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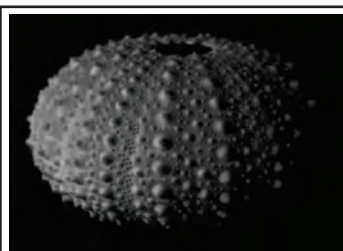
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Shop Local: Telling Our Stories

COMM INFO

By Laura Busheikin for Denman WORKS!

One way Denmanites support our local economy is by hiring islanders for media and communications work. Writing, editing, graphic design, website development, publicity campaigns, videography, social media strategies, and more are all available here on Denman, provided by trained, experienced professionals who understand the nuances of island culture.

Denman Island Chocolate proprietor Daniel Terry can attest to the value of hiring a local for media work: "Online presence—both web-based content and social media—is increasingly important for businesses of all types," he says.

"We upgraded ours this spring when we hired Jessica Johnston to revamp our website and take on our social media needs. Jessica grew up on Denman Island and had recently returned after many years away. She came with the creativity and technical skills to really make things work for us. And having a local on staff means that we never have to explain the parameters of running a business on Denman Island. She gets our ethics and gets that we're part of this community. Local hires are the best."



Autumn White, Coordinator of the Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair, has a similar message: "The Craft Fair has a long history of hiring locals for all our media needs—designing and running our publicity campaign, writing, photography, website design, and shooting promotional videos. We're always really happy with the quality and appreciate the ease of working with someone from the island. Also, hiring local fulfills the Craft Fair ethic of supporting the Denman economy."

Shannon Kay, who moved to Denman just over a year ago from Campbell River with her husband and 10-year-old daughter, is a fairly recent addition to Denman's local media and communications sector. Alongside working part-time as the secretary of the Denman Elementary School, Shannon runs Sweet Sea Photography.

Sweet Sea offers a range of professional photography, from weddings to portraits to commercial shoots. While a lot of Shannon's work comes from further afield (her business was well-established before moving to Denman), she says the island is a wonderful place to be a photographer.

"Denman is the perfect place for picturesque locations. I like to work with natural light and here I have the choice between beautiful ocean or lush forest," says Shannon. "A lot of the work I do here is on a smaller scale, which is great. I like to be one-on-one with people and to get to know them. I've also been doing a lot of work for publications, such as Folklife Magazine, featuring Denman locals. This is a treat since I get to meet more Island people."

Shannon, who grew up in Dawson Creek, originally studied fashion design at Athabasca College. Ultimately, the program didn't inspire her to pursue a fashion career, but what did inspire her was the course she took in black and white photography. "We got to do some portrait work in the studio. I'd always done a lot of photography, but that's where I fell in love with it," she says.

Shannon went on to get more photography education through workshops and courses, and has no plans to stop. "I really like to keep up with what's trending and with new directions in photography. It's always changing," she says.

In an era where just about everyone has a smartphone that can take decent pictures, the role of a professional photographer needs to be clearly articulated. Shannon has some interesting insights into this topic.

“For portrait photography, a professional will capture moments that you may not notice. My style is quite candid and I enjoy opportunities that aren’t so structured. For instance, at a wedding I might take a shot in between poses, when someone’s just going from one place to another, and that might be the shot the clients love best.

“And hiring a photographer guarantees the entire family is in the images. As a mom and a photographer, I’m almost never in our family photos,” she says, laughing.

“For website images, it is important to view your product through someone else’s eyes. People who visit your website will see your product as consumers, not the way you would. So by hiring a photographer (who is also a possible consumer), you will receive images that my differ from what you would take. I approach product shots by asking myself ‘if I was thinking about buying this, what kind of photo would I want to see.’

“Quality of the images is also important for print, web, and enlargements. Your photographer will provide you with high quality, high resolution images.”

Shannon says COVID-19 hasn’t held her back much. “The biggest impact was the cancellation of larger weddings and events. Things slowed way down for awhile, but I stayed busy with website enhancements and magazine work. I remain respectful of my clients’ space and their level of comfort during all seasons. Thanks to a variety of lenses, I can maintain my distance while photographing.” Photography is both a business and a passion for Shannon. “I love that by practicing my chosen art form I am able to provide lasting memories for my clients. I also really love seeing their reactions to my final images.”

Shannon is just one of many Denman individuals who offer media and communications services—telling our stories, recording our histories, and spreading the word about our initiatives, culture, and activities. These creative professionals, and the people who hire them, are part of the colourful tapestry of the Denman economy, keeping money circulating on-island while building relationships and culture. 🍷

DCA Work Bee *By Leticia Gardner, DCA*

COMM INFO

Hi Denman!

My name is Leticia, I will be coordinating invasive species removal work bees this fall through the DCA!

We’ll be kicking off this season’s work bees removing English Holly on Sunday **September 27th from 9am-12pm at Winter Wren Wood**, rain or shine. We’ll be doing a comb through the property seeking out smaller holly nests that have regrown from previously cut stumps.

Meet at the big “Winter Wren Wood” sign on Lake Rd. Feel free to come for an hour or the whole time!

Please bring water, gloves, secateurs, loppers, and a pruning saw if you can. In light of Covid 19 we will have extra tools that we can sanitize between use, but if you are able to bring your own tools that would be ideal! We will be practicing physical distancing (keeping 2m apart from anyone outside of our “pods”).

Other Upcoming Work Bees:

Oct 4, 9am-12pm, Settlement Lands
Oct. 5, 2pm-5pm, Settlement Lands
Oct. 6, 9am-12pm, Settlement Lands
Oct. 18, 9am-12pm, Central Park
Oct. 19, 12pm-3pm, Central Park

Oct. 20, 10am-1pm, Central Park
Nov. 8, 9am-12pm, Settlement Lands
Nov. 9, 9am-12pm, Settlement Lands
Nov. 10, 2pm-5pm, Settlement Lands

Snacks will be provided.

Looking forward to hopefully seeing you this fall! 🍷

TIDE TABLE

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

2020-09-24
(Thursday) 🌙

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:50	1.1	3.6
13:35	4.6	15.1
19:08	3.5	11.5
23:21	4	13.1

2020-09-25
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:52	1.2	3.9
14:47	4.6	15.1
20:41	3.4	11.2

2020-09-26
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:38	3.7	12.1
07:59	1.4	4.6
15:48	4.6	15.1
21:57	3.2	10.5

2020-09-27
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:06	3.6	11.8
09:05	1.5	4.9
16:37	4.6	15.1
22:52	2.9	9.5

2020-09-28
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:24	3.7	12.1
10:05	1.5	4.9
17:17	4.6	15.1
23:33	2.7	8.9

2020-09-29
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:27	3.8	12.5
10:55	1.6	5.2
17:49	4.6	15.1

2020-09-30
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:07	2.5	8.2
05:21	3.9	12.8
11:38	1.8	5.9
18:16	4.6	15.1

2020-10-01
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:38	2.3	7.5
06:08	3.9	12.8
12:14	1.9	6.2
18:38	4.5	14.8



From the Crow's Nest: Under Arrest

ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

The official jeep wheels around a warehouse and jerks to a stop. Looking up from the just-furled mainsail, my interest turns to alarm when a uniformed Immigration officer jumps out and strides toward *Celerity*. We are here without permits.

"Please come with me," he orders.

The curbside service is impressive. Through blinding rainsqualls, we'd homed on Ponape, Thea marking the plotting sheet while I waved the handheld RDF like a dowser sensing land. Skirting the lighthouse ruins beneath Sokehs bluff, we'd hoisted the Q flag and docked "dead stick" astern of an unloading inter-islander with a plastic bag wrapped around our prop – only minutes before.

Thank Poseidon, while bouncing around offshore I'd shaved and changed into my "captain's uniform" of clean khaki shorts, polished Docksidors and carefully-preserved white shirt. Clutching the zippered pouch containing our passports and ship's papers, I climb onto the pierhead.

"I'll be right back!" I call to Thea. She does not appear convinced.

I'm driven down a dusty, pot-holed street, past wooden storefronts where chocolate-toned Carolinian women wearing applique skirts, colorful blouses and cinnamon-scented *mars-mars* in their waist-length hair watch from oasis of shade.

We brake before a squat, two-story structure whose architect has economized on windows. It's not any place I want to enter. My tight-lipped guard escorts me up a steep flight of stairs, raps on a door, and ushers me inside. The room's only exit shuts solidly behind me.

Taking up the entire top floor of this harbor security building, the cavernous space is adorned with an elaborate Ponapean flag and matching wall map. A solitary filing cabinet broods off to my right.

Seated directly before me amidst the regalia of his jurisdiction, Mr. Quiriri I. Mendoza dominates an equally imposing desk. Unflatteringly legendary throughout the Western Pacific, the representative of the Federated States of Micronesia glares at me. *El jefe*, I tell myself.

We didn't have clearance for Kosrae either.

The scowling official scans my proffered documents. Suspensions confirmed, he looks up. "For entering the Carolines without a permit you are subject to a fine of \$10,000 and three years in prison."

I get it. Another rich, white foreigner has come waltzing into his territory without first making obligatory obeisance. With typical Western arrogance, I have insult-

ed his newly independent nation. And even worse, his authority.

"I'm sorry," I reply, "but you are talking to someone who has just been through a hurricane." I pause before adding, "Sometimes the sea does not respect rules made ashore."

My captor's eyes widen. In the drawn-out silence, I fear I've gone too far.

"That's true," he says slowly. He's checked with Kosrae.

My apology includes ancient carbons of letters addressed to his office. Perhaps the originals are on file?

Pushing back from his desk, the chief marches across the room, pulls open a metal drawer and starts rifling its contents. Extracting the relevant folder, he pages through it. Stops. Draws forth several typewritten sheets.

"So you did," Mendoza says, smiling warmly as he returns with my inquiries in hand. No explanation why they were ignored. Instead, the boss stamps our papers with a flourish.

"Welcome to Ponape, captain. If you and your crew would like a tour of my island, I would be happy to drive you around."

RDF = Radio Direction Finder used to follow a radio beam towards its source. "Q" = obligatory yellow quarantine flag. Ponape is now spelled as it's pronounced: Pohnpei.

Thea Mortell photo – scan by King Anderson



Tuckered Thomas 5 days out of Ponape.



Post-Secondary Learning Space Looking for Local Support COMM INFO

By Chili Leblanc-Wulff

Picture this: You're at home with your disheveled parents who are bustling about, occasionally asking you to complete some kind of painstaking task. Although you love them, there is a deep desire to escape, to venture out into the world and get a breath of fresh air. Before that thought develops, a notification pops up on your device:

"Managerial Economics – 8:30am, starts in 5 minutes."

You sit down, sigh, and attend your online lecture. Unlike your predecessors, you did not have a first year "frosh week", you did not get to walk around campus with your new friends, nor did you get to set up a cream colored, closet sized dorm room. For the rest of the year (literally), school is home and home is school.

As bad as that may sound, it's a truth that countless post-secondary students are coming to terms with as the academic year hits its stride. Here on Denman, a handful of us join the masses as we individually take on heavy workloads, sometimes mind-numbing Zoom calls, and everything else that may entail. After messaging back and forth, we've realized that merely attending class at home does not promote true learning, nor does

it lead to a balanced education. "What's missing?" we asked one another, and it didn't take long before we identified the obvious. We needed a proper learning environment. We needed a space that promotes distraction-free study (sorry, dad), collaboration, and an acceptable internet connection.

I'm writing this article to the Denman Island Community as a plea for help. A couple potential spaces have been made available to us, but at a substantial cost. If you are reading this and feel as though you are able to contribute to the "Post-secondary Learning Environment Fund", please contact Denman WORKS! at denmanresource@gmail.com or call Tony Gregson at 778-838-7110. It would make a world of difference and promote strong education through the rest of the school year. 🍇

Living Well • Week 25 • Avatar Grove COMM INFO

By Verna Isbister

Last Sunday, we drove two hours north from Victoria to Port Renfrew and then continued a further twenty minutes up a bumpy gravel road to Avatar Grove. Avatar Grove is an old growth forest on the traditional lands of the Pacheedaht First Nations. A group called the Ancient Forest Alliance has built trails and boardwalks through the forest so that visitors can view trees with names like Canada's Gnarliest Tree. Further up the road there is a tree called Big Lonely Doug. There are other nearby trees called the San Juan Spruce, Red Creek Fir and the Harris Creek Spruce. It was well worth our drive.

It has been said that Europe has the cathedrals and Canada's west coast has the towering forests. It was a Sunday, when we visited Avatar Grove and I felt like we were in a sacred place. Being in the presence of such magnificent trees, I was reminded of Joyce Kilmer's poem, "But only God can make a tree", of Thoreau's words, "Trees ... were 'shrines' 'burning bushes' that disclosed divinity in nature ..." and of Gerard Manley Hopkins's poetry, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil." On this hushed and lush forest floor, I felt like I was walking on holy ground.

The name Avatar comes from a Sanskrit word meaning "descent" implying that nature is a manifestation of something godly. Walking beneath the forest's canopy of every shade of green and the earth's colours of browns and reds, our eyes were calmed and our minds relaxed. Through the forest we could hear the sound of rushing water, ravens and the wind at the tops of the trees. The fragrances of moss, rotting wood, mud, sap and needles were an invitation to breathe deeply. The textures of the bark were amazing as they criss-crossed, overlapped, and swirled around the huge trunks with their bulbous burls and interconnecting limbs. The Japanese term, shinrin-yoku, forest bathing, aptly describes our experience.

It seems like books (eg. The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben, Tree: A Life Story by David Suzuki and Wayne Grady or Greenwood by Michael Christie) and movies about trees (e.g. James Cameron's 2015 3-D movie, Avatar, that introduced a stunning rainforest with a tree called the Tree of Souls) have become immensely

popular and rightly so, however, George Washington Carver wrote, "Reading about nature is fine, but if a person walks in the woods and listens carefully they can learn more than what is in books, for they speak in the voice of God."

If you have the time, I'd encourage you to visit Avatar Grove. The trail itself only takes about 45 minutes. Follow the paved Pacific Rim Circle Route just north of Duncan and print the on-line map for stops along the way. In the meantime, enjoy the forest trails on our Island. The name "avatar" reminds us that the trees call us to look up, be awed and thankful.

We are so fortunate to live on the west coast and are grateful to those who work to preserve the forests, to those who continue the campaigns and to those who build trails. For the health and happiness of yourself and our planet today, I invite you to walk amongst the trees.

Dire Straits' song calls us to the Walk of Life:

*There's just a song in all the
trouble and the strife
You do the walk, yeah, you do
the walk of life
Mmm, you do the walk of life."*



Book Review: A Global Security System: An Alternative to War, 5th Edition *By Sally Campbell*

ARTS&LIT

Most people in the world want peace, yet have no idea how to get there. If asked, they often respond by saying that war is inevitable, war is human nature, it's good for the economy, it's necessary to prevent terrorism – responses uttered with a tired sigh and sense of resignation. Youth are not so defeated; they will often passionately question the status quo, harshly criticize our sorry current state of affairs and shake their heads at their elders' moral failure to take action for a more peaceful world. They in turn are labelled "idealistic" and "unrealistic" by those of us worn down by a militarized culture, made fearful and passive by outdated ways of thinking about security. We have given away our power to envision and create the world we want, one where we think globally and find ways to work through conflict non-violently, a world where resources are allocated to human and environmental well-being rather than the violence and degradation accompanying war and war-preparation.

Here is a book that offers hope and realism under one cover. It's the 5th Edition from World Beyond War, (founded in 2014) and it tackles the "edifice of the War System", naming the pillars of war, laying the foundations for peace and providing readers a blueprint for building a world safe for all. This book is very accessible, and is designed like a how-to manual, in that the reader can begin at the start and follow it through its logical course, or open it at a specific place of interest. The book is a collaborative work-in-progress. It is easy to read, and chock full of photo images, graphs, thoughtful and inspiring quotes, lists condensing the ideas presented, maps, resources, and careful, fact-based expansion of ideas. It is a primer on causes of war, myths about war, and ways to move beyond war.

The authors lay out a clear 3 pronged strategy:

1. Demilitarize security
2. Manage conflict without violence
3. Create a culture of peace.



This is followed by realistic steps a group or individual can take, accompanied by an on-line study guide for further depth and action. The focus is on citizen action as being absolutely essential to transform our present war-focused system. There are important new sections in this edition on a feminist-based foreign policy, on building infrastructure for peace (just as we have massive infrastructure now in place for war-making), and on the essential role of youth in peace and security.

This important book is a valuable resource for use in schools, for study groups, and for individuals who care about our world and want to participate meaningfully in making it better.

As the authors say, it's time to take a new path, "not informed by some sort of perceived naïve pacifism but by rigorous analysis of non-violent alternatives without a so-called military option as part of the picture".(p.47) A highly recommended resource!

For those interested in reading this excellent book, I will have copies for sale at cost.

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Correction, Donations & Orwellian Double-speak *By Eartha Muirhead*

OP/ED

Last week I made a faux pas. The Fairy Creek Blockade is not seeking an injunction against Teal-Jones. Because we are on Tree Farm License #46, i.e. land stolen by the colonial provincial government, from the Patcheedaht and given away to Teal-Jones to turn it into a tree farm, after they destroy it, we are deemed trespassers and have no rights to be there. We do however, have a responsibility to be there, especially when California, Oregon and Washington states have gone up in smoke. If their old-growth forests had been intact, they could have survived drought caused fires. If you so desire, please send any big or small money donations to support the blockades and the legal team at rain4estflyingsquad@gmail.com. My next trip will be in early October if you have any other donations.

Orwellian double-speak has just been given another facelift. John Horgan, sleazy and cheesy Chief of Bullshit, is calling for an October election. Upholding Site C dam because we already have spent too much money on it, caving into LNG pipelines on unceded Wet'suwet'en lands, allowing raw log exports to China, not upholding FN rights and titles, watering down all ecology-based forest management plans, never putting into effect endangered species legislation, supposedly protecting over 350,000 hectares of old growth forest - anything to do with the environment is double-speak and deliberate lies. He says one thing and does an-

other. Franz Kafka wrote many stories on this depressing theme. Forcing this election is in violation of the confidence and supply agreement with the Greens.

As brainwashed white settlers and guests on Indigenous stolen lands, we must deconstruct the neo-liberal idea that "we are all in this together." We, too often, are making long-term decisions that exclude the natural world, as if we are not made from plants, sunshine, fresh air and clean water. Humans separated from nature's natural laws is the denial of the truth of interdependency and the resulting chaos is catching up to us.



Affordable Housing *By Shaun White*

OP/ED

There is a project to provide affordable housing. It is not a government project, not a BC Housing project either. It is a registered charity Denman Housing Association project aptly named Denman Green. DHA is doing their very best to acquire free land using kindly donated densities from another piece of land on Denman. After many years of searching and approaches only one person was persuaded to swap 20 acres of land for the four densities DHA had to offer.

That land is within walking distance of the Denman downtown area, it is spacious and allows for an uncrowded, non urban development. The septic design is practical, commonplace and resolved without complication. Anyone with factual technical information to the contrary should please provide it to us, since the certified professionals following a Geotec survey and site visits have not flagged a problem. My property is on the same ridgeline and my septic is neither exceptional in design or providing any problems ever.

The one water well drilled did not produce adequately, but it is common on the ridgeline across Denman for sometimes 3 or 4 wells to be drilled on a plot of land to establish one flowing well. To avoid further costly speculative drilling, DHA looked at Rainwater Harvesting and with existing data within Canada we established that rainwater was not only the best quality source water but the most reliable and the least impact on existing stressed aquifers. (Similar to Coho Land-ing.) Some people have suggested the water volume planned by DHA for tenants is not enough. This is not correct. I have checked my own lavish use of water at my house by installing a certified meter at source. All water that feeds the outside buildings and faucets, and all the water for inside the house, and drinking water for four other households is counted by my meter. I use water in a totally unrestricted fashion with toilet flushing at every single use and my household averages less than 100 liters per day for everything. DHA are planning 134 liters per day per person, not per household so DHA is providing over three times my unrestricted consumption. It is destructive to criticize the water plans that have been carefully and cautiously constructed using data from the city of Guelph who recorded 200,000 data points for assessing the use and application of domestic water by Canadians. So anyone who continues to spread these rumors, needs to accept their responsibility and answer to the renters in need. Again if you have contrary factual

information please provide it and it will be evaluated and passed on to the professionals.

No property will be perfect, but if anyone has available a plan to purchase or gain land for affordable housing, please start a project now and I will offer my help for technical support, just as I have done for five years to the DHA. I encourage the critics of Denman Green, to spearhead a new better project in their view, and I offer to them my technical assistance to help their project. It is also the mandate of the DHA to assist any other housing group with whatever knowledge it possesses from its five years of hard work by volunteers, so alternative projects do have support.

It's time to start doing something rather than criticize the efforts of others. Writing and sniping on speculative or assumed points does not build affordable housing, in fact it prevents anything being done and weakens the community. If you have a better idea, use it and be supported and supportive. Help out current Denman projects like the Seniors Project and Denman Green. There are only one set of beneficiaries and they need the 80 units that the Islands Trust determined Denman Island is in urgent need of.



Rural Government *By Richard Balfour*

OP/ED

In this October's issue of the Flagstone community paper on Denman Island, there is a four page discussion paper asking questions about the future of rural governance. Not just on Denman Island, but unorganized territory in general. The rationale for the question in normal times is based on just the notion that democracy is a good idea in general but self government takes on a new dimension in the downslope of society as we as a planet run out of resources from overpopulation and overconsumption and the consequent devastation of the environment summarized as Climate Change. Much of the now cascading systems failures and hitting of tipping points is not a surprise to those who have studied under the Limits to Growth from the Club of Rome in 1970, or those of us trying to live under Design With Nature (Ian McHarg) and within a confined Ecological Footprint (Rees, Wagernal).

However the Growth and Denial folks kept going and as their Business as Usual is collapsing our survival, and we have run out of time to enact Plan B, we face scenarios of Collapse or Plan C, we have to adapt sooner with fewer resources. The downslope will not be pretty. Now those in Denial will say you cannot see the future. Unfortunately as we run out of the good options, yes we can see the future. In war games the first reaction of the participants is to go to Mad Max or Police State options. There are third options but it is best we act on them now as to leave them to others is too late.

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... continued from Page 7 ... So to advocate for Direct Democracy for your unorganized Free Spirit community would be a worthwhile goal in itself, there is an alternate future to seek where Home Rule is a defense mechanism. The Islands Trust has a part in this if it could be made to respect the actual needs of the communities but it has as most institutions, a gradual hardening of positions due to limited real input from the governed. New additions to the community which the community needs are easily thwarted by a NIMBY reaction and the board does not reflect the actual demography of the islands, leaving a general sense of frustration by casual observation. Some will say if it is not broken do not fix it but if the conditions of the future make the existing system unworkable and even dangerous in its inability to respond to changing demands, think again.

So the suggestion of rural self government is based on a combined social planning and defensive or military planning for an uncertain future on the downslope. The complex society of our urban focus is not sustainable. Systems collapse is unavoidable and more evident as tipping points trigger broader collapse. Now if it takes longer to collapse you have more time. But think tanks dealing with these real happenings generally agree our 100 year civilization is near an end just due to logistics. Most urban refugees now on this island and others admit this but not out loud. The fear of talking about this reality concerns some that such a coordinated community response is maybe Tribal. If Tribal means the community has formed a common interest and mutual support, this is a good thing. The

IPCC amongst other bodies now admit we have a decade at most to turn life around, life cannot be the same. All you take for granted is up for grabs. It would be prudent for any community to at least consider the options for sustainability, re-localization and mutual community support. Food security in the face of collapsing supply chains is the first concern of course. What else affects your future?

At least lets talk about how we manage as the environment changes our life for us, for your relatives about to show up one weekend, and what about your children?

Denman Island Climate Change Task Force 2020

See SSP Manual and slide sets at www.plancanada.com email balfourarch@telus.net 🍷

Which Non-Violent Revolutions

Will Succeed? By Gwynne Dyer • OP September 20th, 2020

OP/ED

The old calculation was simple and brutal: if you want to overthrow a tyrant, you must use violence. There was an occasional exception, like Gandhi's use of non-violent protest to gain India's independence, but people wrote that off as being due to the fact that the British empire, being ruled by a democratic government, was too soft.

Tell that to the descendants of the tens of thousands of Irish, Kenyans, Malaysians, Yemenis, Iraqis, Egyptians, Afrikaners and sundry others who were killed for trying to leave the British empire. It would be truer to say that Ghandian non-violence obliged the British to avoid massive violence in India (and Pakistan and what eventually became Bangladesh got a free ride out on the same ticket.)

And then, after bubbling underneath for four decades with a few partial successes like the American civil rights movement, non-violent tactics exploded into a kaleidoscopic range of peaceful revolutions in the later 1980s. From south and southeast Asia (The Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, Bangladesh) to Iran and the Communist-ruled countries in Eastern Europe, the technique seemed unstoppable.



Peaceful protest was drowned in blood in China in 1989, but it kept notching up victories elsewhere: the Soviet Union itself, most of France's sub-Saharan colonies, South Africa and Indonesia in the 1990s; Serbia, Philippines II, Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine and Lebanon in the 2000s; and Egypt, Tunisia, Syria, Ukraine II and Sudan in the 2010s.

But all the non-violent uprisings of the 2010-2011 'Arab Spring' except Tunisia's ended up being crushed by military coups or civil wars. And none of the current crop, in Belarus, Thailand and Algeria, are heading for a rapid or easy victory. Indeed, they might all fail. What is happening to this technique that once swept all before it?

It's more than three decades since this new technique startled the world,

and dictators are not usually fools. They see what happened to their former colleagues who got overthrown, and start working out counter-strategies that weaken the determination and cohesiveness of the protesters.

For example, all but the stupidest dictators now know that while violence can scare individuals and small groups into silence, it is almost always a mistake to use it against very large groups. It just makes them angry, and they'll usually be back the next day in much larger numbers.

Your real objective, as a dictator, should be to trick the protesters into using violence themselves. Then the thugs who love a street-fight will rise to leadership positions in the protests while most other people withdraw, disgusted by the violence – and then you can use massive violence against the violent protesters who remain.

Dictators have also learned to block the internet and mobile phones at the first sign of protest, or to mine electronic communications between the protest organisers to stop small groups from uniting into an unstoppably big crowd. Keep that up long enough, and you may just wait them out.

Harvard politican scientist Erica Chenoweth is the go-to expert on this, and she has two very useful numbers for us. The first is that whereas non-violent movements to overthrow illegitimate regimes used to succeed half the time, now they win only one time in three. The other, more encouraging, is that if they can get 3.5% of the population out in the streets, they almost always win.

By this measure, the Belarus movement is still within reach of success. 3.5% of Belarus's population is about 300,000 people, and the Sunday demonstrations since early August, including those in cities outside Minsk, probably come close to that figure most weekends. People are not yet bored, cowed, or in despair.

The protests in Thailand against former general and coup-leader Prayuth Chan-o-cha have not yet spread significantly beyond Bangkok, and the mostly student protesters are certainly not even 1% of the population. The

movement continues to expand, but its long-term prospects are doubtful.

As for Algeria, the recent election of a new president closely linked to the last one (whom the protesters forced to resign last year) has brought the students back out into the streets in force. The Covid-19 lock-down robbed the movement of its momentum, however, and it is unlikely to regain it.

So maybe one success in three for regime change, just as Erica Chenoweth predicts. But her most important insight is that the 3.5% number probably applies to any popular protest movement, including those in democratic countries. The goals of those movements need not be limited to overthrowing dictators.

As she told the Harvard Gazette last year: "(3.5%) sounds like a really small number, but in absolute terms it's really an impressive number of people...Can you imagine if 11.5 million (Americans) were doing something like mass non-cooperation in a sustained way for nine to 18 months? Things would be totally different in this country."



Dear Bonny Henry *By Lise Le Bel*

OP/ED

This is my story; I am a well-educated retired woman in her fifties, in very good health, in a healthy marriage and a comfortable income. I live in a small town where I access the outdoors on a regular basis, swimming, biking and hiking. I workout with weights three times a week with my husband, and see a massage therapist regularly for stress relief and minor muscle tension. I attempt to meditate daily and on most days am successful. I have healthy relationships with women friends and engage in social activities often. I have no history of depression or mental health issues. And then life with Covid -19 settled in.

I now find myself continually stressed -- crying daily, increased blood pressure, reaching to alcohol to help me sleep, waking each morning with a churning stomach, struggling with some very low days and working hard to come out from under them. I cry for those who have no voice, for myself who feels powerless in the face of all this insanity, for those who are living in fear, for those who have lost a loved one, lost their livelihood, lost their hope, lost their church, lost their childhood, lost their education. We are all in mourning for the lives we have lost to this governments' unscientific, radical, excessive, fear mongering, power hungry, unconstitutional and delusional idea that you can stop this virus, way of handling the, so called, pandemic.

As the conflicting information continues to pour in:

- Masks will not help, and then you must wear a mask.
- We have a test that works, and then discover the PCR test is ineffective and has many false positives and false negatives.
- You must social distance but then discover there really is little science behind the recommendation, at best simply postulations.
- How do we know it's a virus when we did not follow Koch's postulates? Many scientists report the virus has never been isolated.
- We must do every thing we can to stop the spread to the point our civil liberties are being trampled on by conflicting ex

perts at every turn.

-We live in a democratic society where opposing views and opinions are openly shared and discussed. Oh wait, no we don't. The censorship on social media of open discussion about the virus is unprecedented. The news outlets are not relevant anymore because there is no investigative reporting allowed.

If this is what I, as among the least affected citizens by the recent unfolding events, am experiencing, what are the most vulnerable in our community dealing with? As a privileged woman yourself, I suspect you can't even imagine.

As a physician you should well know that **emotional stress is a major contributing factor to the 6 leading causes of illness**: cancer, coronary heart disease, accidental injuries, respiratory disorders, cirrhosis of the liver and suicide. So essentially, the policies set in place currently, are setting the stage for far more health risks than anything close to what the virus could produce. If the Covid measures are all about our health, why is the destruction of peoples' mental health, increasing stress levels, increase in alcohol consumption, among others being permitted—nay mandated?

You are calling this virus a public health crisis. What about the people who have been deprived of needed medical attention, some to the point of losing their lives to flatten a curve that never happened? What about the drug overdose deaths, which have surpassed all Covid deaths to date in just one month? We have had since January this year 728 overdose deaths. As of early September there have been only 213 Covid deaths in BC. What about the increase in suicides? What about the increase in spousal abuse and child abuse and hunger? What about people losing their jobs, livelihoods and possibly homes? Are these not also Public Health Crises?

It is imperative you have the conversation that, you as the governing body, cannot discriminate to provide protective measures to citizen A at the expense of Citizen B. You are obligated to look after the wellbeing of ALL your citizens. **You took an oath as a physician to first do no harm** and I understand the pressure you must be under—the scrutiny, the expectations, feeling under the microscope, but I challenge you to acknowledge that your policies are causing harm, against your sworn oath. I challenge you to look more deeply at the impact of the restrictions you apply. I further challenge you to look at the worldwide data, (right click link below)

<https://www.aier.org/article/the-clearer-and-best-video-explanation-of-the-virus-the-lockdowns-and-the-impact/>

to better understand, in case you have missed it, that there is no cause for these extreme and austere measures. We have a population of 4.6 million people and

you are shutting down our lives over 213 deaths mostly of the elderly, already sick or weakened. At first we did not know much about what was going on but now we know much, much more and still you are not making sound decisions based on that new information. You strike me as an intelligent and caring person. Who is advising you? Maybe you need some new advisors or start doing your own research and find the truth, not just rely on what you are being fed.

In addition, what are you doing to our children? Terrorizing them in schools, robbing them of a carefree childhood rather than giving them what is rightfully theirs—an education free from fear. The SCIENCE says children are not at risk from this disease. Look at how they are dealing with schools in Denmark and revise your protocols.

I beseech you to find the courage to stop this fear mongering and help British Columbians manage living with the virus and stop thinking they can hide from it. Cases are not the issue; hospitalizations are the more important statistics to provide. Deaths from the virus are on the decline all over the world. I want out of this Prison of Protection! And I know many others who feel the same. I would rather die of Covid than starvation –of social contact, of freedom, of seeing others faces, concerts, and travel. This is not living! I implore you to stop this mania.

With the greatest of respect possible from someone who vehemently disagrees with your decisions. 🍷

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Annual General Meeting

Thursday, Oct 15 at 7:00 PM

Due to COVID19, the annual general meeting will be held online using ZOOM. Please contact us by email at the following address if you plan to attend:
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A Conservancy for Islands of the Salish Sea *By Islands Trust*

COMM INFO

ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY RECEIVES AN INVESTMENT OF \$597,000 OVER THREE YEARS TO PROTECT SPECIES AT RISK

Łəkəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, British Columbia • The federal government is recognizing the importance of species at risk on the Gulf and Howe Sound islands. The islands in the Salish Sea, near the urban areas of Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo, are a hotspot for species diversity and have one of the highest densities of species at risk in Canada. To support efforts to protect species at risk on the Gulf and Howe Sound islands, Environment and Climate Change Canada is investing \$597,000 in the launch of the Islands Trust Conservancy's new Species at Risk Program.

The federal government, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, is implementing a pan-Canadian approach to transforming species at risk conservation in Canada. Priority places selected have significant biodiversity, concentrations of species at risk, and opportunities to advance conservation efforts.

The Gulf and Howe Sound islands fall into a zone identified as a priority under the pan-Canadian approach. The islands and mainland surrounding the Salish Sea are a hotspot for biodiversity, with more than 100 federally listed species at risk in the area.

A contribution agreement between Environment and Climate Change Canada and Islands Trust Conservancy will provide \$597,000 over three years to support species at risk programs that will include:

- Conducting surveys and monitoring
- Restoring critical habitat
- Providing outreach materials and events
- Assisting landowners who wish to protect species at risk on their land
- Engaging and working with First Nations

Islands Trust Conservancy currently manages habitat for over 25 known federal species at risk across its network of 106 protected areas. With this investment, Islands Trust Conservancy will broaden and increase conservation of species at risk in the Islands Trust Area.

Quotes

"We are very pleased to support Islands Trust Conservancy in their work to conserve Garry oak and other rare ecosystems in southwest BC. We are contributing \$597,000 over 3 years through the Canada Nature Fund towards this important project in the Gulf Islands. This priority place is home to over 100 species at risk plants and animals, including Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, sharp-tailed snake, and yellow montane violet. By partnering with proactive local governments and organizations in priority places, we can achieve better outcomes for species at risk." – The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

"The Islands Trust Conservancy is excited to receive this investment from Environment and Climate Change Canada and provide 'on the ground' actions to protect critical habitat for species at risk. We look forward to working collaboratively with First Nations, islanders, and partners to this end."
– Kate-Louise Stamford, Board Chair, Islands Trust Conservancy

Quick Facts

- In British Columbia, there are more than 260 federally listed species at risk and more than 1,615 provincially listed species at risk.

- Islands Trust Conservancy manages 106 protected areas, with over 1,300 ha as nature reserves and conservation covenants.

- Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas are home to over 25 federally listed species at risk.

- In 2018, federal, provincial, and territorial environment ministers agreed to the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada. This approach shifts efforts from single species, to focusing on collaborative efforts to conserve multiple species and ecosystems.

- The Government of Canada has made commitments to conserve 25 percent of Canada's land and inland waters and 25 percent of Canada's oceans by 2025, and is working toward 30 percent of each by 2030.

Informative links

- UN Reports nearly one million species risk becoming extinct
- Pan-Canadian approach transforming species at risk conservation.pdf

About

The Islands Trust Conservancy is the conservation land trust for over 450 islands of the Salish Sea and is a part of the Island Trust. Since 1990, the Islands Trust Conservancy has protected more than 1,300 hectares of island ecosystems. This success is thanks to the vision, support, and generosity of our donors and partners. Visit us online at www.islandstrustconservancy.ca.

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District Appoints New Secretary Treasurer *By CVRD*

COMM INFO

Comox Valley, B.C. – Superintendent Tom Demeo is pleased to announce that Brenda Hooker has been appointed as the new Secretary-Treasurer for Comox Valley Schools.

Brenda will assume duties in her role with the school district effective 1 November.

Brenda is currently the Secretary Treasurer in the Peace River North (SD60). Brenda has a Charter General Accounting Designation (CGA), has worked as an auditor and served as an elected School Trustee for the Prince George School District Board of Education (SD 57).

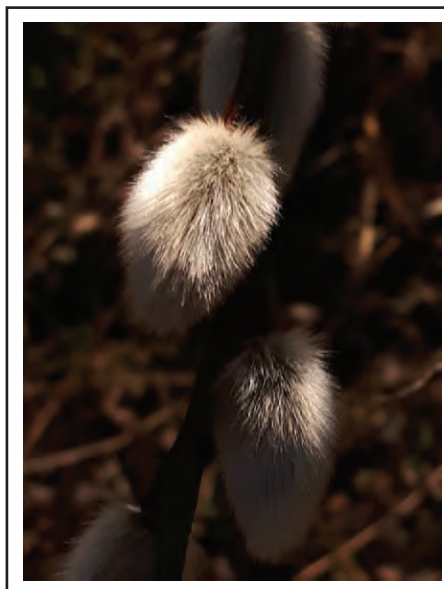
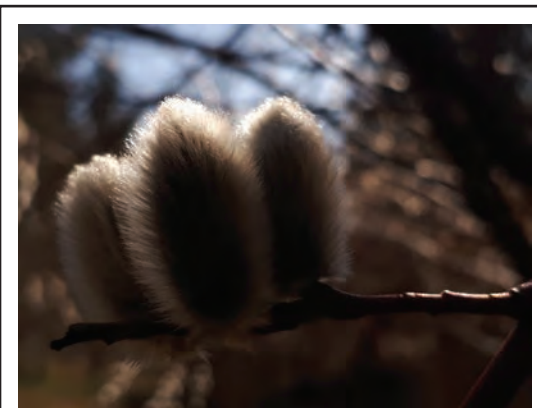
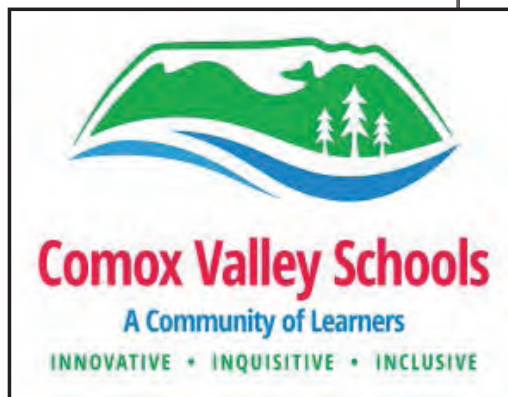
With 20 years of experience as an accountant with more than nine years' experience working with Boards of Education in British Columbia, Brenda brings a wealth of knowledge to her new role.

"I am thrilled to be joining the SD 71 team bringing my experience to continue

a long history in the District of educational excellence and fiscal responsibility," noted Brenda in accepting the appointment.

"In selecting Brenda Hooker as our Secretary-Treasurer, we recognized the extensive knowledge, expertise and abilities she brings to the Valley. Her passion, to support student learning coupled with her vast accounting skills will be a tremendous asset to School District 71," expressed Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools.

"On behalf of the Board, I also wish to express appreciation to the staff, administrators and partners who were involved with the recruitment and candidate selection process. 🍇



Photos by CS

Of late, each Wednesday, I have been composing a Decima poem.

8 syllables, 10 lines, and an abba/acddc line requirement with a stanza break after line 4.

In this particular poem, the word "fall" was required to be in line b.

Wither the Weather

by Bill Engleson
www.engleson.ca

*Nature seems in a foul mood,
Fires, hurricanes, floods, and all,
the smoky skies: we enter Fall
anxious ...but what should we
conclude?*

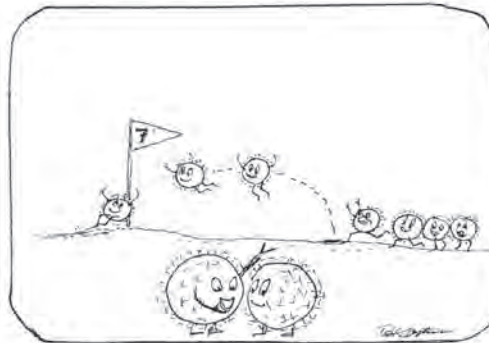
*Fatalists state that we are screwed,
the end is near or fairly close.*

*Optimists won't say adios
just yet, suggesting we amend
our harmful ways, forestall the end
with green tech plans quite grandiose.*

Tension

by Thomas Provençal

*There's so much tension in the world,
you'd think we'd blow our top!
People can get out of hand
but please don't call a cop!
Fear exacerbates the truth
and makes us disagree.
It's squanders our emotions.
In fear we can't be free. Understanding
our psychology,
how people take control:
they offer sheep protection
then eat their very soul.*



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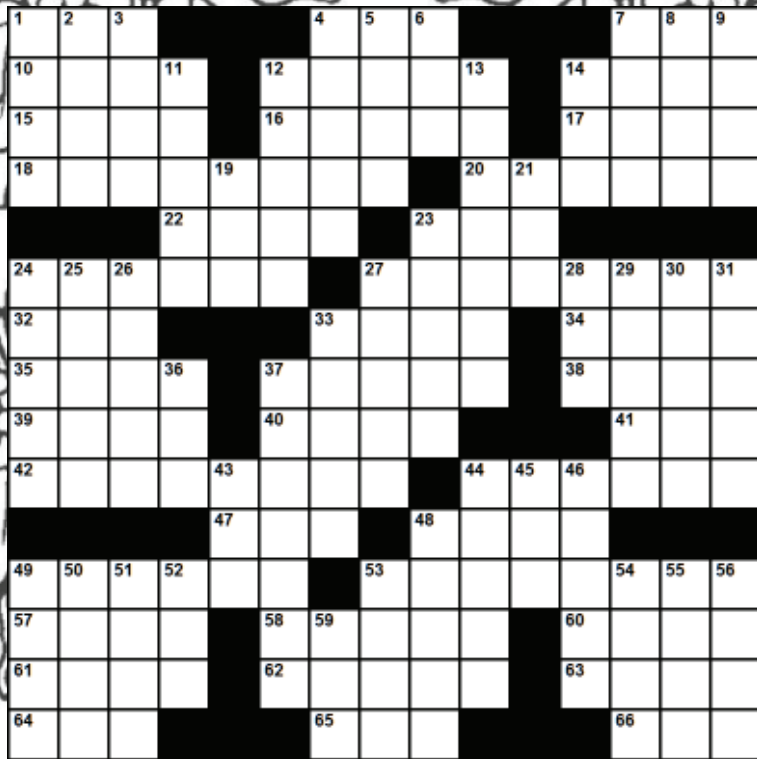
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4. Clear tables
7. A rel.
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12. Belches
14. A stypitic
15. Whine
16. Organlike instrument
17. Chest murmur
18. Keep apart
20. City WSW of Koln
22. Adding column
23. Give it a go
24. Cure-all
27. Exile
32. Bigwig in D.C.
33. Hokkaido ancients
34. Cain's victim
35. Bank box
37. Chimney cleaner
38. Certain log
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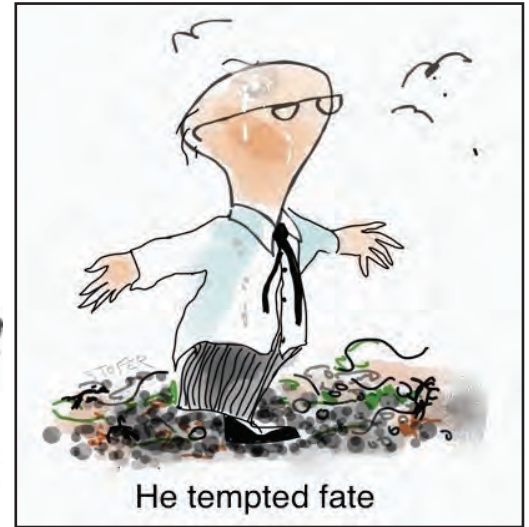
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60. Display apathy
61. Italian pre-euro coin
62. Measured thickness
63. A son of Aphrodite
64. Anomalous
65. At a distance
66. Naval off.

• DOWN •

1. Easy mark
2. Encumbrance
3. Gold leaf
4. Slangy towns
5. Advance an argument
6. Bath, for one
7. Dull as dishwater
8. Act as umpire
9. Auspice
11. Office copier
12. Huge mistake
13. Entangle
14. Band of sparks
19. Cuckoo
21. Crew's consent
23. Article of faith
24. Double curves
25. Find out
26. Structure starter
27. Cambodian cash
28. Festive
29. Invective
30. Tending to a definite end
31. Choose a candidate
33. Cognizant
36. 6th sense
37. An entire system
43. Ante up
44. Like the capitol
45. Belief, in brief
46. Free verse lack
48. Copier additive
49. Equine sport
50. Eager, and then some
51. Crony, in the old west
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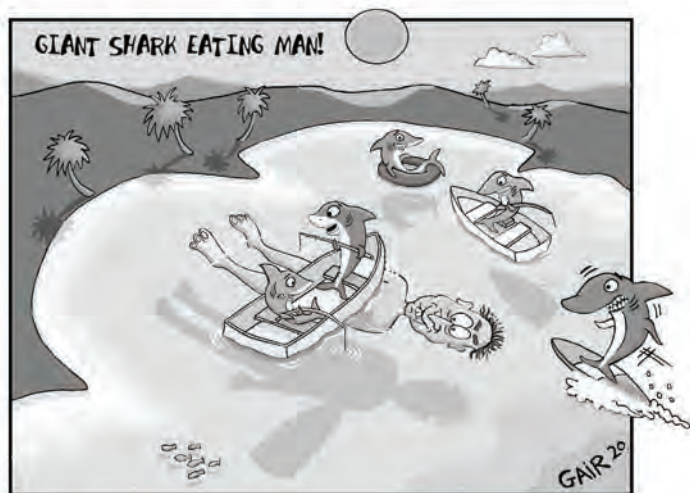
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- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text
465-1889 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy & Acupuncture • Carmen B-Gautrais RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Trees Service • Chipping • Certified faller • Antoine 207-3884 (D)
- Tree Service - Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker 335-1535 (D/H)



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

FRIDAY 25

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

SATURDAY 26

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET 9:30-12:30pm • Old School
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

SUNDAY 27

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

MONDAY 28

TUESDAY 29

WEDNESDAY 30

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 1

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- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
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