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COVID-19 Vaccines

COMMUNITY NOTICE

By *Patricia Smith • Island Health*

Island Health has scheduled COVID-19 vaccine clinics on Denman and Hornby Island for permanent residents age 18 and over. Denman clinics will begin the week of April 28 and Hornby clinics will begin the week of May 3. These clinics are meant for permanent residents. People with properties or second homes on Denman and Hornby that would have to travel there to be vaccinated should not book into these clinics.

To book, please visit gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated to register in three easy steps:

1. Register: First, register by clicking on the link above and scroll down to 'Register online'
2. Book: Book a vaccine appointment when you receive an email, text or phone call
3. Get vaccinated: Visit your local vaccine clinic to get your vaccine dose

If you need help with this process, you may ask a friend, neighbour, or other support person to register for you. If you are unable to book online you may book by phone by

calling 1-833-838-2323. You can also register in person at any Service BC location.

You, or the person booking for you, will need to provide your:

1. Legal first and last name
2. Date of birth
3. Postal code
4. Personal health number (aka: care card)
5. Phone number (a direct line to you or your support person)

If you have questions about

the COVID-19 whole community approach, please visit islandhealth.ca/whole-community-vaccine.

Please share this notice with anyone you know who lives on Hornby and Denman Islands. Thank you for helping Island Health get the word out to the community through your networks so that all residents can be vaccinated. 🍷

DI Climate Action Committee

By *Dr. Ron Wilson*

COMMUNITY INFO

April 22, 1970. 51 years ago was the first Earth day event held in the US. Earth Day inspired 20 million Americans — at the time, 10% of the total population of the United States — to take to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first of their kind environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Clean Air Act. Two years later Congress passed the Clean Water Act. A year after that, Congress passed the Endangered Species Act and soon after the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. These laws have protected millions of

men, women and children from disease and death and have protected hundreds of species from extinction. Remarkable achievements.

As 1990 approached, a group of environmental leaders approached Denis Hayes to once again organize another major campaign for the planet. This time, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage.

Today, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. Now, the fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day.

Locally the Denman Island Climate Action Network is sponsoring a week long series of WEBINARS and EVENTS published on the Insert in this Grapevine.

The DI CAN also has a new Website denmanislandclimateaction.ca

Be sure to check out our website and register to receive regular newsletters about what's going on here on Denman. That way you can find out how you can join in as we work together to support one another to do our part individually, as a community and beyond for our home, Planet Earth. Check out drawdown.org to learn about ways you can have a significant impact. 🍷

Living Well: Kinship

By Graeme Isbister

*"The problem in the world is we've forgotten we belong to each other."
- Mother Theresa*

Greg Boyle is a Roman Catholic priest who, in 1989, went to live and work with violent street gangs in Los Angeles.

"Home Boy Ministries has grown out of this commitment, becoming the largest rehab gang program in the U.S., offering education, job training, employment and the largest free tattoo removal service in the world. (Having the wrong tattoo in the wrong part of L.A. can be a death sentence.)

Thousands of young men and women have begun the journey away from crime and violence towards freedom and self-respect.

The key to helping people re-build their lives, according to Boyle, is kinship, welcoming people into a community where they are accepted and where they belong.

It may be a stretch but I wonder if this story about the mean streets of L.A. speaks to life on Denman, especially over this past year...

"Kinship" is defined as "a relationship where there are shared values and a sense of belonging to one another." The best expressions of kinship, in the words of psychologist Alice Miller, "return people to themselves so their souls can feel their worth."

Winnie Isbister titled her book about the early days of white settlers on Denman "My Ain Folk," using the Gaelic word "ain" for kinship (that word again) or belonging.


When Verna and I arrived back on Denman five years ago we were frequently asked about our impressions of island life; what drew us back and now, what keeps us here. At the top of our list is something like kinship, along the lines of shared values, which contribute to the common good.

I see "kinship" when we walk the carefully tended trails near Morrison Marsh, when we use the Free Store/Recycling Center, when I hear about elders receiving visits and nutritional, locally-sourced groceries and many, many, many more expressions of investing in the community.

All these extensions of our collective arms and hearts have the potential to connect people to themselves and to others.

And here's the thing: it is the absence of so many of these potential connections over this past year that has given me hope.

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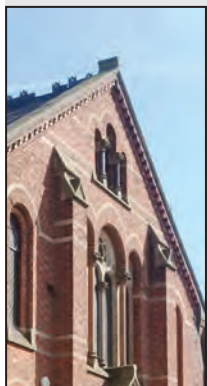
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An Unpainted Portrait: Not Cricket

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons



Cricket. Def: a simple game of bat and ball with deliberately confusing published rules of play which are intended to at all costs prevent Americans from becoming enthusiastic about – and therefore almost immediately ruining – it.

Despite having no experience of playing the game before secondary school, I was utterly delusional about my potential as a cricket player. I'd convinced myself that I might just be the next Ian Botham (an English cricket superstar). Any objective witness might have felt differently.

As a bowler, I possessed a recklessly aggressive approach to each delivery. I used an enormously long run-up to the crease before launching a blistering, *unplayable* delivery at my unfortunate victim. I was, I thought, a batsman's nightmare. In truth, almost every ball I bowled was unplayable, although not necessarily for the right reasons. Sadly, my pace or cunning wasn't defeating my opponent. It was more that the batsman wasn't tall or long-limbed enough to reach the ball after I had leapt into the air, tied myself into a pretzel shape and hurled the ball in their general direction. Ten feet over the batsman's head it would go, or maybe fifteen to either side. Particularly worrying were the deliveries that didn't hit the ground at all, and hurtled towards soft flesh or vulnerable, unprotected skulls for heart-stopping moments. I was useless...but occasionally lethal.

With the bat, it was a different story. I was, in contrast to my bowling persona, perpetually terrified. There I'd stand, wearing shorts and just one protective pad on my left leg (there weren't enough sets of pads to go around). Absolutely nothing protected my most sensitive areas, and I knew it. Instead of maintaining a steely resolve, I tried not to soil myself at the thought of a pound of wood and leather about to be thrown at me by a ferocious – and competent – bowler. I was far more of a danger to myself with the bat than I was to anyone else, with my tendency to lunge and swing extravagantly – some might say wildly – at the ball, no matter where it was in relation to me. Sometimes I put so much energy into it, I swung myself off my feet. I was intent on hitting every ball as far as I could because I just knew that despite being terrified and unable to get close to the ball, I could be the next biggest thing to hit the English cricket scene.

Fielding was my most successful skill set. I could run quickly, so I was good at chasing the ball as it scampered across the grass. I had good reflexes, too, so that without thinking about it, I could actually catch the ball from short range. This made me ever-so-slightly useful in very limited circumstances, a fact which irrationally cemented my belief in my abilities. Long-range catches were unfortunately more problematic. On one occasion I had the unenviable sensation of spending at least ten minutes running around underneath a ball which narrowly missed dislodging a satellite before re-entering the atmosphere at somewhere approaching the speed of light and heading back towards earth with frost on it. I positioned myself perfectly beneath its final trajectory, bending my legs slightly and cupping my hands just like I'd been shown, keeping my eye fixed on the ball at all times. Inevitably, the bloody thing landed square on the end of my right thumb. Three things happened all at once. One, the ball bounced off my thumb, having expended ninety-nine point nine per cent of its re-entry energy in the bones of my digit, and harmlessly onto the thick, lush grass at my feet. Two, my teammates groaned in unison, and at least one yelled at me in frustration. Three, I dropped to the ground as a bolt of pain shot through my thumb, into my wrist and up my arm. This was accompanied by an even more excruciating jolt when I knelt directly upon the ***** ball. In those moments, cricket began to lose me. I

would, I fumed, spurn it just as soon as I got the chance, and teach it a valuable lesson with my absence. If Cricket came begging for my return in order to re-enliven its standing in the country's psyche, I would spurn it a second time. Then, I thought, my revenge would be complete.

In only one area of the game did I actually, genuinely do anything of any benefit apart, that is, from unintentionally entertaining anyone who had the time to stand around and watch me make a fool of myself). I was *very, very* good at stopping the ball with my body. I didn't always mean to do this – in fact, if the truth be known, most of the time I was trying to do the exact opposite, but when I was out in the field, I seemed to turn into a magnet for every shot streaking towards the boundary with the speed and trajectory of a rifle bullet. I became adept at stopping the ball with my thighs, my buttocks, my shoulders and my lower arms. My back, my chest and my shins (ouch) came in for a lot of use, too, but thankfully only once did my head bear the brunt, allowing me to experience my first concussion*.

Just once – I know that you were secretly wondering – I heroically prevented runs from being scored solely through the accidental placement of my most sensitive parts. As you may guess, this occasion was particularly joyless, and indeed involved a lot of retching and heavy breathing, not to mention significant discomfort throughout the rest of the day. This finally convinced me that cricket did not deserve me. I decided to abandon it at the age of thirteen, and so – at least in my deluded mind – the nation was deprived of countless glorious international victories...

* 'My First Concussion' is NOT a registered trademark for a bandaged action figure.



...continued from P.3 As I have lamented the cancellations and postponements of the myriad festivals, tours, community dinners and get-togethers during Covid I have recently been smacked in the face with: “Wait a minute...look at all the things this community has been doing for all these years...For decades it has been part of this island’s DNA to invest in the good of this island and all of us who are blessed to call it home. Why wouldn’t these commitments carry on after Covid?” (And, emphatically, there will be an “after”)

As long as we believe that other people still matter and that the good of this island is worth working for I believe it will. And, no obligatory tattoo removal will be required...🍷

Boosting Butterfly Numbers in Helliwell

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Chris Junck • Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team

The number of Taylor’s checkerspot butterflies (a critically endangered species) in Helliwell Provincial Park rose significantly in March. Nearly 1,300 caterpillars reared at the Greater Vancouver Zoo by Wildlife Preservation Canada staff were gently placed in the park by the Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team. This follows the first release of 800 Taylor’s checkerspot larvae in Helliwell’s coastal bluff meadow last year.

Neil and Norma Wilson, Bill Hamilton and Diane Proc of the Hornby Island Natural History Centre, and K’ómoks First Nation Chief Nicole Rempel, Councillor Katherine Frank, and Elder Donna Mitchell assisted with larval releases this year. “The K’ómoks First Nation is proud to work along-side BC Parks in its endeavors to re-establish the Taylor’s Checkerspot butterfly within our territory. As stewards of the lands and resources within our territory, we view projects such as this as critical to the well-being of our lands, and the ecosystems within it”, said Chief Rempel.



Left to right: Michelle Polley, Heather Steere, Erica McClaren, Jennifer Heron. All photos by Chris Junck unless otherwise noted.

Many of the caterpillars immediately began searching for their favourite foods, such as the leaves of English plantain, blue-eyed Mary, or harsh paintbrush. To survive, they need to find enough nutritious plants to eat and avoid predators, parasites, severe weather and trampling. If all goes well, they will progress through a few more developmental stages, pupate, and then emerge as stunning orange, black and white checkered butterflies in late April to mid-May. Hopefully, several adults will find mates and produce eggs to keep the lifecycle going, but more releases of captive reared caterpillars may be required to firmly re-establish the Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly population on Hornby Island.

dogs must be on a leash according to provincial park regulations and bikes aren’t allowed in the park. Also, please do not move or pick up Taylor’s checkerspots. Instead, report sightings to Taylors.Checkerspot@gov.bc.ca, or by using the free iNaturalist app (www.inaturalist.org). It’s an easy to use species identification tool that enables citizen scientists to record and contribute important species data for projects around the globe.

The recovery initiative required extensive habitat restoration in the park, such as selective tree and invasive plant removal, and adding native plants and seeds. Although focused on Taylor’s checkerspot, several other at-risk and uncommon coastal bluff ecosystem species benefit from this project, such as dun skipper butterflies and about a dozen other range-restricted butterflies, western bumble bee, bats, western screech-owl, and numerous other birds and plants.

The Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team includes

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Left to right: K’ómoks First Nation Chief Nicole Rempel, Councillor Katherine Frank and Elder Donna Mitchell.

The next few weeks will be a crucial time for butterflies. Trampling is a key threat for caterpillars and their food plants. “We have invested a lot of time and funding in this project, so we are asking Helliwell’s visitors to please stay on the trails that are delineated by ropes and restoration area signs and keep your dogs on leashes,” said Jennifer Heron, Chair of the Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team and invertebrate conservation specialist for the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Visitors are reminded that

...continued from P.5 representatives from BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, BC Parks, biological consultants, Denman Conservancy Association, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Mosaic Forests, Wildlife Preservation Canada, and others. There has also been a lot of local assistance for the project from Helliwell Park neighbours in High Salal Ranch Strata, volunteers, Conservancy Hornby Island, the Hornby Island Natural History Centre, and Hornby Island Provincial Parks Committee.

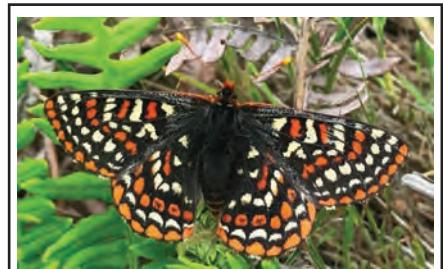
The recovery project has benefited from funding and in-kind contributions from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the BC Parks License Plate Program, the Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund and others. 🍷



Left to right: Norma and Neil Wilson, Andrea Gielens, Bill Hamilton, Diane Proc.



Caterpillars



Taylor's checkerspot butterfly.
Photo by Jennifer Heron.



Neil Wilson



Councillor Katherine Frank



Norma Wilson



Heather Steere



Jennifer Heron



Diane Proc and Neil Wilson

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

This Open Letter to Dr. Bonnie Henry crossed my desk today. Dr. Charles Hoffe, a physician in Lytton, BC, has been seeing neurologic side-effects after the Moderna vaccine that are very similar to multiple sclerosis and far in excess of manufacturers' claims. He is asking questions and raising the alarm. It is important for people to be aware that we are still in Phase 3 trials and safety analyses are ongoing. Making an informed decision is challenging when the information is still coming in. This letter outlining Dr. Hoffe's experience in the clinic might contribute to helping Islanders make that decision.

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5 April, 2021

OPEN LETTER

Dr. Bonnie Henry,
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Dear Dr. Henry,

The first dose of the Moderna vaccine has now been administered to some of my patients in the community of Lytton, BC. This began with the First Nations members of our community in mid- January, 2021. 900 doses have now been administered.

I have been quite alarmed at the high rate of serious side-effects from this novel treatment. From this relatively small number of people vaccinated so far, we have had:


1. Numerous allergic reactions, with two cases of anaphylaxis.
2. One (presumed) vaccine induced sudden death, (in a 72 year old patient with COPD. This patient complained of being more short of breath continually after receiving the vaccine, and died very suddenly and unexpectedly on day 24, after the vaccine. He had no history of cardiovascular disease).
3. Three people with ongoing and disabling neurological deficits, with associated chronic pain, persisting for more than 10 weeks after their first vaccine. These neurological deficits include; continual and disabling dizziness, generalised or localised neuromuscular weakness, with or without sensory loss. The chronic pain in these patients is either generalised or regional, with or without headaches.

So in short, in our small community of Lytton, BC, we have one person dead, and three people who look as though they will be permanently disabled, following their first dose of the Moderna vaccine. The age of those affected ranges from 38 to 82 years of age.

So I have a couple of questions and comments;

1. Are these considered normal and acceptable long term side-effects for gene modification therapy? Judging by medical reports from around the world, our Lytton experience is not unusual.
2. Do you have any idea what disease processes may have been initiated, to be producing these ongoing neurological symptoms?
3. Do you have any suggestions as to how I should treat the vaccine induced neuromuscular weakness, the dizziness, the sensory loss, and the chronic pain syndromes in these people, or should they all be simply referred to a neurologist? I anticipate that many more will follow, as the vaccine is rolled out. This was only phase one, and the first dose.
4. In stark contrast to the deleterious effects of this vaccine in our community, we have not had to give any medical care what-so-ever, to anyone with Covid-19. So in our limited experience, this **continued on P.8...**

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...continued from P.3 vaccine is quite clearly more dangerous than Covid-19.

5. I realise that every medical therapy has a risk-benefit ratio, and that serious disease calls for serious medicine. But we now know that the recovery rate of Covid-19, is similar to the seasonal flu, in every age category. Furthermore, it is well known that the side effects following the second shot, are significantly worse than the first. So the worst is still to come.

6. It must be emphasised, that these people were not sick people, being treated for some devastating disease. These were previously healthy people, who were offered an experimental therapy, with unknown long-term side-effects, to protect them against an illness that has the same mortality rate as the flu. Sadly, their lives have now been ruined.

7. It is normally considered a fundamental principal of medical ethics, to discontinue a clinical trial if significant harm is demonstrated from the treatment under investigation.

8. So my last question is this; Is it medically ethical to continue this vaccine rollout, in view of the severity of these life altering side-effects, after just the first shot? In Lytton, BC, we have an incidence of 1 in 225 of severe life altering side-effects, from this experimental gene modification therapy.

I have also noticed that these vaccine induced side effects are going almost entirely unreported, by those responsible for the vaccine rollout. I am aware that this is often a problem, with vaccines in general, and that delayed side-effects after vaccines, are sometimes labelled as being "coincidences", as causality is often hard to prove. However, in view of the fact that this is an experimental treatment, with no long-term safety data, I think that perhaps this issue should be addressed too.

Furthermore I have noticed, that the provincial vaccine injury reporting form, which was clearly designed for conventional vaccines, does not even have any place to report vaccine injuries of the nature and severity that we are seeing from this new mRNA therapy.

It is now clearly apparent with medical evidence from around the world, that the side-effect profiles of the various gene modification therapies against Covid-19, have been vastly understated by their manufacturers, who were eager to prove their safety.

Thank you for your attention to this critically urgent public health matter. 🍷

The UK: Clean Sweep for Boris?

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • OP April 12th, 2021

Twenty-three years of peace in Northern Ireland, after a sectarian war that lasted thirty years and killed 3,700 people, but nothing lasts forever. Every night for the past week there were violent mobs of youngsters in the streets of Belfast attacking each other, Protestant against Catholic. And it's all Boris Johnson's fault.

The British prime minister didn't mention it at the time, but his successful campaign to free the United Kingdom from the evil clutches of the European Union (Brexit) was only Phase One of his master plan. Phase Two is his plan to free England from the evil clutches of the United Kingdom.

A narrow majority of the English voted to leave the EU in the 2016 referendum, but both Scotland and Northern Ireland voted strongly to remain. That gave Phase Two a head start, because Johnson and the Brexiters were effectively forcing both Northern Ireland and Scotland to choose between England and Europe. In both countries the answer may be 'Europe'.

For Scotland, it's a simple choice. As a nation of five million with no major historical traumas or enemies, the Scots would be welcome to rejoin the EU. If the Scottish National Party wins a majority in Scotland's May election, SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon promises to hold a second independence referendum 'in the first half of the next (Scottish) parliament'.

Scotland's last independence referendum, in 2014, came out 55-45 in favour of staying in the UK, but's hard to say how a second one would play. Many Scots deeply resent being dragged out of the EU by the English – but many would also be unhappy about a hard border with England. Whatever happens, it would be an entirely peaceful process.

Not so for Northern Ireland.

'Norn Iron,' as the locals say it, was created exactly a century ago at the demand of the militant Protestant majority, while the rest of the island got its independence as the (mainly Catholic) Republic of Ireland. Northern Ireland has been a running sore ever since, with the Catholic minority in the North yearning always for reunion with the Republic.

The Irish Republican Army (IRA), the main vehicle for those yearnings, waged an armed struggle against the local Protestants and the British government for much of that time, but the last round of the 'Troubles' ended in 1998 with the Good Friday peace agreement. Unfortunately, Brexit and Johnson have undone that deal.

The Good Friday deal enforced power-sharing between Protestant and Catholic political parties in the North and the border became invisible, with no checks at the crossings. Catholics in

the North could even claim citizenship in the Republic if they wished.

It worked because most people were sick of the endless murders, and because the deal removed some major irritants for the Catholics, including especially the 'hard' border – but above all because the higher Catholic birthrate would deliver a Catholic majority in the North eventually, at which time reunification could come by a peaceful vote.

Brexit upended all that. If the UK left the EU, then there had to be a hard border somewhere since the Republic wouldn't dream of leaving Europe.

Putting the new customs and immigration controls in the obvious place, between Northern Ireland and the Republic, would wreck the Good Friday agreement and probably start the IRA bombing and shooting again. So Johnson chose to sell out the Protestants instead, by putting the new border in the Irish Sea, between Britain and Northern Ireland.

That's how he got a Brexit deal signed with the EU – but to postpone a revolt against that border by 'Loyalists' (Northern Irish Protestants), he simply lied and said it wouldn't operate as a border. There would be no customs checks, no paperwork, nothing of that sort at all – and the poor mugs believed him. Now they have woken up to the truth.

For practical purposes Northern Ireland is still in the EU, with a customs border between it and the rest of the UK. The Loyalists feel abandoned – and this comes just as the Catholic population of Northern Ireland finally catches up with the Protestants.

So it's the Loyalist militias who are re-starting the war in the streets now, attacking the Catholics in the hope of stopping a slide into the Republic. Quite a lot of people could die before it's over, but the slide is probably now unstoppable. Johnson will certainly not die in a ditch to stop it.

Which leaves only Wales. It's hard to imagine Wales leaving 750 years after the English conquered it, but Boris Johnson is a universal solvent. Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party, is promising an independence referendum by 2026 if it wins next month's election. Clean sweep for Boris? 🍷



Are you wondering how you can get a little bit of the Grapevine in your mailbox every Thursday? Contact the Denman Island Post Office (1636)

and request delivery of the Islands Grapevine and voila . . . thanks for all your support and enjoy!



2021 Denman Island Recreation Grants

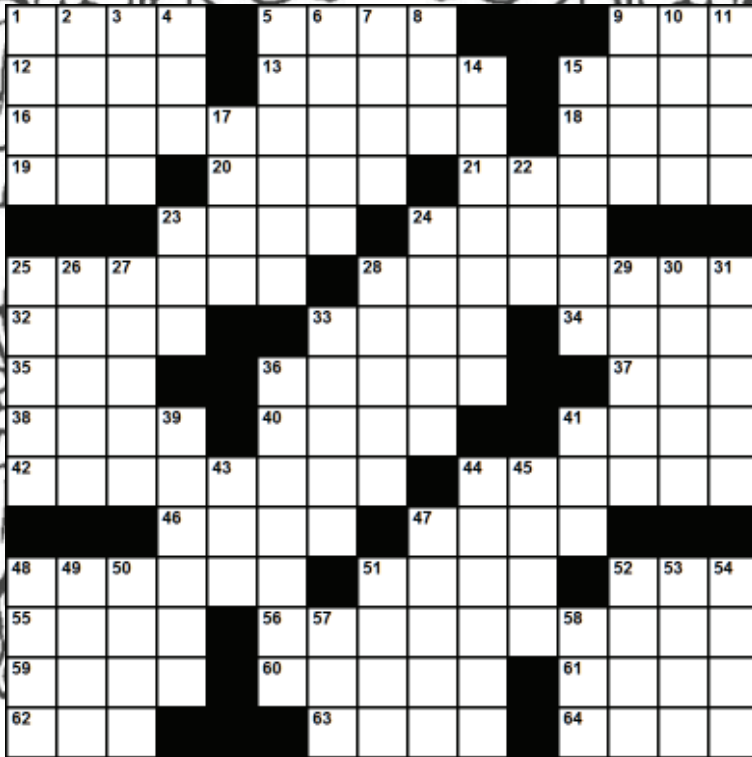
Applications are now available for the CVRD Recreational Grants for Denman Island non-profit Groups which provide sport and fitness related activities. Applications can be picked up at Abraxas Books free mail under "R" or on line <www.denmanresidents.com> link to "Committees and Services" Return to Abraxas books or email to scrutond@telus.net Deadline for submissions is MAY 25 at 5 pm. Funds available approximately \$19,000. Committee members: Dr. David Scruton, Nancy Snyder, Jack Forsyth.

Merry Mary Jane

by Thomas Provençal

Once I wed with Mary Jane
life could never be the same.
She always has in mind a game
and life is full of fun!
She walks my thoughts through
fantasies
that leave me happily at ease.
Don't disturb me if you please,
just tickle with your tongue.
Some would say a wistful weed,
illegality we don't need.
Throw them in jail for just a seed
then celebrate with rum.
When I join with Mary Jane
I keep smiling and can't complain.
Clouds could shroud and spill their rain;
through the drops I'll see the sun.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

- 1. Charitable gifts
- 5. All aflutter
- 9. Drug testing grp.
- 12. Chef
- 13. Brief
- 15. Commit a gaff
- 16. Level
- 18. Do road work
- 19. Barely manage
- 20. Black cuckoos
- 21. Bloody channels
- 23. At a prior time
- 24. Get a glimpse of
- 25. Color in a way
- 28. Improved
- 32. Add to the pot
- 33. Asian garment
- 34. Hoarfrost
- 35. Arena shout
- 36. Long blouse
- 37. Almost deflated
- 38. Camelot lady
- 40. Bald eagle's cousin
- 41. Allot
- 42. Arithmetic topics
- 44. Like parkas
- 46. Frilly, in a way
- 47. Perform again
- 48. Not staccato
- 51. Cold cut place
- 52. Actor Pendleton

55. Came to earth

- 56. Fantastic
- 59. Curly cabbage
- 60. Mideastern nation
- 61. Computer fare
- 62. Author's last word
- 63. Competent
- 64. Explorer Heyerdahl

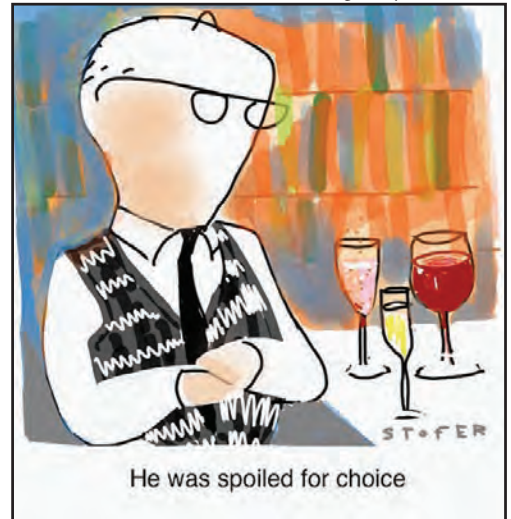
• DOWN •

- 1. Analgesia target
- 2. Behold
- 3. Extra amount
- 4. Aspen gear
- 5. Right now
- 6. Aladdin's servant
- 7. Doggie bag bits
- 8. BSA relative
- 9. Car trouble
- 10. Callas was one
- 11. Chimpanzees
- 14. Stretchable
- 15. More nimble
- 17. Clownish
- 22. Elect to
- 23. Adorer's writing
- 24. Ala King
- 25. Weighed
- 26. Cockamamie
- 27. Moral precept
- 28. Wedding announcement
- 29. Got one's goat
- 30. Act the ham
- 31. Beaded with moisture
- 33. Hardly polite
- 36. Padded pot covering

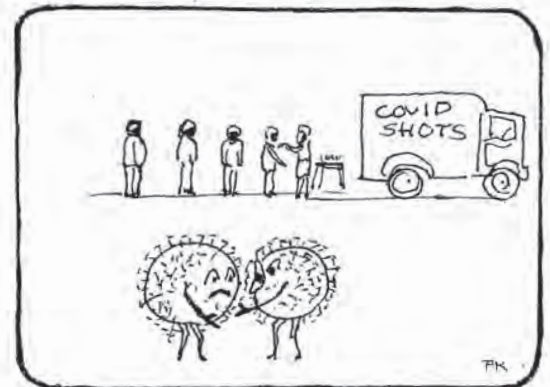
- 39. Make broader
- 41. Barn sound
- 43. A welcome sight
- 44. Offenbach heroine and namesakes
- 45. Chief Norse god
- 47. Force back
- 48. Erie and Tahoe
- 49. Exuberance
- 50. Adorn, in a way
- 51. Foolish
- 52. Flood survivor
- 53. Before mobile or mat
- 54. Autocrat of yore
- 57. 1773 jetsam
- 58. Banned substance

Mr. Stofer

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He was spoiled for choice



"I wished they were just drinking bleach"

COVID-19 - by Peter Karsten

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• FOR SALE •

FOR SALE. 2005 Chevy Aveo hatchback. 218,000km. Standard, in good shape. \$1100. Janie McG 250-710-8245

8X8 CEDAR BEAMS plus a few 6X8 and 4X4 fir beams. Call Valerie, 250-207-6904

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 2 cords to Denman, \$580 plus GST. Hornby, \$600 plus GST. 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.

• SERVICES •

LAWN CARE AND MAINTENANCE, for estimates and quotes please call Jason at 778-992-3002 to arrange a time. Additional services available

HI DENMAN, are you looking to lighten your load? Call Ian for junk removal and material deliveries. Burly truck, courteous manner and capable hands at your service: 250-514-6614 or ian@victory-gardens.ca

HORNBY COMPACT

EXCAVATION Versatile machine and operator. Small footprint efficient for ditches, holes, levelling, brush clearing, etc. Please inquire

email: Matthewwingle@hotmail.ca
Call: 2503350770



WICKED FABRICATION, Mobile welding, B pressure, structural fabrication, repairs, stick, mig, tig Jesse Rogers 780 512-7988

IT'S TIME TO HAVE UNWANTED RUBBISH REMOVED, LAWNS CUT, GARAGE CLEANED, ETC. SPRING CLEAN UP TIME IS UPON US, SO LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR CHORES. CALL 250-335-2390 - BRIAN

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

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@gmail.com

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)

MAGNIFICENT TOPSOIL, (Serving Denman & Hornby since 1988) Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison compost, Treework, site clean up, fir mill end

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GUTTERS seamless, supply and install also repairs, for free estimate contact Kevin at 250 335 1986 or cell at 250 667 3233. Serving All Areas.

• COMMUNITY NOTICES •

COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS LINE: 250-338-1227 or Text: 250-218-4034 For more info visit <https://cvts.ca>

SPANISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE at the Guesthouse. Thursdays at 2:30, outdoors. See you there!

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

• FREEBIES •

FREE UPRIGHT PIANO. Details, Janie 250-710-8245

TWO VERY CLEAN, good quality mattresses. 4'6" X 6'. 250-335-0243



Hamish Kimmins
(1942-2021)

Our beloved Hamish died peacefully at home on April 8th. A "miracle man" who survived almost 11 years after a diagnosis of Glioblastoma, he lived full of energy right to the end.

Thanks and gratitude go to the Home Support team, the paramedics, the Green Cemetery team, and all the other angels who have looked after Hamish during the past weeks - Dr. Ron Wilson, Charlie, Angela, Wendy, Theresa, Jason, Sean, Leah, Heather, Mica, Elaine, Sheelah, Holly, Tosha and Lynn. Our deepest gratitude goes to Leah, our caring rock of support over the past 10 years of Hamish's illness who made it possible for us to remain together at home.

A big thank-you also to the Denman Fire Department (Don Luckett, Rob Mannering and team) for honouring Hamish with such a memorable journey to his final resting place in the Denman Green Cemetery. Blessings also to our wonderful friends and fellow Denman islanders for your love and support over the years.

We hope to hold a celebration of Hamish's life in the fall when his maple trees will be in their full glory.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Hamish Kimmins Scholarship fund, Faculty of Forestry, UBC.

Thank-you from all our family, Annie

• 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)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text
465-1889 (D)
- 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)
- 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)
- Acupuncturist, Herbalist, Physiotherapist • Carmen B-G, RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 514-605-9398 (D/H)
- Tree 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)
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- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)



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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 15

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

FRIDAY 16

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- WOOD STOVE PIZZA NIGHT - Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 18

MONDAY 19

TUESDAY 20

WEDNESDAY 21

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

THURSDAY 22

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

FRIDAY 23

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- GUEST COOK - DARUNA - International Adventure to the Caribbean - Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 25

MONDAY 26

TUESDAY 27

WEDNESDAY 28

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



THURSDAY 29

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

The Monthly Calendar is on hold for now.

Instead we offer a 2 week summary of upcoming events on the Back Page. Email us with your event to be listed in "Fortnight Events".
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