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Publisher.*

## The Food Bank is Moving

COMMUNITY INFO

By DICES

**O**UR Food Bank is moving! The Denman Island Community Education Society is excited to move into the old preschool in the Community Hall. We have been busy renovating, painting, and sprucing up the room to get ready for our moving day on Saturday, January 21st. Come bring your strong backs and joyful spirit on the 21st to help us move. We are meeting at 10 am in front of the school. There will be snacks!

Thank you to the Community School for letting DICES use the portable for so many years. Thank you to the Community Hall for welcoming us in. Come see us in our new space, called "the Hub". The Food Bank, Teen Night, computer access, and many of our community programs will be run out of the Hub, so come visit us. It's going to be beautiful and cozy! 🍷

## 2023 Denman Island Phone Directory

COMMUNITY INFO

By Ian Lark · DID

**I**T'S that time of year, again! Production of the 2021 Denman Phone Directory is now underway.

Are you new to the Island or recently moved? Please submit changes and new listings to denmanislanddirectory@gmail.com (preferred), or leave a message at 250-335-1483 by Friday, March 3. We rely on your feedback to keep the Directory accurate and up-to-date - if you spot any errors or omissions, please let us know!

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*This project is a fundraiser for Arts Denman, and proceeds benefit a wide range of arts programming on the Island.* 🍷

## Denman Island Housing Groups Join Forces to Meet Community's Affordable Housing Needs

COMMUNITY INFO

By DCLTA

**T**HE two non-profit housing organizations on Denman Island have agreed to work together to most effectively meet the community's affordable housing needs. The Denman Housing Association (DHA) and the Denman Community Land Trust Association (DCLTA) have signed a memorandum of understanding pledging to work cooperatively.

"The outcome may eventually be a single organization or it may be two groups - one focussed on acquiring land and one focussed on building and operating affordable housing," said Simon Palmer, chair of the DHA board. "Regardless, the effect will be greater clarity for the community and for funders and also a maximizing of the skills and efforts of everyone involved."

An early result of the cooperation pledge is an agreement to reserve a minimum of five units in the upcoming Denman Green project for seniors housing. The move follows the recent loss of the property the DCLTA had intended to buy for the eight-unit Pepper Lane seniors affordable housing project.

"We are grateful that DHA has come forward with this generous offer because it ensures that at least part of our original goal with Pepper Lane will be met more quickly than if we started from scratch," said Stephanie Slater, co-chair of the DCLTA board. "Re-zoning and other development requirements take a long time, so Denman Green is now our community's earliest hope for affordable housing."

While the DCLTA and DHA explore organizational options, the DHA will focus on completing Denman Green, a 20-unit affordable housing project planned for

families and individuals on Northwest Road, near the Denman Island village centre. At least one DCLTA board member will join the DHA board in the interim and others will offer their expertise to the project on an as-needed basis.

Meanwhile, the DCLTA will continue to seek land for other affordable housing projects.

"All the funds originally donated to buy the land for the Pepper Lane project will be kept aside for land acquisition," said Doug Olstead, DCLTA co-chair. "In this way, we will honour the intentions of the donors as closely as possible."

Both organizations continue to welcome tax-deductible donations (see the respective websites for information about donating). Anyone with ideas for land that could be purchased, donated, or bequeathed for housing is asked to contact the DCLTA at [info@denmanaffordablehousing.org](mailto:info@denmanaffordablehousing.org). Property could be in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and/or could require subdividing.

#### Denman Community Land Trust Association (DCLTA)

<https://denmanaffordablehousing.org/dclta/>

#### Denman Housing Association (DHA)

<https://denmanhousing.wordpress.com> 🍷

## January Classical Music Concert

MUSIC

By Kai Gleusteen

**F**OR those who don't know about the Kaimerata Chamber Music Festival on Denman Island, here is your chance to have a little taste of yet another hidden gem of our island. The core of the Kaimerata ensemble is a European-based internationally acclaimed violin/piano team, Kai Gleusteen and Catherine Ordroneau. They will appear in concert in the Denman Island Community Center this Friday the 20th of January at 7:00 p.m..

Kai and Catherine will perform the gorgeous Schubert Fantasy, a very special work among Franz Schubert's compositions known for its beauty, difficulty, and charm. Catherine will perform Franz Liszt's diabolically difficult programmatic work called the Dante Sonata, which is so named after Dante's Divine Comedy. They will finish with a preview for the upcoming summer festival, the Second Sonata for violin and piano by Robert Schumann.

Tickets for this Friday's concert will be available at the door and can be purchased in advance by e-mail transfer to [kaibarcelona@hotmail.com](mailto:kaibarcelona@hotmail.com). Adults \$25. Students \$10.

The summer festival, with three concerts programmed for August 10th, 11th, and 12th, will feature the Life and Music of Robert Schumann. The objective of the Kaimerata Concert Series, which originated in Barcelona, Spain is to increase the understanding and appreciation of one great composer at a time. In a friendly, accessible, and spontaneous way, Kai will present the works, talk about Schumann's fascinating life, and have his colleagues join him in world-class interpretations of this exceedingly Romantic music. This is the 9th Season on Denman Island and is one of the highlights of the summer.

Tickets and information for the summer festival on [www.kaimerata.com](http://www.kaimerata.com). 🍷

## Governance at Credit Union: Like Watching a Train Wreck in Slow Motion?

COMMUNITY INFO

By Bruce Bartchelor · CCCU Members Group  
offered no explanation or fix.

**I**N case members of Coastal Community Credit Union have lingering doubts about why the 300+ members group is urging everyone to vote "in favour" to BOTH term-limits resolutions, here are further developments and revelations.

Major mix-up with ballot package mail-outs. In many coastal communities, members are reporting receiving only one ballot when two or more members are sharing a joint account. We've asked but CCCU has

*continued on P.4...*

## TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •  
• Source: [tides.gc.ca](http://tides.gc.ca) •

### 2023-01-19 (Thu)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
|--------------|------|
| 05:08        | 4.7  |
| 09:43        | 3.9  |
| 14:11        | 4.6  |
| 22:07        | 0.4  |

### 2023-01-20 (Fri)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
|--------------|------|
| 05:50        | 4.9  |
| 10:38        | 3.8  |
| 15:09        | 4.7  |
| 22:54        | 0.2  |

### 2023-01-21 (Sat)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
|--------------|------|
| 06:29        | 5    |
| 11:28        | 3.7  |
| 16:06        | 4.8  |
| 23:40        | 0.1  |

### 2023-01-22 (Sun)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
|--------------|------|
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| 12:18        | 3.5  |
| 17:03        | 4.7  |

### 2023-01-23 (Mon)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
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| 00:24        | 0.2  |
| 07:42        | 5.1  |
| 13:09        | 3.3  |
| 18:01        | 4.6  |

### 2023-01-24 (Tue)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
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| 01:07        | 0.4  |
| 08:16        | 5.2  |
| 14:02        | 3    |
| 19:02        | 4.4  |

### 2023-01-25 (Wed)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
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| 01:48        | 0.8  |
| 08:49        | 5.2  |
| 14:57        | 2.7  |
| 20:07        | 4.2  |

### 2023-01-26 (Thu)

| Time PST (m) | (ft) |
|--------------|------|
| 02:30        | 1.4  |
| 09:21        | 5.1  |
| 15:53        | 2.3  |
| 21:19        | 3.9  |



*...continued from P.3* "CCCU recommends you vote in favour of this resolution" and "CCCU recommends you vote against this resolution" is printed right on the ballot itself. When attempting to vote online, the same messages interrupt the voting process. Is this even legal for a democratic institution? CCCU directors were asked how much this special resolution process is costing - so far they haven't released a figure - but we expect it could be over \$100,000 of the members' money wasted. For a decade, the BC Government regulator has been advising credit union boards to establish term limits, so a vote could have happened at any past AGM for almost zero extra cost.

Is CCCU losing members? In 2014, when CCCU was closing branches at Sointula, Cortes Island and Alert Bay, there were "110,000 members and clients." This month a count of 86,000 members is being used. And wondering how many of those member accounts are still active?

Members can read at [www.CCCU-membersgroup.org](http://www.CCCU-membersgroup.org) about the counter-resolution trap with its bully clause, and how the board's internal term-limits "policy" is being blatantly ignored by two decades-long-serving directors who have filed papers for re-election this Spring.

**Phoenix Riting!**  
**SPECIAL INTEREST** *By Phoenix Bee* I am going to address a current conversation on one of our local Hornby Island Facebook discussion boards. Folk are appreciating the moderator of one group, rightly, for his approach to moderation. Some suggest that I might do well to emulate his strategy of only allowing science-backed information to be posted on the group. While I agree, he is doing an excellent job moderating his group according to rules he defined when he created it, my approach is naturally different, as I have my own relationship to science and approach to information. I choose to limit posts to Hornby content.

My career as an astrologer / tarot card reader could be a clue that I do not reside comfortably in the box of 'trust the science'. After all, science does not trust me. As far as science is concerned, I am a parasite, a practitioner of malarkey.

It's hard to blindly trust science with a background like mine. My family of backwoods BC pioneers have a long history of shared paranormal or supernatural experiences. Like that party when a relative stopped in the middle of a sentence, her face suddenly white, and declared, "Bob's had an accident! He wrapped his car around a tree!"

The room received this information very seriously. No one scoffed, "There's no way you could know that, you are crazy." A posse was gathered and her brother Bob was rescued forthwith. He was found unconscious in his car which had indeed impacted a tree with a bit too much force. He was brought to the party, bruised and battered, demanding a drink.

There are countless times I have known what was about to happen with exactly time enough to avert disaster: such as having fallen asleep at the wheel, my eyes snapped to

By the way, during this period of questionable governance (we've only touched on some obvious red flags here), sources have revealed that the old-guard directors used their majority position on the board to vote themselves a pay raise. This is confidential now, but the amount will be noted in a future annual report.

Stay tuned. To bring an end to the rule of old-guard directors, please vote "in favour" to BOTH resolutions. Members can get a printed ballot at any credit union branch. And do tell your friends.

Thank you...

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*Bruce Batchelor, on behalf of the Coastal Community Credit Union - Members Group*  
*Help rescue and rejuvenate our co-operative credit union*  
*Over 300 members (so far) collaborating to realign CCCU to its founding co-operative principles of concern for community, encouraging co-operative development and democratic member control. Your deposits are never at risk, 100% guaranteed by the BC Government.*  
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attention just before striking an oncoming vehicle. Or that time my stepmother's dead father woke her in the night. From the foot of her bed where he stood, as she claimed, clear as day, he said to her, "Go to your mother, now, she's in trouble." And she did, she got up and drove to her mom's apartment, to find that her mother had fallen in the night and broke her hip.

These are things that happened, and only a few of a long string of such.

Science is extremely useful, assuming that studies are neither misleading nor funded with a biased outcome in mind, and it is too often employed to reinforce the dominant cultural narrative claiming the supremacy of so-called reason over feeling. Indigenous and traditional cultures have suffered horribly under this domination.

I am no fan of Science-as-a-belief system. I also love science as a source of information. Brains are meant to be exercised, each and every one. Freedom--of expression, of thought, of choice, of person--is my religion, if I have one.

As an astrologer, I am an expert in a narrow but very deep specialization. Each of us, without exception, hides within ourselves deep wells of being that do not admit the light, but contain the bulk of potential. It's my job to direct attention toward the areas we resist noticing the hardest.

Red pill or blue pill?

Red pill asks, Do you want to know the secrets? Or would you rather stay in the dream, enjoying your life when you do, suffering when you don't, without question or pause until you die?

Blue pill says, Do you want to live a normal life, with

responsibility for your own actions and no more, or will you squander all possibility of joy and pleasure in a delusional quest to 'save the world'?

My aunt died saying, "I know I'm in denial, and I'm perfectly happy with that. That's the way I like it." I said, you do you, Auntie. I love you. I do not judge.

Everything seems crazy when you look at it from an opposing point of view; conversely, everything is true from its own point of view. We all come from different directions and each of us defines slightly different things as 'real.' Reality is subjective as much as it is measurable. I submit that science and astrology (including all things 'magic, psychic, supernatural etc.') can be knit together, flow together and learn from each other. I study and apply scientific principles to my own practice.

I expect science is yet to learn about vibrational frequencies that are infinitely fine and eternally unmeasurable, but also real, tangible and effectual. The body is shockingly sensitive, entirely capable of registering any and all vibrations. Humans are sensitive to what we are actually sensitive to. And we trust what we trust according to our own experiential matrix and point of view. None are wrong; all have something to teach about the nature of reality. That's the nutshell version of why, as much as I love it, I just can't 'trust the science'.

*That's what I think! What do you think? email phoenixhornby@gmail.com* 🍷

## Green Wizardries, It's Not Spring Yet!

**SPECIAL INTEREST**

*By Maxine Rogers*

**YES,** I know it feels like spring and today, just after sundown, I saw a moth flying. That is very odd and probably not good for the moth and it does not mean spring is here.

I was out and about on Denman and an eager gardener started to talk to me about planting spinach now. I would not recommend planting spinach until March and I don't bother with spring spinach in any case because it bolts as the days lengthen. It is better to plant spinach in early to mid-August for a fall and winter crop that, if grown under the protection of a plastic tunnel, should still be giving you fresh greens until the end of May when they will go to seed.

I gave the gardener some of my Lucullus chard seeds. I told her not to plant it until May. Chard, being a biennial, will not bolt the first year and overwinters pretty well. I like to lift mature chard plants in the autumn and put them in my polytunnel, where they are sheltered from the winter frosts. Sometimes, I cover the chard with a blanket of remay during sharp frosts. Lucullus chard, cooked, tastes like very good spinach and has a lovely delicate texture.

We do have mild periods in our winter and spring here and gardeners are always trying to plant things early and getting caught by cold weather that was only unexpected because they were dreaming in technicolor.

Don't fall for this. There are a whole bunch of plants that if you plant them too early in a warm spell, will think it is summer and grow. Then, we will get a cold patch and the plants will think it is winter. Your biennials will then think they are in their second year and bolt. I had that happen to a whole bed of beets when I was a young gardener who planted too early.

So, what can we do in the garden now. That kind of depends on the garden. Mine is clay and I wouldn't recommend working a wet clay soil as you are just trampling it into potters clay. I had to go in after some delicious parsnips and was almost caught fast in the mud as I forked the parsnips out. The thick, sucking mud nearly ate my boot and I was eyeing my husband in case I had to call for extraction. I was able to extricate myself from the wallow with my parsnips but it was a close-run thing.

Mulching the garden is a good idea right now. Any bare ground should be covered up with whatever mulch you have on hand. I like to cover weedy ground with thick, paper feed bags and then cover the feed bags or cardboard or even a thick layer of newspaper with all the mulch I can lay my hands on. This protects your soil from rain damage and erosion, keeps the soil warmer, feeds the soil organisms and kills the weeds.

Now that the rains have come, it is a good time to plant trees. I have a little Italian prune plum some friends gave me and we will plant it out soon. Later this month, we can begin pruning the fruit trees, being very careful to clean our secateurs with rubbing alcohol or peroxide between trees.

Now is a good time to look over your garden notes and to plan where you want to rotate your crops this year. My new garden is a square divided into four quarters. I have one for brassicas, one for alliums, one for potatoes and one for corn which is such a greedy plant. All I have to do is look at my chart and turn the whole plan one click to the right and I have achieved rotation.

Last year, a friend bought certified-organic seed potatoes but they were infected with some rotting disease. I find that this has happened to a number of neighbours. For years, we have been told to buy only certified-seed potatoes but why bother when they are infected with a rotting disease? A couple of years ago, we gave friends some of our home-produced seed potatoes and they got a crop off those potatoes but the store-bought seed potatoes rotted and they lost their crop from those. So, I would say keeping some of your own potatoes for seed if you don't have any disease problems sounds like the way to go.

January is a wonderful month to read seed catalogues. I buy most of my vegetable seeds from Sal Domineli of Sweet Rock Farm on Gabriola island. Have a look at their excellent web site. I limit myself to three new herbs from Richters as more just confuse me and I lose control of events. Richters has a wonderful collection of medicinal, magical and culinary herbs. I will certainly be buying some of their scented geraniums, probably Attar of Roses which is wonderful for perfume making. There is just so much we can do in the garden, but not right now. 🍷

♥ Sending Denman Good Vibes to the publishers of the monthly art zine Republic. I look forward to the collage and appropriation art each month, and the centrefold comedy commentary. Republic, you rock!

♥ Thank you frumious Bandersnatch for healing me with your art! Mette would be proud of your proficiency in satirical collage. I laughed, I cried (with laughter), I put "Keep Denmanistan Warm" pride of place for my kids to giggle at. Healing powers you have! ~ Bethany Ireland

♥ I would like to send out good vibes & appreciation to my friend & fellow Hornby Islander, Phoenix Bee. She writes the always interesting & relevant weekly "Phoenix Riting" column in this here stellar publication. She never fails to be incredibly positive, inclusive & down to Earth about both the hard issues & sweetly sharing of the fun side of life as well. She has written & plays guitar to her own lovely songs as well as deejaying twice weekly at CHFR (Community Friendly Hornby Radio)...& she gives the best hugs too...Keep on rockin' in the free world, Phee!



## Maureen Drew Art Show at the Guesthouse

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

**MAUREEN DREW** has a show at the Guesthouse until the end of January. She loves to show

there and at Abraxus because people, coming for coffee, sit and look at the walls, which are always changing. Maureen's shows carry the idea of variety further. Those I have seen always exhibit a range of different styles and subjects. The Guesthouse show is no exception: serene landscapes, a pointillist moon, mossy forests, a forest resolved into patches of colour patterned by the dark verticals of trunks, snuggling lovers, a wildly abstracted tropical fish, and a frieze of figures entirely defined by colour shapes. Maureen has an eye that sees life in many different ways.

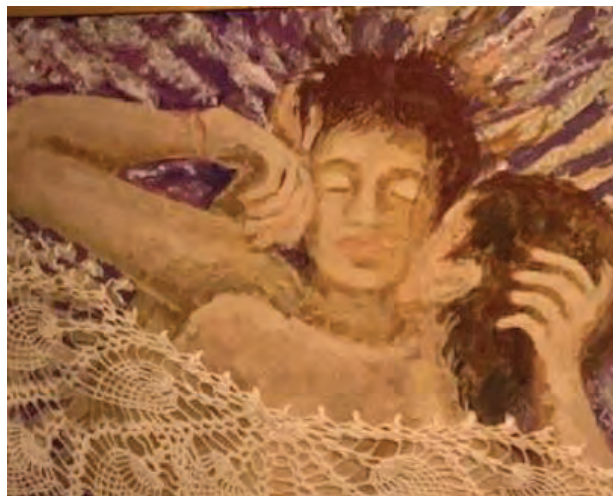


Winter in Central park

It is not surprising. One thing you quickly learn is that here is someone who knows how to take on challenges. Born in Leeds, England, she came with her parents to Canada at age eleven. The terms of their emigration required them to settle in Winnipeg whose famously harsh winters she was only too glad to leave.

The first challenge was education.

Dyslexic as a girl, she could not cope with school, and took it upon herself to quit in grade seven. By age 15, she was working full-time. That changed when she and her husband moved to the US where he obtained a doctorate when Canadian



Sunday Morning Sleep In



Moonlight

universities would not give him any credit for his technical education. Moving into a university environment made her more self-conscious about minimal education. Fortunately, the childhood dyslexia had ameliorated with age. She was able to catch up her schooling with a GEC, getting such good grades that she was encouraged to go on to university where she obtained a degree in interior design, happily churning out papers where previously spelling was impossible.

After living for a while in Brazil, where she gave birth in a Japanese emigrant hospital deep in the Amazon, Maureen returned to Canada, eventually settling in Victoria. That's when a second, major challenge reared its head.

Not long after she took a job as an instructor at a privately-run vocational school, she woke up one morning to learn that the school was in receivership. Given her own experience with educational disadvantage, Maureen has always been sympathetic to those who are not on the golden path of education and must find a way to get a decent job. She felt for the students and met with them to see what could be done to recover their fees. Encouraged by the Ministry of Education, who said that the student fees could be repaid up to 75 percent out of the insurance bond required by all privately run schools, she decided to start her own school. For the next fifteen years, Maureen ran the Pacific Design Academy in downtown Victoria, offering courses in building technology, and interior, graphic, and fashion design. It was a great deal of work, trying to meet the expectations of government, instructors, and students. University students, looking for practical skills that would give them a job, began to apply.

How does this tale relate to the paintings at the Guesthouse and those that crowd the walls of her house on Piercy Road? A practical person who found their path, Maureen's art is not the expression of the dispossessed, the disadvantaged or the discriminated. She points out that every student graduated with a portfolio demonstrating their capabilities for a variety of tasks in the workplace. Her own portfolio has followed her throughout her career as an interior designer. It is one way of looking at her show, as a sort of portfolio of aesthetic responses to different impulses and graphical challenges that she has been taking up since she arrived on Denman in 2005. It is the portfolio of a gifted and energetic artist free to explore whatever comes into their head without anger, resentment, or heartbreak. How many of us have come to this island with that hope in mind? 🍷

## Let's Get Back to Singing

MUSIC

By Kathy Rieder

**DENMAN COMMUNITY CHOIR** is going to start back singing

Thursday Feb 9 at 1:30 pm. Bethany Ireland will be our director and she brings with her so much energy, encouragement and knowledge, that we can't help but sound great when concert time rolls around. We are going to have 12 sessions, Thursdays Feb 9 to April 27 at the Denman Community Hall. The cost is Sliding Scale \$110-130. Arts Denman Grants Available. All Voices Welcome. For more info call Kathy 250-335-0559. 🍷



## Big Dawg

Date: February 27, 2007 10:43 PM

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

**W**ELL I suppose my time in the clink couldn't go by without some form of altercation. Nor could I find a bigger meat head with which to have an altercation! This beefcake by the name of Sean, who's shown to be equal parts irritating and juvenile, flashed his attitude at Blaster Hank. He was asking those of us assembled in the common room what the first three numbers in the Campbell River phone numbers were. Hank responded with 2-5-0. Sean proceeded in a snit to blow him off as he started to walk away. Then he spun around sharply to clarify his query once more to the room and Hank then rattled off all of the Campbell River exchanges, 9-2-3, 2-8-6, 2-8-7. Almost as quickly as Hank answered his very question, Sean wheeled away in a huff without it even registering. At this juncture, I piped up saying, "Hank is from Campbell River. He ought to know." Well it seems Sean didn't appreciate my attempt at clarification. He shot back at me to "mind my own fucking business," to which I paid him respects in telling him to "fuck off," in resigned exasperation. Evidently this isn't the best way to soothe a 230 pound man-child. He lept into my face and locked his psycho glare onto my eyes. The best I could tell, not one of the four twitched as he first told me to wash out my dreads before stating *if I wanted*, "we could head off to the washroom



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*...continued from P.7* To settle things out!" Some piece of work this guy is. Amidst all of his tough-guy posturing I offered that he should "take a pill," as I calmly remained seated. While it was that I didn't wish to tangle with this oaf for, doubtless, it would leave me a broken man, I wasn't about to be cowed by his antics. To show anything other than cool confidence I knew would only lead to continued difficulty with someone who has a more stunted view of conflict resolution than the mean. So flinch, I did not. Come this point, the on-duty C.O. raced from his bubble to quell the situation that Sean seemed intent on escalating. Almost simultaneously Sean conveniently departed in a huff. Truthfully, he was agitated from the very beginning. In his juvenile way, he wears his attitude on his shirtsleeve, and loudly at that. Truly painful to bear witness to yet also hard to be oblivious of within such tight confines. Such demeanor has won him nobody's favour on the range since his recent arrival and as a result he has been summarily labeled a 'head'.

Feeling his childish reaction towards Hank was uncalled for I, *perhaps* against better judgement, said what I said (that is if I really do like the way I look!). But as far as I'm concerned, sometimes things need to be said.

The C.O. approached me moments later to say that he asked Sean to keep his distance from me and that he'd like for me to do the same. I offered that in no way was I looking for a fight and he returned with, "I just don't need the grief." His body language and facial expression suggested that he understood Sean was the antagonist. That other C.O.'s have previously

expressed exasperation with his ways corroborates as much.

Anyways, with the excitement being over, I returned my attention to the Canucks game that I was peacefully watching before all the hullabaloo. With the score deadlocked at 1-1 in the second intermission, I got up from my seat and went out for a smoke. Nothing like nicotine to aid in relaxation.

So I'm sitting at the picnic bench with Kelly, exchanging social pleasantries and quietly enjoying my smoke. It took me a moment for my eyes to adjust but in the farthest corner of the courtyard sat Sean in the shadows, alone. I gathered he was still steamed and brooding, skeptical of his ability to dissipate his anger that quickly. No worries. I just sat there with my smoke enjoying the night air. Then, without provocation, Sean got up and bee-lined his way right at me. Knuckles dragging behind. Upon arrival, he threateningly raises an unopened can of pop aloft in his hand and he, again, leans right in my face to share his opinions with me. Telling me 'the world according to him,' he informs me that he'll take me out, right then and there. "I've got no problem spending 20 days in the digger (solitary confinement) if.... blah blah blah" and, "this is MY doghouse m\*\*\*\*\*-f\*\*\*\*\*! Don't think that I won't!" All the while I just kept my eyes fixed on his not saying a word. He climaxed by saying "keep your fucking opinions to yourself" Then off he stormed back into the range. How rich. So it has now been ordained. He is the 'Big Dawg.' Doubtful to my mind that he knows how to use the toilet for anything other than drinking.



**CO2 Footprint** *NE A R L Y*  
By Michael Rapati *OPINIONS* Everyone is aware of climate change due to our need to burn fossil fuels. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere reflecting infrared light energy back to earth. Heat that would have escaped into space, kept in our world with that cosy blanket of CO2. What I wonder about, is how much of that CO2 is caused by my actions. This got me to thinking how much CO2 is created by driving around.

First what I have to figure out is how much CO2 gets created by burning one litre of gas. I could do the stoichiometric calculations, following the chemical reactions of a molecule of gas reacting with ten molecules of oxygen to form CO2 and water or I could just do an online search. Of course I've forgotten all of my high school chemistry so I'm going to rely on the internet. The consensus is 2.3KG, that is a whopping 5 lbs. For those sceptics (like me); Petrol consists of 87% of carbon, or 652 grammes of carbon per litre of petrol. In order to combust this carbon to CO2, 1740 grammes of oxygen is needed. 652 + 1740 is 2,365 grams or rounding down, 2.3 KG. That I found pretty scary.

However that is not the whole story. How much CO2 is produced to make a litre of gas. That becomes more convoluted. Saudi oil, "sweet crude", is relatively easy, because its a lightweight crude easily pumped, easily shipped and easily refined. Canadian crude has the fourth highest carbon footprint to refine. Only Algeria, Venezuela, and Cameroon

have a higher CO2 footprint. However the exact amount of CO2 released into the atmosphere varies depending on who does the math. The oil companies put it at less than a lb. The web site innovationorigins.com, an independent journalists organization, puts the global average at about 720 grams or 1.6 lbs. Canadian crude is 50% higher which puts it at 2.4 lbs of CO2 per litre just for the refining. This also varies in Canada. If your gas comes from the Oil Sands of Alberta the CO2 used to refine gas is even higher.

The last part I can think of in the assembly line to make my gas is the CO2 cost in exploration. The Stanford university puts the CO2 produced just from exploration at 1.7 gigaton in 2015. This is for all fossil fuels. How much of that is attributed to the production of one litre of gas for my car I can't seem to figure out. So I'm going to say that each litre of gas I use produces over 3.4 kg or 7.6 lbs of CO2. That is just the CO2 produced from refining and burning a litre. I'll try and ignore the 1.7 gigaton of CO2 from exploration

Now I live 9.2 KM from the nearest coffee shop or store in downtown Denman and my car uses eleven litres of gas for every 100 KM for Denman driving. So to go 9 KM my car uses just over 1 litre of gas. A return trip produces more than a ghastly 14.8 lbs of CO2. I'm going to think twice now every time I want to zip around in my car to grab a bite, or a part, or a coffee. When I start up my car I better have at least three things I need to do while out and about. 

## There Are No Innocent Americans: Notes From the Edge of the Narrative Matrix

OPINIONS

By Caitlin Johnstone · OP January 18, 2023

warmongering government were evenly applied, it would also apply to Americans. Even more so, really, since their government is vastly more warlike than Moscow.

Per the "there are no innocent Russians" argument, Americans should be banned from participating in international events. Americans should be kicked out of foreign universities. Cinemas should stop playing Hollywood movies. Hemingway should be banned from schools.

Putin would have to work very, very hard to catch up to the staggering body count of the US empire just in the 21st century. If Russians have a moral obligation to overthrow their government, then so do Americans. They have an obligation to topple the US empire, tear down the military-industrial complex, get rid of the false two-party system whose "two" parties support every war the empire architects call for, and create a peaceful country.

Either apply the logic of "there are no innocent Russians" equally to governments who do the exact same thing on a far greater scale, or admit that you're just spewing imperialist regime change propaganda.

♦ Most of the major international conflicts of our day involve the collision between the establishment doctrine of permanent US planetary hegemony and the reality that US planetary hegemony is on its way out.

♦ Westerners are so brainwashed by propaganda that more and more of them are starting to believe that China wants to invade them. Why would Beijing want to rule over a bunch of white foreigners, idiots? Do you think China has a desperate shortage of cheese knives and mayonnaise?

Oh no the Chinese are going to invade and conquer us. They need ranch dressing and Michael Bublé CDs. They're gonna force us to teach them square dancing and make Harry Potter Asian.

Westerners should stop projecting their colonialist values systems on everyone else. Our ancestors sailed out to conquer and colonize. Their ancestors built a wall.

♦ Our civilization is rife with problems despite its great wealth because our civilization has prioritized generating wealth over solving problems. It doesn't make anyone rich to address the root causes of crime, sickness, war, poverty or ecocide, so those problems go unaddressed.

In a civilization which prioritizes the generation of wealth over the solving of problems, the option which generates

If the logic that "there are no innocent Russians" because the Russian people have a moral obligation to overthrow their

wealth will always win out over the option which solves the problem. War profiteers, prison profiteers, big pharma, ecocidal industrialists — they all know this.

Under the current status quo, military aggression will always win out over peace whenever military aggression is more profitable. Keeping people sick to provide ongoing treatment will always win out over curing or preventing sickness wherever doing so is more profitable. Keeping a technological innovation secret until it can be maximally profited from will always win out over making it public and sharing the information for the advancement of science and the common good. Workers will be exploited to the furthest extent possible to maximize profit.

Old growth forests and whale populations were wiped out because leaving them alone generated no profit. Insect populations are plummeting because industrial pesticides are profitable and wild habitats are not. Our oceans are choking on plastic because it's profitable not to prevent this from happening.

Nobody's going to become a billionaire by ending homelessness or making sure the elderly and the handicapped get everything they need. Nobody's going to become a billionaire by making sure mothers get everything they need to raise physically and psychologically healthy children.

A status quo system wherein large-scale human behavior is driven by profit-seeking cannot and will not ever have any good answers for problems like poverty, crime, sickness, war, ecocide, injustice and exploitation, because solving those problems will never be profitable. When solving those problems is never profitable, but causing or exacerbating them frequently is, those problems will necessarily live on. Not until this dynamic is reversed can we be free of them.

Not until we dispense with status quo systems which ensure large-scale human behavior is driven by profit will we be able to move toward a healthy and harmonious world. Until then we will remain plagued by serious problems, and by false promises that our current systems can solve them. 🌸

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## A Response to Jane Masutani

OPINIONS

By Perri Gorrara

**T**HE saving of our world from impending doom will not come

*through the complacent adjustment of the conforming majority, but through the creative maladjustment of a non-conforming minority* - Martin Luther King

This article is written in response to the words of Jane Masutani in last week's Grapevine. Her words are a breath of fresh air after two years of division and conformity. I was eleven when John F. Kennedy Jnr was murdered and, to this day, I remember the shock and horror that rippled through the catholic boarding school that I was attending at that time.

As humans, we are facing online censorship, main stream media bought by governments, plans for World Health Organization mandates that infringe on our rights, digital currencies, the World Economic Forum's plans for a one world government, universal basic income, a massive recession in which many people will lose their homes because they can no longer afford their mortgage payments and the continuation of sudden deaths in all age groups, along with vastly elevated rates of severe illness.

Here on Denman Island, we are blessed to have The Island's Grapevine as a voice for free speech. As Islanders, I believe that we will have to develop an evermore, self-sustaining community in which we continue to expand the

## Israel: Brand New Most Far Right Government Ever

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

**O**K, so Bibi (Benjamin Netanyahu) finally managed to engineer his 10th election as Prime

Minister, head of another coalition government in Israel-Palestine. Turbulence within Israeli politics has meant 5 elections in less than 4 years ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com)). Bibi is fighting corruption & bribery charges that would send him to jail if convicted, effectively ending his long political career. So what kind of coalition did it take to form a government this time?

Netanyahu has made a pact with the far-right that has observers reeling. The liberal Zionist pro-Israel contingent in the West is openly struggling with internal dissension as it becomes more and more difficult to excuse the government's overt agenda of Jewish supremacy.

Here is Bibi's recent tweet on the government's goals: "These are the fundamental directives of the national government that I lead: The Jewish people have an exclusive and indisputable right to all areas of the land of Israel.\* The government will encourage and expand settlement in all parts of the land of Israel - in the Galilee, the Negev, the Golan Heights, Judea and Samaria."

"Judea & Samaria" is how the Israeli government refers to the West Bank, land the international community has considered illegally occupied by Israel since 1967. Israelis call the West Bank "disputed territory" and no longer show a dividing line on their maps. No wonder people are confused, and young

buy, trade, sharing philosophy that we have already and continue to help each other out whenever someone needs a hand. Years ago, we tried having our own currency, that may become necessary again in the very near future. As a small community, we are presented with the opportunity to become an example of true democracy and the exchange of ideas and solutions that is much harder to achieve in larger communities. It is time, in my opinion, to let go of all the divisions that have split our community in the last two years and open up conversations, smile and greet each other despite differing opinions, as we once did and, when the time is right, start to have community meetings about the threats that I have described above. We already have Stand Up groups on Denman and Hornby islands. It is my hope that these groups will become the bedrock of "the creative maladjustment of a non-conforming minority" that will allow our communities to navigate what is likely to be coming in the near future.

In closing, here are a few quotes from Mel Rentmeister, a thoughtful person who Jane Masutani has been following for the past year.

*"Deceiver forces are making offers tricking us into saying 'yes'."*

*"No to dark stuff"*

*"Yes to freedom, love, self-determination"*

*"Encourage others to find their power."*

*"Love and compassion"* 🍷

Jewish Israelis consider Palestinians a people with no land, no rights, no voice.

It's important to be clear: actual and ongoing Israeli policy - to control all of the land, with as few Palestinians as possible - hasn't changed, it's just out in the open now. The mask is off.

There are two men who are particularly concerning in the new government: Itamar Ben-Gvir, head of the Jewish Power party, is now Minister of Security. The Israeli Border police, who operate with few restrictions and negligible accountability today, will be severed from the Security apparatus in 3 months and will be under Ben-Gvir's direct control, effectively becoming his own militia. Ben-Gvir, 46, has been imprisoned for inciting racism and supporting a terrorist organization which was the Kahanist Party, formerly banned from the Knesset. The Kahanist Party was reborn as Jewish Power. Ben-Gvir is an openly racist, homophobic, fascistic leader. Many say he aims to be Prime Minister.

Two days after the new government was sworn in, he visited Haram al-Sharif (the Noble Sanctuary)\*\*, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, home of the Dome of the Rock & Al-Aqsa Mosque, in open breach of "the status quo" - protocols established to keep peace in that sensitive area. By visiting this holy site as a government minister, Ben-Gvir, accompanied by a large security contingent, threw a challenge to Palestinians, given that it is the one place in all of Israel-Palestine where they have sovereignty. The last time a high-ranking government minister, Ariel Sharon, did the same thing, it kick-started the 2nd Intifada in 2000.

The other radical right figure is Bezalel Smotrich, head of the

Religious Zionist party, and now Minister of Finance, along with a new position inside the Ministry of Defense, which allows him to provide oversight over the occupied Palestinian territories. He is one of the principal leaders of the illegal settlement movement, which has placed over 800,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank & East Jerusalem (occupied Palestinian territories), in defiance of international law. For decades, Israel has looked the other way as settlements grew, while supporting them in ways large and small. Now, the taking of Palestinian land won't be as surreptitious.

Speaking of law, one of the key items on the new agenda is introducing legislation to override the Israeli Supreme Court's reversal of lower court decisions. The override will be accomplished by a simple majority vote in the Knesset, reducing a judgment of the highest court in the land to a mere "recommendation". Such a law would keep Netanyahu out of jail.

Another agenda item has already been made law: public display of the Palestinian flag has been officially banned, with security forces ordered to enforce the ban. Over 200 West Bank & East Jerusalem Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in 2022, more than in any year since 2004, during the 2nd Intifada. Twelve more so far in January \*\*\* (Jewish Voice for Peace & B'Tselem). What will this year hold?

\* "Land of Israel" refers to all the land between the Jordan River & the Mediterranean Sea. The population of this area is roughly 14 million, ½ of whom are Israeli Jews, ½ of whom are Palestinian. Of the Palestinians, 1.8 million live in Israel "proper" as Israeli citizens with 2nd class status; 2 million, under lockdown in Gaza; the rest, under military rule in the occupied Palestinian territories.

\*\*More on the Noble Sanctuary & the Temple Mount movement to build the Third Temple forthcoming.

\*\*\* As I've been writing this piece, the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in 2023 has increased every single day. It will be higher now.

Next week: What is Canada's role vis-a-vis Israel-Palestine? 🍷

**Conspiratorial Truths** **I** have a certain amount of regard for the conspiracy folks who often fill your pages with real problems of our world. However one cannot treat a problem like sharpening a pencil by throwing out 90% of the problem's structure in order to pare it down to a conspiratorial point. They justify this approach by claiming that the 'mainstream media' is perfectly controlled and censored by unspecified forces and therefore must be disregarded in its entirety.

So what is this corrupt mainstream media they so cavalierly write off? As far as I can tell it is limited to older internet precursors, primarily TV news as put out by CBC, **continued on P.12...**

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*...continued from P.11* CNN, BBC, France 24, or DW, and well known newspapers—The Guardian, New York Times, etc. But the mainstream media in our world also includes book and magazine publishing, photography and film making.

Take Klaus Schwab and the World Economic Forum (WEF). If the problem seen consists of the idea that the rich exercise much too undue influence on politicians, celebrities, and folks in general, the interested citizen will get a much fuller picture from the mainstream media than they ever will from the conspiracy theorists. They could start by turning to Jane Mayer, Oliver Bullough, Bill Browder, Marianna Mazzucato, Quinn Slobodian, Nancy McLean, Timothy Snyder, Robert Fisk, Tony Judt, David Runciman, and the correspondent usually printed on another page of the Grapevine, Gwynne Dyer.

Take Oliver Bullough's *Moneyland: the Inside Story of the Crooks and Kleptocrats Who Rule the World*. The title at least should attract them but the conclusion is anything but conspiratorial and hardly mentions the WEF while providing us with a mass of data and experience on just who is attempting to shape our lives. Essentially Bullough posits a global 'nation' he calls *Moneyland* on the basis that most law ends at a given country's border but money flows freely onward. And a lot of money is used to influence politicians and their governments. That influence has been overwhelmingly used to lobby for and pass laws allowing the global free flow of money escaping restrictive laws in the home land of the wealthy. Once again the United States leads with ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) whose lawyers, paid by the rich, actually write 'sample' legislation which is often adopted entirely by state politicians and enacted directly into law. Both the source and the owner of wealth are well hidden yet these laws allow the rich to partake of all the trappings of the nations comprising the wealthy western nations. Some of the people we vote into office are the ones who bend over and implement laws in favour of the rich. They call it globalisation and claim it helps us all but the elephant in the room is obvious—rampant inequality.

Take Nancy McLean's *Democracy in Chains* and Jane Mayer's *Dark Money* which are the closest you will come to conspiratorial behaviour. Both concern Charles Koch and make the case that he is the leading billionaire who puts his authoritarian political ideals before his business activities and is willing to spend most of his wealth on realizing them. McLean and Mayer clearly outline his machinations.

Take Timothy Snyder's *The Road to Unfreedom* in which he dissects the intellectual and actual actions driving Russia, Europe and America towards authoritarian governments and the undermining of democracy.

You will find the machinations of the the wealthy and the politicians they buy detailed in the authors above and dozens like them and you will find differences of opinion amongst them. You will not find in these authors the suggestion that the whole thing is a conspiracy controlled by some small anonymous group but you will discover influential groups that are very secretive. We all feel a degree of satisfaction in finding someone out there who confirms both our beliefs and prejudices; unfortunately for some this satisfaction is paramount. Conspiracy theorists' are so invested in their hypotheses they are willing to suppress opposing views or set them up as straw men easily disposed of. Mainstream media authors are similarly invested in their ideas but as theirs is a communal endeavour these authors' work is vetted by others before being published and is subject to strong evidential standards. And they often differ amongst themselves. The mainstream media is where diligent and honest authors get their works published. This is in direct contrast to a multitude of websites and blogs set up by individuals with no other checks and balances than their own fertile minds.

In human affairs I am governed by complexity and find very little that is unequivocally black and white. So it should go without saying that I do not assume perfection on the part of mainstream media and complete failure on the part of websites and blogs. But on any scale linking the two in our Western democracies, honesty and factual evidence tends strongly towards the mainstream media even if a part of that media has gone 'tabloid'.

In the end our conspiratorial theorists may have a function in bringing some problems to the attention of those who would never read these authors and who depend upon the one minute news clips on TV news. But we will never solve our problems by paying attention only to highly simplified, 'pencil-point' conspiracy theories. Most of our problems are complex; they cannot be resolved by black and white, simplified conspiracy theories. Conspiracy theorists encourage their readers to ignore the complexity of real problems and thus hinder those who are attempting real solutions.





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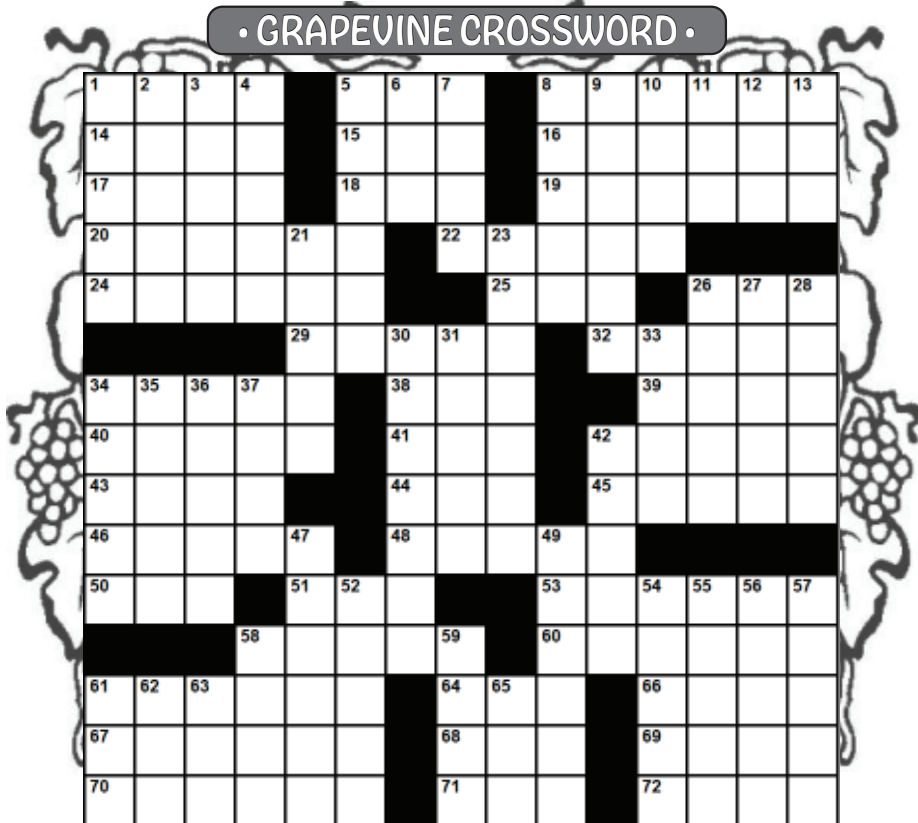
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Grumpism



"I ate a frozen apple. Hard core."

(Thank you Noel Villard.)

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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## • CLASSIFIED ADS •

### • SERVICES •



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**COMOX VALLEY FIREWOOD** is  
offering service to the islands. We  
have seasoned firewood available  
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restored and come with a full six  
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### • COMMUNITY NOTICES •

**COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION  
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works.wordpress.com/contact/](https://denman-works.wordpress.com/contact/)

### • WANTED •

**DOUG R. IS LOOKING** for a new  
home for his caravan in the spring!  
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minor plumbing/electrical, deck/  
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of boating and fishing experience.  
Also accomplished guitarist/musi-  
cian. Reliable and trustworthy. Per-  
sonal and work references available  
upon request..Paul 604-807-4465

### • EMPLOYMENT •

**BLACKBERRY LANE CHILDREN'S  
CENTER** seeks a part-time Early  
Childhood Educator Assistant or  
Responsible Adult. Candidate must  
be comfortable working as a team to  
guide groups of children, ages 1-5.  
We provide competitive wages in a  
supportive, nonprofit environment.  
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cation. Please send resume to [black-  
berrylanecentre@yahoo.com](mailto:blackberrylanecentre@yahoo.com)

**BLACKBERRY LANE CHILDREN'S  
CENTRE** seeks a Program Coordina-  
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gram. Responsible Adult certificate  
and First Aid certificate needed.  
This is a unique opportunity for  
a creative and autonomous in-  
dividual to implement their own  
program based on children's  
needs and interests. Must be  
confident guiding a group of 4-8  
children ages 5-8 within a positive  
and engaging learning environ-  
ment. Position requires 2.5 h/day  
prepping, running and closing,  
2pm to 4:30pm from Monday to  
Thursday. Please send letter of  
interest and resume to [blackberry-  
lanecentre@yahoo.com](mailto:blackberry-<br/>lanecentre@yahoo.com)

### • FREEBIES •

**3-PERSON COUCH,** made in  
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worn but clean. 335-1088

## • BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •  
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

## • ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)  
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system  
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

## • REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 250-792-0128 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)

## • BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

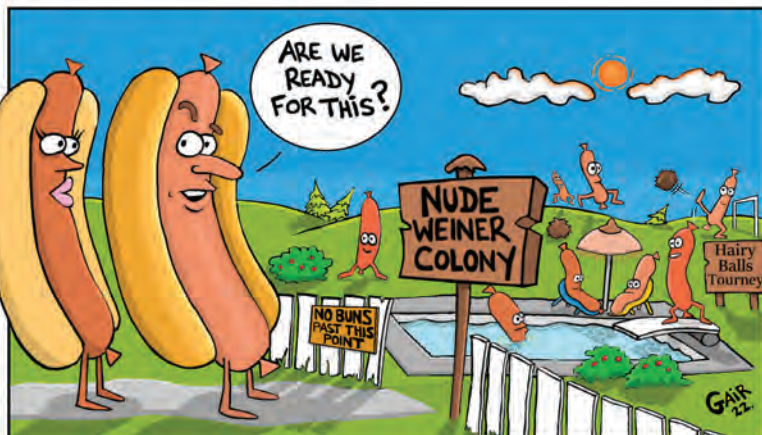
- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoeppner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • LEL0207455 • 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)
- Shel Brodsgaard • Excavation & Services • 250-703-3898 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather •  
250-703-6512 (All) • John Isbister • 250-335-2565 (D)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator Septic Installation • 335-3145 (D/H)
- DB Excavations • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • 250-465-1889 (D/H)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake • 613-447-8873 (All)

## • SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Greason 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Bottled Water Delivery • DenmanWater.ca • 250-228-7161 (D/H)
- Florist-Keep Floral (Emma) • 250-335-2746 (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

## • HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165 (D)
- Registered Massage Therapist • Mary G Vellet • 11100 Dusty Rd •  
250-202-1268 (D)
- Physiotherapist • Acupuncturist • TCM Herbs • Carmen RPT, RTCMP  
335-2260 (D/H)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac • 250-508-8160  
www.heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
- Ryan Moulf Counselling (Statera Therapy) • Ryan Moulf, MA, RCT-C  
moulfcounselling@gmail.com • remote service (D/H)



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## FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 19

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



FRIDAY 20

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13
- KAIMERATA CONCERT info p.3

SATURDAY 21

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

SUNDAY 22

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 23

- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

TUESDAY 24

- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

WEDNESDAY 25

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

THURSDAY 26

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

FRIDAY 27

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

SATURDAY 28

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

SUNDAY 29

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 30

- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

TUESDAY 31

- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

WEDNESDAY 1

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library CLOSED until 02/13

THURSDAY 2

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **Seniors Day Program Coordinators**

We are hiring two Coordinators for our day programs for older adults, one for the Denman program and one for Hornby. This program supports older adults to remain independent in their homes and active in their communities. Part of a provincial Healthy Aging pilot program, this program aims to promote seniors' social well-being, delay use of health services and provide respite to caregivers. The day program is held once a week and includes proactive outreach to check-in on participant well-being and arrange transportation if required, a mix of physical, educational, creative and social activities, and a nutritious meal at a low cost to participants. The Hornby program is established and the Denman program is in the early stages of implementation.

The Coordinators are responsible for the day-to-day activities of the program including:

- planning, coordinating and supervising services,
- recruiting, training and supervising of staff, volunteers and contractors,
- collecting and tracking data required for reporting, and
- participating in the provincial community of practice and quality assurance activities in collaboration with Healthy Aging of the United Way and UBC.

The successful applicant will be organized, personable, reliable, and a supportive team leader. They will have training in therapeutic recreation and/or geriatric services, and/or a related field, and/or equivalent related experience.

We are hiring one Coordinator for each island and the positions will be part time, approximately 18-22 hours per week. Eligible for the Society's benefit plan. Positions to start immediately.

Our website is being redesigned, so to receive a copy of the full job description please email [info@hornbydenmanhealth.com](mailto:info@hornbydenmanhealth.com).

**Closing date for applications is February 3rd, 2023**

*HDCHCS encourages applications from qualified individuals from diverse backgrounds and of differing abilities.*