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Village Square Truck Damage Repaired

By Anthony Gregson

COMMUNITY INFO

The damage done last February when a truck crashed into the corner of Abraxas was finally repaired a week or so ago, with more space for books. Village Square property-owner Evan Penner and Abraxas owner Tachi Barker are very grateful for the support they received throughout what has been a long process of repair and renovation. Evan would like to thank Dave Graf of Seaside Electric, Shane Nelson, and Mike Lindsay for the immediate repair after the damage, as well as Matt Martel, Rafael Jasinky, Seaside Electric and the good folks at Hydro who came promptly to disconnect the building the day after the accident and returned for the renovation. The patience and graciousness of all the tenants who lost income through two power outages is deeply appreciated. 🍷

Swarm Season

By Rachel Halliwell

SPECIAL INTEREST

Spring is in full swing and if your honeybee colony has survived winter, it may be busting at the seams! As we near the end of May, we are drawing to a close our first nectar flow. Our overwintered hives should have experienced many generations of offspring, there is now an abundance of workers within the colony (along with a handful of drones- male honeybees) and food is being stored by the frame-load. As you may have noticed, your honeybees are growing at a rapid pace and hive inspections should become more frequent to ensure we stay on top of their exponential growth! If growth occurs too quickly and the hive runs out of room, you may soon experience a swarm.



Well, what is a swarm? A swarm consist of thousands of worker bees, a handful of drones and one queen that have left their original home and are in the middle of finding a more suitable location. They are temporarily using your neighbour's tree as a resting post while sending 'scout' bees on the hunt for a more permanent spot. Once the scout bees find a better home, whether it is a tree hollow or left out beekeeping equipment, they will let the colony know and within moments, the swarm will leave just as fast as it arrived. Swarms can be waiting in that clump formation anywhere from an hour to a few days. Although a swarm may seem like your entire original hive, thankfully, it isn't! A swarm usually leaves a portion of the population behind along with a capped queen cell. In a few days, that queen cell will emerge, the virgin queen will mate and return to rule the colony! A swarm is a natural colony split- incredible.

Although the sight of a mini colony hanging from your neighbour's tree may seem daunting, swarms are typically quite gentle. Prior to leaving their original hive, the workers filled their stomachs with honey, therefore they are usually full- reducing their desire to sting innocent bystanders. As well, they do not have any brood (babies) to defend. That being said, they are protecting their queen so I would suggest giving the swarm some breathing room and admiring them from a safe distance. Swarms may occur for several reasons but there is one reason, especially around this time of year, that is the most common: insufficient space in the home they currently occupy. This is why routine inspections of your colony is important. Hive inspections will give you an indication if your hive is in need of more room and adding boxes (supers) as needed- giving your queen more room to lay and reducing their desire to swarm.

In the meantime, good luck and happy swarm catching! 🍷

When Denman Hosted Courtenay

HISTORY
By Craig Baird

It was back in September of 1930 when Courtenay and Denman Island were celebrating the inauguration of a new ferry that would run between the two locations. The celebration involved a contingent of 100 residents from Courtenay coming to Denman Island to celebrate.

The people of Denman Island wanted to thank the people of Courtenay for their co-operation in getting the ferry put in place.

A total of 150 people came out for the big event, with the tables laid out and tastefully decorated. J.C. Isbister would preside over the luncheon, with several speeches from prominent residents. William Baikie, the unofficial mayor of the island, spoke stating that it was the best island in the Gulf of Georgia and on the Pacific Coast in general. He highlighted the fact that farming and the dairy industry were the biggest industries on the island and the previous month 5,000 pounds of butter fat were shipped out. He also praised the island and stated that it could support five times its population at that time. He also spoke highly of the 60 cars on the island, which amounted to one for every resident, and the British ancestry of the residents.

He stated that 30 phones were installed on the island to connect it to the outside world, and that the island was free of what he called "hobos and other transient nuisances."

Continuing in his speech, he stated that the new ferry had carried 283 cars, which was helping the economy of the island and the store owned by Pat Doheny.

There was some talk among residents of incorporation, but it was decided to leave that for another day.

Wallace McPhee, the president of the board of trade for Courtenay thanked everyone for their hospitality. Dr. G.K. MacNaughton, the MLA for the region, stated that the reason everyone was so nice on the island was that they were so well fed and that the island was unsurpassed in its hospitality. Mayor MacIntyre of Courtenay thanked everyone who helped put on the event, and wanted everyone to know that the people of Courtenay considered the residents of the island to be fellow citizens.

The rest of the day was spent watching a cricket and softball games, while residents could enjoy the ferry both ways free for the day.

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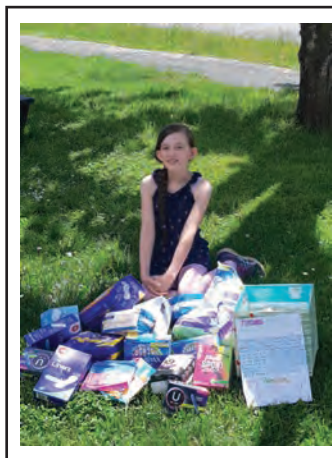
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Period Promise!

By Sommer Hazle

Hi my name is Sommer Hazle, I'm 12 years old. While driving in the car with my family an ad came over the radio. The United Way was talking about a campaign called "Period Promise." The goal of the campaign is to make menstrual products available to those who lack the funds or ability to access the products they require. I hope that one day we can make it easier for woman all over the world and it starts in our community!

I feel very strongly about this cause. Periods are not a choice and no one should have to choose between food or menstrual products. I have set up a donation box at the Guesthouse as well we are happy to pick up for anyone who would like. The donations received will go to three different locations on Denman Island for anyone who needs them. They will go to the Denman Island Food Bank, the free store, as well there will be a basket in the washroom at The General Store. The campaign runs till June 6th.. but i would like to bring as much awareness as possible and encourage everyone to keep in mind this sometimes overlooked donation. Thank you so much to Donna at the Guesthouse as well as the many people who have donated already! Call for pick-up: 250-898-7222 or email is melhazle@gmail.com, or people could Facebook message me. 🍷



TIDE TABLE

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2021-05-27
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:02	3.3	10.8
05:57	4.7	15.4
13:22	0.0	0.0
20:46	5.0	16.4

2021-05-28
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:58	3.4	11.2
06:40	4.5	14.8
14:06	0.0	0.0
21:36	5.1	16.7

2021-05-29
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:58	3.4	11.2
07:27	4.4	14.4
14:51	0.1	0.3
22:25	5.1	16.7

2021-05-30
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:03	3.4	11.2
08:19	4.1	13.5
15:36	0.4	1.3
23:14	5.0	16.4

2021-05-31
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:16	3.3	10.8
09:19	3.8	12.5
16:24	0.8	2.6

2021-06-01
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:03	5.0	16.4
06:35	3.0	9.8
10:31	3.5	11.5
17:15	1.3	4.3

2021-06-02
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:51	4.9	16.1
07:50	2.7	8.9
12:01	3.2	10.5
18:10	1.8	5.9

2021-06-03
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:37	4.7	15.4
08:51	2.3	7.5
13:49	3.2	10.5
19:10	2.3	7.5



An Unpainted Portrait: Examination (other)

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons



Examination (not medical). Def: *An established, traditional system of testing, designed to frighten the crap out of students at the conclusion of each academic year.*

Medical examinations notwithstanding, other forms of testing loomed over our lives whenever we paused long enough to consider our futures. Unfortunately, such pausing usually resulted in dreams of the next appearance of syrup sponge on the school lunch menu or perhaps what form of entertainment might appear on the TV during the forthcoming rainy weekend. Only when the freight train of yearly academic examination began to ring its bell/sound its whistle did we look up and notice it bearing down upon us. You will understand that this was despite such events being scheduled every year, and at the same point of every year. If nothing else, we were accomplished at ignoring the inevitable.

On a personal level, the result of such denial followed by realization was the onset of panic. Before 'big school', I'd only ever taken one academic examination. It had been a big one; the 'Eleven Plus' was mandatory during the final year of primary school (aged eleven) and was life-determining. Whether the student was academically suited to the dizzy heights of grammar school – which *allegedly* took the top twenty percent of academic achievers – or would be streamed into the Comprehensive school system depended upon it. Having somehow fooled the educational system, I'd magically ended up at grammar school, making my parents happy in the process.

The classification of students was by no means over. Having been haphazardly sorted into classes upon our arrival, we effectively had two years to prove our mettle before being 'streamed'. I didn't like the idea of streaming. It sounded uncomfortably like some kind of surgical procedure, and I wanted nothing to do with it. At the end of our first year, we were examined upon all subjects. In this round of tests, I distinguished myself by achieving the lowest ever mark in the mathematics exam. The examiner – who happened to be my form teacher – took great delight in announcing to the class that I had been awarded two percent for spelling my name correctly. It was the first time I'd come across this particular joke but I had the disturbing feeling that in my case it was the truth.

Despite this humiliation, I managed to summon something from somewhere during the next year, and fooled the examiners into allowing me to remain in the top stream. I was therefore eligible to be entered for more 'O' levels in another three years. These exams were effectively the make-or-break moments for sixteen year-olds in Britain. Success set us on the path towards further exams (!) and the chance of a route to higher education, while failure could well lead in the opposite direction, and a life spent battling the ingrained class system. In theory, we were – as grammar school students – in a good position from which to aim for success. However, the system was unprepared for my brand of mediocrity. I would show them how to under-achieve, I thought.

After another two years of keeping-my-head-above-water exam results, we faced the big ones: 'O' Levels. I was terrified. With a natural ability to forget anything I'd learned as soon as I'd used it in a test, I was faced with re-learning five years' worth of schooling in a couple of months. I knew that I couldn't do it. In a supreme act of psychological cruelty, the authorities issued us all with a huge timetable of the forthcoming examinations so that we could highlight those which applied to us. It looked horrific. I'd been entered for eleven subjects, many of which were split into sub-categories. My proven mathematical skills coming to the fore, I reckoned I had approximately a *hundred* exams facing me.

The next few months were purgatory. Inculcated with the idea that God doesn't

approve of confidence (!?), I expected to fail miserably. I also expected to be in lots of trouble with my parents for failing. Even worse, I envisioned myself being cast onto the career scrapheap. No pressure, then. The act of sitting at a desk and answering reams of questions was about as much fun as having teeth pulled without any anaesthetic. I'll never forget the sinking sensation that goes along with the words "You may open your papers. You have three hours." I had a well-stocked vocabulary of profanities to – silently – fall back on at such moments and it helped, but not enough.

Our results emerged after another two months, when an entire generation of Britons suffered or celebrated on the same day. By some miracle/blind luck I'd achieved a modicum of success in all but two subjects. Chemistry – my old nemesis – had been a guaranteed fail, but boy did I fail hard. There was something strangely satisfying about being so bad that my mark was officially 'Unclassified'. I mean; I'd tried to tell them for years. The second failure was more problematic. At that time it was almost impossible to obtain gainful employment without having a Mathematics 'O' level pass under your belt. I needed to have another try at it, but opportunities to do so were six months apart.

While pursuing my next level of qualifications, therefore, I was also studying again for my maths 'O' level. After six months of giving it all I could give, I failed again. On the basis that God – weirdly – hates confidence but apparently loves a tryer, I gave it one last effort a full year after my first attempt. I could hear the laughter of my old form master echoing in my head as I collected the results envelope from the school office weeks later. His ghostly cackling dissolved into silence as I read those five – no, four – *beautiful* letters next to my name: P-A-S-S...

I still have my old gnarly examinations timetable; I keep it rolled up in a box, along with my effigy of Mr Hillman.



Belarus: An Unexpected Opportunity

By Gwynne Dyer • OP May 25th, 2021

OP/ED

Poland's Prime Minister Mateus Morawiecki condemned the "hijacking" of the Ryanair jet on the orders of Belarus's President Alexander Lukashenko on Sunday, accusing him of a "reprehensible act of state terrorism."

Dominic Raab, the British foreign secretary, agreed, warning that "this outlandish act by Lukashenko will have serious implications."

And US Secretary of State Antony Blinken strongly condemned the flight diversion as well as "the Lukashenko regime's ongoing harassment and arbitrary detention of journalists." (Opposition journalist Roman Protasevich, who had been living in exile, was removed from the plane in Minsk and arrested before the plane was allowed to continue to Lithuania eight hours later.)

This chorus of condemnation was in welcome contrast to the silence or mumbled doubts that greeted the last outrage of this sort in 2013. The target of that incident was whistle-blower Edward Snowden, and its perpetrator was the patron saint of American liberals, then-president Barack Obama.

Snowden had spilled the beans on the US National Security Agency's secret electronic surveillance of millions of people (including foreign leaders like Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel), and was fleeing the US government's vengeance.

Washington knew that Snowden had been trapped in the transit lounge of Moscow airport while trying to get to Ecuador. (The US cancelled his passport.) It suspected that Evo Morales, the Bolivian president and a longstanding critic of US policy, who was in Moscow for a conference, would try to smuggle Snowden out on the presidential plane.

Morales's plane (which did not actually have Snowden aboard) was forced down in Vienna, but the spooks in Washington are less crude and clumsy than their equivalents in Minsk. No lies like ' Hamas has put a bomb aboard and you must divert to Belarus'; just a whole bunch of America's NATO allies in Europe refusing to let Morales's plane overfly their territory on its way home.

France, Spain, Portugal and Italy only let Morales's pilot know that he could not overfly them when he was already more than an hour out from Moscow. He did not have enough fuel on board for the huge detour that he would now have to make, and had to land in neutral Austria to take on more. American agents were waiting.

US agents confirmed that Snowden was not aboard while the Austrian president took Morales to breakfast, and Morales then continued his journey unharmed. The American behaviour showed a lot more finesse than Lukashenko's action, but it was equally arbitrary, arrogant, and arguably criminal.

Or am I guilty of the crime of 'moral equivalence' for even suggesting such a thing?

Moral equivalence is a term that was used by Western governments during the Cold War to attack anybody who suggested that Soviet human rights abuses could ever be compared to those of Western countries. Communist actions were evil beyond measure; similar Western actions were innocent mistakes or simply didn't happen, and anybody saying otherwise was a traitor.

It continues to this day. Western media devote twenty times more space to China's persecution of the Muslim population of Xinjiang than they do to the Indian repression of Muslims in Kashmir. The Russian bombing of civilians in Syria is endlessly condemned while the Western-backed bombing of Yemeni civilians by Saudi Arabia gets very little attention.

Alexander Lukashenko is a stupid and brutal dictator who richly deserves condemnation, and the Russians, who are not stupid at all, are undoubtedly furious with him. However, using Lukashenko to make anti-Russian propaganda and putting Moscow on the defensive about this would be extremely counter-productive.

Lukashenko's claim to have won the last election is a blatant falsehood, and he only got the protesters off the streets late last year by much violence (abetted by the harsh nature of the Belarusian winter). The arrival of spring, combined with Lukashenko's new status as international skunk, may enable the democratic opposition to revive.

Belarusians are basically well-disposed to Russians, and it is imaginable (though not likely) that Putin could tolerate a democratic Belarus. To give the Belarusians their best chance, the West should concentrate on the illegality of Lukashenko's actions and not meddle in the broader domestic political struggle that may soon resume.

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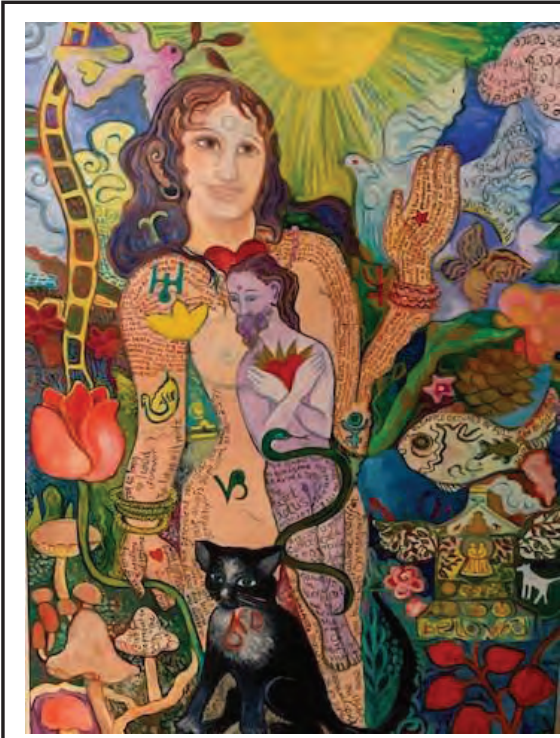
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Sun in the Twelfth House: Sudasi Gardner

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson



Tribute to Swan

You can just move to the Gulf Islands, lock stock and barrel, pensions and bank accounts and just set up as you might anywhere else, everything taken care of. All you have to do is reinvent yourself – or not. That's one model, but there is another, the idea that the islands will somehow take you in and look after you in their way, that you will grow into them through a gradual process of integration into a mycorrhizal network of community as trees communicate with each other through the soil. Not that Sudasi Gardner - quilter, painter, ceramicist - has not seen the world, but you feel, talking with her in the high-ceilinged quiet of her home, that she has led a life organic to the islands.

That life begins in Venezuela where she was born to German

refugees. Her parents split up and her mother took the children to Trinidad, and then to Switzerland before settling on Majorca in Deya, set in an idyllic landscape of orange groves and olive trees on steep cliffs. Now famous for its literary associations (Robert Graves amongst others) and the rock and roll entourage of Richard Branson of Virgin Records, back then it was just an ordinary little village with fond memories for Sudasi. In fact, it is the name of her gallery on Northwest Rd at the Three Corners.

Although split up, her parents always kept the best interests of the kids at heart. For the sake of their education, it was decided that the kids should move to Canada to be with her father. At age eleven, Sudasi took a boat from Gibraltar to Halifax, arriving in Vancouver where began, as she puts it, a "very normal kind of Canadian suburban life." In one way, Sudasi feels all the moving around was traumatic, but also "really beautiful" because her parents took care of all the packing and planning leaving her free to simply enjoy the adventure.

A stint in art school followed on high school graduation. She started university but began to wonder what she was doing. It was the Sixties, the zeitgeist was restless, and she soon found herself in San Francisco, right at the height of things in 1967 (the Summer of Love). Alan Watts and Aldous Huxley had become her teachers. She came back to Vancouver where she was drawn to Tibetan Buddhism. "It was very powerful in Vancouver at that time – the energy," she notes, "not the lamas who were just lamas" though when, in her own words, "the sixties faded out, the lamas were there for people. I loved it." They would chant together, Sudasi in Tibetan.

Then life kicked in the door. She got pregnant and soon found herself, at age 22, a single mother. "It was," she feels, "Sixties behaviour, not thought out, but I accepted it. Now I knew what I was here for." Even if she was glad of it, she faced years of surviving on welfare. Even more than that, it was also hard "because when you are a single parent, everything is up to you, every moment of care."

Then a minor miracle occurred. Now in her late twenties, she was renting space in communal homes when the powers that be in Victoria decided that it would

be a good thing if people on welfare were encouraged to buy rather than rent. Famously shy today, if not exactly reclusive, Sudasi had begun to find Vancouver scary and dangerous and wanted her daughter to grow up in a natural setting. Going very carefully, Sudasi had somehow managed to save \$1,000. With the help of her brother, a real estate agent with "information about which I had no clue", she was actually able to negotiate a deal on Hornby Island with a mortgage of \$100 a month. When she applied for the welfare benefit, she was told the policy was only meant to apply in urban areas, and that Hornby was just a "retirement island" with no economic prospects for her. But they went along anyway because she had already done the deal and it was a motherhood issue.

The house had power, a hole in the roof for a stove chimney, but no water. She got water from a farm standpipe across the road until they shut the pipes down for winter, then, eventually, from a pump down the road as well as unfiltered water from the roof. When a small Japanese man came by to chop wood, she realized that she could do that herself, and so it went. Hornby, she says, was an educational experience.

Life went along. She had no car, never learned to drive, had friends, did the Hornby Coop - and dreamed of the perfect relationship. Finally, now 35, she met Swan, a few years older and began, along with her childhood in Deia, "the most beautiful years of my life". He had two children so there was maturity and responsibility. Most important, she finally had the support she had lacked, not only as a single parent, but also as an artist. That is partly because she feels Swan, who passed away in 2016, was also an artist. She should know because she dwells in what she feels is his one and greatest work: their house.

The interior of the main rooms is sculptural: the walls are all thickly parged in an adobe-like cement that gets away from sharp rectangularity and engineered surfaces. There is a comfortable reassurance of mass and strength even if, as Sudasi's mentions, you might occasionally need a sweater. One is struck by the conviction of Swan's personal statement, without kitsch,



*The World, from the Tarot series,
painted quilt hanging*

without imitation, not highly crafted, but with a sure sense of space and habitude. The house hunkers down, backed by tall firs against the sky, beneath a roof of large, bright red tiles. A pair of Tibetan eyes gaze out from the broad chimney, a colourful votive painting nestles under the broad, sheltering eaves. It is the perfect setting for Sudasi's art, which is everywhere, in wall hangings, paintings, quilts, cushion covers, ceramic votive figurines, and bowls.



Wall hanging

Quiet and retiring as she may be, there is no question of Sudasi's tremendous industry. She has been strongly driven by craft out of sheer financial necessity. Afterall, she asks, "Who needs a painting when you can buy a sweater?" Even so, the nurture of her creativity is expressed at every level in her environment including the overgrown splendour of a vast hedge rose (Paul's Himalayan Musk) and the flourishing patio garden crowding the patio of the conservatory nested on thick, handmade, terracotta tiles.

Sudasi's work is deeply influenced by the styles that emerged from the sixties though gradually personalized by life and exploration of craft in different media, especially paint and fabric. The creative freedom of this tradition inspires her to combine symbols, patterns and images from Eastern spiritual traditions with more personal images and messages in highly colourful, complex compositions. A wall hanging is practically a free-form riff on a Persian rug, retaining the overall structure, but pushing the border pattern of half-revealed faces, the central motif of the paradise garden, with an embroidered name, to limits of colour and elaboration, a whole life crowded into a rug, lost in its own imagination, the Sun in the Twelfth House, hidden away, a forest dweller.

Sudasi's work is shot through with the sense that we are all part of something much bigger, a kaleidoscope of shifting realities. The pinnacle of this approach is probably the series of painted Tarot quilts, completed in 1996, each 4 by 5 feet, whose scale, number, elaboration, and effect can only be described as monumental. Based on the Victorian tarot designs of Pamela Coleman Smith, the work has inspired an interpretive performance by Denman artists, organized by Susan Thomson and captured on video in 2016.

Her Buddhist spirituality has phased into something else, "whatever that is", she says, with comfortable uncertainty. In fact, as she gets older, she finds it has morphed into a love and respect for a lot of things. Perhaps nowhere is this better exemplified than in her touching tribute to her life with Swan. Better, in many ways, than any portrait, any number of videos or fond mementos, how many people have the insight or courage to realize a vision of the idealizations, feelings, ideas, and influences that captures a personal culture of intimacy and its place in a universe of their own? 🍷

Publisher's Notes

Take one look at me you'd likely conclude, "now there's a fellow who knows where to find a good buzz!"

And you know what? You wouldn't be wrong. O.K. just so you don't think I'm merely boasting let me provide you an example. *Lord knows, after the sting of a long COVID winter, we could all use a hit of something sweeter.*

With this in mind, the Grapevine is pleased to welcome back Rachel Halliwell's 'Buzz on Bees' for 2021. Readers and island beekeeping enthusiasts will recall her bi-weekly column from last year. In this issue, Rachel starts off the season's Buzz with an article about swarms. Told you I could hook you up!

There's no denying the world has its share of problems. A brief stint on the internet is all that's required to be reminded of the fact. Solutions are the thing that's needed. Sure, some solutions are harder than others but it's no reason to keep from their pursuit.

30 and someone **has** been journaling and archiving your entire existence, which has been the case for your local weekly.

That's right, a mere 15 issues is all that remains till the Grapevine's 30th! To celebrate, we'll be counting down the weeks with some 'blasts from the past.' Be sure to keep an eye out for them. Maybe they will help jog your *own* memories!

Cheers! 🍷

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Which is why the Grapevine calls your attention to Sommer Hazle, on page 3. Her local spearheading of the United Way's 'Period Promise' campaign shows readers it is never too early or late to get involved in working towards solutions. That Sommer's initiative will go directly to helping locals makes it all a win-win. Way to go Sommer!

For our older readers, can you remember what you were doing at 30? To some of you it may feel like only yesterday, while for others the memories might be a bit murky. At my age, I'm far enough removed from my 30's that I can comfortably label mine as 'the Glory Days,' knowing full well the likelihood of being refuted lessens with every passing year. Safe in the knowledge that none of my past was painstakingly journaled, archived or, *God forbid*, videotaped (as can be the case nowadays) I'm afforded ample latitude in my recollections. Buffeted by the blurring of details that come with age, who's to say that 30 isn't absolutely prime! Unless, of course, you're turning



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- 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.

Gory Story 1

by Thomas Provençal

Once on the north end
of weird Denman isle
I was investigating
a drug deal gone wild
when all of a sudden
the voice of a child
stopped me dead in my tracks
with no reason to smile.
The word that I heard
was the kid was the king
of an underground mafia
and smuggling ring.
The pitch and the tone
of delinquency's voice
nailed my pegs to the plywood
and left me no choice.
The drugs they were dealing
were dirty and cheap,
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in their chicken coop.
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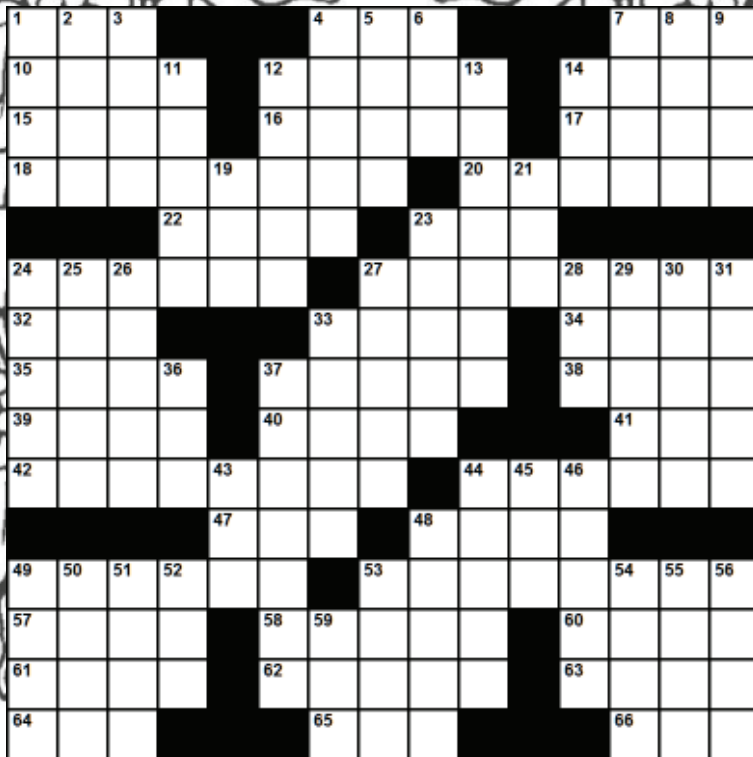
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16. Dishwasher cycle
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18. Like some swimsuits
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61. Bit for Fermi
62. Draw out
63. Mandolin's cousin
64. Adult males
65. Susan of L.A. Law
66. Cat's cry

• DOWN •

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2. Calling company
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4. Kingly decree
5. Bald eagle's cousin
6. Angeles preceder
7. Nordic rugs
8. American canal
9. Couch
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12. Antigone's king
13. Half the family, Dogpatch style
14. Oxlike critter
19. Arctic surface
21. \$\$\$ dispenser
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24. Shallow sort
25. Disney mermaid
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27. Attack from all sides
28. Dismissing comment
29. Floorboard sound
30. Fight for breath
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33. Engraved pillar
36. Office holders
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59. Anomalous



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by Peter Karsten

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

FRIDAY 28

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- WOOD FIRED PIZZA & BEER
- Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 30

MONDAY 31

TUESDAY 1

WEDNESDAY 2

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



THURSDAY 3

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

FRIDAY 4

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- COCKTAIL NIGHT w/appetizers
open until 7pm - Earth Club Factory

SATURDAY 5

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- BBQ - RIBS & VEGGIES w/sides
- Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 6

MONDAY 7

TUESDAY 8

WEDNESDAY 9

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



THURSDAY 10

- 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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