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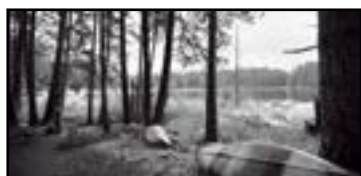
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SPECIAL INTEREST

Green Wizardries: Mulch While You Are Young

By Maxine Rogers

There is plenty of time and energy to do heavy work while you are young. Now, this brings us to the vexing question of what do we mean by young and what do we mean by old?

On our islands, the concept of age is different than in other places. Because we have so many older people, standards are higher here for claiming to be old.

I tuned sixty last summer and felt I had finally arrived as an adult. I felt sixty was the beginning of old. One of my very fit octogenarian friends was taking a walk with me when I announced that I was now old. She felt that being sixty, I was a mere giddy and unreliable girl. Another octogenarian friend explained that she felt old only begins after the age of seventy five. I have yet to ask my nonagenarian (people in their nineties) friend what she thinks.

Young is also different here. I had a lovely young woman tell me that she really was not a girl despite having just had a baby in her early forties. I explained that on Denman, a girl who is still fertile is considered little better than fetal herself.

Just let us agree that people who are brimming with energy and have few chronic injuries are to be classified as young. It is to these happy few that I wish to talk about mulch. Yes, mulch does attract slugs but that is just an example of the cussedness of life. Mulch is essential to cover the delicate and nutrient-poor soils we have. Mulch also nourishes the soil life, enriching the soil after being digested by innumerable tiny, hungry mouths. You can keep the explosion of slugs down with applications of organic slug bait available at the Hardware Store on Denman.

The largest soil organisms, the worms, dig tunnels in the soil allowing air and water to penetrate the soil readily. They also line these tunnels with their excrement in the form of worm castings. There is a really good experiment to do with children and gardeners. You get a large clear-plastic soda bottle and pour some damp soil in the top, shake it flat. Add some dried leaf matter, sand, clay, manure in layers. Now, add a few garden worms and cover the body of the soda bottle with dark paper.

Leave it in a cool, dark place such as the boot cupboard and take a look at it every two weeks and note the changes. The worms will work like the dickens to eat all the goodies. They will swim to the top and dive to the bottom. After a month or so, the entire contents of the soda bottle will be thoroughly mixed together.

This is what will happen in your garden if you mulch with organic matter such as stable waste, sand for clay gardens, seaweed which is such a boost to our mineral-poor soils, fallen leaves and compost.

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Shucking Oysters: Virtual Encounters

By Alex Allen

TRIGGER WARNING: *The following contains everything you didn't care to know about sex.*

Canadians are assumed to be boring, well-behaved, nice folks. Far from it, when it comes to adult entertainment, we great white northerners are rather adventurous. In fact, worldwide, we all seem to be on the same page when it comes to our private proclivities.

In Pornhub's 2024 annual report, for the second time in a row, the top search for Canadians was "MILF." Some may remember back in 2013, during an interview on Courtenay JetFM, a DJ asked then BC premier Christy Clark, what it was like to be a MILF. Ever the professional, Clark responded, "You know, I take that as a compliment...better a MILF than a cougar." The term was also the top search in several other countries, including the US, the UK, and Spain.

The number two search for Canada was "hentai." It seems that we aren't the only ones intrigued by the kinky Japanese cartoon genre, as it was also the most-searched term in the US, Brazil and the Ukraine. And in third place, Canadians searched for "Asian," bumping the "lesbian" category to fourth.

Some quirky stats: Canadian searches for "dominant woman" grew by a whopping 886%, "big natural chubby" (+764%) and "really old MILF" (+657%). Not sure what this reveals about us, but Germans have similar tastes.

The report did not have data by province, but did have info for US states. For instance, North Dakota searched "lesbian strap on" the most while South Dakota preferred "hot babes." And for California, the largest state, "friend's mom" was the winner.

In the most watched category, lesbian was once again, the top choice for Canadians, with MILF in the second spot. We did stand out globally with our viewing tastes, however. The "small tits" category was watched 82% more in Canada than the world average, and "virtual reality" and "red head" also saw a noticeable uptick in popularity.

With no surprise, the US was top of the list for traffic. The sheer amount of US visits to Pornhub was twice as much as both #2 France and #3 Philippines combined (Canada was #10). The endurance award goes to the Mexicans who spent just over 11 minutes per visit, followed by the Netherlands, the US, and Canada. Poland placed lowest at a mere 8 minutes and 35 seconds.

Australians enjoy women loving women as well, where "lesbian" was their most viewed category. In the US and many parts of Africa, "ebony" was number one. Across the pond, Greenland was more into watching lesbians and most of Europe were loving the MILF category. Not too surprising, the French were in love with themselves, as was their neighbour in Italy, and Brazil as well. Meaning, for example, to put it locally, we Islanders only watch "islander" videos like "Busty Hippy Pleasures Her Neighbour."

And what about women? Not only are women watching porn, but they're spending 17 seconds longer compared to the guys. Philippine female visitors topped the list again this year, with 59% of the traffic (versus the men at 41%). Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico all had similar viewing ratios of women over men. This could be explained by the culture of machismo in these countries. Hopefully the women were getting

TIDE TABLE

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

2025-01-09 (Thu)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
03:08	4.14	13.6
07:03	3.67	12.0
12:24	4.72	15.5
20:24	0.89	2.9
2025-01-10 (Fri)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
04:14	4.52	14.8
08:30	3.90	12.8
13:12	4.64	15.2
21:14	0.60	2.0
2025-01-11 (Sat)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
05:05	4.80	15.7
09:47	3.96	13.0
14:05	4.57	15.0
22:03	0.41	1.4
2025-01-12 (Sun)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
05:50	4.97	16.3
10:49	3.91	12.8
15:01	4.52	14.8
22:50	0.33	1.1
2025-01-13 (Mon)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
06:31	5.04	16.5
11:42	3.80	12.5
15:57	4.47	14.7
23:34	0.36	1.2
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Time	PST (m)	(ft)
07:08	5.06	16.6
12:29	3.66	12.0
16:51	4.40	14.4
2025-01-015 (Wed)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
00:16	0.49	1.6
07:41	5.04	16.5
13:16	3.48	11.4
17:43	4.28	14.0
2025-01-16 (Thu)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
00:54	0.73	2.4
08:12	5.01	16.4
14:02	3.28	10.8
18:35	4.10	13.5

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The worms will breed like mad in the protected soil with such a huge reserve of food. They will mix the soil and the amendments so you don't have to.

A thick layer of mulch on top of a paper or cardboard layer will kill off any weeds except buttercup which seems to have supernatural powers of endurance. A layer of newspapers six deep should be enough to kill or really slow down most weeds. Paper feed bags and layers of cardboard will certainly kill off most weeds. When the buttercups pop a couple of leaves to the surface, you will find the soil so fluffy that it will be easy to pull these nasty weeds out. Even buttercup will perish if it is placed in a really hot compost pile.



The key to having a very fertile garden is to increase the amount of organic matter in the soil, no matter what sort of soil you are starting with. If you can mulch your garden beds hugely every year, when you are young, when you become old, you can get away with far smaller quantities of mulch which will make your old age much easier. You want to make your gardens look as if they are covered with a feather bed, ten inches tall of compost. It is not too late, nor too cold to do that now. My husband and I just spent part of today mulching our beds.

Another thing to do while you are still young is to build a covered porch for your house. We did and it made our house so much bigger. We have an outdoor bath and a kitchen under the porch. This is an excellent place to bake bread in the summer, take a bath looking at the beautiful sky and trees and to sit outside during a down-pour or on a really hot day when you need some shade to be outside. 🍷

SPECIAL INTEREST

WindAnce: Journey of Self

By DICES

Jin Shin Jyutsu offers helpful and harmonizing opportunities to compassionately explore your inner world of Body, Mind, Spirit, Breath & Frequency. We invite you to take an hour for yourself to learn and practice basic Jin (hu-Man) Shin (Creator) Jyutsu (Art) self-care tools to Empower Inner Harmony and Personal Wellness.

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January 20 January 27 February 10 February 24

6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Community Room at the Denman Island Community School - entrance by the gymnasium.

Each class begins with a gentle invitation to movement/dance/stretch/rest followed by a simple set of instructions for a personalized self-care experience using Jin Shin Jyutsu hands on healing practice. Most of this class will be spent comfortably laying down or sitting while exploring opportunities to unlock self-care insight with Jin Shin Jyutsu instruction.

No previous eastern medicine training required. You can learn more about Jin Shin Jyutsu at this website:

<https://jinshinjyutsu.ca/windance/>

You can register to secure your spot by email to dices.communityprograms@gmail.com or by calling DICES at 250-335-2058.

The cost for each class is \$15.

Drop ins Welcome as space allows.

DICES supports this community education opportunity. 🍷

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In the US, 29% of Pornhub viewers were women. This has remained consistent year after year. Canada Australia, the UK and Germany had the same percentage, which once again can be explained by our culture. It's not all about boinking either, women are much more likely to view videos featuring scissoring, cunnilingus, and solo sex. And just to be clear, scissoring does not involve cutting or running naked with.

So, where does artificial intelligence play in all this? A lot. Millions of people are interacting with AI-designed virtual companions online. One company, Replika, has users creating custom digital girlfriends. No surprise, the clientele are male, Caucasian, and under age 30. The women are catching on, one announced on social media that she had "married" her Replika AI boyfriend, calling the chatbot the "best husband she has ever had."

Sex doll vendors such as Joy Love Dolls offer interactive real-life sex-bots by mail order, with not only custom breast size, among other preferences, but also "complete control" of features including movement, heating, and AI-enabled "moans, squeals, and even flirting from your doll, making her a great companion." At the budget level, you can choose Samantha for around \$2,000 or if you dare, in the premium category, Kendra Lust, who's name says it all, for \$6,000. One site optimistically explains that buying a sex doll may be a bit of an investment, but "it's cheaper than a girlfriend!"

Another company, realdoll, only has a selection of five male dolls (versus 41 female) – Michael, Nate, Lucas, Nick and Johnny – who all look, kind of creepy, like drug-addled serial killers. Or you can create your own model (but you're stuck with the faces). Not for the faint of heart, these silicone pseudo hunks with custom penis attachments can cost over \$8,000.

There's something not quite right about replacing a real human being with a totally submissive lust machine. Can you hear the talk? "I hear Barry has a new girlfriend, but I've never seen her." "Me, neither. But, he looks happy." 🍷



SPECIAL INTEREST

D.I. Garden Society News

Now that the New Year is upon us, it's not too early to start thinking about this year's garden. However, we are still in the doldrums between the fall cleanup in the garden and the frantic season that begins with seed starting.

By Nairn Stewart
Now is a good time to reflect on last year's successes and failures, make plans for this year's garden layout, and pore over the tantalizing seed catalogues that arrive in the mail and in garden centres.

Our first DIGS monthly meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, January 15th from 1 to 3 pm at the Gathering Place at the United Church. Peter Karsten will start us off with a powerpoint presentation entitled Denman Garden Secrets. Those who heard Peter speak at our meeting in April 2024 will know that we are in for a treat.

The garden club welcomes new members, whether you are a beginning gardener or a seasoned expert. You can purchase a membership at any meeting (memberships are \$15 per year for an individual or \$20 for a family), or you can just come and sit in first to see if it's for you. Our members enjoy monthly speakers, seed and plant exchanges, field trips, garden visits, and a whole lot of camaraderie and sharing of garden knowledge and lore. DIGS is a great place to make new friends and get inspired to create a standout garden. 🍷

The Denman Island Purple Martin Preservation Project

By C Rea

“WILDLIFE WEDNESDAY” SERIES

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL (BACK HALL) – 7:30 to 8:30

Hi there Denman Islanders! We wanted to give you a heads up about an upcoming series of wildlife talks by renowned BC biologists – right here on Denman this winter. The Purple Martin Preservation Project team (A Committee within DIRA) is planning to sponsor a series of talks on various wildlife conservation efforts ongoing in British Columbia, called “Wildlife Wednesday”. It is a pilot program, with invited speakers coming to Denman once a month from January through April. The talks will be held in the Back Hall at 7:30p. If there is sufficient interest, we will consider expanding the series moving forward. The wildlife conservation projects will cover such topics as eagle recovery through construction of man-made nest boxes, painted tortoise recovery, breeding and recovery of the wild marmots on Mount Washington and a success story about the Taylor’s Checkerspot butterfly recovery on Denman Island from 2013 to 2016.

We have partnered with a national wildlife organization called Wildlife Preservation Canada, based in Guelph Ontario to help us reach a national audience to support our efforts toward Purple martin preservation. You may recall seeing the Purple martins swooping through the air around the nest boxes at the ferry terminals on Denman West and Buckley Bay during the summers. We installed new nest boxes designed by Peter Karsten in the spring of 2024. If you’re interested in learning more about our efforts, please go to Wildlife Preservation Canada’s website; our Purple martin project was featured in their latest publication -- wildlifepreservation.ca.

The current lineup of speakers for this winter is as follows:

January 22: Peter Karsten, Naturalist & former Executive Director of the Calgary Zoo – Establishment of a captive breeding program of the Taylor’s Checkerspot butterfly in 2012 on Denman Island; the first in Canada. A video presentation that was supported by Wildlife Preservation Canada (WPC).

February 26: Andrea Gielens, Prof Biologist and Project Team leader for the Painted Turtle Project (WPC) - Recovery Programs for Western Painted Turtles, Oregon Spotted Frogs and Taylor’s Checkerspot Captive Breeding Program at the Vancouver Zoo. Supported by Wildlife Preservation Canada.

March 26: David Hancock, founder of the Hancock Wildlife Foundation - Bald Eagle conservation through management and monitoring of man-made nests.

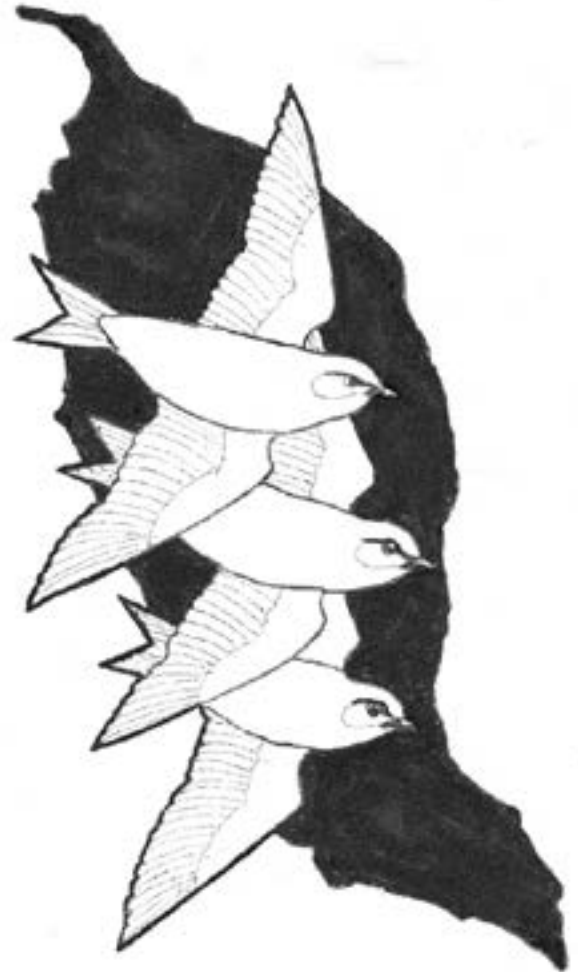
April 23: Martin McAdie, DVM & Manager of the Marmot Recovery Program, Breeding Facility and Foundation at Mount Washington BC. Preservation strategies of the Vancouver Island Marmots in the wild.

We will keep you posted as the events get nearer and hope you will come out and support us!

Cheers,

The Purple Martin Preservation Project team!

Executive team members: P. Karsten, C. Rea, J. Scruton, V. Hammell, B. Jones, D. Heyland plus many dedicated volunteers – THANKYOU!!



Helliwell habitat work continues

*By Chris Junck
Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly
Recovery Project*

Hornby Island Community School students from Miranda Guzzo's classes made a significant contribution to the habitat restoration project in Helliwell Provincial Park this fall. On October 22, they planted yarrow, woolly sunflower, California brome, Junegrass and blue wildrye in bare patches of soil in the park after piles of dead branches and other forest fire fuels were burned last winter.

The native plants were grown for the restoration project by Hornby Island Natural History Centre stewards. Neil Wilson, one of the stewards, said, "thanks everyone for your work in setting up and pulling off our eighth successful Hornby Island Community School, Natural History Centre, BC Parks, and Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project collaboration. We managed to plant 592 native plant plugs for the Taylor's checkerspots!" "Wow - what an awesome effort," said Hornby Island Community School Principal Lisa Malones.

The long-term project is enhancing Helliwell's Garry oak and coastal bluff meadow habitat and reducing forest fire fuels. More dead branches and selective trees will be removed and burned this winter, followed by native plant seeding and planting.

The project aims to improve habitat for endangered Taylor's checkerspot butterflies and other at-risk species. The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team is cautiously optimistic that the work is paying off. Taylor's checkerspots that were raised at the Greater Vancouver Zoo by Wildlife Preservation Canada staff and released in Helliwell last year reproduced. Their larvae overwintered and emerged in the spring. This is an encouraging sign that the butterflies may re-establish a population in the park.

The project team would like to thank the Cowichan Tribes, Halalt, Homalco, K'ómoks, Lake Cowichan, Lyackson, Penelakut, Qualicum, Snaw'Naw'As, Stz'uminus, Tla'amin, We Wai Kai, and We Wai Kum First Nations for allowing us to restore ecosystems in their traditional territories. Several local volunteers from Conservancy Hornby Island, the Hornby Island Natural History Centre, the Hornby Island Provincial Parks Committee, and others also contributed to the success of this project.

The recovery project has benefited from funding and in-kind contributions from the BC Parks Licence Plate Program, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund, and the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (Ecosystems Branch), Canada Pollinator Partnership and others.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team includes biological consultants and representatives from the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks, BC Parks, Denman Conservancy Association, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Mosaic Forest Management, Wildlife Preservation Canada, and others.

Learn more about the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly:

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Background Information

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*)

Also known as Edith's checkerspot.

Historical range was Hornby Island, southeastern Vancouver Island, Puget Trough and to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In B.C., they were once abundant at 10 sites in the Greater Victoria Area, one site each near Mill Bay and Comox, and sites on Hornby Island (including Helliwell Provincial Park).

They were thought to have been extirpated (became locally extinct) from Canada by 2000 when no Taylor's checkerspots could be found in their last known sites on Hornby Island despite intensive searches. However, new populations were discovered on Denman Island in 2005 and near Campbell River in 2018.

It is federally listed as Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA Schedule 1), and is on the BC Red list of at-risk species.

Taylor's checkerspot butterflies need open sunny meadows where they can find suitable host plants (food for larvae and nectar producing flowers for adults), such as woolly sunflower, common camas, small-flowered blue-eyed Mary, wild strawberry, sea blush, and yarrow.

Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation are major factors in the species' decline. For example, the meadows along the coastal bluffs in Helliwell Provincial Park became less suitable for butterflies due to invasions of non-native plants and encroaching forests.

Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- or removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project is led by Jennifer Heron of the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship and is guided by the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team's Invertebrates at Risk Recovery Implementation Group. It is a collaborative effort to restore Taylor's checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities.

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The group had dirty hands and big smiles after planting nearly 600 native plant seedling plugs.



BC Parks conservation specialist Stephanie Govier provided information about the coastal bluff restoration work and planting instructions.

Photo: Bill Hamilton



Hornby Island Community School students, their teacher Miranda Guzzo, parents, Natural History Centre stewards, and BC Parks staff worked quickly to plant areas where brush piles were burned last winter.

Photo: Bill Hamilton



Forensic Architecture: Sleuthing for Justice

By Sally Campbell

Israeli architect Eyal Weizman is a new kind of investigator. He is founding director of Forensic Architecture, which is both a field of study, involving new ways of interrogating violent conflicts, and the name of a research agency. As he says, “We are the people’s forensic agency. We only interrogate militaries, secret services and police forces”. They also investigate the role of corporations and militaries in environ-

mental destruction. (interview with Peter Beinart, 27 November, 24.)

Born in Haifa, Israel, now based in London, Weizman, is Professor of Spacial & Visual Cultures at Goldsmiths, University of London. Forensic Architecture has a dozen offices from Athens, to Rio to Bogota; their researchers use spacial architectural technologies, in service of political studies and prosecution of war crimes all over the world. They also draw from software development, interactive cartographies, remote sensing, satellite image analysis, “situated testimony”, material analysis and crowd-sourcing.

Although their primary focus continues to be Israel-Palestine, one great example of their range is their ½ hour film, *Cloud Studies 2022*, which shows their ground-breaking work gathering evidence of environmental destruction caused by petro-chemical industries worldwide - work that gets presented in cases brought by legal activists against corporate developers.

Forensic Architecture provides architectural and media evidence to civil society groups, such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), and the UN.

Hollow Land: Israel’s Architecture of Occupation (2007), updated 2017, was my first introduction to the work of Weizman and colleagues. In it, he demonstrates the spacial planning aspects of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. He shows the long-standing intent to occupy, displace Palestinians and control the land, through detailed examination of the built environment over time. He shows the fortress-like nature of the settlements, their intentional placement on hilltops, their observation towers for the constant surveillance of Palestinians living in the valleys below, and the tragic fact of Zionist ghettoization of its own people in their segregated, walled-off enclaves.

After more than a year of research, Forensic Architecture has just released an 827 page report called: *A Cartography of Genocide; A Spacial Analysis of the Israeli Military’s Conduct in Gaza since October, 2023*. This report has been provided to South Africa’s legal team to support their case at the ICJ charging Israel with Genocide. Research entailed viewing 100’s of thousands of videos and testimonies coming from Gaza, “evidence flying at you” Weizman told Beinart. He says that they were looking not so much at the incident itself, “which is actually a war crime”, but at relations between statements and actions, between multiple bits of evidence, at “evidence of evidence” on a meta level. He states that you need to look at intent - cultural and political- which has been produced over a period of decades, to look at history and consider how intent was formed. You can’t understand Genocide without understanding the particular

environment, he says, and because we cannot know what is inside the archive of the Israeli military, what is behind their commands, we need to look for patterns. Actions which are systematic and widespread constitute a pattern. Patterns reflected in commands of the military were found by Forensic Architecture in Israeli destruction of:

1. agriculture
2. health infrastructure
3. public institutions &
4. displacement of Gazans.

Relations between the patterns have a compounding effect, coinciding, working together as a system, multiplying the effects on the population. According to Weizman, each one of the patterns fits a historical pattern, such as weaponizing the denial of humanitarian aid and the use of starvation. Since October, 2023, researchers found that over 70% of Gaza’s agricultural land has been destroyed, together with over 45% of its greenhouses. Those operations deny Gazans the ability to feed themselves. Together with the systematic with- *continued on P.11..*

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holding of food and water, they create conditions of famine. These same patterns were earlier evident in Israeli's long practice of "putting Gazans on a diet" by calculating the number of calories the population needed just to survive, and restricting the amount of food allowed into Gaza on that basis. They were evident in Israel's spraying of poisonous herbicides on Gazan farmland which started in 2014, destroying crops and livelihoods, documented by Forensic Architecture in Cloud Studies, 2022. Creating conditions where life is not possible is all part of Genocide.

Why is Forensic Architecture important?

We need the insights provided by research agencies such as Forensic Architecture because we are awash in propaganda disseminated by corporate media. We are at an historic time of recognizing the realities and inequities created and sustained by imperialism, colonialism and corporate capitalism. We need to learn the truth from reliable sources. In their own words: "We are an interdisciplinary agency operating across human rights, journalism, architecture, art and aesthetics, academia and the law. In 2022, the Peabody Awards programme wrote that we had co-created 'an entire new academic field and emergent media practice'; in 2024, the European Research Council assessed Forensic Architecture as 'a scientific breakthrough (defined as a revolutionary work that led to deep change in existing paradigms or new methods opening a new stream of research)'... Since 2020, FA has supported the growth of agencies worldwide that practice and apply our methods. The Investigative Commons is both a global network of practitioners, and a physical space in Berlin, within the offices of our sister agency Forensis." Check them out for yourself at <https://forensic-architecture.org>.

Next week: Part 2

h/t Michael McNamara for architectural context



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Children need to see adults engaged in meaningful work, for it inspires children to play. When helping children who can't play, it is astonishing how quickly play can be reactivated, once children are exposed to real work. **Without play children are less likely to be able to form their own independent ideas.**

This in turn can have an impact on society, for democracies rely on citizens being able to think creatively and independently

On the other hand, totalitarian regimes do not tolerate such independent thinking... **If one wants to prepare children for life in an active and thriving democratic state, then it is critical that we help them play creatively when they are young.**

(Joan Almond)

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There Is No Need To Wait For Revolution Or Paradise

By Caitlin Johnstone

January 9th, 2025

There is no need to wait for the great revolution to begin fighting against our rulers. There is no need to wait for things to get better to experience this world as paradise. The time for both of these things is now.

Right at this very moment you can begin a daily practice of sowing the seeds of revolution. You as an individual cannot defeat the empire yourself, but it is absolutely within your power to open a few people's eyes to the reality that the status quo is unacceptable, and that a better world is possible. It is absolutely within your power to show people how they've been lied to their whole lives about their country, their society and their world, and to show people how they are currently being deceived about stories that are in the news today.

You have an ability to share ideas and information which revolutionaries of past generations could only dream of. You can make a daily practice of using these unprecedented abilities to expand awareness of what's wrong with our society and how to fix it, in your own words exactly as you see things. There is no need to wait for the deus ex machina ending of Marxian prophecy where the contradictions inherent in capitalism give rise to revolution. You as an individual can begin planting the seeds of revolution right now.

And right at this very moment you can begin experiencing this world as paradise. Even in the thick of this nightmarish dystopia, this moment right here and now is electrifyingly beautiful. You can learn to look at this human experience with new eyes, hear it with new ears, feel it with new flesh, in each and every moment. As fucked up as we know things are intellectually, there is nothing stopping us from learning to relish each moment of life on this amazing blue planet and to suck in its air like a passionate lover.

So there's nothing to wait for. Not revolution, and not the beautiful world we want to build once we have wrested control away from our abusive rulers. Both revolution and beauty are available to you right now. Don't waste another second of your life waiting for them.

You're not at the bus stop, you're on the bus. Get to work, angel.



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Hornby Island's Community Paper

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Right, Left, Right, Left, Right, Left, Right.....

The former Centre has become the Far Left.
The former Left has joined forces with the former Centre,
together making up the Far Left.
They are both considered creepy.
Meanwhile, the former Right has become the Centre Right.
The original Right has been abolished.
The former Right, now considered to be the Centre Right
has been described as the Far Right, by the Far Left,
who consider them dangerous.
The Greens talk a lot and drink even more.
The Bloc represents it's own country that hasn't yet
evolved to the right/left parody. Attache la tuque!
Where does that leave the anarchists?
Surely the massive upheaval in party politics
has created an opportunity for the anarchists
who were never able to tell Right from Left in the first place.

Anarchy:

*"the organization of society on the basis of voluntary cooperation,
without political institutions or hierarchies"*

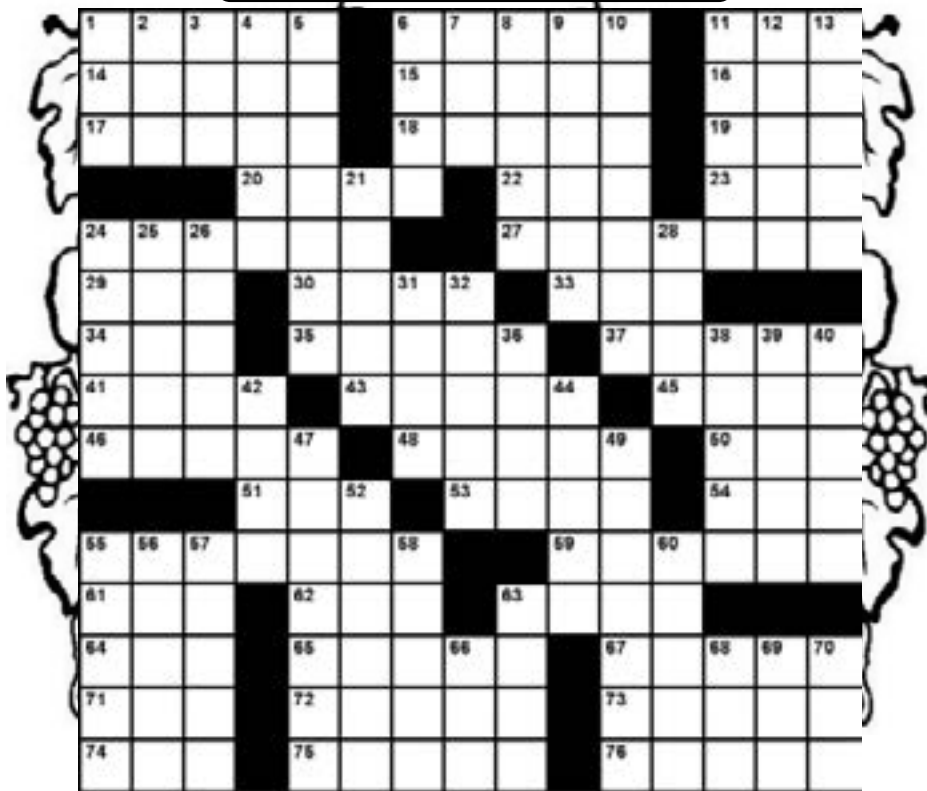
Helen Grond

12 30 24 skin pillow

We ate the Vietnamese cold
but still I loved the soggy, crusty
spring rolls which had begun to crack
like old skin and the salad with mint,
lime and cilantro filled me with light and goodness
and the charbroiled prawns grown in a far
east mud pond were still delightful with the sweet
yellow oily dipping sauce so I dumped on
the rice and vermicelli and laced it with the best
red hot Sambel Oleck I had in the fridge
and my wife had baked a pie with our own raisins
from our Nimrod grapes and we streamed
the Bear and when I rolled off of the couch I was
self propelled by air and gas floating in a
soft languor like a man who is nothing more
than a skin pillow.

Alan Black

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Destined to diet
6. Spandex Brand
11. Cookbook meas.
14. Certain laughter
15. Hearing related
16. Caught ya!
17. Barcelona mister
18. Cramp
19. Account exec
20. Be furious
22. Bath, for one
23. Con artist's target
24. Minor defect
27. Kind of deprivation
29. 1 billion years
30. Goes by foot
33. East Indian transport
34. Actor's hint
35. Mark replacers
37. Ark measure
41. Half ton measures
43. Hen, perhaps
45. Besides
46. Old Roman port
48. By the book
50. Worldwide labor org.
51. Almost deflated
53. Emulate Sinbad
54. After taxes
55. Set of teeth
59. Ancient chipped stone
61. Angry state
62. Affront socially

63. Biblical preposition
64. Drop the ball
65. Essential oil
67. Be of profit
71. D.C. internet domain
72. Wild Asian dog
73. Right hand page
74. Bauxite bonanza

• DOWN •

1. Mild interjections
2. Brief farewell
3. Still, in verse
4. Nose noise
5. Otologist's case
6. Emit amplified light
7. Indeed, cowboy style
8. Boorish
9. Spoke loudly
10. Fact book
11. Body trunk
12. Cut wool
13. Opium source
21. Spooky creature
24. Kind of lizard
25. Name of 18 French kings
26. Bungling
28. Jaeger
31. Contract variety
32. Entrance hall
36. Desert lily
38. Light pancakes
39. Cay or ait
40. Kind of fairy
42. Mud deposit
44. Crow cousin
47. Wild sheep of northern Africa
49. Acrobats' outfit
52. Twist in pain
55. Artist Rivera
56. Baseball flub
57. Daredevil's need
58. Bar, in law

60. Beau
63. Carbamide
66. Actress Macgraw
68. Air hero
69. Possessive pronoun
70. Angeles preceder

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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• Last Week's Answers •

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GRUMPISM

“ I accidentally swallowed some scrabble tiles and now I am experiencing vowel movements. The next trip to the bathroom could spell disaster. ”



Thank you Noel VILLARD

• Last Week's ANSWERS •

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• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm



FRIDAY 10

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

SATURDAY 11

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

SUNDAY 12

MONDAY 13

TUESDAY 14

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

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• Chair Yoga 11am-12:15pm The Gathering Place
• Moderate Hatha Yoga 4:15-5:30pm
The Gathering Place

WEDNESDAY 15

• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• DIGS Meeting 1-3pm The Gathering Place
• Vigorous Hatha Yoga 5-6:15pm
The Gathering Place
• DAAC Open Mic 7:30pm Back Hall

THURSDAY 16

• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• Gentle Hatha Yoga 3:30-4:45pm
The Gathering Place

FRIDAY 17

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Deadline for February's Flagstone

SATURDAY 18

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

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

• Deadline for February's First Edition 11:59:59pm

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC
• Jin Shin Jyutsu D.I.Comm. School Gym 6:30pm

TUESDAY 21

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• Chair Yoga 11am-12:15pm The Gathering Place
• Moderate Hatha Yoga 4:15-5:30pm
The Gathering

WEDNESDAY 22

• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• Vigorous Hatha Yoga 5-6:15pm
The Gathering Place

THURSDAY 23

• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
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• FREE STORE 3-5pm



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