wearing masks into 2022. That inch-by-inch loss of freedom has brought us to a final carrot of illusory safety (a COVID “vaccine”) which is now dangling far out over the cliff edge. This vaccine program is the final destination, for which ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, zinc, vitamin D3, inhaled steroids, ozone and a myriad of other successful treatments were suppressed by our “experts” at Health Canada. We have been carefully led to CRAVE this dream vaccine, but the nightmare will go on.

As a physician who has done the required due diligence of my profession, I encourage you to think for yourself and use plain old common sense before you make a leap from which there will be no return.



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Stephen Malthouse, MD

NEXT WEEK: Part 2: What makes this vaccine so risky to humans (unless you are the manufacturer)?

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Community Information Meeting

Regarding DE-RZ-2017.1 (DCLTA)

Denman Seniors Affordable Housing Project (Pepper Lane)

Via Zoom Webinar & Live Stream

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:00 pm -8:30 pm

Please join us for a presentation and facilitated Q + A session on Proposed Bylaws 233 (OCP) and 234 (LUB) which if adopted, would amend the Denman Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

This application seeks to rezone a 1.62 ha (4.01ac) property near the Denman village that is currently zoned Agriculture (A) to an appropriate zone that allows for the development of eight units of seniors affordable housing and recognises the existing (single dwelling) residential use. This application will require amendments to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to allow for a future two lot subdivision and an increase of eight densities to one of those lots.

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For more information or to submit questions before or following the meeting, please email northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

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Feb 22, 2021 In response to Dr. Charmaine Enns

Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer for Comox Valley, Strathcona and North Island, published a letter in the Feb 18th issue of the Grapevine containing misinformation that we would like to respectfully address. We realize that Dr. Enns is an employee of Island Health and must conform to and report on the information given to her, so this is in no way personal.

It is irresponsible of the authorities to urge people to get vaccinated when reports are coming in from Spain, India, Germany, the US and Canada, of a significant number of deaths or serious reactions after people receiving the so-called vaccine. This Covid shot is NOT a vaccine. It is an experimental gene-modifying product containing material never before introduced into the human body, and is untested as such. Since the Covid virus has never been isolated, its own RNA is not available to create a vaccine, so a synthetic non-human messenger RNA product had to be made.

As of Feb 12, 2021, in the US alone, 929 deaths following the shot have been reported to the Centre for Disease Control, along with 15,923 adverse reactions – since Dec 14, 2020. According to a Harvard University report, less than 1% of adverse reactions are being reported. This indicates a potential of 92,000 deaths not reported, recognized or attributed to these shots. More information is available on the VAERS site - Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. In the case of death, the CDC continues to deny a link to the Covid shot despite people dying within minutes to hours. Pharmaceutical companies are in any case exempt from responsibility for their vaccines. If you have an adverse reaction, there is no one to turn to for help.

It is crucial for the public to be informed of the risk involved in being injected; a risk that far outweighs the risk of contracting an illness with a 99.95% rate of recovery for those under the age of 70. And there are better ways of protecting the frail elderly than with “vaccines” and solitary confinement.

The Covid shot does NOT guarantee immunity from contagion. According to Peter Doshi, assistant editor of the British Medical Journal, the Pfizer product showed a 19-29% reduction in symptoms, NOT 95% protection from getting Covid. The shot cannot provide herd immunity, as Dr. Enns claims, because it does not prevent contagion.

Vaccinations will NOT provide a return to normalcy. We will continue to wear masks, maintain distance, and refrain from gathering – or face punitive fines. This is reported regularly on the CBC, quoting such authorities as US immunologist, Dr. Anthony Fauci.

We won't go into further detail on these facts. It is not our responsibility to educate the public. It is the job of Dr. Enns as representative of Island Health. We encourage everyone to do their own research if they care about their health and that of their families. This is a serious time that challenges every one of us to stop being governed by fear and to take responsibility for our lives.

First in line for the “vaccines” have been the frail elderly, first nations, people of color, prisoners, and institutionalized children. What does that tell us? These groups have certainly never been at the head of the line before, for anything. And in the case of first nations, not even for potable water.

Many valuable sources of information, such as Vaccine Choice Canada, and Children's Health Defense, have been censored or labeled as misinformation in an attempt to prevent the debate that helps people to make up their own minds using all the information available. Censoring or shooting the messenger can never stop the truth from coming out. The public must access both sides of the story before lining up for an experimental gene-altering product, already shown to be of high risk, and a failure in preventing spread of infection.

Thank you, wishing you well – Amanda Hale & Christiane Brown

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A message from B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner

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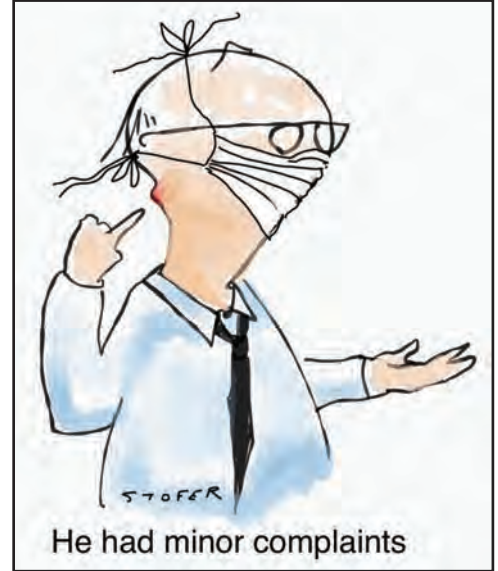
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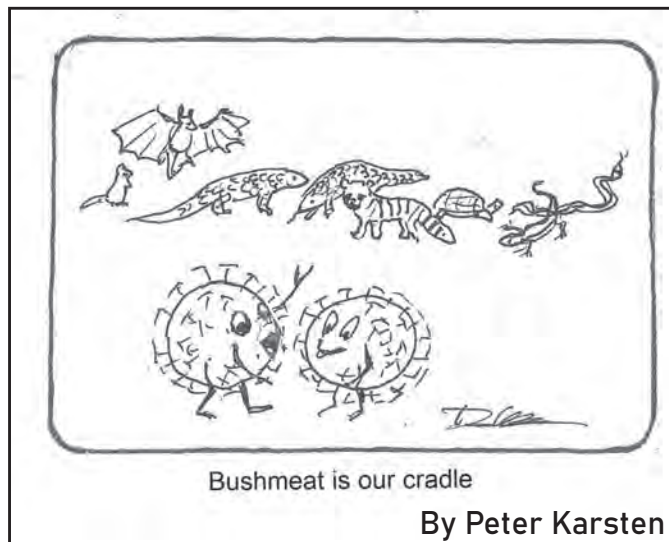
Books and Gifts 250-335-2731 abraxas9@telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/

• **LOST&FOUND** •

IS ANYONE MISSING A SMALL, cute, female lionhead rabbit? She is black above and white below. Very tame and gentle. To claim this rabbit or to give her a new good home, please call 250-335-1088.

• **EMPLOYMENT** •

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SOCIETY invites applications for Program Coordinator. The candidate should be experienced in delivering programs for children and youth and have strong written and verbal communication skills. Must be a reliable individual, willing to work evenings and weekends. Find a full job description at dices.ca, submit resume to dices.director@gmail.com by March 10



• 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 335-3027 (D/H)
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

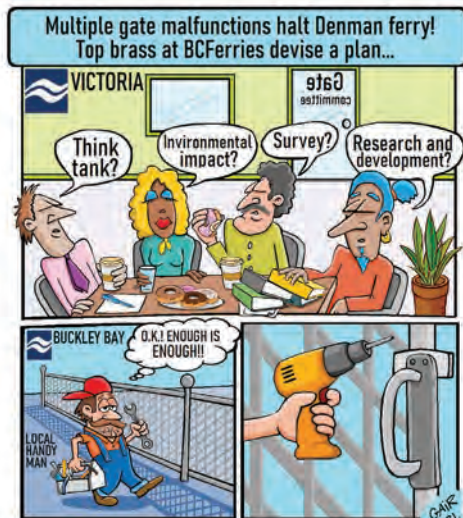
- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloufier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)
- Katarina Meglic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- 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)
- 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 • Christopher Mainella • 514-605-9398 (D/H)
- 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 25

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

FRIDAY 26

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 27

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

SUNDAY 28

MONDAY 1

TUESDAY 2

- DI LTC Community Info meeting 7pm

WEDNESDAY 3

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL Virtual Open House 7-9pm



THURSDAY 4

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

FRIDAY 5

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 6

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- DI Phone Directory Deadline denmanislanddirectory@gmail.com or 335-1483

SUNDAY 7

MONDAY 8

TUESDAY 9

WEDNESDAY 10

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 11

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

Corrections to February Calendar

- the CAP Site hours are Wed & Thu 4-7pm