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COMMUNITY NEWS

Thunder Indigenous Rugby

By Chantelle Lambert

I am very excited to let everyone know that I have been selected by Thunder Rugby to be a part of their rugby/cultural tour of New Zealand in August 2025!

They are only taking 20 girls and 20 boys, so I feel highly privileged to have been selected.

I am really excited to experience and learn about the indigenous culture in New Zealand and to play rugby in each area we stay in. Auckland, Bay of Islands, Hawks Bay and Wellington. To be able to cover the trip costs I have worked, taken in returnables and am doing various fund-raising things.



Chantelle Lambert

We are doing a 50/50 draw right now. The online wheel draw will be made on December 1st. We are selling original design Curtis Wilson, silver pendants, accepting items for a spring 2025 silent auction and hoping for some sponsors/donations.

The Denman Island General a store is also being kind enough to allow me to place a jar by their checkout to collect donations. Help of any kind between now and August 2025 will be very much appreciated!

If you are interested in buying 50/50 tickets or pendants or have an auction donation, please message Chantelle Lambert at rlambert114@gmail.com

50/50 tickets \$20 each - payout approx \$5000

Silver Thunderbird logo pendants - \$90.00

Donation jar will be at the Denman General Store starting in January.

Other sponsors or donations can be e-transferred to rlambert114@gmail.com or contact Chantelle and Rachel at 2503352219

Thank you to everyone in the community for reading this and for your help and support!

Chantelle Lambert 



Green Wizardries: Making Your Bed

By Maxine Rogers

Last week, we discussed squash and I promised I would do an article on getting ready for next spring. This method of preparing a garden bed works great at this time of the year and can be used to transform any piece of land into a fertile garden, or at least, more fertile. It is also a useful technique to renovate a weedy garden bed.

We started doing this when we became too old and tired to dig garden beds and to our surprise, it was a much more effective technique than digging. When we dig a garden bed, we disturb the thin layer of organic matter at the top of the soil and it gets buried deep where no tender little roots can find it. Digging is also very heavy work and hard on the back if not done with great attention.

To make a new garden bed, the first thing I like to do is to trim or flatten the weedy growth down. It is all good organic matter so don't worry about hauling it away. I then lime the area until it is white with lime. If this is a new bed, you can scarcely put too much lime on as our soils are very acidic from the winter rains. Rainwater is slightly acidic but we get so much of it it turns our soils acid and leaches out the nutrients. Acidic soil is infertile soil.

Next, if the soil is a heavy clay, I like to add a couple of inches of sand. Sand is also good to add to gravel soils. Now, for some odd reason, gardeners are taught that sand plus clay equals concrete. I challenge anyone holding this view to come see the black, fluffy concrete in my garden beds. Farmers know the best thing to lighten heavy soils is sand. But, I hear you ask, do we not have to dig the sand in to get a good effect? I say no! Leave it to the unhired help!

After the lime and sand, I layer the beds with stable waste, leaves and seaweed that is sustainably harvested. The seaweed is important as our soils need to be refreshed with the many minerals and trace elements found in seaweed. The seaweed also holds the leaves in place during storms.

Once you have built up the beds eight or ten inches high, the unhired help has lots of food and shelter and places to rear their babies. You will have created an ecosystem. The

worms will proliferate in these conditions and they will eat all the tasty goodies you have put down and they will tunnel from the goodies into the soil.

This tunnelling into the soil mixes in the sand and the lime as well as the organic matter from their manure. The worm tunnels add oxygen to the soil and allow rain water to seep deep into the soil, replenishing the groundwater we pump out for domestic use.

Once the spring comes, I like to plant large seedlings into the thick mulch. In a year where there are a lot of slugs, I will use organic-slug bait for a couple of weeks before I plant out my seedlings. This will reduce the level of damage done by slugs. The slug bait I use is comprised of little bits of pasta with a lot of iron in it. The level of iron is toxic to slugs but does no harm to other creatures and releases a trace of iron into the soil which is not a bad thing. If a snake eats a slug poisoned in this manner, no harm comes to it.

TIDE TABLE

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

2024-11-28 (Thu)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
05:24	4.07 13.3
09:39	3.51 11.5
14:49	4.39 14.4
22:35	1.25 4.1

2024-11-29 (Fri)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
06:02	4.31 14.2
10:30	3.66 12.0
15:11	4.35 14.3
23:01	1.05 3.4

2024-11-30 (Sat)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
06:37	4.52 14.8
11:18	3.76 12.3
15:36	4.32 14.2
23:30	0.89 2.9

2024-11-01 (Sun)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
07:13	4.69 15.4
12:03	3.83 12.6
16:05	4.30 14.1

2024-11-02 (Mon)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
00:02	0.77 2.5
07:51	4.81 15.8
12:49	3.88 12.7
16:37	4.27 14.0

2024-11-03 (Tue)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
00:37	0.70 2.3
08:30	4.88 16.0
13:37	3.91 12.8
17:13	4.22 13.8

2024-11-04 (Wed)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
01:15	0.71 2.3
09:11	4.90 16.1
14:31	3.89 12.8
17:55	4.13 13.6

2024-11-05 (Thu)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
01:56	0.80 2.6
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Shucking Oysters: Weathered

By Alex Allen

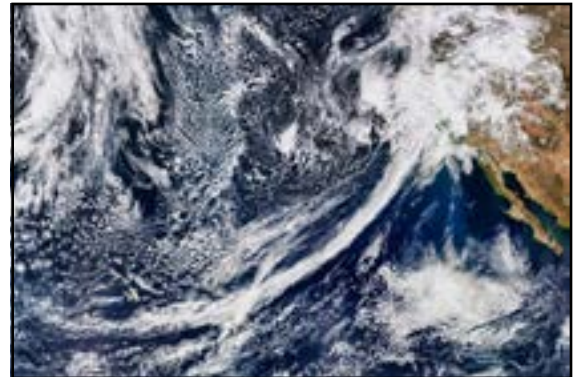
In the weather front, November did not disappoint. It never does really. I call November the month of storms, ferry cancellations, power outages, and losing your marbles. You can see it in people's faces, especially after three days of no power. Resigned anger. Zen fury. And bad hair. It wasn't just the weather affecting our well-being. Other equally frustrating events we had no control over happened. Immediately, after the power outage, City West fibre optic was down for two days and the timely postal strike dragging on with no settlement in sight.

Last week was one crazy week, with over 140,000 people without power. Outages dotted the entire BC coasts. Ferry cancellations from Haida Gwaii to Swartz Bay. On Hornby, some challenged souls had no power for five days – all while having to listen to a gas generator next door. We have our sob stories. Every year. The quintessential Canadian weather story. If we can't incessantly talk about polar vortexes, nine out of ten of us will make a point of checking weather forecasts at least once a day (when the power is on).

Not too long ago, a typical weather report was fairly innocuous. The narrative has remained the same. We still get hammered, blasted, bombarded, and clobbered by the elements. It's not mild mannered accountants drafting the weather reports it's frustrated army generals. Every weather event is "intense," "severe," "extreme," "rapidly deepening," "aggressive," "hitting" and "brewing." If it was a person you'd run the other way.

The difference is that today, we get Meteorology 101 updates along with a quote from some well-meaning qualified expert: "We're calling it a big skinny fire hose because when you look at the satellite and the radar it's really quite amazing how if it shifted to the north or south it would drastically change the outcome."

And what about atmospheric rivers? Aren't they just the same old rainstorms we've always had? What has changed is the frequency, size and impact of these rainstorms. Atmospheric rivers are long, narrow bands of concentrated water vapour in the sky or big skinny fire hoses, depending on your viewpoint. Most are typically 800 kilometres wide and 1,000 km long, with more than double the flow of the Amazon River.



Though the term atmospheric river was first coined by two MIT scientists in 1998, it wasn't until the 2000s that the term went viral.

As our climate has changed, the subject accelerated. In BC, research on atmospheric rivers has also accelerated. Studies suggest we will see atmospheric rivers getting even bigger and transporting even more water vapour. The impact on the BC coast will be huge.

As for bomb cyclones, that's probably a new one for some of you who don't study military weather terminology. The first known usage of the term, was in a 1980 research paper in which meteorologists were trying to describe the intensity of winter storms. The Weather Channel defines this condition as, having undergone "bombogenesis," which sounds like what happens when a Brazilian Butt Lift went horribly wrong. Instead, it's when a low-pressure system drops rapidly over a short amount of time, resulting in a "bomb-like explosion of winter weather madness," not an explosion of gluteal fat.

"Bomb cyclone can seem dramatic and kind of intimidating terminology, it can elicit apocalyptic images, but there's just a lack of understanding with regards to that...it's a specific atmospheric term, a meteorological term," Tyler Hamilton, a meteorologist with The Weather Network said soothingly.

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...continued from P.3 If I want to plant potatoes, I can push the potato down into the mulch and cover it with more mulch. I find I have to be vigilant in adding more mulch over time. If I fail to do this, the potatoes begin to peek out of the mulch and become exposed to the sun, turning green and becoming unfit to eat. For this reason, we dig trenches for the potatoes, fill the trench with stable waste and more sand and plant the potatoes, pulling a cover of soil over the filled trench and then covering the soil with more mulch. This is about the only crop we dig for. We often find huge cobblestones in our clay soil and these are useful around the farm for building cairns which act as shelters for grass snakes and other creatures.



This technique works great for flower beds too. Perennial flowers love the mulch and it keeps down the weeds and conserves water in the dry summers. I grow annual flowers in little pots and plant them out where I think I have some room. The ferocity of growth in my flower gardens means they usually get away from me but that is just because I don't have enough time and energy for all I try to do. The flowers are worth it all. I asked a flower judge once how competitors could do better at flower shows and she said, "Fertilize your flowers!" 🍷

...continued from P.4 Even simple one-word weather terms can be confusing. Showers. Rain. Drizzle. Sprinkles. What's the real difference? It's all about intensity and duration. Like the qualities of an ideal partner, Rain is steady, has a continuous fall of water droplets, often lasting for long periods. Showers, on the other hand, have issues with commitment, are shorter and have more sporadic bursts that come and go quickly. While Rain can be heavy and persistent, Showers are usually lighter and more scattered. It's definitely a toss up. Focused and driven or fun and ditsy? Unfortunately, Rain is often associated with gloominess, while Showers can occur even on sunny days. No matter your persuasion, both Rain and Showers with their distinct characteristics are each unique in their own way.

What about Drizzle and Sprinkles? Like twin con-sorts, Drizzle and Sprinkles are often hard to tell apart. Drizzle is more of a fine mist, whereas Sprinkles is a very light Rain whose drops fall more sporadically. Luckily, both are fairly easy to distinguish from Rain and Showers. For one, their raindrops will be much smaller and won't amount to much water collected in your cistern.

Not to encourage amphibious breaching, but I do think Showers wins the congeniality contest – even if scattered. 🍷

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Honest Reporting Canada - Is it?

By Sally Campbell

My current *World Beyond War Course on Media & Communication for Peace* has begun with an examination of how to consume, critique and interact with media. This is a most compelling topic for me as a novice “Peace Writer”. We live in a time when mainstream corporate media in the west is seriously skewed toward supporting a status quo of imperial dominance – rooted in unbridled capitalism and growing militarism, funded largely by the US, by far the world’s biggest military spender. I intend to place my focus on media coverage of Israel, now in its **57th year** as the occupier of Palestinian Territories, and its 2nd year of a genocide on Gaza. Beginning here at home, I want to study the entity known as *Honest Reporting Canada* and consider its role in shaping text media on Israel-Palestine consumed by Canadians.

Honest Reporting Canada (HRC) started over 20 years ago when its founders observed that “falsehoods being reported by the news media about Israel often manifest as anti-Jewish sentiment and often turn into hate crimes against Canadian Jews.” Their website makes a link between reporting about Israel and “hate crimes” “often” following, but fails to give a single example of such an occurrence. (<http://honestreporting.ca>) **HRC describes itself as “Israel’s sword and shield”.** *Just Peace Advocates* states HRC’s purpose as being: “to control the narrative in Canadian media by overwhelming newsrooms with complaints of coverage critical of Israel, or supportive of Palestinian solidarity.” (*Just Peace Advocates*, October 11, 2024: *CRA asked to investigate HRC*). Why, you might ask, is **continued on P.7...**



Islands Trust

Denman Island Local Trust Committee PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Proposed Bylaw Nos. 248 and 249 Housing-Related Temporary Use Permit Review

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee invites the public to attend a Public Hearing beginning at **10:30 am, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, Denman Activity Centre, 1111 Northwest Road, Denman Island**, to hear your views regarding **Proposed Bylaw Nos. 248 and 249**.

- **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**

What are Bylaw Nos. 248 and 249 about?

The bylaw amendments to Denman Island Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) include:

- Removing the requirement for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for secondary dwellings in R2 (Rural Residential), F (Forestry), and RE (Resource) zones; and
- Removing the density bank.

How Do I Get More Information?

Copies of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information is available **online** from November 26, 2024 to December 9, 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.

Enquiries?

Contact the Islands Trust Northern Office, by email: northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, or phone: 250-247-2063.

Written submissions?

Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., December 9, 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.

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.

Nadine Mourao,
Deputy Secretary

...continued from P.6 Canada Revenue Agency being asked to investigate this group?

Because they are a registered charity under Canadian law. That means that anyone who donates to HRC gets a tax receipt, a write-off of their donation against their income. It means that Canadian taxpayers pick up part of the tab for HRC's work. HRC's website beckons donors with the promise that "any donation up to \$250,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by several HRC benefactors." Last year - 2023 - HRC provided over \$1 million in charitable tax receipts. Now this is a small amount in comparison to the sums raised by the many Zionist charities in Canada - which could be as much as a billion dollars annually (Yves Engler, *Canadian Foreign Policy Hour*, 4th October, 2024). It is yet another example of how tied in our charitable tax structure is with Israel's settler-colonial project, and how we subsidize the Zionist lobby's direct influence on the media we consume.

HRC further promises that "our educational initiatives combat the pernicious targeting of the Jewish people and *the nation-state of the Jewish people*, both recipients of hatred, double standards and contempt." If there's any doubt that HRC considers mere criticism of the State of Israel to be antisemitic, HRC "works to challenge anti-Jewish rhetoric, particularly *when antisemitism hides behind a mask of anti-Israel criticism*". (Italics mine, from website, above.)

One way HRC does its work is by coaching its 60,000 subscribers to respond to its cues, write media outlets complaining that any criticisms of Israel are antisemitic. No one wants to be considered antisemitic, so, as their website boasts, HRC is often successful. The website provides a glossary of "Problematic Mideast Terms" and the preferred substitution. Here are some examples:

Settlement	Neighbourhood
West Bank	Judea & Samaria
Occupied Territory	Disputed Territory
Militant	Terrorist

Language shapes thinking, and we can see how the preferred substitutions create the illusion, the fiction, that the Occupied Palestinian Territories (that is: West Bank, East Jerusalem & Gaza) are not occupied since 1967, they are "disputed". And that gated, armed, Jewish-only, settler- colonial settlements aren't actually "settlements", they are much more friendly - neighbourhoods in fact! And that a Palestinian militant who resists those designations, non-violently or otherwise, is a "terrorist".

Why has *Just Peace Advocates* filed a complaint to CRA re **Honest Reporting Canada**? Because they are very likely in violation of Canadian *and* international law. Canada has stated, in accord with international law, that the West Bank settlements are illegal. Canada has never formally recognized the so-called "annexation" of East Jerusalem by Israel. The **International Court of Justice** has ruled (19th July, 2024) that the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal, and that all member States are obliged to oppose that occupation.

On October 18th, 2024, a *UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry* released its "Legal analysis & recommendations on implementation of the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion, Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem." The Commission's Position Paper states:

"With respect to non-profit or non-governmental organizations, States must carefully review any organization that is financially or politically supporting the unlawful occupation. States shall not give support to these organizations, for example through allowing the organization to have tax exempt status or providing tax deductibility for donations to the organization and must ensure that financial contributions to support the unlawful occupation, including settlements and settlers, cease."

To have Canadian taxpayer money going to silence criticism of Israel's illegal actions very likely violates CRA criteria for holding charitable status. Now that CRA has formally revoked the charitable status of the *Jewish National Fund* and the *Ne'eman Foundation*, perhaps the door is opening to demand real accountability of other charities such as HRC and require them to live up to their name or lose their comfortable status. You can tell CRA what you think as well by going online and filling out CRA's *RC193 Service Feedback Form*.



A Bit About This Strange Little Project Of Mine

By Caitlin Johnstone

November 27th, 2024

Every so often I like to write out a basic explanation of who I am and what I'm trying to do here. As an entirely reader-funded writer I think it's important to periodically lay out exactly what I'm about so that any patrons or would-be patrons can assess if this weird little project here is something they want to support.

For starters, everything "I" write here under the name of Caitlin Johnstone is actually the work of two people: myself and my American husband Tim Foley. Many of you might know Tim as the male voice who does the readings for all of our articles. While it's my vision and I'm in charge of the editorial direction these works take, Tim co-authors and co-signs everything I publish. Most of the stuff you read here arises from conversations he and I have while nerding out about war, philosophy, humanity, and how to save the world.

Tim and I met in an online discussion group about spiritual enlightenment. He moved out here to Australia to be with me in 2016, and a few months later we found ourselves writing political essays which at the time focused on the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign. After a long series of miracles, mishaps and embarrassments, we somehow wound up doing crowd-funded commentary as a full-time gig.

It was strange and scary suddenly amassing a large following before we'd really had time to learn and grow in our understanding of the world. We'd both spent many years mostly unplugged from politics focused entirely on spirituality and healing, and then all of a sudden we were seized with this powerful impulse to begin writing about the world's problems and had to do so with thousands of people watching us while we were still total neophytes to the political scene. Most people who do things in front of an audience get to spend a long time practicing before they step onstage, but we had to learn on the fly and feel our way into it, and it was frequently both terrifying and humiliating. Eventually we got the hang of it, but we continue to learn and grow.

The basic premise of everything you read here is fairly simple and straightforward: we live in a tyrannical dystopia that's driving humanity to its doom, and we need to wake up from the propaganda indoctrination and egoic delusions which keep us complying with the status quo so that we can use the power of our numbers to overthrow our oppressors and create a healthy world. We come at it from countless angles using all different approaches, but that's the basic message and the idea underpinning it all.

Ideologically we're about as far on the left end of the political spectrum as it gets. Tim was a bit of a US-model libertarian when we first met, but I tricked him into becoming a commie using my feminine wiles. Because we see all of humanity as deeply deluded at this point in history we're reluctant to identify with any particular political faction or group up with any particular clique, but it seems pretty clear that a healthy world where the environment is protected and people's basic needs are met will necessarily entail the complete dismantling of capitalism. We're going to have to transition from competition-based systems to collaboration-based ones where we all work together for the good of every living being.

Our business model is one of the most interesting and unique things about our project. Everything we publish is free to read, and anyone who wants to is encouraged to republish, repurpose and re-use anything we create free of charge. All our income consists of donations from people who support what we're doing and want to help us continue doing it, without expecting anything in return; there are no special perks offered for donating besides our gratitude and your knowledge that you're supporting something you believe in. We try to shape our lives like the kind of world we want to see emerge in the future, and this miniature collaborative unconditional gift economy is one of our efforts at doing that.

For some strange and miraculous reason this peculiar model seems to actually work, and we've been able to dedicate our lives to making ourselves as useful as possible in the best way we know how. It has been a thrilling adventure and a great privilege to do this for a living, and we are so unspeakably grateful to everyone who makes it possible.

Our hope of course is that one day this job becomes unnecessary because the wars, tyranny and abuse have ended and a healthy society has been created. Nothing would make us happier than to become obsolete and unnecessary so that we can hang up the gloves and move on to the next project. That is part of the future we are working toward.

Until then, we'll be here. Writing every day, taking as few days off as possible, and doing everything we can to open eyes and throw sand in the gears of the machine.

Thank you so much for traveling with us, in whatever way you travel.



Petition to the B.C. Ombudsperson to Investigate the B.C. Ferry Commissioner

Ombudsperson petition update: Below is a response from the Office of the Ombudsperson re opening a file to investigate the B.C. Ferries Commissioner for non-compliance of her mandate to

hold B.C.F. accountable. **If you received a response to a complaint from the Commissioner, pls email me a copy of the letter** (sharonesmall@gmail.com). I have two sample responses that include the predictable: the current budget cycle doesn't permit vessel replacement and/or this decision is B.C. Ferries', but more examples would strengthen our case that Commissioner Hage's responses to our complaints have failed to resolve our decade long problem with the corporation. I understand that if the Ombudsperson decides to investigate, that they will meet first with community members. .

November 14, 2024

File: 24-006480

Sharon Small

Dear Sharon Small:

Thank you for speaking with me today, November 14, 2024, outlining your concerns about the BC Ferries Commissioner. You informed me that you were concerned about the responses you had received from the Commissioner and that your community on Denman Island was feeling unheard.

To clarify the details of your complaint and determine what role our office may have; we require additional details from you. Please provide the responses you have received from the BC Ferries Commissioner. This information will assist in the further assessment of your complaint.

Please visit our website at www.bcombudsperson.ca for further information about the Office of the Ombudsperson.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Rousseau (she/her)

BC Ombudsperson

Early Resolution Officer 

Cowboy Corner: The Day Grandpa Died

By Conrad Campbell

I remember when Grandpa died. This isn't an easy story to tell, trust me. One night we were watching TV and all of a sudden he just kind of clutched his chest and slumped over. As I knelt before him, he put his hand on mine

and said, "Son, I'm not stupid. I know it's my time to go. I want to tell you something. Something you will need in this journey we call life". He said...

"Don't ever let anyone take naked pictures of you because although it may seem like a good idea at the time, you'll probably regret it later."

Then he just slipped away. Grandpa was gone.

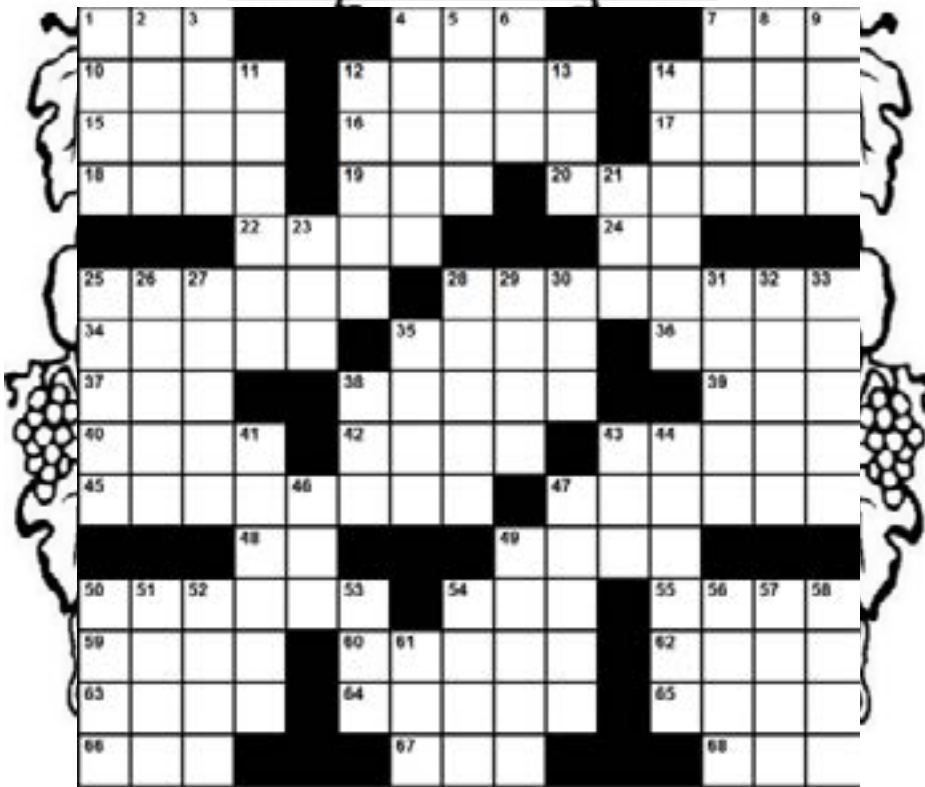
But then suddenly his eyes sprang open and he shook his head a couple of times and looked annoyed. "Why the Hell are you up so late??" he barked. "You're kneeling on my hand you little prick! Get up and pour me another glass of that bourbon then get the Hell out of my sight!!".

Many years later a knock came upon the door. When I opened it there before me stood an RCMP officer. He had his hat in his hand, and I got the feeling this would not be a happy visit. "I'm afraid I have some bad news today", he said. "It's about your Grandfather. He suffered a massive heart attack and passed away while engaged in a drug and alcohol fuelled threesome with a couple of the waitresses from the truck stop he hung out at. I'm very sorry".

And that was the day that Grandpa died. So long Grandpa, happy trails... 



• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. 10th mo.
4. Any miss
7. Airport sight
10. Clue professor
12. Accra's country
14. Bath attire
15. Charisma
16. Draw a comparison
17. Accessible
18. Not right
19. Aves, once
20. Be a snitch
22. Cloth scraps
24. Univ. degree
25. Behind
28. Party goers' cry
34. Kind of glue
35. A real butte
36. Original Big Bang matter
37. 60 sec.
38. New York island
39. Grandson, perhaps
40. Apartment
42. Cold war power
43. Limited
45. Source of help
47. Exertions
48. You and I
49. Bubbly beverage
50. Dwarfed shrub
54. Harbor vessel
55. Bar fixtures
59. Bad deed
60. New growth

62. Exuberance
63. Chaucer product
64. Heavily fleshed
65. Artist Bonheur
66. A Canadian export
67. Be unoriginal
68. 6th sense

• DOWN •

1. Autumn birthstone
2. Detective's find
3. Home street, to a gang
4. Switchblades
5. Maori war dance
6. Capt.'s heading
7. Ancient Egyptian
8. Cain's victim
9. Caesar's well
11. Array
12. Yuletide punchbowl fill
13. Aardvark fodder
14. Road configuration
21. Band aid
23. Even the slightest primate
25. Madagascar
26. Express a view
27. Part of SST
28. Become aware of
29. Exploiter
30. Bit of light
31. Kind of vein
32. Fishing net
33. Discharges light
35. Playwright Hart
38. Cowardly person
41. Rumble
43. Check erosion
44. Moon feature
46. NAFTA member
47. Like London weather

49. Furniture set
50. Alpha follower
51. Egg outline
52. Barge setting
53. Belief, in brief
54. Capturing device
56. Balm ingredient
57. Bidding word
58. Break sharply
61. Black-eyed item

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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• Last Week's Answers •

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1	4	7	6	9	5	3	2	8
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GRUMPISM

“Two guys walk into a bar. The third one ducks.”



• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• SERVICES •

Have a trailer available for yard cleanup of unwanted junk around your yard or house.

Call Brian for an estimate at:
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Exterior cleaning service. Offering cleaning solutions for your windows, gutters, roofs, decks, driveways, chimneys, siding, awnings, etc. Reasonable rates with professional results. Call or text Bjorn for free estimate.
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COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS LINE:

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Come join our dynamic team with deep roots in the Denman community. This leadership position works closely with DICES council, staff, volunteers and community partners to create and deliver education and recreation programs for all Denman Islanders, and to ensure DICES is sustainable, financially stable, and meeting community needs.

We are looking for someone with experience and skills in: management of a not-for-profit organization, fundraising (community and grants), project management, communication, and financial administration.

30 hours/week; pay depending on experience. Start Date:

January 2025

Application Deadline:

December 6, 2024 at 5PM

Send your cover letter and resume to: dices.chair@gmail.com

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 28

- 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
- Contemporary Dance Class 5:30-6:30pm D.A.C.

FRIDAY 29

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 30

- 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 1

- Scrooge 2pm Dec.1st Front hall

MONDAY 2

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC

TUESDAY 3

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Palestine Film Night 5:30pm Back Hall

WEDNESDAY 4

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Gyrokinesis 9:30-10:30am D.I. Arts Centre

THURSDAY 5

- 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
- Contemporary Dance Class 5:30-6:30pm D.A.C.

FRIDAY 6

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 7

- 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
- Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair 10am-4pm

SUNDAY 8

- Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair 10am-4pm

MONDAY 9

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC

TUESDAY 10

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- D.I.L.T.C. Meeting Dec.10th 10am DAC

WEDNESDAY 11

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Gyrokinesis 9:30-10:30am D.I. Arts Centre

THURSDAY 12

- 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
- Contemporary Dance Class 5:30-6:30pm D.A.C.

