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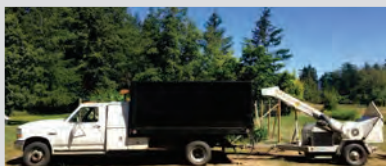
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COMMUNITY INFO

And Now the Transport Survey

By Anthony Gregson
• Denman Works!

This Saturday, Denman Works is launching a transport survey at the Farmers Market. The aim is to get a sense of how people are handling transportation and what their needs are. There will be a questionnaire easily accessible on-line, but we will be making every effort to collect your views and ideas wherever we can meet and talk, starting at this Saturday's Farmer's Market.

The Summer Bus Pilot is already gathering a great deal of valuable information on what it takes to offer a bus service. So, what more do we want to know?

First of all, we want to find out what purposes a bus service might serve other than connecting ferries. What about helping people in home care who cannot get out? What about a bus for community events where alcohol might be served? What about shopping excursions to major stores, or recreation outings to such places as community pools? Gauging public demand will point to a more useful service or a better use of resources – even, no bus at all. And what do you do for public transportation in the north end of the island?

Then there is the bigger picture. Transportation is about more than a bus service. Most people rely on a car if they have one. We'd like to know about other means, such as bikes, or just walking.

The survey is not going to propose any solutions but it will hopefully tell us where to look. There are already alternatives to total reliance on the car with more powerful electric bikes and scooters adapted to island roads. The Climate Change committee is concerned about transportation. In the CVRD bus service, we now have a public platform to address these broader issues.

We must not forget that we are living in an extremely inventive time for transportation, what with Amazon drone deliveries, and fantastic ideas like flying cars actually approaching commercial reality. Bus service is not immune. For example, starting in 2016, and especially with Covid, as ridership collapsed, bus service on-demand sprang up in cities across Canada. What about a bus service you can book ahead and comes to your driveway or door (like the ambulance, for instance, that model of customer care and attention). Meanwhile, in Vancouver, the bus up Burnaby Mountain to Simon Fraser University is to be replaced by a gondola, a sort of aerial equivalent to the Baynes Sound Connector (perhaps the Ferry Advisory Committee should write them a cautionary letter).

The underlying problem the survey tries to address is the lack of a model for a rural transportation service. With the CVRD, we are working with a standard model bus service, with fixed schedules and fixed routes. But it is generally recognized that rural transportation is a complex challenge because needs are highly individualized over a sparse distribution. In our view, the challenge for the CVRD will be to find a measurable, reliable service that is also multipurpose. 🍇



Turning the Page - this Friday & Saturday

By Stewart Goodings
• Photos by Dreadful Imagery

Whether your taste is lyrical poetry, imaginative short story or novel, thoughtful analysis, melodic music, or surprising performance, Turning the Page has all this and more to offer. Some things to keep in mind:

1. The Community Hall will be at 50% capacity, so get there in time to grab seats.



Carolyn Montgomery

2. Wine and beer will be available for purchase in the Back Hall from 3:30 to 4:00, then from 6:00 to 7:00, and finally from 9:00 to 9:30 on both days.

3. Food (a charcuterie plate and a vegan Mediterranean plate) will be available for purchase, also in the Back Hall from 6:00 onwards.

4. Books and CDs by several of the performers will be on sale by Abraxas Books in the Hall.

5. This is a free event, but if you want to give a donation, all proceeds will go to the Community Hall towards purchase of a heat pump.

Finally, please support your local authors, musicians, and performers in this first in-person "coming-out party" of the Covid-withdrawal era! 🍷



Kevin Mitchell



Laura Busheikin



TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
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2021-07-15 (Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:56	3.0	9.8
09:34	3.6	11.8
16:08	1.6	5.2
23:11	4.7	15.4

2021-07-16 (Friday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
05:53	2.6	8.5
10:58	3.5	11.5
16:55	2.1	6.9
23:42	4.6	15.1

2021-07-17 (Saturday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
06:50	2.2	7.2
12:44	3.4	11.2
17:52	2.6	8.5

2021-07-18 (Sunday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
00:17	4.6	15.1
07:46	1.7	5.6
14:43	3.7	12.1
19:02	3.1	10.2

2021-07-19 (Monday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
00:56	4.6	15.1
08:40	1.2	3.9
16:10	4.0	13.1
20:23	3.4	11.2

2021-07-20 (Tuesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
01:41	4.5	14.8
09:32	0.8	2.6
17:12	4.4	14.4
21:42	3.6	11.8

2021-07-21 (Wednesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
02:32	4.5	14.8
10:23	0.5	1.6
18:03	4.7	15.4
22:50	3.6	11.8

2021-07-22 (Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:27	4.5	14.8
11:12	0.2	0.7
18:48	4.8	15.7
23:49	3.6	11.8

Runes & Looms & Three-legged Stools

By Laura Busheikin
• DIFM Coordinator

Jamie Prowse at the Denman Island Farmers Market

Jamie Prowse's colourful farmers market stall offers a multi-faceted experience: It's local, and global; it's now, and it's then; it's pragmatic, and it's fanciful.

Jamie sells potted and dried herbs, toys, games, runes, weaving tools, small wooden furniture and household items, and fabric arts. She's inspired in part by her Denman Island home and the things that grow there, and equally by her lifelong interest in European history, especially the medieval era.

Jamie has spent decades visiting medieval fairs and festivals, studying, teaching, vending, and having fun. Many of the things she makes have a "medievalish" spin to them, she says.

"A lot of them are based on extant finds from archeological digs," says Jamie. "For instance, I've got a little wooden horse and rider that is a replica from the 1200s, and I have a sea monster and another horse with little wheels from 500 AD Egypt. My three-legged stools are based on the Lund find in Norway." Every item has a story.

"People who come to my booth get a little history lesson and demonstration about how the things on display work, because they've never seen them before and they look interesting," says Jamie. "It's a fun experience just to look around, even if you aren't going to buy anything."

Jamie's journey as a craftsperson dates back to an ah-hah moment she had at a festival years ago. "I was attending a medieval tournament and there were these kids dressed all up in their medieval finery and their poufy princess dresses, and they were playing with plastic toys. It seemed so incongruous. So I started making wooden medieval toys—little horses and mini-marshmallow-shooting crossbows and other fun things that kids could enjoy while they were at the tournaments with their parents."

Jamie also makes wooden runes (Northern



Jamie Prowse at her market stand

These strategy games originally weren't just about having fun, Jamie explains. People played them to learn military and political strategy—how to block or capture opponents, protect one's king, surround the enemy's king, second-guess your opponent, and other key skills needed in medieval times.

These days people play for enjoyment, but the games still train the mind. As well, the wooden gameboard and player pieces are aesthetically pleasurable—usable works of art made out of local wood.

While Jamie's head might be in a 14th century Norwegian tavern, her hands are here on Denman, in her Greenhill Road workshop, where she is mindful of the environmental impact of her work.

"I am very conscious of not wasting wood. My runes are from branches of trees that had been pruned. I want everything I use to be sustainably harvested," she says



Three-legged stool made by Jamie Prowse

Jamie has lived on Denman Island for 25 years. She worked on the ferry for years, has been a member of the fire department for over two decades, and has served on the ambulance. She was born in Comox and grew up the area. "I am a truly local person," she says.

This is her first year at the Denman Island Farmers Market. "I love it," she says. "It's welcoming and fun. People are having a good experience. The vendors help each other and talk and joke together."

Find Jamie and over 25 other vendors at the Denman Island Farmers Market, Saturdays, 9:30 – 12:30 on the Old School field.



Learn divination with these wooden runes

European divination tokens) and two-sided board games. One side has Nine Man Morris (also known as Merelles) a two-person strategy game that dates back to Ancient Rome; and the other side has Hnefatafl (also known as Viking Chess or Tafl), another strategy game that is mentioned in several Norse sagas (and also makes an appearance in a tavern in the contemporary video game, Assassin's Creed).



A Work in Progress: Tripping the Light

By Leo Simmons



Learning how to politely decline a dance will save you lots of trouble.

This truth was learned by a younger version of this writer one night in the late 1980s in the beautiful city of Edinburgh. You know the one; a castle, tartan stores, pretty buildings, ghosts etc. I was young and still foolish enough to be making the kind of mistakes that would haunt me for the rest of my life. On the evening in question, I was celebrating an almost-but-not-quite-victory in a rugby sevens tournament and had, rather predictably, consumed rather too much of the local supply of intoxicants. Along with some friends – the largest of whom I'd decided to carry into pubs on my shoulders because, apparently, it was hilarious - I found myself in a nightclub not far from the city centre, trying not to sink into a pit of depression about the recent end of an extremely meaningful relationship.

I tried hard. I tried so hard, that at one point, I fell asleep. Asleep, that is, standing upright, holding a large glass of Edinburgh's favourite lager and ever-so-gently leaning on the huge vibrating speakers facing the dance floor. Minutes later, roused by a friend, I was busily keeping everyone at least six feet away from me by doing what I thought was dancing, but which in retrospect probably looked like I was trying to escape from an invisible straitjacket. Incredibly, it worked, and before long I found myself making a fool of myself in front of a quite lovely woman who seemed unperturbed by my silliness. For twenty minutes, I fell in love again, and we danced, we kissed and then she gently told me – well, yelled in my ear over the deafening music - that she was married, and had to leave. OK, then.

I was rescued from my resulting tearful torpor – spurned, AGAIN - by my friend Dave who was older and allegedly wiser. He supportively encouraged me to drink even more, and then hit the dance floor once again. It was the prelude to disaster. The short, less graphic version of what next happened to us both goes something like this: boy meets girl, boy definitely not interested in girl. Girl grabs boy and tells him that he'd better be interested, or else. Boy retreats with friend to washrooms and in panic climbs out of a window to freedom. Boy begins to roam the urban landscape seeking fatty, unhealthy refreshment. Sounds oddly romantic, no?

No. Dave and I had, in reality, been accosted by a small group of worryingly aggressive women who – let's not mince words here - seemed determined to obtain samples of our DNA by whatever means possible. After having successfully corralled us on the dance floor, they seemed in no mood to accept any other outcome, hence our subsequent flight. As we strode away from the muffled sound of music, I tried to control my feelings of guilt; clearly, my bewitching dance moves had got us into this trouble. Some minutes later, as we walked along the footpath, I was still apologizing to my friend when a small bus pulled alongside us. Almost immediately, the folding door opened and – with the bus matching our walking pace – two of the lovelies from the nightclub materialized on the lowest step. Our absence had been noticed, and now, here were the damsels, come to woo us once again. The opening line of their serenade reached us.

"Ya ****in' bastarrds!" Briefly, I reflected upon the musical, almost poetic nature of a Scottish accent, particularly when using profanity. "Come back herre! Ah'll cut yerr ***** **** off!" Her friend smiled alluringly and brandished what appeared to be a Roman soldier's sword. "Keep walking, just keep walking!" muttered Dave. His suggestion was quite unnecessary; this passionate display of affection was not winning me over. Now, ignoring a six-ton bus crawling along the kerb mere feet away is difficult. Ignoring such a vehicle when a seemingly unending stream of profane –

and at times, frankly alarming – threats and abuse is issuing forth from it is even more taxing. This awkward situation was heightened by the occasional clang of steel on steel as one of our admirers reminded us of the hardware she was delightfully brandishing by banging it on the side of the bus.

Our fate may have been sealed had our walking pace not made it borderline dangerous for anyone to alight from the moving vehicle. Two things saved us: first, the women in question seemed to be surprisingly risk averse given the chance they had taken by trying to capture two of the most aesthetically challenged visitors to their fair city on that night. Second, while Dave and I were both physically fit and able to show a fair turn of speed when pressed, our tormentors were anything but athletic. We felt relatively safe so long as we kept moving with haste.

Suddenly, as we passed a tall Georgian building, a staircase appeared in the sandstone wall to our left. Like rats offered an escape from a Jack Russell Terrier, we took the opportunity to save our own lives (we figured the bus had a larger fuel tank than we did) and darted down the stone steps into inky blackness. Greek kebabs being the favoured food of drunken Brits, you can imagine our delight when the lights of a kebab shop came into focus at the bottom of the extremely long, winding staircase.

Wrapped in the unlit darkness of the hillside, we slowly picked our way down the unevenly spaced stairs, chuckling and re-telling one another the hilarious/terrifying story through which we had just lived. Neither of us had ever been threatened with mutilation as a result of having been too polite to turn down a dance. It was, we resolved, a mistake neither of us would ever make again now that we'd escaped with our lives. We laughed again in the darkness of the shadows, the smiles dying on our lips as ahead of us we watched the bus slowly come to a stop outside the kebab shop...



Electricity Arrives on Denman Island

By Craig Baird

modern electrical services to the community for the first time, and its 100 families.

The cost of the submarine cable would be \$134,000, or \$1.3 million today, and would involve a barge laying the line from Vancouver Island to Denman Island. At the same time, residents on the island were clearing 20 kilometres of power right-of-ways and digging power pole holes that would serve the community when the electrical lines arrived.

The community had agreed to dig one-third of the necessary holes for the poles, and since there would be 600 poles, that was no small task. The homeowners would also carry the cost of wiring each home with electricity, at a cost of \$150, or \$1,500 today. At the time, 20 per cent of island residents had some sort of electricity, but these were using old and outdated power plants.

The process to bring electricity to the entire island began 10 years previous when the Women's Institute and the Farmers Institute worked together to petition the provincial government to provide electricity not only to Denman Island, but Hornby Island as well. Six years later, the Denman Island Ratepayers Association was formed and finally action was being made when the Power Commission took a survey of both islands.

It was believed that most longtime residents would keep their non-electricity appliances, while new residents who came to the island would choose to get new appliances thanks to the arrival of electricity.

No difficulties were expected to happen in laying of the underwater cable. Two lines would go from Vancouver Island to Denman Island, and another would go to Hornby Island from Denman Island.

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Gerry Gerrard With His Lantern

Memoirs of a Rural Sissy-Redux

By Bill Engleson

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Chapter One
July 6, 2007

OCP-OAP

Over the past while, I have drifted somberly away from my resolve to humorously document my witty observations of my life at the prison farm. Wimbledon is still on this morning, a five setter between Baghdadis and Djokovic. Events such as these draw me in...with my creative juices.

It was an unmercifully hot day yesterday on Denman. Not as blisteringly brutal as in the American Southwest where the temperature reached 40 Celsius and above but still a scorcher. In the evening along with 70 or so bobbling, mostly grey heads I attended the kickoff meeting of the series of OCP workshops. A lawyer, Deborah Curran, offered an illuminating talk on the rural experience. She has fond thoughts of Denman. It was here, as a visiting teen, that she milked her first cow. Her first? I meant to ask were there more cows to enhance her repertoire.

But the moment squirted by.

I have never been intimate with a cow. “Do I want to,” I wondered as she spoke.

“No,” I decided. “I have no curiosity about that process.”

What does that say about me?

Ms. Curran, a fortyish lawyer with a punchy delivery, comes across with an appealing if somewhat urban charm. She peppers her talk with a number of references to affordable housing and the like. As my issue is affordable housing, I am happy about this. This summer will see four additionally themed Trust Workshop Extravaganzas. They are on:

- Sustainability
- The foreshore
- The Village
- Housing

I’m not sure I fully understand the concept of sustainability. I suppose it generally means, with specific regard to this island; what do we (assuming WE know who WE really are) need to do to survive with what level of service(s) and what are those service(s)?

- Locally grown food
- Goods and services
- Education
- Health
- Recreation
- Independence
- income

It becomes convoluted but generally we seem to be an island with, on the one hand, some lingering pioneer stock, self sufficient people who know what they need to do to make ends meet. On the other hand, there is a bevy of 1960’s refugees mostly from that humongous country to the south of us. And then there are, on the third and slightly uncomfortable third hand, God help us, people like me with barely the ability to keep their axe sharpened. I in fact, keep my wood cleaving instrument blunt and trust that the wood I’m splitting will be dry enough to give way at the dulled entry of my chipped bladed utensil.

On the economic forefront, we have, in addition to a range of residents who struggle to make ends meet, older people who generally, with significant exceptions, seem to have the economic resources to buy whatever they need.

On the surface.

Though we appear to be a close community, so much is hidden.

Just below that cooperative rural sheen, one can barely imagine what simmers.



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Dragon Songs

By Anthony Gregson

It was a wonderful way to say goodbye to the Covid lockdown and make the most of a perfect July evening in the fields of Bruce and Lee Andra Jacobs at the end of North Central Road. Over a hundred people turned out to watch the evening performance of Dragon Song, a rock opera with libretto and music drawing mainly on the work of Denman's thomas basil. "Drawing on the work" is one way of putting it. Michel, who, as Astronomo, provided the music throughout the show, sees it in another, less authorial-centered way. Dragon Songs, they told me, was channelled by thomas from the astral plane, from the dragon dimension, and manifested itself amongst the Force, the fluid group of individuals who expressed the message through their performance.

The work posits a dark world into which the soul descends in the form of an angelic child:

*A brave child born of crystal light
Comes softly down upon this night
A windy storm of ages brews
We wonder what your heart will do.*

The Dragon, played by Beira, picks up from where Puff the Magic Dragon retired sadly into his cave. The Dragon finds themselves drawn down into despair, plagued by demons, "fallen into an endless night".

*I stand my ground but they come down hard
Abuse my nature, love and power
My body's burned, betrayed and scarred
The peace I knew has gone so far.*

The Dragon is rescued by the compassion, grit, and wisdom of the Force comprised of Green Tara (Lee Andra Jacobs), Tibetan goddess of compassion, Prairie Wormwood, a guardian and hunter (Duranne Anderson) Thomas the Minstrel (thomas basil), and Zarptak the Fire Bird (Metta Schaal) – not to mention Leonard Cohen's "If It be Your Will".

*Many times I've watched human greed
And Every time I've seen flowers bleed
I'm going to fight till every child is freed*

The show ends on a militant note with "Fuck the Dragon Slayers We Won't be Shy". Watch out lion tamers body shamers, horse breakers, love haters, forest stealers – the hit list went on, a long way from dear Puff. But that doesn't take away from the pleasure of the occasion. As a show,

it was well written and well-rehearsed and deserved the rousing reception, and as always, the printed lyrics were much appreciated. Best of all, it was a Denman original, reminding me of the stellar outpouring of Denman dramatic talent in Dante Ambriel's 2018 Starlight Festival which I hope will one day happen again.



The Dragon comes back.



SPORTS

Hashers (Denman Island, Thurs. July 8th, 4:25pm)

By Buck 'The Man'

Manly

Photos by

Dreadful Imagery

"Come on Kid, let's go!"

"Where are we going?"

"The Hashers are taking the field in Union Bay @ 5:15pm and they need our support."

"Awe Man, do we have to?"

"Yes...and bring your friend. They need all the support they can get!"

"Awe!....."

"Okay, (sigh) I'll get you some candy."

"Here we go Hashers, here we go!!"

(En route to the game)

"Listen Kiddo, it's super important that you're coming to the game. *The Hashers*? Their fanbase needs new fans. Older Hasher fans have become too budget conscious to attend regularly. Always saddled with the disadvantage of playing away games, our islands Slo-pitch ambassadors can get to feeling their efforts at representing Denman go unnoticed. It's why sports fans have come rely so heavily on your ol' man's coverage of the team in the Grapevine. I mean, if the Hashers get drubbed in Union Bay and there is no one there to document it, did it even happen?"

"...Hey Daddy?"

"Yeah kiddo?"

"Aren't you forgetting?....CANDY?!"



Good eye Jackie!



Hashers Slo-pitch

(Union Bay ballpark, the Solutions vs the Hashers)

"Okay, you got what you wanted. Now, repeat after me. Ha-SHERS! ha-SHERS!"

You're not doing it right! Put the emphasis on the second syllable, not the first. Think of a sneeze, like a-CHOO! Ha-SHERS, ha-SHERS! ha-SHERS!!"

"Daddy, you're so cringe! Can me and Maya go play on the playground?"

"Say, what kind of fans are you? What about the game?"

"Listen *Buck*, after two straight 'Mercy Rule' innings to begin the game it's clear that Spit-ball doesn't have his good stuff. What part of the wolf chasing him from the mound are you not reading? Furthermore, we both know Hipswole's OPS+ falls a good .300 points when Tater's bat isn't protecting her's in the lineup. And besides Daddy, like you said earlier, we can always read about the game in the Grapevine!"

"Kid's got a point...." 🍇



Wolves coming for Spit-ball

PRESS RELEASE

First Reading of Draft Policy Statement

By Islands Trust

First reading of the draft new Policy Statement postponed - more engagement to come

Lək wəhən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Trust Council postponed consideration of first reading of the draft new Policy Statement until December 2021 to allow for enhanced public engagement.

"We are very grateful for the level of interest in the draft new Policy Statement," shared Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. "We want everyone to be engaged and provide input. This update, the first in 26 years, acknowledges present-day realities, and your feedback can help us prepare for the future. The new draft Policy Statement includes consideration of climate change and affordable housing and is intended to strengthen our preserve and protect mandate. The whole document has been written to align with our commitment to reconciliation. We welcome the public's interest in the Policy Statement and look forward to a new and robust round of Islands 2050 engagement kicking off in the next few months."

Between now and September, trustees will share the draft new Policy Statement with their communities and ask for feedback to be provided to Islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca. At the same time, staff will revise plans for the Islands 2050 formal public engagement process, which will include online and in-person events and webinars.

Over several months Islands 2050 will involve First Nations, the public and referral agencies, including Bowen Island Municipality, local trust committees, the Islands Trust Conservancy Board, regional districts, improvement districts, and provincial and federal government agencies or departments having jurisdiction in the Trust Area.

View the draft new Policy Statement

The draft new Policy Statement is at: <https://bit.ly/3k3eIa4> and background information can be viewed at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/>.

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Haitian Puzzle

By Gwynne Dyer

• OP July 12th, 2021

The presidential dogs were still alive, which meant that something was very wrong with the official explanation of the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse on 7 July. In very poor countries even moderately prosperous people whose houses contain things worth stealing usually have large dogs, and those dogs are trained to attack

intruders.

The dogs would certainly have attacked Moïse's attackers if they didn't know them, but they didn't have a scratch on them. Neither did his bodyguards, who somehow didn't hear the twelve shots that killed the president and the several more shots that severely wounded his wife. In fact, they heard nothing, saw nothing and knew nothing.

But the Haitian police rapidly arrested fifteen Colombian ex-soldiers and killed three others. There were two Haitian-Americans with them, and six more Colombians are still on the run. "Foreigners came to our country to kill the president," lamented police chief Léon Charles.

Why would anybody import white foreigners to assassinate the president of a black country? Haiti has lots of gangsters and hit men of its own, and two dozen white foreigners would stick out a bit. In fact, have you ever heard of a hit team of more than two dozen men before? Yet that's the story Moïse's people are sticking to – which suggests that they might involved.

The assassins allegedly arrived in two large groups in May and June, and spent their time hanging around a suburban hotel in Port-au-Prince. Then early one morning last week they went to the palace, killed the president – and returned to their hotels, where most of them were arrested peacefully some hours later.

The story told via their wives and families back in Colombia is a bit different. They say that the mercenaries were hired as bodyguards for some prominent Haitian (they didn't know who) for \$2,700 per month.

They showed up in Haiti and got paid, but there was no actual work for them to do until 7 July. They were then handed an arrest warrant from a judge and told to go to Moïse's residence, take him into custody, and bring him to the National Palace, where he would presumably be arraigned.

This might have been a tricky task, since it involved getting past the president's guards, but oddly it wasn't a problem. The Columbians' leaders went into the president's rooms, found Moïse dead and his wife wounded, and so they all left again, presumably telling the guards on their way out.

That story implies an incredible naïveté among the Colombian mercenaries, but in fact all the explanations on offer are incredible. Assassins without an escape plan, who according to the security cameras arrived at 2.40 am, an hour and a half after Moïse was killed? A leading opposition politician says Moïse's own guards did it.

Oh, and now the 'authorities' have arrested Christian Emmanuel Sanon, a 63-year-old Haitian oligarch who flew into the country on a private jet in early June with "political motives". Have they arrested the 'intellectual author' of the killing? Is he just another patsy? And who is 'they' anyway? Don't waste time wondering. It doesn't matter.

Haiti has the vicious, convoluted, ultimately meaningless politics of a 16th-century Italian city state, with about the same standard of living (60% of the population under the poverty line, which is \$2.41 a day). It has the same riven, ruthless ruling caste, and the same levels of illiteracy, child labour and general violence. This is just another turn of the wheel.



Haitian President Jovenel Moïse, pictured in Port au Prince on Feb. 7, 2017, after being sworn in as the 58th president of Haiti. The puzzle of who killed Moïse and why may never be solved, although which candidate emerges victorious from the current cluster of three rivals claiming the presidency will be a pointer in the right direction, writes Gwynne Dyer. Photograph courtesy of Flickr

The puzzle of who killed Moïse and why may never be solved, although which candidate emerges victorious from the current cluster of three rivals claiming the presidency will be a pointer in the right direction. None of them will change the fact that the country is really run by the rich and the gangs, often in partnership.

Haiti is not a 'developing' country. It is a society where two wealthy elites, one black and the other mulatto, compete for power but cooperate in oppressing and exploiting everybody else. Together they amount to about 3% of the population; almost everybody else lives in poverty, and most in ignorance as well. And there is no development.

Ursula Le Guin once wrote a short story about an extraordinarily wealthy and healthy city where everybody lived in peace and bliss, which was guaranteed to last so long a single child was kept imprisoned in filth, darkness and misery. Haiti is like that, except that ten million must live in perpetual misery to guarantee the happiness of about 300,000. 🍷

Nature

by Thomas Provençal

*Nature's in the glory
of god's harmonic plan,
in every niche and story,
evolving where it can.*

*There's bounty and there's beauty,
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On behalf of the many people who use the public dock at Graham Lake I'd like to thank Richard and Shari for the lovely, sturdy, beautifully finished ladder they built and installed, with the help of J, on the swim dock. I'd also like to thank our anonymous donor who sent some money along to pay for the wood. You guys are great! Have fun swimming everyone, Ian (Chair of the Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee)



A message from Yves' sister, Françoise,

"It will soon be a year since Yves Gignac left us. Already one year since he left for his final journey, too quickly and too young but with great serenity and a lot of courage, this I can testify since I had the privilege of being with him until his last breath.

My brother was a very special person and his warm presence was shining all around him. He is my brother, my friend and much more, my inspiration and an inaccessible model. For all of this, I thank him.

Even after a year of absence, I will never forget all the good moments that we shared because the void that he left will never be filled.

I feel privileged to have had him in my life and I keep so many wonderful memories of the time spent with him here on the Island where I met so many people who are also missing him and for whom he still is and will always be in their hearts.

There will be a 1 year commemorative ceremony on Monday 26 July at the Community Dock from 15h30. Everybody is welcome.

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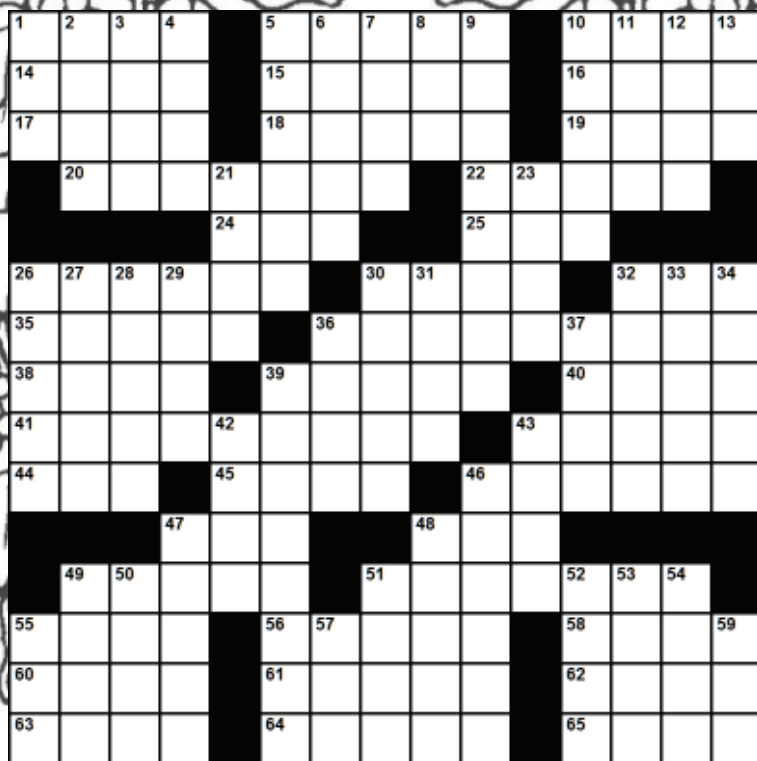
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Activity Center / Museum	9:35 AM	10:20 AM	11:05 AM	11:50 AM	12:35 PM	1:20 PM	---	4:15 PM	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	---	8:00 PM*
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Farmers Market (East Bound)	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	11:15 AM	12:00 PM	12:45 PM	1:30 PM	---	4:20 PM	5:10 PM	5:55 PM	6:40 PM	7:25 PM	---	8:10 PM*

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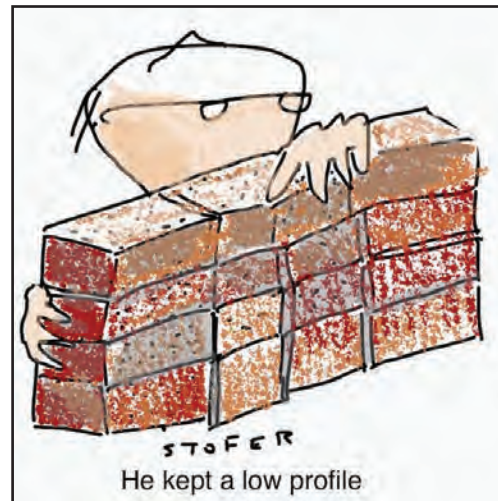
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5. Godly blood
10. Charitable gifts
14. Excuse me
15. Buried treasure
16. Cave home
17. Bullring wound
18. Car model
19. Against, prefix
20. New York nine
22. Heron's cousin
24. Kind
25. Actress Rita
26. Going to bat for
30. Dental exam
32. Broadcast letters of old
35. Omitting none
36. Weathering problem
38. Dandy
39. Bear patiently
40. Auth. unknown
41. School policy
43. Russian export
44. Affirmative reply
45. Aspen, for one
46. Corn part
47. Luau wear
48. Ammonia, e.g.
49. Brothers of fairy tales

51. Originality

55. Favorable voters
56. Kind of layer
58. Exploited
60. Anita or Benny
61. Defiant reply
62. After time
63. Between chores
64. Feel longing
65. Obtained from urine

• DOWN •

1. Drop back
2. Hey Swabbie!
3. Actress Miles
4. So be it!
5. Reflexive pronoun
6. River's little cousin
7. Brick carriers
8. Aves, once
9. Benedict Arnold, for one
10. Burglar's bane
11. Abbe or Lois
12. Catching aid
13. Hindu Mr.
21. Joy lead-in
23. Big do
26. Fussbudget
27. Harden to misuse
28. Abode of the dead, in myth
29. Barley beverages
30. Rust and others
31. Amusement park attraction
32. Fruit peels
33. Sam or Alistar
34. Historic record
36. Chinese horn
37. Artist's mecca
39. Rancor
42. Derive from
43. Bud's home
46. Beer hall
47. Fine knit
48. Hopeless case
49. Lattice
50. Bagel or Bialy
51. Classic Chevy model
52. Comic strip moppet
53. Autocrat of yore
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Marjo Van Tooren

April 28, 1936 – June 21, 2021

Celebration of Life

Saturday, July 24
Community Hall Field
2-4 PM

On June 21, 2021 Marjo passed away unexpectedly, doing what she loved to do – tending plants in her greenhouse. She called her Denman home, her garden and her pottery studio her *Paradise*. Above photo, taken by Jeanie Rogers on June 17, shows Marjo amongst roses in her garden. Her friends will attest to her continued curiosity, her excited enthusiasm for whatever serendipitous surprise or twist life may next present to her. She experienced many moments of wonder at and at times concern for daily occurrences both near and far. She would tell me there were sometimes simply not enough hours in a day because she had to tear herself away from the garden to, equally excitedly, continue firing her beads or finish glazing her plates in the studio. She would also enjoy quiet moments of simple pleasure and rest, while eating good food and reading a book with her cat Healey on her lap.

In her 85 years she lived for significant periods in Holland, in Canada and in Germany, crossing the ocean a few times. Making her way to Canada, originally in search of new adventures as a very young lab-technician, she, together with my father Manfred Rupp, were early-arriving newcomers to Denman Island, making it their home and surviving doing odd jobs and making pottery.

The second and third time she packed up her entire life it was in search of meaningful community, which she found for many years living in the Black Forest of Germany (allowing me to grow up with my close extended family near-by) and then again for many years back here on Denman Island.

She was, and hopefully will continue to be, in some way, a lifelong connector. Her Dutch directness and her curiosity combined into a pattern of readily approaching people, be they close friends or complete strangers and striking up a conversation. And she was able to maintain so many relationships and friendships over time and over long distances in person or through mail, phone, email, facetime and texting. The latter two methods became especially important over the last 16 months to connect with the biggest joys of her life – her three grandchildren Taya (6), Jarrah (14) and Kiran (17).

I would like to invite her community to come together to celebrate the full and unique life Marjo was able to live. It would be lovely to hear a few of your stories and memories about Marjo. Her ashes will find a final resting spot here on Denman Island in a separate small and private event.

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- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 16

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- HI LTC Zoom meeting 10am
- APPIES w/MUSIC - Earth Club Factory

SATURDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- PIZZA NIGHT - Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 18

MONDAY 19

TUESDAY 20

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

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 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 23

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- APPIES w/MUSIC - Earth Club Factory

SATURDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 25

MONDAY 26

TUESDAY 27

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

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 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

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