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SPECIAL INTEREST

Shucking Oysters: Why I Oughta...

By Alex Allen

We can't control the outcome of things, but we can control our intentions. Most things are just out of our control. It's not what we bear, it's how we bear it. Though some days or even weeks, the randomness of life can seem like a vicious pattern out to get you.

And I maybe I am out of line, but I think islanders complain more than others. Simply put, we have no control over the ferries. We could have had the best day in town. Everything smooth. Until we're almost at Buckley Bay... light turns red ... then lined up behind an idling diesel truck ... number six going on, number 14 going off, and other side, ferry has mechanical issues. Breathe.


"Complaining is a universal behaviour. Everyone does it to different degrees," says Robin Kowalski, a psychology professor at Clemson University in South Carolina. Kowalski, who's spent over 20 years researching complaining, notes that "Clearly, we wouldn't continue to engage in this behaviour if there weren't some benefit to doing so. Sometimes it does make us feel better to express our dissatisfaction."

Instead of venting from Buckley Bay to Gravelly Bay that afternoon, the great Stoic, Seneca, would have advised me to say, "I knew it" or "I expected it." Yes, the universe is testing us. Not in the way we think but in developing our character. "Nothing needs to annoy you if you don't add your annoyance to it." Easy for you to say.

Years ago, an enterprising Will Bowen came up with a complaint free challenge. Simply buy one of his green complaint free bracelets, put on one wrist and switch the bracelet to the other whenever you complain in writing or verbally. Over 15 million have taken the challenge and not surprisingly, the average person took 245 days to complete the 21-day challenge. At \$7.97 a bracelet, videos, books and speaking engagements, Bowen is not exactly a Stoic, but you have to give him credit for capitalizing on emotional dissatisfaction.

We all know the glass half full and the glass half empty types. Psychologist Guy Winch wrote of another type. The chronic complainer who sees: "A glass that is slightly chipped holding water that isn't cold enough, probably because it's tap water even though I asked for bottled, and wait, there's a smudge on the rim, too, which means the glass wasn't cleaned properly and now I'll probably end up with some kind of virus. Why do these things always happen to me?"

A Stoic would see a glass of water and view it with gratitude, as a gift of nature. And George Carlin: "I see a glass that's twice as big as it needs to be."

Which one are you? 

SPECIAL INTEREST

Green Wizardries, The Rites of Spring

By Maxine Rogers

COMPLAIN. Kvetch. Bitch. No matter what it's called we all do it. We live in an unpredictable world. Little inanimate object gremlins. People purposely ruining your day. How can you not keep your indignant words to yourself? The Stoics say that it is how we respond to adversity that is a measure of our true character.

SPRING is here and I am seeing a lot of orchards that could really have used some summer pruning last year. It is vastly easier to rub off buds of branches forming where you do not want them in June than to let the tree waste its energy forming branches you have to clip off in February. Summer pruning causes the tree to put more energy into fruit production than branch production.

If you didn't summer prune, you will have a lot more work now. My life got a lot easier when Kate Janeway came to the Garden Club one year and explained the basics of pruning and the advantages of summer pruning. If you have a calendar, it is a great idea to write in a little reminder at the beginning of June that now is the

time for all good orchardists to get pruning.

Even with summer pruning, I still have to get out there and give the trees a little haircut. When I do, I take a plastic zip-lock bag with a clean rag and a bottle of Dettol disinfectant. I wipe down my pruning saw, loppers and secateurs before starting on a tree. This helps to prevent the spread of diseases from one tree to the next.

This is also a great time to spread lime in the orchard and to give the fig trees an extra helping of lime and a generous helping of bone meal. Figs are not pruned the way we would prune an apple or a peach tree. Figs produce fruit on the ends of their branches so you don't clip the branches back. With figs, you have to look at the tree and think, which branch will I not be able to reach this summer? Then prune the whole branch out to keep the fig tree open in the centre and with branches you can hope to reach in the summer.

If you have a polytunnel, now is a good time to leave some seed potatoes out in a tray in a sunny windowsill to go green and develop shoots. The potatoes can be planted in the polytunnel or a cold frame at the end of the month and this will get you the first new potatoes a full month early and they are such a delicacy. Steam them and serve them tossed with butter and herbs.

I had a crop of Windsor broad beans planted out in October and they were doing well but an extreme cold snap killed them off. I will plant some more of the Broad Windsors this month but will wait until March to plant out the Jerusalem broad beans as they are from the Levant and are just that bit more tender.

A friend on Hornby grew a great crop of Jerusalem broad beans last year and confessed she didn't really know what to do with them. They are a very versatile bean. Just soak them overnight and bring them to a boil and turn the heat down and simmer them until they are tender. Drain and toss them with whatever salad dressing you like, add some fresh chopped onions, dried tomatoes and peppers, whatever herbs you like and you have an excellent bean salad that is a good meal in itself and also a great side dish.

Jerusalems also make great baked beans and soup beans. Broad beans were originally used to make hummus before people started to use chickpeas. The Arab World and the Horn of Africa uses them to make a sort of bean porridge that they eat for breakfast. It is called Ful and will keep you full all day. Try it spiced with cumin and olive oil.

February is also the time to start some seeds. If you have a good spot in your house which is bright but not too hot and not too cold, you can start celery, onion, leek and celeriac seeds now. I also started sweet peas, German chamomile which makes a great tea, hyssop and calendula. I started these flowers in an unheated greenhouse. I pot up extra sweet peas to give to friends. Peas don't like having their roots disturbed. The sweet peas are planted out without dividing the plants and they do very well.

Calendulas are a very hardy flower and I am only planting them now to speed up the blooming time. Calendulas are an excellent flower to grow for pollinators. They really increase the number and diversity of wild creatures visiting your garden. This in turn helps create a balanced environment where no one creature gets out of balance. Calendulas are deer resistant and make a pretty cut flower.

Inside the house I am starting Cosmos daisies and alyssum under the lights on my propagating shelf. Both flowers are very pretty and attractive to pollinators. The cosmos attract a lot of butterflies and moths and the alyssum attracts many smaller pollinators as well as smelling like honey. Good luck with the Rites of Spring.



ARTS&LIT **I'm Not Back I'm Dreaming**

By CS#05943451

I'm not back. I'm dreaming." This unleashed a bevy of enthusiastic laughter from all. I continued by explaining how I'd had this dream previously where 'I took some convincing I was free because of a nagging feeling to the contrary, amidst more laughter, only to learn that nagging feeling was justified.'

WELL it seems that I've fully accepted my reality. After lunch I laid down and napped. I found myself in a continuation of my dream from last night. This time I was hanging out with Roxanne and a variety of others whose names and faces were friendly but not quite clear to me. We were all outside, enjoying the weather and playing about. At a point someone from the group said that they were all glad to have me back, to which I rejoined, "Oh, continued on P.4...

...continued from P.3 This time I was more hip to what was happening.

I didn't seem to be all that convincing to anyone as they continued to chuckle irreverently. "Let's all head into town," they said as they piled into a van. "We can pick up some wood while we're at it," said another. I could see there wasn't room for me in the van or for any wood for that matter. I spun around to see another vehicle which I presumed was for me to use and follow along, but before anything further could happen, the obligatory sounds of a jail house meal being readied, stirred me awake. The bumping, knocking and dragging of tables and chairs outside my door are not only an effective alarm clock for a jailbird but an abrupt reminder of my inescapable reality.

I can't ever recall rejoining an interrupted dream quite like that. There certainly has been an occasion or two where I've come back to a dream after stirring in my sleep. Perhaps after getting back from relieving myself even. But to be awake and fully conscious all morning? To have read 100 pages of my book, the newspaper and have lunch, only to return to that same place in my subconscious speaks to how much this restricted life is working me over. 🍷



OPINIONS Shortages in the Land of Plenty

By Helen Grund

FORGET the moon rise – you may now get to gaze upon a 24 story tall cell tower with continuous navigation lights.

Hornby Island real estate is appealing to powerful interests and we are seeing a cosmic shift in our landscape. Suburban condos plunked down on an important archeological site at the ferry, a new tourist resort slated for Tribune Bay and a proposed 24 story cell tower in Hornby's community service and school zone are a few high profile projects in the works. Our Official Community Plan (OCP – our island constitution), prohibits all of the above developments but Hornby is ripe for exploitation and the Islands Trust is just the corporation to facilitate it.

What about our Trustees and their obligations to uphold the law? It saddens me to say that I haven't seen any evidence that our Trustees are willing or capable of doing that within the chaotic and corrupt state the Islands Trust finds itself in. Many strange things have been happening here in recent years and the Trust seems to be at the heart of it.

The Friday (Feb 2) regular LTC meeting was very telling. The new planner (nice young chap and our fourth in the last 16 months) couldn't offer much other than, "I don't know, I'll have to catch up on that, I haven't been informed, I'm new here..." Meanwhile, the Trustees didn't seem to have a clue about the rules, the laws and the protocols surrounding the tower application. They do seem very committed to follow all the advice they get from the various Trust planners, however briefly they occupy their positions.

The LTC meeting was very well attended by the public. Many spoke passionately about why our Trustees should vote "non-concurrence" for the 24 story microwave tower application. No one spoke in favour of the tower. Many community members (340) have signed a petition to protect our island from the completely illegal tower, festooned with blinking lights that flash 24 hours a day. The tower is clearly designed to service a wide regional area – another feature prohibited by our bylaws. How could an application for an

illegal but corporately strategic cell tower even be allowed to progress this far?

Alas, the Trustees are swamped in confusion and seem incapable of following through. Specifically, they claim to be very worried about ISED, the federal agency that supposedly has the last word on cell tower installations. ISED publicly states that it very rarely - (.01% of the time) over rides local planning authorities. The insecure Trustees, once again, are relying on misinformed planners to dictate their decisions. Why are they not allowed to use their own judgement? The 120 day ISED deadline for application review was passed nearly a year ago and Rogers, in collusion with the Trust, has dragged the process out by refusing to fulfil its legal consultation obligations. We are well within our rights to boot this application out immediately.

Why are the Trustees and the Trust clearly backing Rogers and actively supporting the endless delays? What community could be more fragile than tiny and protected Hornby Island? Why are they not defending our community against false allegations of public misconduct from Brian Gregg, Rogers' point man? Is that concocted story in place as an excuse and cover-up for refusing to vote for non-concurrence? That would be outrageous and a serious betrayal.

ISED "forbids" human health concerns to be acknowledged as a risk factor in the consultation process. They insist on relying exclusively on a bizarre study from the last century and it is the basis for their safety assertions. The study involves irradiating a human sized plastic head for six minutes and then concluding that since it did not feel warm to the touch, it should be safe (Federal Safety Code 6). Even children know that microwaves cook from the inside out! They refuse to see or hear about the hundreds upon hundreds of powerful peer-reviewed studies showing serious long-term health risks.

Microwave radiation is complex. Think of it this way: Your microwave oven cooks your meat on "High" and it's fast. A microwave tower cooks your meat on "Low" and it's slow. It will eventually "cook" your meat but it takes longer than 6 minutes! How much genetic damage results from that slow

cooking?

Meanwhile, a tired and disillusioned group of Hornby Islanders have gotten a birds-eye view of a government in serious decline. As the Trust ship continues to sink, it's very important to understand that much of what the Trust has done in recent years is not legal or in keeping with the Hornby Island Official Community Plan or the rules, protocols and bylaws therein. We are fundamental living in a lawless banana republic. If we are forced to live in a banana republic it should at least be warm enough to grow bananas. 🍌

Editor's Note - The Islands Grapevine cannot confirm the veracity of the claims made in the above opinion piece.

OPINIONS

What is Security? Part 2

By Sally Campbell

THE new movie "Israelism" (available for rent on Kinema) is a must-see eye-opener into the tight connections of North American Jews with the State of Israel. It offers much "insider" insight into just why it is so painfully difficult for many Jews to even call for a ceasefire to the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Their Judaism has been

linked with Israel at the basic level of identity. If my security as a human being is intrinsically linked with the idea of Israel, right or wrong, then how can I be safe if I let go of that idea?

Peter Beinart, highly-respected American journalist, professor and writer, an Orthodox Jew who has moved inexorably away from Zionism, recently hosted Palestinian Fadi Quran, advocacy officer for *Avaaz*, on his weekly zoom call. Quran is a remarkable person with degrees from Stanford, who has long been engaged in policy development for Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network. He lives in the West Bank, 200 yards away from "extremist settlers" and never knows when his door will be broken down, his family attacked, or he will be arrested, perhaps imprisoned. Nonetheless, his deep humanity shone out when he reiterated the importance for Israeli Jews of *safety and security*, (especially given the historic **inherited trauma** that has been triggered since October 7th.) As he said, they completely deserve to have security after a long history of anti-semitism culminating in the Holocaust, but the ideology of Zionism has done the reverse, because ironically Zionism has, seeded within it, some of the key racist/supremacist beliefs that earlier Europeans had against Jews. Quran said that Jews do not have security in Israel, and they do not feel safe. In his view, there are now 3 scenarios for Israel-Palestine:

1. Commitment to freedom, justice & dignity for all "from the river to the sea", beginning with a ceasefire and an end to the Occupation, legal protections of religion & culture for both Israelis and Palestinians, an interim government which includes Palestinian political prisoners like Marwan Barghouti in the leadership, not the PLO, followed by inclusive elections. He compares Hamas to the Republican Party and says they will have to be included in peace negotiations.
2. A return to the status quo of occupation, apartheid, and repression of Palestinian resistance - what most Israelis think they need.
3. Continuing the genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, aiming for their erasure - what Israel's far-right wants, and which may well lead to a regional war involving nuclear-armed nations.

It is pretty clear that only the first scenario can possibly lead to safety and security for everyone. No one is secure until all are secure.

The *Course on Miracles* points out that we either come from a place of love or a place of fear. When our security needs are driven by fear responses, we're locked into a self-fulfilling cycle. Ironically, the 2.3 million Palestinians imprisoned in Gaza were, prior to October, in certain ways more secure than the Israelis living so close by yet in another world – one with reliable electricity, clean water, abundant food, housing, access to education, medicines, building materials and freedom to move – all of which have long been denied Gazans. Palestinians' deep family ties and their practice of "sumud" (steadfastness) gives them an inner security Jewish Israelis cannot find as long as they remain the oppressors in a modern-day settler-colonial project.

But who decides Israel must change?

The international commons can decide to influence Israel to stop using military responses to address *continued on P.6...*

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16:26	1.4	4.7
23:15	4.1	13.4

...continued from P.5 its security needs, primarily by ending financial support for its devastating agenda, and refusing arms trade with Israel. The U.S. gives Israel a *minimum* of \$3.8 billion/year. Both Canada and the US also provide charitable tax receipts for hundreds of millions of dollars of donations to Israel annually, mostly for the illegal settlement enterprise or the Israeli military. That can stop with citizen pressure. Why do Canadian taxpayers need to subsidize (to the tune of \$1/2 B/year) the illegal settlements and military in a country with the same GDP as Sweden? Particularly when that country is under investigation by the world's highest court, the ICJ, for genocide?

The community of nations can also decide to pressure Israel to end its occupation, its siege of Gaza and its apartheid regime. Until those things happen, we can all decide to support the non-violent Palestinian call for BDS. Israelis and Palestinians can then decide together what their form of governance will look like, and what constitutes *security for all*. There is no way out, only through. 🍷

OPINIONS
CNN's CEO is Making Staff Churn Out Israel Propaganda

By Caitlin Johnstone
OP February 5th, 2024

ONE of the noblest and most important things a western journalist can do these days is help expose the propagandistic manipulations of the mainstream western press institutions who have duped our civilization into consenting to a profoundly dysfunctional status quo which does not serve the interests of normal human beings. Unfortunately this rarely happens, because western journalists tend to view the mainstream press as allies and potential employers.

This happens to be one such rare occasion, and it happened in one of the last places you'd probably have guessed if you follow mass media propaganda with a critical eye. The Guardian has a great new article out titled "CNN staff say network's pro-Israel slant amounts to 'journalistic malpractice'" by a guy named Chris McGreal which cites multiple CNN staff members and internal documents to reveal the immense top-down pressure in the network to tilt coverage heavily in favor of Israel.

McGreal writes the following:

"CNN is facing a backlash from its own staff over editorial policies they say have led to a regurgitation of Israeli propaganda and the censoring of Palestinian perspectives in the network's coverage of the war in Gaza.

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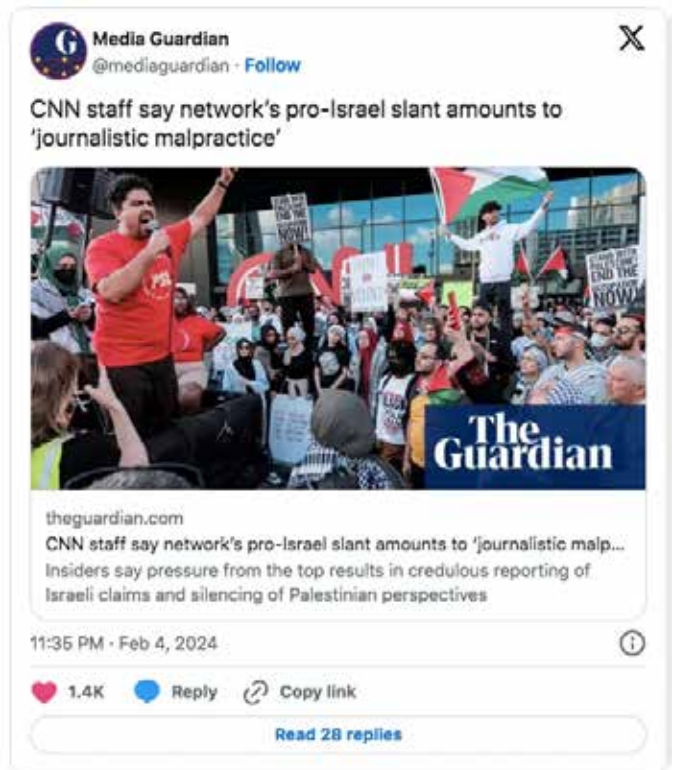
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"Journalists in CNN newsrooms in the US and overseas say broadcasts have been skewed by management edicts and a story-approval process that has resulted in highly partial coverage of the Hamas massacre on 7 October and Israel's retaliatory attack on Gaza.

"The majority of news since the war began, regardless of how accurate the initial reporting, has been skewed by a systemic and institutional bias within the network toward Israel," said one CNN staffer. "Ultimately, CNN's coverage of the Israel-Gaza war amounts to journalistic malpractice."

McGreal's sources say CNN's wildly biased coverage of Israel's assault on Gaza is the direct result of edicts from the network's new CEO Mark Thompson, who assumed his role two days after the October 7 attack. From 2012 to 2020 Thompson was the president and CEO of The New York Times, which is currently experiencing its own internal strife due to the pro-Israel bias of that outlet.





Before his NYT executive gig Thompson was the director-general of the BBC, where he came under fire multiple times for the pro-Israel bias he imposed on the British state broadcaster. In 2005 he held meetings in Jerusalem with then-Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon with the reported aim to “build bridges with the country’s political class,” immediately after which he removed BBC correspondent Orla Guerin from Jerusalem following accusations of “antisemitism” made against her by the Israeli government. In 2009 he was hotly criticized for choosing not to air the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Gaza, and in 2011 he presided over the decision to censor the lyrics “free Palestine” from a performance by rapper Mic Righteous on BBC Radio 1Xtra.

Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel Graham Lake Local Water Service

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) has prepared the 2024 parcel tax assessment roll as required by section 202 of the Community Charter. Letters were sent to property owners who are being assessed a parcel tax for the first time in the Graham Lake Local Water Service area. Property owners may view the roll after February 7, 2024 at the CVRD office during regular office hours or on the website at: www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/parceltax

The parcel tax roll review panel will meet to hear requests that the roll be amended on February 21, 2024 at 9:30 am in the CVRD Civic Room, 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay.

In order for a request to be considered by the panel, it must be in writing in accordance with specific criteria and received at the address below at least 48 hours prior to the sitting of the parcel tax roll review panel.

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This is the sort of person who gets hired to multiple executive positions in multiple highly influential western media platforms. If you’ve ever wondered why it looks like the western press function in pretty much the same way as the state propaganda services in the autocracies the west proudly sets itself apart from, this is why. The corporate media are owned and controlled by plutocrats who have a vested interest in preserving the status quo power structure upon which their kingdoms are built, and state broadcasters like the BBC have the same interest for the same reason. They decide who the executives of those outlets will be, and those executives make policy and hiring decisions which cause the outlet to function in a way that is indistinguishable from state propaganda.

These are the people who’ve been pulling the wool over the eyes of the mainstream public and manipulating the masses into thinking, speaking, working, consuming, and voting in ways that serve the interests of the ruling power structure. In this way they are able to ensure that revolutionary opposition to that power structure remains a fringe minority position, even as that power structure wages wars, sponsors genocides, destroys the biosphere, and keeps everyone poor, sick, and stupid.

Our world will never see the revolutionary changes it desperately needs until the people begin using the power of their numbers to force those changes to happen, and the people will never start using the power of their numbers to force revolutionary change as long as they are being manipulated by propagandists into accepting the status quo. Our task therefore, as people who love truth and desire a healthy world, is to begin waking the

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...continued from P.7 public up to the reality that everything they've been told about their society, their government and their world is a lie, and pointing them toward true information about what's really going on.

That's how humanity will awaken from its propaganda-induced coma to create a healthy world: one pair of eyelids at a time. This might sound like a slow-going project, but for every newly opened pair of eyes there is one more voice who can help wake up the others, which means exponential growth is possible. This is how we move humanity into the light of truth and begin the shift toward a truth-based society.

And we've got an advantage: the empire needs to use human beings to generate its propaganda. That's what we're seeing in CNN staff turning against their boss and reporting his malfeasance to another news outlet. As long as the empire depends on ordinary human beings to turn its gears and facilitate its horrific atrocities, there's always the possibility that the next pair of eyes to open will be someone on the inside. 🍷

The Dance of Rejection by Angelika Forray


I reject you
You reject me
You reject me
I reject you
And so the story goes


No one wins
And the heart becomes heavy
With all the grudges it must
remember to hold

I would rather build a bridge

There is more that connects us,
Than divides us

I place my armour down
May love win

 Islands Trust	Denman Island Local Trust Committee PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Proposed Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229 Denman Farming Regulations Review Project
<p>The Denman Island Local Trust Committee invites the public to attend a Public Hearing beginning at 10:30 am, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Denman Activity Centre, 1111 Northwest Road, Denman Island, to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:15 AM – Community Information Meeting will be held before the Public Hearing for you to learn more about the bylaws and to ask questions• 10:30 AM – Public Hearing <p>What are Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229 about? Amendments to the OCP and LUB are part of the Denman Island Farming Regulations Review Project to formally protect Denman Island's land base for agriculture.</p> <p>Bylaw No. 228 will amend the Denman Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 185, 2008 (OCP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-designating all lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to a 'Agriculture' designation; and• Several new policies supporting agriculture uses consistent with the Agricultural Land Commission regulations. <p>Bylaw No. 229 will amend the Denman Island Land Use Bylaw No. 186, 2008 (LUB) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulating dwellings in the ALR;• Regulating agritourism use and accommodation;• Updating several agricultural related definitions; and• Updating setback regulations for associated agriculture buildings. <p>How Do I Get More Information? Copies of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information is available online from January 30 to February 13, 2024 here: https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/denman/projects/ and at the Islands Trust Northern Office, 700 North Road, Gabriola, BC V0R 1X3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding statutory holidays, after January 30, 2024.</p> <p>Enquiries? Contact the Islands Trust Northern Office, by email: northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, or phone 250-247-2063.</p> <p>Written submissions? Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., February 12, 2024 to: Islands Trust, 700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC, V0R 1X3 or email: northphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca Written submissions made in response to this notice will be available for public review.</p> <p>NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE DENMAN ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE, OR ITS MEMBERS, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Nadine Mourao, Deputy Secret</p>	



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lugubrious goo

by Alan Black

As a child when I was sickly my mother used to lather my chest with vapour rub.

The sheen of white gel smelled like the disinfectants at the pool of the YMCA.

The sheet stuck to me as I tossed and turned

and in the coarse drawl of my breath I could hear voices in a squeaky timbre from my congested lungs.

I was fascinated by the whispers

I breathed deep just to hear the rattle.

My mother said my chest was my weakness.

Back when I popped acid like cough candies I smoked over three packs of cigarettes on a sixteen hour trip.

My fingers turned orange and my tongue turned green

and the chest rattle reappeared with a vengeance, my mind and body filled with a nasty lugubrious goo.

At eighteen my doctor told me if I kept it up I'd be dead by thirty-five.

I made some changes

but this chest cold I've had of late brings back some old memories
and a bit of that lugubrious goo.

Apples

by Mr. Unknown

Take a chomp

Crisp and sweet

A wonderful snack

A fine treat

Try a red delicious

Or a tart granny smith

Or whatever variety

Vital for a spirit lift

Put them in pies

Or in a gooey crumble

Cut them into slices

To cure stomach rumble

A truly great fruit

Great as health food

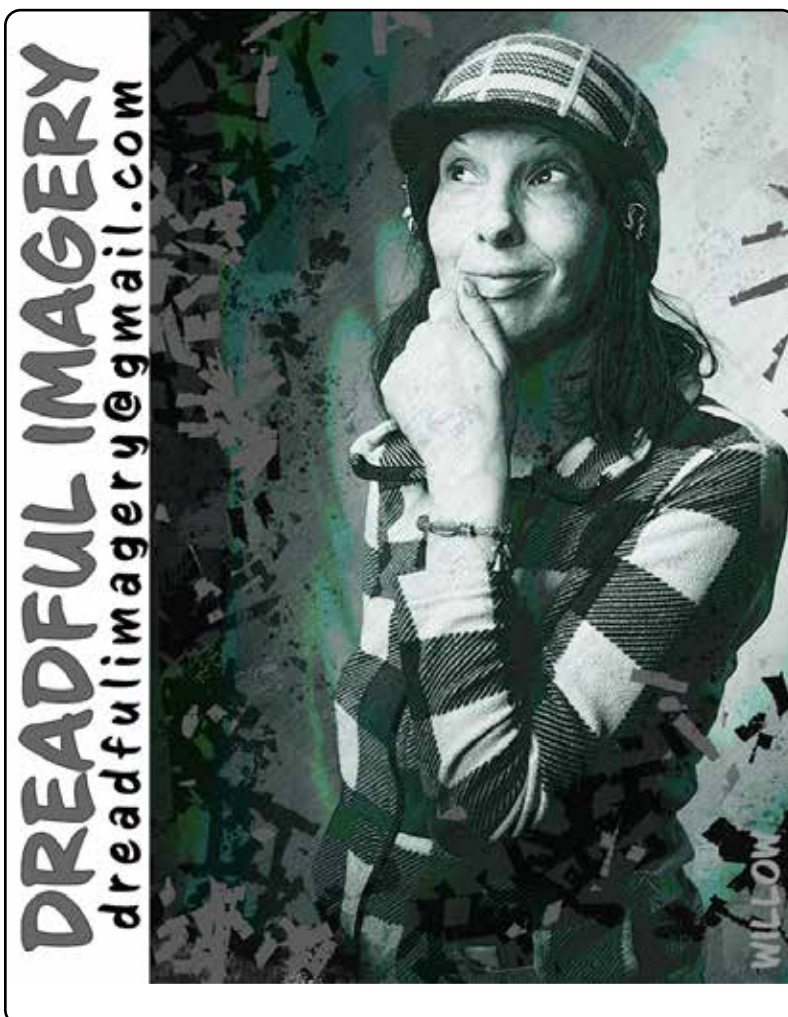
To refuse an apple

Is being quite rude

***"Freedom of the Press,
if it means anything at all,
means the freedom
to criticize and oppose."***

George Orwell

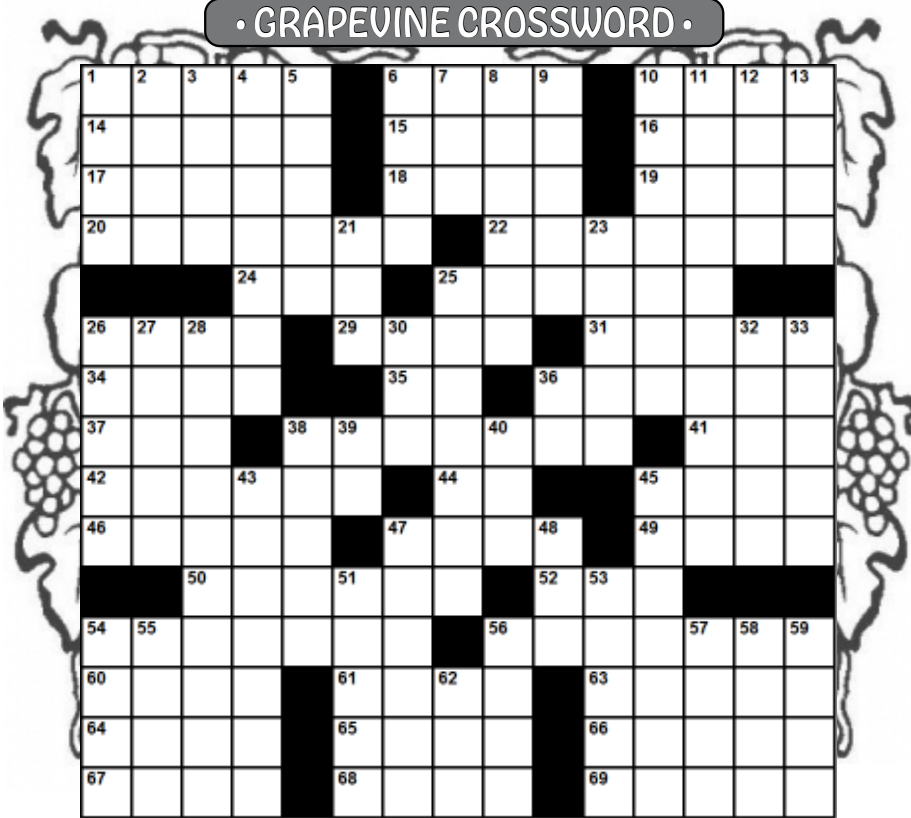
The Prevention of Literature.



Urgent: Missing Art Work

*May have gone to Recycling in error.
Self portrait of Aunt Melissa in the
Nude. She is coming to visit, soon,
and I must hang this horror back
up. Do you have it? Please respond
via Grapevine paid ads. Will pick it
up. Please help.*

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Earth layer
6. Soap bubbles
10. An Everly brother
14. Fantasia ballerina
15. Obtained from urine
16. Like lady Godiva
17. Essential oil
18. Unless, to Cicero
19. Corner pipes
20. Showy flowers
22. Spacecraft sections
24. Clamor
25. Columbia neighbor
26. Take a mate a la Patruccio
29. Holmes vehicle
31. Pierced entree
34. Holm oak
35. Atop
36. Sushi condiment
37. Formal address
38. Penn, to Teller
41. Box top
42. Comic strip units
44. Quick greeting
45. Carry along
46. Luigi's ladder
47. Gym counts
49. Emcee

50. Faultfinder

52. Cleansing agent
54. Spigots
56. Tar's assents
60. Gay cadence
61. Bit for Fermi
63. 14 pounds
64. Hebrew month
65. Perform again
66. Rye fungus
67. Belem's other name
68. Rough trip
69. Christmas stamps

• DOWN •

1. Cowboy legend
2. Baptism, e.g.
3. Capable of
4. Stretchy fabric
5. Shinto gateway
6. Catches rays
7. Altdorf's canton
8. Perturb
9. Offshoots
10. Vital spirits
11. Pandemonium
12. At leisure
13. Decreasingly
21. Mil. rank
23. West African port
25. Black cat
26. Bits of smoke
27. Kind of vein
28. Slang
30. 90 degrees from vert.
32. Final bios
33. Bathroom fixture
36. Both of us
38. Flying machine
39. Like
40. Dog bite
43. Sister of Orestes
45. British show place

47. Batting order

48. Conniving
51. Begin
53. Affirmatives
54. Envelope feature
55. Actress Turturro
56. Berserk
57. Ascetic practice
58. Certain organic compound
59. Becomes inflexible
62. Adorer's writing

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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Grumpism

“You shouldn't get mad at lazy people because they didn't do anything.”



Thank you Robert Trahan

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• SERVICES •

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)

DEAN'S DIGGER MINI EXCAVATOR with 15yrs serving Denman and Hornby Island. Trails driveways ditching landscaping water management culvert installation small haul with tandem axle trailer and much more. 250 218 4534 or deanheyland@gmail.com

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PROFESSIONAL PIANO TUNER-TECHNICIAN GREG JOLY will be tuning on Denman/ Hornby on the 10th, 12th, and 13th of Feb. Call 250 475 1106 or email harmon-icwindharps@gmail.com to book.

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

• WANTED •

DEAR DENMAN, Kieran and Roxanne here, looking for housing. Our current rental ends April 1st. we would prefer long term. One or two bedrooms, for two adults and two dogs. Ideally under \$1,400/month. Would consider short term that would take us to October 1st as we would

have the opportunity to rent again our current rental. We are both working at recycling and Kieran also drives the DI bus in the summer. Text or call Kieran 250-702-7770 or email Rox at r.k.lachance@gmail.com Thanks for your consideration

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT looking for part-time & remote work Ten years experience in fast paced industries in Europe and Canada. Skill set involves scheduling meetings and organizing event/travel, data entry, administrative tasks, content translation (english/french) and property management. Other services also available. Charging hourly or per project. Resume and references available upon request. Claire Debleu, Denman resident denmanpersonalassistant@gmail.com (236) 380 0726

• EMPLOYMENT •

INTERESTED IN TIMBERFRAMING? Kettle River Timberworks is hiring a Construction Labourer for a new Timber frame home on Denman Island. Check out our website at www.kettliveriver-timberworks.com For more information contact: keenan@kettliveriver-timber.com

THE POST OFFICE needs a part-time clerk starting right away. If you are interested, please call Jennifer at 250 335-2293 or leave a resume with the Store employees.

THE GENERAL STORE needs a part-time employee - for up to 24hrs/wk - must have Serving It Right and be at least 19. If you are interested please call Jennifer at 250-335-2293 or leave a resume with the store employees.

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As the record of our times, every issue of the Grapevine is a compilation of that week's submissions. We do not editorialize content, nor do we censor. We ask that writers moderate their own content. The Grapevine reserves the right to edit for brevity.



We are open to contributions from all Denman & Hornby Islanders. If you've something to say, send it our way! No copy and paste submissions. In your own words, please!

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 8

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm

FRIDAY 9

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 10

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 11

MONDAY 12

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm
- DIRA public meeting Back Hall 7:30pm

TUESDAY 13

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 14

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- VALENTINE'S DAY**

THURSDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30-6pm

FRIDAY 16

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- TRIVIA NIGHT Community Hall 5pm

SUNDAY 18

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

MONDAY 19

TUESDAY 20

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 21

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 22

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm

Now for a toon that makes absolutely no sense and is not funny!



The Garlic Guru
Orzo Rocambolo grew macaroni in the highlands with Tony the phony baloney purple polka dotted pony (biologically a rare short neck Gialfai)

HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

