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COMMUNITY
INFO

DIGPA AGM

By Dylan Gale
DIGPA

Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance
AGM Thursday, December 14th and Tool Library
Additions!

December 14th, 2023 7:00 PM Annual General
Meeting at the Denman Activity Centre Lounge

COME hear an update from the GPA about another year of activities and learn about what projects you can get involved in. Hear the financial report, president's report, updates from our subcommittees and help us do the yearly business of choosing our board of directors!

Tea, coffee, and snacks will be served. Zoom participation available by request via email to islandagriculture@gmail.com.

We will be having another AGM in January as we shift our yearly AGM to January

The GPA board has decided that January would be a more suitable time for our AGM going forward as financial business from the Farmers Market is not usually done by our financial year end on October 31st. We are planning to shift our year end to December 31st which will allow for simpler bookkeeping and for our AGM to take place at a less busy time of year. As a society we are required to have an AGM every calendar year so we will be having our 2024 AGM in January (date TBA).

New Tools in the Library!

Thanks to support from Denman Works! the GPA has been able to add exciting new community equipment to our Tool Library. This year we have added an Oat Roller and Gluten-Free Grain Mill (think home grown oat flour) and a Thermal Label Printer for long lasting nursery plant labels (tree wraps and potted plant tags). We will be showing off these new items at the AGM this year so come and get inspired.

Last year we added a Seed/Grain/Bean/Corn Thresher which has been used by growers on Denman this past year to efficiently thresh wheat, oats, corn, beans, peas, and amaranth. Please reach out to the GPA if you are interested in strategizing how this tool can fit into your growing system. We will be happy to discuss this and all our tool library tools at the AGM.

Herbalists: if you haven't already heard we also have a high quality Herb Press for pressing tincture preparations. Get in touch if you want to know more!

All of our tools can be borrowed by members who have paid their \$20 annual membership fee and are administered through a decentralized hosting system (you contact the tool host to organise access). Check out the full list and get host contact info at <https://www.denmangpa.ca/toollibrary>

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Green Wizards, Winter Potions

By Maxine Rogers

THIS winter has started very mild which I am joyful about. There is nothing like waking up to Manitoba weather where every water bucket and water bottle on the farm is frozen. It makes morning chores so much slower.

Winter brings colds and bouts of flu. To cure, or even to prevent colds, I like to make a pot of Nuclear-Noodle Soup. To do this right, you need an old hen, preferably over two years old, to poach in a large pot of water with some onions and garlic added to improve the flavour. Simmer for several hours to get the most out of the old bird. When the chicken is falling-apart tender, your broth is ready.

A chicken you buy at the grocery store may be only weeks old and will never make a good chicken broth. My mother in law tried to make broth from a supermarket chicken and, old farm girl that she is, decided it was too disgusting for words and threw it out.

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The Hoarders of Virtue

By Team TIG

WHILE the liberal minded managerial class attempts to hoard the discourse on social justice, they are largely unconcerned in any meaningful way of opposing the repressive structures of the political and economic establishment. Virtue signalling and self-serving performative acts relating to identity, vainly attempting to claim a higher moral and ethical standing, have replaced any real actions that might result in elevating economic and social justice for the working class. It is a person's low income that is the greatest determinative factor of being marginalized. Issues related to identity intersect with economic class and status.

Instead of a focus on practical assistance to those living on the economic margins, the vanguard of radical centrists in the managerial class focus on populating local organizations in order to direct financial resources to their own pet projects. As leading participants, they insist that their efforts not be held to fair accountability or reasonable transparency. Sometimes these committee members manage to serve themselves to a financial retainer or they create organizational policies that give themselves access to employment that is not tendered publicly for expressions of interest. These policies can intentionally exclude other qualified residents, and are only a small part of how local publicly funded budgets can be manipulated.

When it comes to a lack of transparency and public accountability, DenmanWorks (DW) Chairperson Anthony Gregson is unrivalled. Gregson holds the position of Chair, past his 4 year term limit, and does not publish the minutes of DW, nor advertise for recruitment of DW Board membership, or publish DW meeting times. The last DW meeting minutes published are from 2018, the year Gregson was elected. DW Board members are recruited by himself without public notice, including his latest recruits. All this is in contravention of DW's own bylaws. He was granted a one year extension to his position by his hand picked Board. It's Gregson's private domain to determine the DW Board membership, and who gets public funds from the CVRD. In other words, he's peddling influence.

Bronwyn Schuster, publicist of the DW sponsored and publicly funded Denman Island Bus Service, admitted to covertly using their position to peddle influence with tax funded advertising, aiming false claims of bigotry at The Islands Grapevine (TIG), then posted these accusations on Denman social media. The online outrage that resulted has targeted TIG and its employees, who live on the margins of low incomes and rental housing. Privately, TIG received broad support, mostly from people who feared speaking out against these performative virtue-signalling bullies. TIG has been committed to the inclusion of a wide diversity of perspectives for more than 30 years, and is the primary source for community information, events, and advertising for local businesses and services, even printing the monthly Flagstone publication at below market costs.

When TIG published the story of Schuster's attempt to extort editorial policy changes, Team TIG did not accuse Gregson or DW as having done anything wrong. Indeed, Schuster claimed to have acted alone and without the knowledge of their colleagues. At that point, Gregson had TIG publisher Mike Van Santvoord removed from his position on the DW

Board, even after acknowledging the truth of the wrongdoing by Schuster, saying only that Van Santvoord had brought "disrepute" to DW. Gregson also fired Van Santvoord from his job managing the visitdenmanisland.ca website without cause, contrary to B.C. Labour laws. There were no professional consequences for Schuster at all. Apparently, in Gregson's view, it's worse to expose wrongdoing than to commit it. This is his brand of social justice.

Under DW's bylaws, and their adopted bylaws of the B.C. Societies Act, a vote to remove a Board member cannot be taken without making a specific charge of malfeasance, and giving that person an opportunity to speak with the Board prior to a vote to remove the member. Neither of these things happened. Presumably, a vote to remove Van Santvoord was taken, but we can't confirm this because no DW meeting minutes have been published. Repeated inquiries to DW asking for explanations have gone unanswered; no transparency, and no accountability. TIG doesn't assume the other DW Board members were aware, or were made aware of the relevant bylaws, and it isn't our intention to imply wrongdoing by other DW members; Ember Hutchens, Robert Newton, Julie Geremia, Laura Pope, and Caitlin Fogarty.

We often see the managerial class on Denman social media, smearing others with all kinds of unfounded accusations, and directing campaigns of cancel culture, while attempting to undermine TIG by directing public advertising dollars elsewhere, claiming that their position as publicly funded managers entitles them to behave as the sole client in determining where tax supported funds will be spent on behalf of the actual clients, all residents of Denman Island. Who gave them this entitlement? The standards of conduct for non-profits and public agencies forbid this kind of influence peddling. These authoritarians have only empowered themselves, and they attempt to justify it by hoarding all virtue as their exclusive domain, controlling the levers of public influence, and working to silence those who expose their lack of integrity.

TIG has filed complaints with the B.C. Societies Act, and the Ombudsperson. We'll let Gregson explain his actions to these agencies, because the Denman Island community seems unable or unwilling to hold these people to account. TIG previously reached out to Schuster and Sam Borthwick to settle these matters privately, following our offer to Schuster to publish their concerns in TIG. We then accepted an offer from the CVRD to support a restorative justice mediated process, while Gregson, Schuster, and Borthwick refused to participate, after breaking an agreement to publicly apologize. It's these people and their allies, lacking an ethical compass, who bring disrepute to Denman's publicly funded community organizations. 🍷



...continued from P.2 Once you have the broth ready, you take the chicken out to cool and separate the meat from the skin and bones. Chop the meat up and add it back to the soup. I like to add a quart of home-canned tomatoes, some broccoli I froze in the summer and a few noodles made from bean or lentil flour. When the soup is ready to eat, I add four or five tablespoons of freshly chopped ginger and garlic. If I have fresh chili peppers I would add the same amount of those too.

The idea is to simply warm the spices but not to cook them as they have more healing power served raw. You can see now why it is called Nuclear-Noodle Soup. Give a bowl of this to someone who has a streaming cold and they, usually, get better quickly.

We grow elderberries and I froze some in the summer to make elderberry syrup which is a traditional European remedy for colds and flu. You can find these syrups in any pharmacy in Europe and even some pharmacies here carry it. But I like to make my own and it tastes great made with the fresh berries. If you do not have elderberries in your garden yet, you can buy dried elderberries by the kilo from Harmonic Arts, a herb store in Cumberland where I buy all the herbs I need that I do not grow.

For fresh berries, I put two quarts of berries into a pot with a quarter cup of water and simmer them gently until they are quite liquid. I mash them to get the remaining juice and strain the solids out. You can compost these but my hens just love them. For dry berries, use one quart of dried berries and two quarts of water. Simmer until you have one quart of juice and strain.

To this juice, add 1/4 ounce of freshly-grated ginger and 1/2



teaspoon of ground cloves and simmer until the juice is reduced by half. Pour the juice into a measuring cup and add the same amount of honey and warm the honey and juice until the honey melts. I like to add a 1/4 cup of rum at this time as a preservative. I bottle the syrup and keep it in the fridge where it stays good for up to twelve weeks.

Tree Eater Nursery on Denman has lots of great varieties of Elderberry to choose from and these bushes are beautiful and really good for wildlife as well as medicine.

I have noticed as winter draws in, that a lot of people are having trouble sleeping. They might go to sleep fine but they wake up about 3 am and cannot get back to sleep. I was given some marijuana ginger snaps by a kind friend and find them sovereign for getting to sleep and staying comfortably asleep.

I grew a marijuana plant in the garden two years ago and it was huge and had lots of buds. I learned how to decarboxylate, (roast) marijuana in the oven and then to make an infused oil with coconut oil in the slow cooker. I strained the oil and poured it into a silicone mold to make little pucks of oil which I keep in the freezer.

I made a batch of gingersnap cookies from the recipe in the Joy of Cooking, using the marijuana oil in place of butter. The spices in the cookies mask the taste of the oil and the cookies are very tasty. The recipe makes about forty cookies and the most I would suggest is half a cookie to get to sleep. Indeed, one friend finds a quarter of a cookie gives him an excellent night's sleep and when his alarm goes off in the morning, he silences it and goes back to sleep until about ten. These cookies make excellent presents. 🍪

Dubai, urged heads of corporations, politicians, and other sundry folk, to "speak authentically" on social media.

"We see in 2023 a kind of crisis of authenticity," Sokolowski said. "What we realize is that when we question authenticity, we value it even more." Oddly, Merriam-Webster states that "authentic is what brands, social media influencers and celebrities aspire to be ... "authenticity" has "become a performance," the publication added. Authenticity with botox?

Many point to the pandemic as the beginning of the end of social cohesion in Canada and around the world. And lest you forget, social cohesion is all about feeling connected in your relationships and within your community. Back in October 2020, IPSOS found that "more Canadians have "weak" (30%) than "solid" (26%) social cohesion. By March of this year, IPSOS reported that Canadians' "trust in government to do what is right" had dropped from 58% in late 2020 to 43% in 2023. Equally disturbing, the survey found that "In Canada,

Shucking Oysters: Keeping it Real

By Alex Allen
I immediately thought clusterf*ck, sinister, or narrative. It's not the frequency of a word in our verbal exchanges or in the vernacular of journalism. It's how many times people looked for specific words on their website. The publishing company's editor-at-large, Peter Sokolowski, and his team, crunched the data on word look up spikes and world events that correlated.

Drum roll please. The word of 2023 is "authentic." There was no particularly huge surge at any given time, but a constant steady interest in the word. Given this year so far, it is perhaps not surprising that authentic rises above the ashes, if you will. We live in a world of looming intrusive artificial intelligence, fake boobs, and governments that no one trusts. Even Elon Musk, of all people, at the World Government Summit in

SPECIAL INTEREST

MERRIAM-WEBSTER recently announced the 2023 word of the year. I immediately thought clusterf*ck, sinister, or narrative. It's not the frequency of a word in our verbal

only 33% of citizens believe that most people can be trusted, against 67% who believe that you can't be too careful dealing with people."

"Can we trust whether a student wrote this paper? Can we trust whether a politician made this statement? We don't always trust what we see anymore," Sokolowski said. "We sometimes don't believe our own eyes or our own ears. We are now recognizing that authenticity is a performance itself."

It's no secret that the pandemic stressed us out more than any other recent event. Lockdowns, vaccine mandates, school closures, travel restrictions, do not exactly instill warm and fuzzy memories. As Geoff Norquay in Canadian Politics and Policy wrote, "the resulting bonfire of grievances let loose some nasty demons that are likely to be with us for a long time: many politicians and public officials at all levels still experience personal insults and public threats just for doing their jobs." And it's not just politicians that experience those nasty demon darts.

Other top word searches for 2023 were "doppelganger" and "dystopian." Sokolowski calls doppelganger "a word lover's word." Defined as a "double," or a "ghostly counterpart," it comes from German folklore. Interest in the word peaked with Naomi Klein's latest book, "Doppelganger: A Trip Into the Mirror World, about her experience of being confused with feminist author and conspiracy theorist Naomi Wolf. As one reviewer wrote, this became a "springboard into a broader narrative on the crazy times we're all living in."

No surprise here with the word "dystopian." Climate breakdown, societal woes, global disputes, "the future of society bereft of reason." Not just world events but also books, and the media brought on interest in the word. "It's unusual to me to see a word that is used in both contexts," Sokolowski said. Wikipedia, notes that dystopia "is often treated as an antonym of utopia, a term that was coined by Sir Thomas More and figures as the title of his best known work, published in 1516, which created a blueprint for an ideal society with minimal crime, violence, and poverty." Oh, Thomas, how naive.

And next year? What word will it be? One can only guess. Survivalist? PFD? Extraterrestrial? In the meantime, I'm going to start my own authentic blog, once I get the male Brazilian butt lift (more angular) and some facial fat injections. 🍷

SPECIAL INTEREST

Phoenix Riting!

By Phoenix Bee

I completely missed the Forest Fest put on by CHI recently. I can't do all the things! I'm amazed I missed that, though; it slipped right through my brain. I must have needed the down time. As the dark time unfolds, the days continue to shrink and the nights to deepen, I spend more time alone. Time to think.

Polarization is on my mind. Worldwide, opinions are crystallizing into oppositional deadlocks where both sides are convinced not only of their own rightness but the other side's malignancy. This assumption of evil on the other side is most insidious and destructive. It goes beyond simple disagreement. In war, each side must believe that the other side is hateful, evil, inhuman. It's what makes war possible, to demonize the enemy. In my opinion, if you find yourself demonizing or dehumanizing someone in your own mind, that's a red flag. Question it!

Wars are breaking out again after a time of relative peace. Everyone is convinced that if only everyone else would do the right thing (as they see it), the world would be fine, but useless and hateful opposition is causing all the problems. In truth, though, polarization is necessary. There will always be people who do not share our beliefs, values or priorities. It's how a human body functions, how the environment itself functions. We have butterflies sipping nectar from flowers and flies laying eggs in carcasses. Everything is valuable, nothing is superior or inferior, we all have a niche to fill.

But now, we are collectively drawing battle lines and the end result is war. We are dealing with enough stress on the planet already. War could break everything. What can be done to shift this situation?

A few years ago, I saw a video about a man who made it a practice to talk and listen to people who believed things he found detestable. It started when he went to a pro-life protest and spoke to an anti-abortionist. He asked her, "Why are you so against abortion?" He expected her to come up with religious or ideological reasons, but instead, her eyes filled with tears and she told the story of her heartbreaking struggle to have a child, and her grief, rage *continued on P.6...*

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...continued from P.5 and incomprehension about why anyone would throw away such a precious gift, that had been denied to herself. "It's wrong!" He saw how her political beliefs were rooted in her own pain and was able to open to her with compassion. He went on to tell many similar stories.

That is how we change minds. In another example, Darryl Davis, a black man, has spent thirty years befriending members of the Ku Klux Klan. Over 200 Klan members have given up their robes after talking to him. Again, he spoke with them as human beings, to their hearts, from his own heart, with interest and curiosity. Magic happens when we ask another, why do you believe as you do? What motivates you, what moves your heart and soul? Then we need to listen with a mind to understand them, rather than marshalling arguments to convince them that they are wrong. Most will find the balance themselves, if they are heard and understood, if they feel a sense of connection with. It's simple, and yet so hard to practice.

But when we do, we find that each individual point of view provides a unique and valuable perspective. When we under-

ARTS&LIT

Hello Old Bob

By Alan Black

I can't clearly remember the details. She was my wife's grand niece from a third cousin once removed... She was a frizzy freckled ginger

haired mess of a thing with a permanent sinister smile. Her chin was disfigured slightly, like a wad of crushed pink bubble gum, but there was a swift solidness in her gait and she moved with purpose, despite a slight hunch, a crook in her neck that leaned to the right.

Her man Edwin was lean with big red hands covered on the tops with green tattoo ink formed into indecipherable symbols. His smile was a sneer and his skin was yellow, like his eyes.

"We are only here for three weeks," Rita had told my wife before she added, "My name is Rita but everybody calls me Rizzy and we are here to help."

After four weeks things started to go missing. I saw that half of my coin collection was gone so I locked the rest in the basement safe.

"They are stealing from us Mildred, they need to go." Mildred nervously wrung her hands.

"My great Aunt Betty has pleaded with me and they've got nowhere to go but the shelter."

I decided to take matters into my own hands. I went into the kitchen and put my hand on Edwin, who was eating one of our organic bananas. He smacked my hand away.

"Look you, don't you steal from us, we are doing you a bloody favour." He grimaced, then smiled. "Yeah right, sure, whatever. We got some money coming in quick so no worries old Bob."

"Don't call me old Bob."

"Yeah right, whatever," he sneered.

stand where another human is coming from and why things appear to them as they do, we can begin to approach a rapport.

We have to stop thinking in terms of 'us vs them.' There is no 'them.' There is only 'us.' That is why I love living on an island. Here, on this rock surrounded by water, it's obvious that we are in this together. We are motivated to get along because we have to, our survival may depend on it. The same is true of the whole world, of course, but it's harder to see it on that scale. And of course, not everyone agrees with me. Not everyone will agree on anything, and that's okay, if we can simply allow disagreement without demonizing.

On another note, my song, "Something About Christmas," by Phoenix Bee, is now available on all the streaming platforms. It's also on Bandcamp if you enjoy supporting artists directly. Enjoy!

That's what I think. What do you think? email me at phoenix-hornby@gmail.com



Soon we had people all around the house at all hours. They wore hoodies and bike helmets with spikes. They were always looking at their phones. Cars would show up and they would converge on them like pigeons being fed in a parking lot and then they would suddenly disperse.

I watched the action constantly through the bedroom blinds.

"They are all involved in drugs, Mildred."

"They are kids with problems, they need our help."

"We aren't doing them any favours."

That night there was even more activity than usual; strange little men all over the front lawn looking at their devices.

Rizzy was different. Her eyes were dark black holes. She pulled the screens off of all of our house windows.

"You don't need these!" She railed.

"It's our house, I'm calling the police!"

"No, you better not," said Mildred. She looked terrified, shivering in her old blue nightie.

"Best not do that old Bob," said Edwin, and he grabbed my wrists from behind and surprised me with his strength. As he pressed against me I could feel his lean body full of wiry muscle. He reminded me of a boa constrictor I'd once let crawl under my t-shirt when I was a teenager.

He dragged me out to the shed where I could see in the moonlight my old nemesis Jimmy Smits, rubbing two butcher knives together. Jimmy's thin face was more skull like then ever and when he grinned it pulled the white cheek bones upward.

"Hello old Bob," he said. 

ARTS&LIT

April 2nd, 2007 24 Beers and a Half Bottle of Whiskey

By CS#05943451

BOREDOM in jail is quite the drain on one's sanity. There's but few things to help keep it at bay.

Napping, which I seldom do.
Watching TV, which I do even less.
Playing pool, but I'm tired of racking all the time for Hank and his superior game.
Smoking, but it can strain one's rations leading to stress worse than the boredom itself.



Ah, reading the newspaper! That's what I'll do. A nice leisurely perusal of the current affairs. Mmm.

Global warming doom.
Unsanctioned and truly offensive wars.
Politicians glad handing in hopes of winning elections and fat pensions.
Media propagandizing as per its want.

Oh wait! What's this?:

'KILLER DRUNK GETS TWO YEARS HOUSE ARREST'

FREDERICTON: A New Brunswick man who drank 24 beers before he got behind the wheel of his car and killed a cyclist, has been sentenced to two years of house arrest. Peter Leon Howe, 42, had earlier pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing death and leaving the scene of an accident. The court heard that on July 15th, 2006, Leon drank a full case of beer and half a bottle of whisky at a party, then refused an offer to stay at the relative's house in Fredericton.

Like I said, boredom can be a difficult aspect of jail life. I certainly ought to know given I was incarcerated for gardening plants. Plants that give forth medicine to people in need. It's all the harder to contend with such boredom to learn that had I killed some poor, unsuspecting cyclist, I perchance might be at home in my own bed! Victimless crimes warrant jail time where crimes that leave victims in their wake only seem to warrant conditional sentences.

Evidently the young women preyed upon by Tom Ellison and now this nameless dead cyclist were just a little *too victimized* to warrant stiffer consequences for their perpetrators. But come on. Let's be real! Those young girls were probably just 'asking' to be molested given how they carry on and present themselves. Just look at them. Such teases!

And this cyclist? Just what the hell were they thinking playing chicken with a man who, by all outward appearance, contributes far more to the government coffers by drinking the heavily taxed liquor then dutifully doing his part to support the petrochemical industry and the taxes *it* generates. 'Lance Deadweight,' on the other hand was probably an anti oil left winger. Some Green Party supporter who doesn't smoke, drink or even play lotto! What good is that? This person, *and I do use the term loosely*, is better off dead for the lack of tax money they've forfeited to the system. Kind of fitting the one thing they forfeited in their worthless life was their spleen upon death. Good riddance health nut. Look where it got you!

Anyways, where was I? Oh yeah, 'boredom.' Fuck, jail is boring! 🍷



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Letter to the Editor

THIS morning, I read Helen Grond's piece in the Driftwood on Hornby Island's cell tower controversy. I was struck by the similarity between the irregularities in the Rogers application process she described, and our own experience with Rogers on Salt Spring Island.

As Grond notes in her piece, there is significant opposition to the planned 258-foot cell tower in the heart of Hornby. Concerned citizens have held three public information meetings over the last year, and over 300 Hornby islanders have signed a petition against this project – roughly a quarter of the total population.

To date, neither Rogers nor the Islands Trust has held a public meeting on the planned Hornby tower. Innovation, Science, and Economic Development (ISED), the federal department responsible for regulating cell tower installations, requires that land-use consultations be completed within 120 days of “the proponent's initial formal contact with the local land-use authority”.

Official notice of intent was published on November 1st, 2022, meaning that the consultation period technically expired 120 days later, on March 20th, 2023. No consultation has taken place in the time period laid out in the ISED guidelines, which raises the question of why this project has not been cancelled by the Trust.

All of this is remarkably similar to the Rogers application process for a 131-foot, 5g enabled cell tower in the Channel Ridge region of Salt Spring this past spring, which I reported on at the time in a series of articles for the Islands Marketplace.

Having initially approved the application, Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) rescinded concurrence on March 23rd, alleging that Rogers failed in numerous instances to follow the Islands Trust draft Model Public Consultation Protocol for Local Trust Areas.

The LTC alleged that Rogers failed to hold an in-person public meeting despite a request to do so, never suggested alternative tower sites, and negotiated a land use agreement with the Onni Group (the Vancouver real estate company which owns the cell tower site) 11 months before approaching the LTC.

Particularly egregious was the LTC allegation that Rogers omitted mention of archaeological sites including shell middens, lithic scatters, a hearth feature, and two petroglyph rock art boulders.

The decision of the LTC to rescind concurrence was eventually overruled by ISED, on the basis of the mother of all technicalities:

the Trust protocol was still in draft form. This despite the fact that in the very first sentence of its application, Rogers claimed that its consultation process had been completed following said draft protocol.

A disturbing pattern of behaviour is beginning to emerge in the way that Rogers approaches cell tower installations in small west coast communities. Without a proper public consultation process in which concern can be expressed about cell tower projects, residents are left voiceless and disenfranchised.

If cell tower siting is carried out without a transparent, democratic process, communities may have only one recourse left: peaceful civil disobedience.

Riley Donovan is an independent journalist and columnist living on Salt Spring Island. You can follow him on Twitter @valdombre 🍷



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January 1, 2024

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OPINIONS

Evolutionary Reconciliation Part 5

By Eartha Muirhead

ACCORDING to Sarah Schulman, in her book, *Conflict Is Not Abuse*, New York City after World War 2, became a haven for psychoanalysts and other refugees who left Fascist Europe. Many of these scapegoated people had a deep desire to understand the cruelty of their accusers, in an effort towards healing the collective psyche, not just the personal. New Yorkers, flung together from all cultural corners of the globe, began to unabashedly seek out therapy. The idea that conflict is normal and can occur for reasons that arise from the unconscious, became integrated into daily life. "To think therapeutically was the definition of being an adult." Instead of fearing the stigma of

needing help from others, seeking support became normalized. Instead of blaming others for causing trauma, asking why trauma occurs was seen as productive and beneficial. Edith Weigert, a German psychiatrist, fled the Nazi regime in 1935, and in 1938, joined the US psychoanalytic circle that included Harry Stack Sullivan and Freida Fromm-Rechmann. In her book "The Courage To Love" she described the mass hysteria of Nazism as "vindictiveness directed as transference to the Jews, the socialists, and the communists." In other words, humans tend to unwittingly externalize internal conflicts, in an attempt to avoid feeling our own pain. This denial of our own emotional pain creates suffering and trauma, not just for ourselves but for our loved ones and for society. The important difference between pain and suffering is a common theme in Buddhist psychology.

There is a famous Zen story that illustrates the power of non-reactivity in the face of potential conflict. Here is my feminist version of the story. The Zen teacher Hakuin was praised by his neighbours as one living a pure life. A teenage neighbourhood boy got a local girl pregnant. The girl tried to hide her pregnancy but her parents eventually found out. They reacted with much anger. She would not confess who the sperm donor was. But after much harassment, she named Hakuin as the father. Enraged, the parents went and stood outside his house and hurled insults so that all the townsfolk heard of his terrible misdeed. Hakuin's response was; "Is that so?" He was ridiculed, ignored and shunned by many in the town and lost his job working for a local media outlet. After the child was born, the parents brought the baby to him and demanded he take care of it, saying it was his responsibility. "Is that so?" he replied as he took the wee bundle into his arms. Luckily, some of his students were breast-feeding their own kids and offered to help. Hakuin took good care of the child as best he could. After a year, the girl-mother felt remorse and told her parents the truth; that the father was not Hakuin. Her parents went to Hakuin to ask his forgiveness and asked him for the child. "Is that so?" he said as he held out the baby to the grandparents.

This story examines a non-violent way to de-escalate conflict and also the behaviors of blaming others and avoiding the truth. The girl cannot admit the truth, her parents refuse to make it safe for her to tell the truth, the parents do not ask the accused for his side of the story and instead shame him in front of others. They make false, unproven accusations and then make harsh demands upon Hakuin. He may have experienced some pain, e.g sleep deprivation and relentless demands from caring for a baby and from losing his reputation but he did not turn this pain into suffering. His response is self-defense in the form of "ego-death." Ask yourself and others this week what they think. How can we tolerate being blamed for someone else's unresolved suffering, without harming ourselves? How can people skillfully defend themselves, without adding fuel to the fire, against forces that threaten the common good?

Let's reflect on the ancient dictum: "furiosus furore solum punitur" which translates as "The madness of the insane is punishment enough." And this translation from Dostoyevsky: "While nothing is easier than to denounce the unskillful person, nothing is more difficult to understand them." 🍷



Denman Island Climate Action Network (DICAN) is sponsoring a letter writing cafe this Saturday in the Gathering Space, United Church, top of Denman hill. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Please come and write to local CVRD Directors, FortisBC, and our local MLA Josie Osborne, or others - if you prefer.

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Framing the Issue, Naming the Struggle

By Sally Campbell

could I, as a mediator, show such bias? This isn't surprising to me, as the news has for so long been one-sided toward Israel that any recognition/raising of Palestinian interests or viewpoints risks being labeled anti-Semitic, let alone biased. This keeps criticism of Israeli policies to a minimum.

When I took training to become a mediator in 1985, it dawned on me fairly early that we mediators *of course* are not always neutral, and as humans, we naturally have biases. Concern about neutrality & bias makes sense. Bias renders a mediator unlikely to be equally fair to all involved. In self-assessing my appropriateness to act as mediator, I used to ask myself: am I biased in this matter? And if so, am I capable of remaining *objective and fair* in my dealings with *everyone* involved despite that bias? If not, it was my ethical duty to step aside. (Even a perception of bias, such as having met one of the parties and not the other, needs to be raised and the matter perhaps referred to another mediator. This is for the parties to decide.) American leaders who called themselves "mediators" during past Israeli-Palestinian "peace talks" exemplify this problem; they were neither non-biased nor neutral. Further, American mediators had a conflict of interest, which is *always* reason to disqualify oneself as mediator.

For me, another aspect of *servicing all disputants* is the mediator task of stating the issues at stake in a way that fairly *names the struggle* the parties are grappling with. Trying to do this in an honest and concise way is a humbling task! Naming what is at the heart of a dispute with clarity and kindness allows parties feel recognized, tensions ease, and they are more able to find their way forward. Naming the struggle may not be easy to hear; it disrupts disputants' narrative of themselves as victims of the other. If the attempt is off base, the parties say so, and a process of clarification, disclosure of key interests, and working together to better characterize the struggle ensues. To me, this is a very helpful part of the process.

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OPINIONS

The Hypocrisy of Bureaucracy is Killing Our Democracy

By Jan Steen

Under the guise of caring, self-absorbed brains have man-

MEDIATORS are assumed to be nonbiased and neutral. Perhaps this explains why a few people asked me over the years why my articles seem to show a "slant" in favour of the Palestinian people. How

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TAKING multiple species with it, we humans are in a pickle! High in the head, we are the only breed living outside nature's equilibrium! So 'Batten down the hatches - FOLKS!'

the 1948 UN Partition Plan, (2) the 1948 & ongoing Nakba ("Catastrophe" in Arabic), the 1967 War, 2008's "Operation Cast Lead", etc. It ignores the very real oppression occurring now, where all Palestinians – whether forgotten inside Israel, (3) being attacked by settlers in the West Bank, (4) or locked inside the 6 x 26 mile "open-air prison" that is Gaza, (5) – are denied basic rights and equality under the law. It ignores the denial of access to water, the vast Separation Wall, the hundreds of checkpoints, the home and school demolitions, the land, sea and air blockade of Gaza, the Israeli-only road system through the West Bank, and the multitude of other indignities Palestinians endure daily.

From a mediator lens, when the power differential is so vast, the struggle is not amenable to a mediated/negotiated solution. The more appropriate frame is that of "victim-offender", where harms have been caused which need to be acknowledged, responsibility/accountability needs to be taken, and a plan put into place to repair and restore relationship.

In the *Restorative Justice* paradigm which I believe applies with Israel-Palestine, Israel is unlikely to take responsibility for its part in causing harm until held accountable by the community of nations. This would mean seriously pressuring Israel to end its long occupation of Palestinian territory and the siege of Gaza. Only then, and with much support, clarity and compassion, can those involved begin to restore & repair relationship and begin to craft a way forward. This is a big, but achievable task. But what is the alternative? And it absolutely requires the collective engagement of the international community!

I wrote this article (with some updating) in 2013, in a series of articles called "Hard Conversations – Israel-Palestine". It's discouraging to note that in 10 years, the situation has only deteriorated, peace and justice are ever further from the horizon, and the violence has never been more brutal. To offer some context for the war on Palestinians right now, I'll be revisiting some of them in weeks to come.

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aged to promote themselves through clever high-tech manipulation. Democracy - as we imagined it - shall be no more! Note the 'Woke' movement!

To blame is a no-brainer! To begin taking responsibility - as aware individuals - is a beginning!

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Democracy: ‘the practice or principles of social equality.’

Communism: ‘a governing system in which the state controls the economy - while claiming to make progress towards a higher social order in which all goods are equally shared.’

Bureaucracy: ‘an excessively complicated administrative procedure of controlling the masses!’

The main difference = hands- **on** versus hands- **off!**

i.e. Passive trust in those you’ve jointly put in charge of common affairs will ultimately serve and fulfill their own needs. It’s human nature. Survival of the fittest!

The Hypocrisy of Bureaucracy: It is foolproof!

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- We came close in the seventies with some 350 newbe ‘homesteaders.’ However, I was ‘In Over My Head!’
- Facebook is doing it their way! 🍷

OPINIONS

The Horrors in Gaza are Happening Because the US Empire Wants Them to Happen

By Caitlin Johnstone
OP December 4th, 2023

I came across an interesting quote made last month by a retired Israeli major general named Yitzhak Brick about the ongoing IDF assault on Gaza.

“All of our missiles, the ammunition, the precision-guided bombs, all the airplanes and bombs, it’s all from the U.S.,” Brick said. “The minute they turn off the tap, you can’t keep fighting. You have no capability. ... Everyone understands that we can’t fight this war without the United States. Period.”

Brick made these observations not as an anti-imperialist critique of the US war machine, but as part of a diatribe about how ridiculous it is for Israel to be asked by Washington to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza and to try to avoid civilian casualties. He apparently believes Israel should be killing far more Palestinians in Gaza, not fewer.

https://twitter.com/comrade_sweezy/status/1731534492630913533

Brick—whose warnings of an impending Hamas at **continued on P.12...**



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...continued from P.11 tack were dismissed and ignored by Israeli government and military officials in the lead-up to the events of October 7—makes an important point nonetheless. The support of the US war machine is absolutely 100 percent essential for Israel's continued murderous onslaught in Gaza, which just killed some 700 people in a single 24-hour period. This necessarily means that these ongoing acts of human butchery are occurring because the US permits them to.

Brick's comments fly in the face of narratives fed to the press by the Biden administration saying that the White House is frustrated by Israel's complete disregard for human life in Gaza but finds itself powerless to influence its ally's actions in a more humanitarian direction.

In an article published last month titled "White House frustrated by Israel's onslaught but sees few options," The Washington Post reports that according to unnamed US officials the Biden administration believes that "Israel's counterattack against Hamas has been too severe, too costly in civilian casualties, and lacking a coherent endgame, but they are unable to exert significant influence on America's closest ally in the Middle East to change its course."

This is of course a load of bullshit. The Biden administration could end all this with one phone call, in the same way it commanded Israel to restore Gaza's communications in October after the IDF cut the enclave off from the world, and in the same way Israel's 1982 assault on Lebanon was halted with a phone call from President Reagan.
(Insert Graphic)

The ongoing massacre in Gaza is happening because the US empire wants it to happen. They could stop the bloodshed at any time, but they don't, because they do not want to. This is because the US empire is run by sociopaths who only care about global domination, and nonstop violence from Israel is a key component in the domination of a crucial geostrategic region on this planet.

Don't let the monsters in Washington DC and Virginia wash their hands of this horrific atrocity. They know exactly what they're doing. They're every bit as responsible for Israel's crimes against humanity as Israel itself. They posture and pay lip service to the protection of civilian lives, but they do so exclusively for their own PR interests. These freaks would happily send every Palestinian alive to the gas chambers if they thought it would advance their strategic interests one iota.

Read the entire article, with hyperlinked footnotes, on
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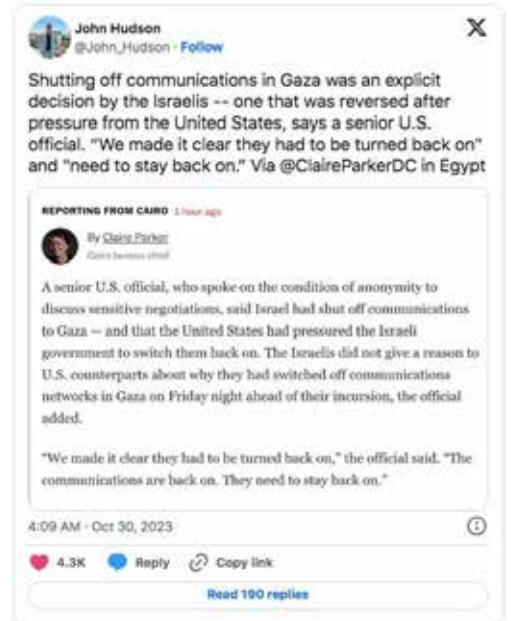
Late

by Mr. Unknown

*Alarm beeps
Press snooze
Alarm beeps again
The world's most annoying
sound
Not a lull, a harsh startle
You win
The clock will lose
So, once more
You press snooze
You jump out of bed
Like a bullet from a gun
Glance at the time
The day has long ago begun
You turn on the shower
Finish in several minutes
Dress in your clothes
No time for breakfast*

*this day blows
You run to the car
Sporting unties shoes
This all started from you
Or give the blame
To the damn button, snooze
As the car whirrs to life
You remember something you
need
"Oh no, my coat!"
Needed for later
On a chilly winter's eve
You bolt to the house
Slipping on fresh, morning frost
Regain for position
But your coat remains lost
You frantically search
In every crevice of the house*

*But a coat is one thing
Your house is hair
And your coat is a louse
You finally find it
Sitting with ten million things
on the rug
Such as your unused coupons
And an unwashed coffee mug
Now it's back to the car
At speed of top notch
As you open the door
It smacks you in the crotch
You howl in pain
And say a few curses
Before frantically driving away
Out the driveway your car
lurches
You are late*



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*Surrounded by water we are afloat in time
our essence becoming one with water drops
when we get on that expensive BC ferry
and cross Baynes Sound we are islanders*

*Denman Islanders to the world out there
We are defined by water and the tides
Denman cave dwellers like winter bears
by nature strong and all introspective*

*Its risky living on an gulf island now
as we go through the eye of the needle
never knowing what tomorrow brings as
our world is hurtling toward the cliff*

*The past is always with us past mistakes
This island was stripped of cedar trees
Taken without thought of the spirit here
Taken in trucks we witnessed this horror*

*We have not forgotten or forgiven the time
The spirit of the forest remains with us
Collectively we failed to save any of them
As egos of the day stifled our resistance*

Peacewalker

*P.S. Thank you protestors for saving the trees at the ferry landing
to Hornby Island. I wrote this poem before that gallant effort.*



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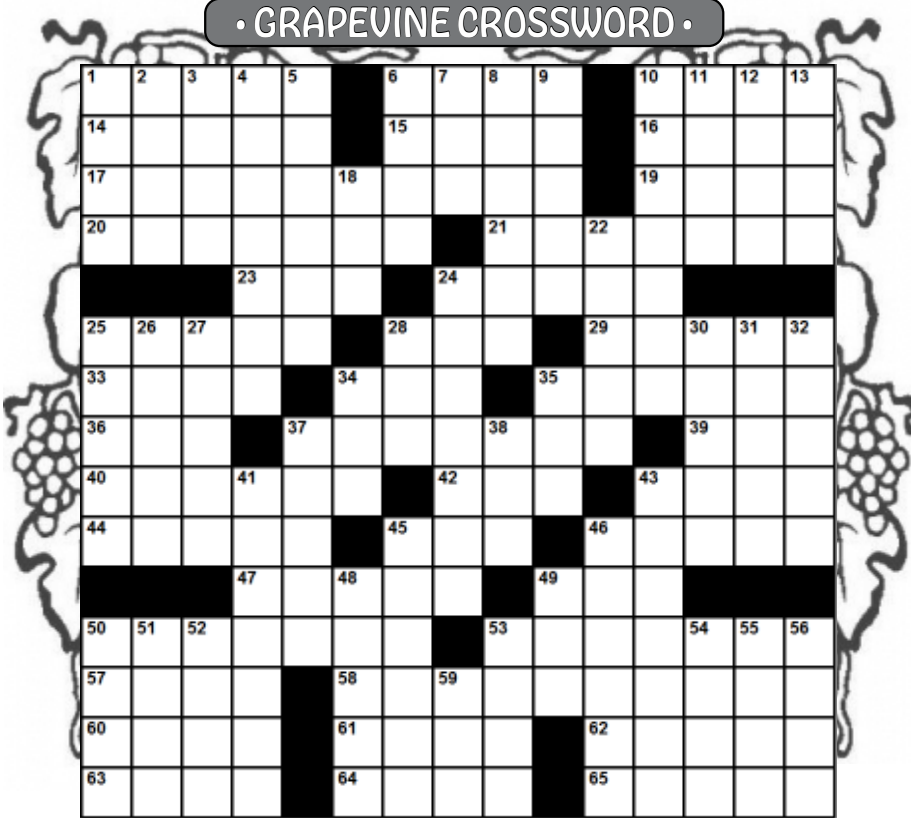
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46. Boat for cars
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- without a paddle
57. Common crustacean
58. Confetti companion, on occasion
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3. Anne Frank's father
4. On the other hand
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27. Food regimens
28. Pipe material
30. Bring on
31. Electrician, at times
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34. "A Chorus Line" finale
35. Denial in Glasgow
37. Consummate
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45. Of the preceding month
46. Black-footed critter
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49. Thus, to Burns
50. Crowning point
51. Fumble
52. Dried gully
53. Gumbo need
54. Alleviate
55. Go round and round
56. Cause to go
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Grumpism

"Whether night truly remains night truly remains to be seen."



Thanks Greg on the ferry

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FRIDAY 8

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

SATURDAY 9

- 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
- COMMUNITY SOUP NIGHT DI United
Church & Gathering Place 6-7:30pm

SUNDAY 10

MONDAY 11

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

TUESDAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY 13

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

THURSDAY 14

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FRIDAY 15

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- AA Meeting DI United Church
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- MOONLIGHT MADNESS see ad on cover

SATURDAY 16

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

SUNDAY 17

MONDAY 18

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

TUESDAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY 20

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THURSDAY 21

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