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Concerts Denman Presents: **Roots Roundup** **March 4th**

MUSIC

By Eli Hason • Concerts Denman



HELLO there you

Denmaniacs - we have another hot one for you to boogie at with one of the community's long time favorites... Roots Roundup. For their first time back since the plague the Roots will bring you some high energy ska, funk, and some good old rocking out as they have been playing shows on our island on and off for over 30 years. If you are new to the rock - here is a short bio -

Roots Roundup plays a high energy hybrid of globe-spanning music, mashing up the sounds of rock'n roll, reggae, ska, afro-beat, folk, funk and pure old school punk rock. The Roots Roundup lineup has evolved over the years as members pursued various musical interests including performing, writing, recording and teaching. Core Roots members Greg Hathaway, Dave Hannah (Dym-E-Tree), Barry Taylor, Keith Rose, David Hathaway, Mark Campbell, Shuggy Milligan and special guest trombonist Andy Cakes reunited in 2005, treating a full house of loyal and new fans to a truly rip-roaring two-night performance at the Fairview Pub in Vancouver.

There will be a bar at the event, and it will be all ages. Doors at 8pm and the band starts at 9pm. Tickets are the usual \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door, with students for \$5, and under 12 are free. This show is brought to you by Concerts Denman, Arts Denman, and Creative BC.

Phoenix Riting! I didn't have high hopes for the Islands Trust meeting, I admit;

By Phoenix Bee

I've never been to one before. By accounts I've heard, they tend to be adversarial or boring. This one was neither. In fact, it was inspiring, moving, and powerful.

The meeting (on Zoom), with over a hundred participants, devoted the majority of the time to Q&A and discussion. Priority was given to callers getting to have their say. I was impressed by how well the callers handled themselves, for the most part; passionate, but considerate. People spoke their differing points of view with respect, without attacking others in the process.

There was no consensus by the end, but there was a clear articulation of the various points of view on the issue of short term vacation rentals. Nearly every caller stressed how grateful they were for this opportunity to speak in some depth and be heard. This is what we have been asking for, and people did come forth.

There were three options presented, with a fourth option of 'none of the above.' A poll was taken, prematurely, as it turned out. The poll took place at the beginning of the meeting, before any discussion which might have adjusted people's choices. It turned out to be essentially meaningless. Of course, it was not a vote, merely a poll.

Here are the options we were given: one, don't change anything. This is the 'it ain't broke, why fix it' option. That one did not appeal to me. To my perception, the STVR situation on Hornby is indeed broken and requires fixing.

Second option, comprehensive change. This option predicates that STVRs and housing are closely interrelated. Current legal STVRs should be allowed, no new ones permitted except through TUPs. ADUs (approved dwelling units?) should be

allowed on every residential property. This one needs work, but it is on the right track.

Third, stop STVRs entirely. Make them illegal, accept that they offer no benefit, social or economic, to the community, are a deterrent to long term housing.

Option one is not acceptable, in my opinion. Option three is reasonable, but what about all the people who live here, who are committed to the community, but who face crippling tax increases and depend on STVRs to pay for those or risk losing their properties? Allowing secondary dwelling units can help keep families together on the island, and provide opportunities for living space to many who are now denied it. But we must face that limiting STVRs is crucial.

People shared personal experiences vulnerably and often emotionally. One woman told of having to face the heartbreaking decision to sell her family home of many years, full of childhood memories and joys, that her entire extended family benefits from, because of massive tax increases. Another told of how STVRs were the only reason he and his wife were able to retire to Hornby. Now, they don't do short term rentals anymore, but they needed to then. Another told of their dream to retire here, using STVRs to help with taxes and mortgage to get here.

Others told of endless partying at STVRs next door, with loud music and shouting, general disruption. Many short-term vacationers view Hornby as a resort, a place to let down their hair, let the kids run wild and do things they don't do at home, perhaps because they don't wish to annoy their neighbours. Who cares about the strangers who live next door to the place you party in the summer?

At the ferry once, leaving the island, I overheard a mother cautioning her kids, "Remember, what happens on Hornby stays on Hornby!" I laughed, then I winced. This is not a resort. It is a home, a community where elders deserve some peace, where children need to sleep, where people live their lives.

There is more involved than simple economic or social problems, as well. We do not have the infrastructure nor will our fragile island ecosystem sustain much more. Every summer a new person whose well 'has never run dry before' reports that their well has at last run dry. It's deeply concerning. Despite the rain we've had, technically, we're still in a drought. The water table is not up to nearly the level it ought to be at this time of year.

One person suggests that rental periods be limited to a minimum of two weeks during the summer to weed out weekend partiers. That way people have a chance to settle in and see themselves in the context of the community, to notice neighbours as people and not simply background noise. Not a bad idea! It was also suggested that landlords should be required to be resident on the property to make sure things don't get out of hand.

Coincidentally, right after the meeting I listened to a CBC podcast, and the first commercial was for some vacation rental outfit. It said, "When the landlord is on the property, you have no privacy, and isn't privacy what a vacation is all about?" They weren't talking about Hornby, but it's a popular idea. The implication again is non-accountability. "You should get to do whatever you feel like, it's Party Island!"

There were the usual STVR apologists, who believe the future of the island depends upon, if anything, expanding the tourism industry and who believe that without STVRs the whole economy will fall apart. I don't buy it. Creative solutions exist, and we will find them if we do more of this sort of thing.

The meeting was limited to two hours, and that was a hard limit, as the call shut down precisely at 2 hours, interrupting Grant mid-sentence. We still had a way to go through the callers list, and many questions remained unanswered.

I found this meeting engaging, productive and hopeful. I hope there are more to come. It's a worthwhile endeavour. My thanks and appreciation to our Trustees, Alex Allen and Grant Scott, and to the Islands Trust staff for their patience and willingness to facilitate this process.

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

TIDE TABLE

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

2023-03-02 (Thu)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
04:06	4.5
10:25	3.7
12:33	3.7
20:45	1.5

2023-03-03 (Fri)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
04:46	4.5
10:53	3.5
14:07	3.7
21:35	1.4

2023-03-04 (Sat)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
05:17	4.5
11:12	3.4
15:07	3.8
22:17	1.4

2023-03-05 (Sun)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
05:41	4.5
11:30	3.2
15:55	3.9
22:52	1.3

2023-03-06 (Mon)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
06:02	4.6
11:51	3.1
16:39	4
23:24	1.4

2023-03-07 (Tue)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
06:20	4.6
12:15	2.8
17:22	4
23:54	1.5

2023-03-08 (Wed)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
06:38	4.6
12:42	2.6
18:07	4.1

2023-03-09 (Thu)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
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06:57	4.6
13:13	2.3
18:57	4.1

Green Wizardries: Leadership, Part One

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

DENMAN has a treasure in the form of Serendipity Uprising, a community organizer and the instigator of the first Denman Community Dance on Saturday 25 February. I asked him how it went.

“We had a really good response, considering the snow,” said Seren. Then, we lapsed into making jokes about the snow as we are both from Manitoba where the snow last Saturday would have gone unnoticed. We also made jokes about BC coastal people and their inability to deal with a sprinkle of snow. We just couldn't help it.

Lots of children came with their parents to the pay-as-you-can dance. A lot of people didn't pay anything but the organizers did manage to recoup all their costs and have something in the kitty to pay for next month's dance party hall rental. The suggested donation was five dollars. Some people brought their own music and there were snacks, cake, pie, soup, coffee and tea. All for free.

One person brought a 4' by 3' donated canvas and some dollar store acrylic paints and some people, especially the children, painted the outstandingly-beautiful painting that illustrates this story. There were other art projects going at the same time. So, it was a very fun party with lots to offer the children.

The dance took place in the Back Hall while it was being used as a Warming Centre. I went in and talked to the two young people who were running the Warming Centre and they had tea and soup and snacks and a table with scarves, a few toques and some pairs of cotton socks. I have an urgent message to all Denman knitters, the Warming Centre needs some wool socks and wool toques knitted up so if you have some spare wool please feel obligated to help out.

Seren was happy to have the Warming Centre going on at the same time as his dance party. The people who were using the Warming Centre stayed for the dance and some stayed afterwards to enjoy sleeping in the warmth beside the wood stove.

I asked Seren what motivated him to do the kind of Community Work he does. “It comes from my childhood. I grew up outside a small town and all the amenities were purchased by the community.” Those in the community who could afford to, contributed cash and labour and those who couldn't afford to donate cash also contributed labour. His community helped people out according to their needs.

“In the 1970's and 1980's there was a push for Big Brother (the Government) to provide all the amenities in the community and this led to huge chunks of the community being abandoned. The mutual aid didn't happen. It was all left to the government and they are very prejudiced against poor people,” said Seren.

He finds that this process has gone so far that many people do not know how to organize a community event. “What

I am trying to do in the way I facilitate events, is to enable people to co-create the event and to give them an example of how easy it is, and how affordable when you do it as a group. We are super lucky on Denman that the venues are super affordable. In the city, the same space would have cost me \$400.00.”

Seren is also one of the driving forces behind the Free Store. This venerable institution was shut down when Covid 19 started. The group of volunteers who were running the Free Store became frightened of getting sick so they closed the store.

“Christa Bishop went to the Board in charge of the space and got it reopened with new volunteers. I was one of those new volunteers,” explained Seren. “Christa had to leave and then three of us decided we could handle the facilitator roles. We all believe in leading from the side and since then, we have managed to keep the Free Store open.”

Seren took on the project because he sees it as a valuable source of mutual aid within the community. “It is a lovely way to keep some of our excess out of the landfill. Volunteers are encouraged to do things that interest them and to come work at the Free Store whenever it works for them. “We do have some volunteers who are quite at risk of disease so they will come when the store is closed and tidy, arrange and put away.”

The crew at the Free Store recently put in new lighting over the Women's clothes because it was too dark in there to see the colours properly. People interested in helping out at the Free Store or at the Community Dances can find Seren at the Free Store on Saturday mornings.

Next week, part two of this article will be about Seren's work at the Community Foodbank. 🍷



March 6, 2007 5:53PM

Façades

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451



UPON finishing another workday we were putting away the tools in the shed. The guys who work with the brushsaws are continuing to have problems with them. Specifically the lock nuts that hold the blades onto the rig. They keep coming loose, which unnerves even the toughest of convict. This is on top of the sundry mechanical issues we've been experiencing.

This being the case, C.O. Person calls over the radio to C.O. Tatler who runs 'small engine repairs' and says that due to fears of injury and lack of production owing to their malfunction, he wants them taken into 'Walker's' small engine repair. Well this sends C.O. Tatler into a snit. So much so that he storms his way off the compound, on foot, looking to further take it up with C.O. Person. We were rolling back to the entrance gate after depositing the tools when we spotted Tatler walking down the middle of the road towards us, at pace. His body language revealed his anger as it looked as though he was fine playing 'chicken' with our crummy. Person stopped the crummy, got out, and in plain view of all of us reds in the back went to discuss things. Both of these C.O.'s are large. Both of these C.O.'s are tough. And, as C.O. Tatler quickly began antagonizing C.O. Person, we could now see that both of these C.O.'s were pissed! Seems Tatler took offence at Person's suggestion that the brushsaws be repaired out of house. By my view, he was misreading Person's jab, (that our safety was his biggest concern) and was reacting defensively. These brushsaws have been nothing but problematic since I've arrived and we had just gotten them back from Tatler, and his band of convict repairers, just two

days previous after a two week wait. The last thing Person or this fine facility within the Provincial Corrections System needs is a negligence lawsuit from one of us due to a shattered leg from a 5000 rpm blade that disengaged from a saw.

Person didn't take kindly to Tatler's aggressive manner and proceeded to show him his angry side. None of us in the back of the crummy did a thing but watch, and snicker. To think that the blues and whites look to put us reds through courses like 'Breaking Barriers' and 'Anger Management' and such. If the situation were reversed and it was two reds treating each other similarly, a blue-shirt would've jumped in and repercussions might ensue. Only the situation wasn't reversed. It was mano-a-mano, C.O.-a-C.O. And we reds were entertained. I guess it's a 'do as I say, not as I do,' kind of thing. I then joked that witnessing such a display was so traumatizing I've regressed two weeks in my own anger management skills!

I've seen this enough in my life to know that shit can happen to anyone, but the impression I've gotten since arriving in jail is that the comportment of those in authority is designed to infer some superiority over we lowly inmates; that they're above it all. Well today's little episode emphatically exposed all that to be hogwash. It was a remarkable ending to the day. Person's parting comment after the brouhaha? "I have to deal with idiots all day, and then there's the inmates!"

Priceless. 🍷

Bicycle Racks, PSI & GLID

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Grant Cyz

research, engineering and construction They are especially obvious and intrinsic to the successful researcher, engineer and contractor.

Please find a brief review of what our water project is currently lacking for success:

1. A well established project name and stated purpose-objective-goal
2. A clear scope (description of work) to be performed in support of the project name and purpose-objective-goal
3. Adequate details to support the project name, purpose-objective-goal and scope
4. Available mechanisms of accountability that are regularly demonstrated
5. Consistent processes that are easily explainable (see Quantum of Solace Glid)

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...continued from P.5 6. Good communication, for those involved, starting at project onset to completion

7. Awareness of risk-liability issues and history

The final key fundamentals-expectations are:

8. There should be meaningful project and construction deadlines. A project is a process of deadlines.

Whether it is the research phase, engineering design and specification or construction and completion date, a successful project has immediate, mid and long-term deadlines.

There appears that over the last five years no appropriate (or any at all) project deadline process existed; at best an unrealistic sole deadline of January 1st, 2023. The GLID CVRD conversion transition is not a water project deadline. "At conversion-transition deadlines" generated by inexperienced notions and political engineering are now left for the new owner-operator (CVRD) to meet. Has the Field Study / Sanitary Survey from five years ago been completed? From three years ago? Know your water. This is not a formula for surface water project success (compliance-rates-value).

Key Point: Project deadlines need to be established and easily could have been five years ago with proper stewardship (as was advised). Deadline completion indicates project progress or delay. Deadlines can be adjusted because a deadline existed to begin with. Panic is not a deadline. Five years squandered. Fait accompli has consequences. It's hoped the new owner-operator (CVRD) returns to basic project fundamentals-expectations. A steering committee should be considered by the new owner-operator (CVRD).

9. Having the right people in place to perform the right tasks.

A big thank you to Daniel Arbour (elected Director, CVRD District A) who recently put a "stop-hold" to the madness. Yes, madness; latest CVRD rate is a water bill of \$4,400 per year (for 20 years?), \$10 million dollar project for under 100 household connections (no plausible-feasible expansion); under researched, under funded and still held hostage by inexperienced notions and political engineering. The new owner-operator (CVRD) was never the lottery ticket or magic wand to make it all disappear and go away for free. The damage to the community cannot yet be qualified. Fait accompli has costly consequences for the new service area landowners. Set For Life Glid.

Having the right people in place to perform the right tasks is the massive elephant in the room. Instead of a diversity of waterworks expertise and experience, the focus of the GLID Board was on narrative control (deflect-defer-dismiss) and political alignment, as experienced by those with any project or waterwork expertise. Any cost-effective solutions or options that did not fit the conversion transition narrative were blocked, omitted, dismissed and worse. Regardless that

an affordable minivan is fit for purpose, the "fait accompli finale" is near its conclusion with the purchase and the subsequent payments of a Lamborghini sports car. Fait accompli has costly consequences for the new service area landowners. Set For Life Glid.

Key Point: What do bicycle racks have to do with water projects? Answer: nothing. Until there is a priority to understand and return to project fundamentals-expectations this project remains on a fail trajectory for the landowner. The CVRD \$4,400 dollar per year water rates for 20 years will not be celebrated by the new service area landowner (maybe by the political sycophant). The engineer is not a rate setter or cost control and will get paid regardless. Fait accompli has costly consequences. Set For Life Glid.

10. The cost of apathy.

Only the individual landowner can answer that.

What is worse than apathy? Note; the powers of the GLID administration were granted solely by election, over property placed in trust and with legal obligation and were to be administered as specified. There was only one Trustee in the last five years who attempted to do so. It was disturbing to observe this very brave neighbour attempt to follow through with their duties only to be deflected, deferred, defamed (and worse) at every turn. This Trustee put the landowners first, not political alignment. This is a Trustee whose education, expertise and experience ranged from mechanical piping design, municipal waterworks, fire protection to Councillor and more. Shame on those that mocked the presentations on fire hydrants, treatment options and other issues. Some cost-effective options are now no longer available and others will be more difficult to achieve (if at all) post GLID conversion. Narrative control, political engineering and fait accompli have costly consequences. Set For Life Glid.

Key Point: Landowner; If you care about your \$1,400 water rate increasing to \$4,400 per year, denial is no longer an option. Become educated on the issues not the noise. Sign a petition. Email CVRD Representative and Director Daniel Arbour (reachme@danielarbour.ca). Recognize this is a life altering issue, if not for you, for your neighbour and even the surrounding neighbourhoods and Denman Island. Pensioners, fixed income, seniors, generational properties, single parents, working folk, the unsuspecting landowner are already or will be facing mental, emotional and physical upheaval if the issued escalating rate schedule (GLID/CVRD) is implemented in 2023 without a challenge and alternative solution offered.

Albert Einstein said something to the effect "Problems can't be solved with same level of thinking that created them."

To Be Continued ... Summary & Solutions



Letters to the Editor

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I am hoping that you can insert this link into the next edition of the Grapevine.

Everyone on Vancouver Island and on all the Gulf Islands, North and South, should be aware of this opportunity to make our voices heard.

The establishment of a modern train route on an already existing corridor (with the help of the federal government) would be of enormous benefit.

Thank you for this.

Donna Millen

Shortages in the Land of Plenty

The Big Tobacco Playbook Lives On and On

OPINIONS

By Helen Grond

"In 1954 the tobacco industry paid to publish the "Frank Statement to Cigarette Smokers" in hundreds of U.S.

newspapers. It stated that the public's health was the industry's concern above all others and promised a variety of good-faith changes. What followed were decades of deceit and actions that cost millions of lives."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2879177/>

THE tobacco industry followed a script that is now well understood as "The Big Tobacco playbook". The industry, at that time, was facing serious accusations of producing and promoting a dangerous substance. The evidence against smoking had been building for decades. In order to protect profits, the industry embarked on a concerted program to lie to the public. They paid scientists to deliver research that contradicted the dangers of smoking. They hired the medical community and used them as a weapon against the public. Through lobbying and infiltration of government regulatory agencies they neutralized the very institutions meant to protect the public. Above all they paid the media very well to promote their lies.

The tobacco industry was eventually penalized for it's malfeasance but it was just considered to be the "cost of doing business". Nothing has really changed. It didn't stop Big Food, Big Pharma or Big Technology, etc. from pursuing the exact same playbook. If you control the science, the government oversight agencies and the

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Many of our community wonder how Finn Crowe is doing, and have asked how they can support and help. Finn has been diagnosed with stage 2 brain cancer, and has already undergone brain surgery and radiation. He is now in the next phase, chemotherapy, which will last many months, and a long recovery is expected.

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...continued from P.7 media, you can pretty much do whatever you want in this world. It doesn't matter how many people know the truth; there simply is no mechanism to alert the broader public! The playbook is now in use by many corporations and their compliant partners – the government and the unelected NGO's that hold so much power.

Big Tech and it's widespread development of wireless technology is at roughly the same stage that Big Tobacco was in 1954. The harms of EMFs are widely known and understood but the playbook is at maximum deployment. The powers that be are doing backflips to insist that everything is fine. "Trust us." It's Big Tobacco all over again!

The final piece of the puzzle is widespread censorship of the internet. That's when total capitulation to the corporatocracy (or fascism – take your pick) will be achieved. That is pretty much where we stand now in Canada with Trudeau's censorship bill C-11 poised to pass into law. It has the power to shut down any surviving dissenting voices to the narradigm that the world's oligarchy has dictated the people must believe.

Without freedom of speech there can be no democracy. It will come as quite a shock to many Canadians (as well as the rest of the world) that we now all live on a planet controlled by large corporations, totalitarian regimes (China), unelected NGOs, (consisting of the world's wealthiest elites) and puppet

governments that answer to all three. Last week's revelations that the Chinese government played a significant role in the outcome of our recent elections does not surprise many. Trudeau has stated publicly that he favours dictatorships such as China because they can easily force the public to comply with their demands. No wonder he is so eager to control free speech. He's had a good mentor in China!

Canada, the broken country that has been infiltrated over many decades by the greedy and the powerful is unlikely to survive as anything approaching a democracy. Decades of poisoning by Big Tobacco, Big Agriculture, Big Chemical, Big Food, Big Pharma and Big Tech have taken its toll. We are not in great shape physically, mentally or politically.

Unfortunately, the average person doesn't know whom to fight anymore because there is no longer an official watchdog (the media) to warn the public and keep them informed. If only folks could remember our recent history. All they have to do is remind themselves about the Big Tobacco playbook and look around. It's playing out everywhere in full vibrant colour.

It's hard to accept that the final push to a fascist state will succeed without so much as a whimper from the Canadian public - although we can only hope that the 67% of Canadians who understand the country is broken will stand up and fight back.



Multipolarista

OPINIONS

By Jane Masutani

THE next 20 years are supposed to be very dynamic for us scorpions. The online astrologers and tarot readers I've been listening to for the past 3 years are all singing from the same songbook. We scorpions will finally come into our own and get to shine. I was initially elated at the news. Upon reflection I realized I might be a tad past my best before date to talk of shining. One of the tarot readers, the "minnow pond" guy, realized that this might be an issue with some of his audience. "I've had a lot of people in the comment section complaining about my scorpion prediction. Look, I don't know if you've only got 1 or 2 years left to live, I'm just telling you what the heavenly influences are. It's scorpions' time to shine. The influences, the opening up of opportunities are there, for the next 20 years, from now until 2044. I'm sorry if you can't take advantage of them due to age or infirmity. Too bad, so sad. Don't shoot me, I'm just the messenger here." The man is an astrologer and tarot reader, but clearly his feet are on the ground. He's a no nonsense guy. And I appreciate that. I want the occult delivered to me in a meat and potatoes kind of way.

I hope my beautiful, clever scorpion granddaughter can benefit from these beneficent influences. At 18 she is just launching herself into the world. I wonder what kind of crummy influences I've been laboring under all my life until this lucky astrological moment? It feels like it's been a bit of a

hard slog, but I shouldn't complain. It probably has for most everyone. It could've been much worse. I seemed to need a lot of time to just live in my head and ruminate about things. I certainly haven't liked following orders or having a boss. A life lived between infamy and acclaim, like most lives. I've kept it on the down low, and that's all I could seem to handle. My lovely granddaughter is more of an extrovert and I hope the world will feel just like an oyster to her. But not a slimy one, a cooked one. Either way, there will be some swallowing involved.

Getting away from scorpions and oysters, as we must, has anyone else noticed how spectacularly crazy the world is getting? Big things are being predicted for the world for the next 20 years as well, on these same astrological and tarot websites. Big, but not good. Scary bad things, actually. The good news is that after our generation is pushing up daisies (do people still use that phrase?) there will be a new day dawning. A new peaceful, enlightened world will take the place of this avaricious, backbiting, lying, nasty cesspool of a world that is presently being run by maniacs, maniacs with facelifts I might add. Have you caught a glimpse of Mike Pompeo lately? He's unrecognizable in the face and 50 lbs lighter. Maybe he's auditioning for the Marvel franchise movies. The Joker. Biden too. An obvious facelift compared to the face he was lumbered with in 2015. Find a picture. The result is, it's put me off facelifts. They're putting a black mark on good looks, slandering them. If evil people are getting

facelifts I'll keep this face as a protest. A kind of lonely, self-defeating protest, but a protest non-the-less.

About an hour before I came here, to this page, I was listening to a young African woman on youtube. Strange as it sounds, I am receiving news updates from Africa now. (At least they're not from the "Intergalactic Federation of Light." More on them later...) They just popped up on my suggestions one day and I thought "why not?" It's so interesting to hear from a place like that, that we have no news from at all. I don't know any Africans. Never had a conversation with one so ya, it's interesting to hear them talking and sounding like sensible intelligent people. You can find this woman talking on youtube under "Leaving Africa in Chinese Hands is a Big Mistake" says Italian diplomat Antonio Tajani.

She says there must be something in the water in Europe. "How can they say these things in public where WE can hear them"? I guess the first ridiculous statement that came to our attention was when Josep Borrell said Europe was a garden and some other parts of the world were a jungle. A Jungle!

The diplomatic and political moves in the past were behind the scenes, hidden, helped by the mainstream media. They would say they were coming to such and such a country to help. Look at our food programs, etc. instead of, we're coming to relieve you of your resources. Now it seems that the politicians have forgotten that there's such a thing as social media. They're stuck in the past and don't realize Africans can HEAR what they say about them. They have cell phones! This diplomat said that an increasing presence in Africa is important for them.

"Okay sir, we KNOW that. We know it's important for you, but that rubs us the wrong way", she says, as if Africa is this thing that can be taken, can be used, can be exploited and most importantly can belong to some entity like Europe, or Italy. It is soo degrading. Doesn't he understand how offensive it is and how it sounds to us Africans? Don't we

An Orwell Moment

OPINIONS

By Oakley Rankin

DURING the year of the Ukranian war, George Orwell's 1984 has been one of the best selling books in Russia. Shortly after the invasion police in Ivanovo arrested two persons who were giving away free copies on the street. The book is so often taken as descriptive of Putin's rule in Russia that Maria Zakhorova, Director of the Information and Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; (Spokeswoman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation) stated publicly that "In school, we were drilled that Orwell was describing the horrors of totalitarianism . . . This is one of those global fakes." Instead, the novel "depicted how liberalism would lead humanity to a dead end."

Ms Zakhorova is a professional historian who has compared

have our own say? You're saying that you in the West have to worry about us falling into Chinese hands. That's offensive on so many levels."

But what else is new? She's not really shocked and understands that this is just how they roll. But them showing their true colors like this to Africans, away from mainstream media platitudes, helps them realize that they have to be in control of their own destiny, their own narrative, and that enough is enough.

Apparently, the only circumstance keeping France afloat as a First World nation, preventing it from being a Third World nation, is the fact that it controls the transfer of tax wealth from 14 African nations. I found that to be a bit of a shocker to say the least. I've been living in the world all this time like a Pollyanna. I thought colonialism was a thing of the past. It seems not. Who knew? France!

On another news note, Malcolm X's family are suing the CIA, FBI, and NYPD for murder. They're asking for \$100 million. Better late than never! Somebody in the family must have gotten an education and found some strength. I read his autobiography as a teenager and parts of it have always stayed with me. He took a trip to the Middle East and couldn't get over the skin colour blindness in the culture. They were all just Arabs. Somehow I have always felt affection for him and thought his murder was so sad. Such a clever, self-educated man.

I don't know if there's any truth, really, to astrology, but there does seem to be a change in the air of the world. And we're all here, just along for the ride. Call me sentimental (call me a cab... now I'm Shecky Green.), but right from childhood I've liked the song and sentiment behind Disneys' "It's a Small World" song. Let's fall asleep with it running in our heads. An ear worm.



the movement for Catalanian independence with the invasion of Crimea; claimed the Normandy landings as a sort of cleanup operation after the Nazis had been defeated by the Russians. On February 16, 2022 she said that if the West would just name the date of Russia's invasion of Ukraine she could plan her holiday accordingly. And February 28th, 2022 she stated that "Russia did not start a war, it is ending it". In 2016 she was named by the BBC to its 100 Women list for feminine achievement. Could one ask for a more qualified spokesperson to put forth Russian policy publicly? (A Year of Putin's Wartime Lies / David Remnick; *The New Yorker*; February 23, 2023)

Now for anyone who has actually read 1984 to depict it as due to the horrors of liberalism is about as far onto the stupidity scale as one can get. But there is a good chance that those who would absolve Putin of responsibility for the war will

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...continued from P.7 write off the New Yorker because it is controlled by unnamed gnomes in the government and at Condé Nast. So let Orwell speak for himself:

“My recent novel [1984] is NOT intended as an attack on Socialism or the British Labour Party (of which I am a supporter) but as a show-up of the perversions to which a centralized economy is liable and which have already been partly realized in Communism and Fascism. I do not believe that the kind of society I describe necessarily will arrive, but I believe (allowing of course for the fact that the book is a satire) that something resembling it *could* arrive.” (Letter to Francis A. Henson. July 25, 1949)

Along with Stalin, Hitler, Franco, Salazar, and Ghandi Orwell did indeed lump the wealthy in the West as favouring totalitarianism; today with Orban, Putin, Johnson, Trump, Erdogan and Lukashenko we would do well to listen to him. He was often scathing of liberalism but did not write 1984 as a cautionary tale of liberalism’s ultimate end. 

False Equivalencies

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

I find it helpful to talk with people who have views differing from mine; it helps me to clarify my own thinking, and shift gears when I learn something new or understand something in a different way.

It’s not uncommon for people to say, about Israel-Palestine: “Oh, both sides are suffering, both sides are to blame for the violence, and frankly it seems like a no-win situation. (Sigh) They’ll never resolve it because they each have such differing narratives.” And not too far behind this viewpoint comes the Holocaust, which seems for many, to justify what went down in 1948 and continues today.

If we are concerned about peace for everyone in that deeply divided region, a region whose turmoil affects us all, if we know that at heart, people want peace, they want to be free to live their lives without fear at every corner and checkpoint, then we owe it to ourselves and to everyone in Israel-Palestine to have a clear understanding of the dynamics at play. Wringing our hands in resignation does nothing but preserve the status quo, which is continuing fear, oppression and never-ending violence. To understand what is happening in Israel-Palestine, we need to understand what went down in 1948, the Nakba (“*Catastrophe*” in English), and the years leading up to it.

The words we use matter because *language shapes thinking*, and vice versa. Israel-Palestine is not a “conflict”, it is not two relatively equal sides disputing over land & resources that each of them appropriately claims. It is a settler-colonial enterprise conducted in modern times, based upon a philosophy (Zionism) that is racist by its very nature, which privileges Jewish people over everyone else, particularly the indigenous people living in the land that the Zionists decided to claim as their own. This all began well before the Holocaust, and as horrible as that was, the Palestinians did not cause it, and further, it doesn’t excuse the Nakba, which is ongoing.

The Bible has meaning for many people, but it isn’t a history

book. It is “religious history” if you will, but not actual history. (See historian Shlomo Sand’s: “*The Invention of the Land of Israel*” (2012), or Ilan Pappé’s: “*A History of Modern Palestine*” (2004) or his “*The Idea of Israel: A History of Power & Knowledge*” (2014). Further, God is not a real estate agent. No divine entity “gave” the land to the Jewish people and told them to return and “redeem” it after 2,000 years. It is understandable that many want to believe that narrative, but it doesn’t make it true.

What is true is that the Palestinian people (Muslim, Christian & Jewish) were alive & well and fully engaged in living on their land in Palestine when the Zionist project began. As with so many current issues, if we trace back to the Paris Peace Agreements after WWI, we find that this entitled group arrogantly “gave” Britain control over the region of Palestine after the fall of the Ottoman Empire. It was called the “British Mandate”. The British had spoken out of both sides of their mouth by promising sovereignty in that area to both Arabs (to enlist them to fight against the Ottoman Turks) and to Jews (1917 Balfour Declaration). Inevitably, this created conflict, and when the Brits gave up trying to manage the debacle unfolding in that land, they turned the problem over to the UN, who, led by Canada (Lester Pearson) and the US, bulldozed through The Partition Plan in November, 1947. Palestinians were not even consulted, yet expected to relinquish 55% of the best of their land to the Zionist newcomers. Of course they turned it down! The Zionist leadership accepted the Plan, with clear documentation showing that for Ben-Gurion, this was only the beginning. More land would follow, as indeed it did. Palestinian resistance continues despite Israel’s violent efforts to pacify the population - through extrajudicial killings, random killing of unarmed civilians, night raids terrorizing families and arresting children, economic and social oppression.

Let us stop with false equivalencies and the wringing of hands, and clearly speak up for an end to a brutal occupation and a system of apartheid in Israel-Palestine.



Dishonouring Dissent

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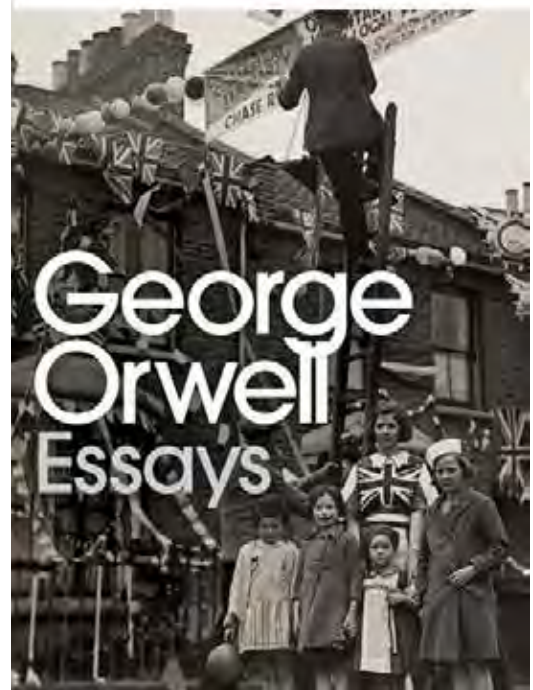
By Keith Porteous

GEORGE ORWELL is quite renowned for his essays despite the fact that most people only know his satirical novels, *Animal Farm* and *1984*.

"The sinister fact about literary censorship is that it is largely voluntary. Unpopular ideas can be silenced, and inconvenient facts kept dark, without the need for any official ban. The press is extremely centralized, and most of it is owned by wealthy men who have every motive to be dishonest on certain important topics. At any given moment there is an orthodoxy, a body of ideas which it is assumed that all right-thinking people will accept without question. It is not exactly forbidden to say this, that or the other, but it is "not done" to say it. Anyone who challenges the prevailing orthodoxy finds himself silenced with surprising effectiveness. A genuinely unfashionable opinion is almost never given a fair hearing, either in the popular press or in the highbrow periodicals." George Orwell

An exception to Orwell's claims, and that which proves his rule, would be *The Islands Grapevine* (TIG). I have searched for examples of a small weekly newspaper that prints both orthodox views and unpopular views that contradict the dominant narratives, and while they may exist, I have yet to find another. I write for TIG to bring forward ideas that are not well represented in corporate or State media and this has brought a good deal of feedback mostly in the form of unsolicited phone calls from people who are afraid to speak or write on these same topics. While there have been pro-war and pro censorship rebuttals to my writings in TIG in the form of letters to the editor, I received a couple of communications this week unlike the others. First, I received an email from a gentleman who thought I might be interested in reading an essay by a Ukrainian poet, a bigoted piece about the evil nature of Russian people. The second was a man posting some angry and ugly smears on my social media page calling me a "Putin Puppet" (so inventive), and followed by some threatening private messages. Yikes! These topics can apparently be very triggering for some people..

What has happened to us as a community and as a part of a broader set of communities? People are inhabiting ideological silos, while the realpolitik reveals that we as individuals are far more complex and nuanced and we have the capacity to break bread with people who may hold ideas we don't share, even while we all have our limits. But I am most fascinated by those who possess the courage to hold minority views on a whole host of issues and it is from those brave souls that I have learned most, even in disagreement. We hear from across the liberal-left spectrum that "the truth is the first casualty of war", with some of those same people parroting the dominant narratives, seemingly unaware that they are doing so. It's as though they fear their entire world view is in peril of unravelling should they pause to challenge these dominant assumptions, even in light of their own acknowledgement that the facts are assuredly being obscured. It's not the misinformation and disinformation contained in minority viewpoints that are most in need of rebuke, when the only thing we can be certain of is that the governments and their corporate media allies are the most



powerful and coercive force in our lives when it comes to intentionally misinforming us.

My writing is unlikely to change minds, but my hope is to give voice to those too cautious to express their views publicly. That can be the real power of a free press. Historically, no social justice agenda in starting from a minority viewpoint could have been successful in realizing change without it. Bad ideas find a place to be heard as well, shedding light on the flawed thinking of their authors and an opportunity to bring forward better ideas as an alternative and as a counterpoint. And moreover, what is the point of simply repeating the overwhelmingly dominant media narratives when the entire corporate media complex is all saying the same thing? What is the intention of the writers of these letters that simply repeat what you hear on every corporate and state media channel? Are these authors wishing to make sure everyone knows that they can be counted on to always support the centres of power and to punch down on individuals who don't tow the line? Are they the self appointed hall monitors of orthodoxy? What a frightening, and dare I say, Orwellian thought.

I remember a worn out joke about lawyers that could easily apply to government spokespeople during wartime. How do we know the government spokesperson is lying? The answer is that their lips are moving. (god) help us. 🍷



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from up there , on your high perch , squawking
we 're not hiding from reality
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*Too many are asleep,
allowing politicians
to pen us in like sheep
in 15 minute cities*

*where movement is restricted,
in a play akin to quarantine.
This game has been predicted.*

*Our country is collapsing,
unravelling at the seams
with politicians trading
nightmares for our dreams.*

They dismantle our democracy.

Our freedoms they deny.

They weaken our economy.

Human rights? Pie in the sky.

*Those that mock the messengers,
whose warnings they belittle
would rather hear the dulcet*

tones

of Nero on his fiddle.

Notes From the Edge of the Narrative Matrix

You Have To Be Trusted

By The People That You Like To

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By Caitlin Johnstone · OP Feb. 16, 2023

THE widespread refusal to accept that the US government bombed the Nord Stream pipelines is based solely on the faith-based belief that the US government would never do something so evil, despite its having done many things that are far more evil than this right out in the open.

"Okay sure they've been spending the last few years helping Saudi Arabia create mountains of child corpses in Yemen, but blowing up a pipeline? That would be a step too far!"

So much government nefariousness hides behind the completely unevicenced assumption "Oh, our leaders would never do anything THAT bad!" It's a belief that is based on literally nothing. It's believed because it is comfortable.

You only get one shot at preventing nuclear war. There will be no do-overs. There will be no course-correction. There will be no learning from mistakes that were made. This is it. Our one and only chance. We're living it.

Is it good enough? Are we using our one shot responsibly?

If the mushroom clouds turn up, will anyone honestly be able to tell themselves that our leaders did everything they could to prevent this from happening, and that we the rank-and-file citizenry did everything we could to pressure them into navigating wisely around this threat?

I personally don't think so. I think if we meet our end that way it will be the result of a bunch of humans playing with armageddon weapons in an extremely reckless and irresponsible way with virtually no resistance from the public, because we didn't like thinking about it much.

The worst thing about Australia is America. All of the most destructive and dangerous things our country has done in recent decades, and all the most destructive and dangerous things it continues to do, have been the result of our role in the US-centralized empire.

Hey I've got a smart idea, let's make laws that require corporations to act like sociopaths, pursuing profit without any consideration for morality or human wellbeing, then let's allow our entire civilization to be ruled by corporations.

Oh cool we already did that, good thinking.

The fact that Biden has explicitly said the US will go to war to defend Taiwan, and that it won't go to war to defend the far less geostrategically crucial Ukraine, should show you that the US does not go to war to defend human interests but to defend its own interests.

The biggest problem with the western anti-war movement is that there is no western anti-war movement. All the other problems you think you're seeing in your "anti-war movement" are at best a very, very distant second to the fundamental problem that your movement has no movement. There's no good reason to spend



your energy worrying if the peace movement is doing it wrong or including the wrong people or not organizing correctly if there is no meaningful peace movement. Focus on fixing that problem first — on creating movement rather than creating inertia and sectarian squabbling.

There's this Pink Floyd line that's been rattling around in my head, "You have to be trusted by the people that you lie to." Because it's so true; you can't deceive people who don't trust you. Propaganda only works if people don't know it's happening — if they don't think of its source as untrustworthy.

That's why it gives me hope that trust in the mass media is plunging to historic lows: if people sufficiently distrust those who lie to them, then those lies won't take root in their minds anymore. Without trust, the propaganda machine can't function.

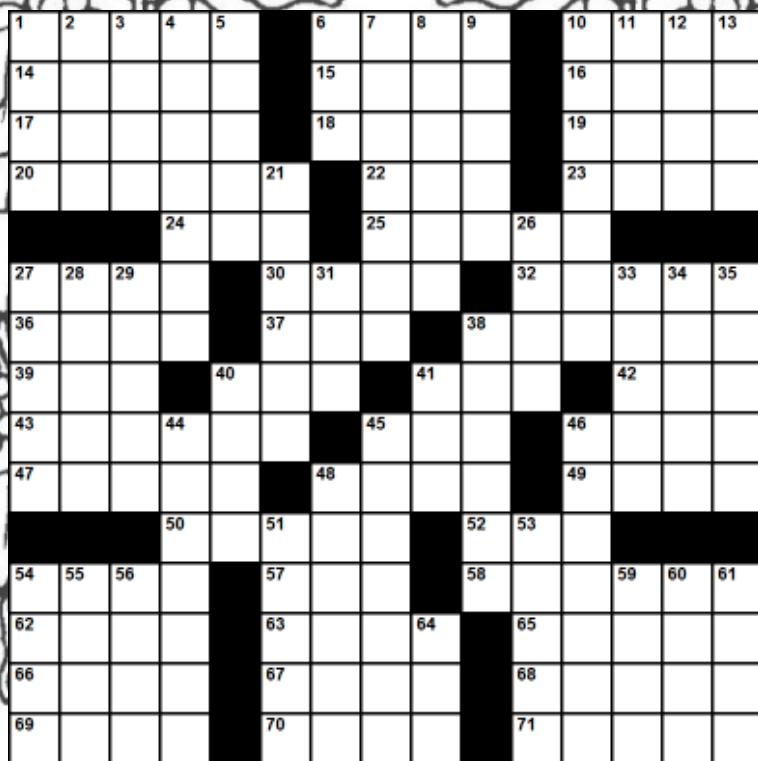
All our world's troubles are ultimately due to propaganda; people only consent to status quo systems which hurt their interests because their consent is manufactured via propaganda. And that propaganda only works because of public trust in the messengers.

We can fight this by working to exacerbate public distrust in the institutions that manufacture our consent, spreading public awareness of the fact that everything we've been taught to believe about our nation, our government and our world is a lie. All positive changes in human behavior — whether individual or collective — are always preceded by an expansion of consciousness. Make people more aware that they are being deceived, and the liars will no longer be trusted by the people they lie to.

Trust in the mass media has never been lower, meanwhile our ability to amplify our own voices and share ideas and information has never been higher. We can use this opportunity to free the collective mind from the chains of propaganda, so that we can finally get real change.



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• ACROSS •

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23. Computer fare
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25. Clean the linoleum
27. Blueprint data
30. Informal assent
32. Currency of Nigeria
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38. Oil platform worker
39. Act the human with
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41. Census form question

42. Actress

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45. Adjust for proper functioning
46. Bubbly beverage
47. Ballet company
48. On leave
49. Coin ceremony
50. Argentine river
52. Kiddo
54. Vertebral connectors
57. Afflict
58. Far-from-the-city areas
62. Complexion woe
63. Frightful
65. Get frost covered
66. County carnival
67. Clarified butter
68. Jungle vine
69. A number one
70. Active volcano
71. Laced with profanity

• DOWN •

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2. Casino city
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5. A driving concern
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7. Awakening
8. Tackiness
9. Fishing tool
10. Balloon ballast
11. A Met score
12. Cult
13. Maori war dance
21. Old Faithful, e.g.
26. Computer operating system
27. Man of the desert
28. Fire worshiper
29. Baseball flub
31. Absorb, as costs
33. Cold home
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38. Enter anew
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44. Daffy
45. Distended
46. Carribean island
48. In a correct manner
51. Pressure device
53. Botanical angles
54. Loony
55. U.N. civilian aviation agcy.
56. Barbershop sound
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Grumpism



“Humpty Dumpty had a lousy summer but he had a great fall.”

Thank you Judy Armstrong

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• COMMUNITY NOTICES •

**DOG FIRST AID AT THE NEW VET
CLINIC** Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Text
Melodie to sign up for free. 250 335
0079 Hosted by Dr. Dave McDonald.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
GATHERING** 6:30 sharp start
Wednesday March 8th at the hall.
Finger food donations including
vegan and gluten free options are
appreciated. Celebration cake is
already checked off. Women and
allies are welcome as always.

HIRRA ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday,
Mar 8, 7:30pm. AGENDA: MOTION
to approve Committee Consultation
Policy. CVRD and Water Stewardship
updates. E-mail office@hirra.ca to
register.

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works.wordpress.com/contact/](https://denman-works.wordpress.com/contact/)

• LOST & FOUND •

LOST - 1-10qt aluminum pressure
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• EMPLOYMENT •

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

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- 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)
- Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • LEO207455 • 702-0570 (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)
- Steve Isaak • Bobcat & Compact Excavator • 250-335-1853 (All)
- Water Cisterns • Steve Isaak • 250-335-1853 (All)

• SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 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. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac • 250-508-8160
• www.heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
- Ryan Moulf Counselling (Statera Therapy) • Ryan Moulf, MA, RCT-C
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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 2

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



FRIDAY 3

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

SATURDAY 4

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

SUNDAY 5

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 6

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

TUESDAY 7

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

WEDNESDAY 8

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- INT. WOMEN'S DAY Comm. Hall 6:30pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 9

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

FRIDAY 10

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

SATURDAY 11

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

SUNDAY 12

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 13

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

TUESDAY 14

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

WEDNESDAY 15

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

THURSDAY 16

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





A Celebration of Courage

An International Women's Day Gathering

Wednesday, March 8th

Doors open 6:30/program begins 7:00

Denman Island Community Hall

Women and allies welcome! Admission by donation

**~Film screening: Afghanistan: No Country for Women,
by Ramita Navai (approx. 60 minutes)~**

~Discussion with visiting Afghani refugee women~

~An honouring table to remember women we've lost~

~Tea, snacks, and a cake to welcome all~

~Denman report: short update on women's work this year ~

~Afghani dance and Dances of Universal Peace~