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COMMUNITY

Denman Island Garden Society's Hats and Gloves Party

By Maxine Rogers

The idea is to come wearing garden gloves and a garden hat that you have decorated with greenery, ferns, salal, flowers (especially roses). This is a fun and whimsical event, so if you want to come in a hat decorated with tiny farm animals, birds or garden gnomes that will be fine. All are welcome, with or without a hat.

Please bring finger food for a potluck picnic. Gluten free and vegan dishes are really appreciated but there is plenty of room for traditional cakes and sandwiches. Please bring a list of ingredients for the benefit of those with special diets or allergies.

There will be a hat judging contest carried out by Liz, with prizes for the best hats. Liz's garden is full of fabulous roses and they will be for sale on the day so only bring enough money to get into a little trouble.



Building for a better future.

By Paige Friesen

Friesen Family Construction is back and bigger than ever after having a couple kids in the last few years. We'll be offering new custom builds, studio/office space, 2nd homes, garages and additions. We're excited to get back to construction. We've missed it.

So here's the story; we burnt out through COVID and after our first son was born decided to take a break from running a company. We've now had a second son and, surprisingly, had some time to rest and reset. Construction is Alan's passion and he's been missing it. We will be offering full service contracting on the islands again. If you're interested in our previously built homes, they represent almost 20% of the home and garden tour this year so we hope you go have a look and enjoy. Alan will be at one of our previous projects at stop #2 if you want a chance to chat with him. We will be continuing with custom homes built to a superior standard resulting in greater comfort.

Alan has also been actively contemplating housing in regard to the housing crisis we're facing here and across the country, we think it's important to also consider how we can help and we have some ideas. Alan was a committee member of the Housing Advisory Planning Commission that

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Blackberry Lane Children's Centre - Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024

By Kristen Wright

The 2024 Blackberry Lane Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for June 23rd from 2 to 3pm, and will be held at the Center.

All parents, caregivers and community members with an interest in the well-being and growth of the Blackberry Lane Children's Center are welcome to attend.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, June 23rd

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Location: Blackberry Lane Children's Center, 1100B Northwest Rd, Denman Island

What's On the Agenda?

Election of the Board

Financial Audit Review

Anyone interested in attending the 2024 AGM is invited to contact the center at denmanislandchildcare@gmail.com

Childcare will be provided

As part of our Bylaws requirements, we will be holding Board of Director elections during the AGM. The Board of Directors is responsible for governance, policy development and the financial stability of BBL. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, except for July and August (commitment of approximately 3-4 hours a month) and participate in committee work of the Board if possible. An orientation is provided to all new members and child care is available during meetings.

We are looking for volunteers who are committed to supporting BBL's strategic plan and supporting BBL in its mission to be the very best child care center. All skills and volunteers are welcome!! Individuals with experience in non-profit governance, fundraising, or the child care industry would be valuable.

BBL members who are interested in becoming a member of the Board or holding a specific position on the board are asked to contact the Center Manager at denmanislandchildcare@gmail.com

The Board of Directors is also seeking individuals to work on committees such as fundraising and community outreach. If you have any questions regarding becoming a member of the board or any of the committees please contact the Center at denmanislandchildcare@gmail.com or 250-335-1029

See you at the AGM! 🍷

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...continued from P.2 the Islands Trust setup to create recommendations for changes to the Land Use Bylaw. He pushed for changes with the focus on allowing more rental housing to be built on Denman as the rental pool has been getting smaller every year. While that is still in the planners hands at Islands trust, it got us thinking about creative ways we could potentially help with housing on the island and we'll be making an announcement in the later half of the year in regards to this.

On another regulatory front, the step code continues to be adopted which mandates more energy efficient building practices focused mostly on reducing heating usage by building with more airtightness, more insulation and heat pumps, as well as better building science in design with passive solar. We have always built our homes above step code requirements and are extremely proud of how energy efficient and comfortable the homes we build are.



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Green Wizardries: Yesterday, I saw my first ladybug of the year. They used to be quite plentiful in my gardens and just around generally. We have two tree frogs in our flower garden. We
A Shift would normally have about fifteen of them easily visible in the same garden a few years ago. The rough-skinned newts used to appear in their hundreds when they were migrating to ponds in the spring and in the late summer when the hatchlings would leave the ponds and migrate to the woods. I used to spend a lot of time picking them up off the road to protect them from cars. I rarely see these newts anymore.

By Maxine Rogers

We are also having many fewer bees and pollinating insects in the gardens. This is not due to any change in the way we manage the gardens. We try to have something blooming throughout the season and we provide shelter and water for the pollinators. Something else is causing the decline in insects. I believe it is mostly agricultural chemicals, (used by other people) but also our irresponsible use of cell towers and other forms of radio-frequency radiation are probably another form of attack on insects.



Insects are enormously important at many jobs that keep the ecosystem functioning. They are the base of the food web for many birds, and mammals. They pollinate our crops.

We have experienced a drastic fall in the number of bats on our farm. When we came here, 16 years ago, the night sky was dazzling with bats. We would sit out in the bath on our porch and the insects, particularly mosquitoes, would smell us as a tasty snack and fly around us. The bats would skim in just over our heads and Hoover them up. Our last bath on the porch, we had one mosquito and saw four bats flying high, heading west. It is simple, no insects, no bats. All these things taken together suggest to me that we have crossed a threshold where the consequences of our collective stupidity and

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One of the oddest things I have seen this spring is a lot of infertile seeds. Some of them were from the big seed companies and I do not have a lot of faith in such seeds. I think they are sometimes many years old and they just keep putting them out for sale. This spring, a lot of my friends were also seeing infertile seeds. These were from very good local seed companies that I had dealt with before and always found their seeds to be of a very high standard. A lot of their seeds were also infertile but what really surprised me is that some of my own fresh seed grown last year was also mysteriously infertile.

We have all been having trouble getting squash seeds to germinate. I planted 6 pots of one variety of zucchini and only one sprouted. Out of twelve seeds, only one sprouted! A friend planted thirty pots of winter squash and only a few came up. I planted 6 pots of a winter squash from Veseys Seeds and only one seed sprouted. Again, the pots were planted with two seeds to a pot.

I was just out working near a patch of Jerusalem broad beans and they are in full flower and the day is warm and sunny. I would normally expect to see lots of pollinators hard at work but there was not a single one on the bean blossoms.

The question is, what can we do about this? I believe the best that we can do is to support the few insects we have left by planting flowers they can use to feed on the nectar and pollen. I bought a big packet of alyssum seeds and am planting them around the edges of ever vegetable bed where they can fit. I am tucking calendula plants in between the cauliflowers, broccoli and cabbage. I leave the opium poppies to grow in the garden wherever I can. I have also planted out a lot of bachelor's buttons because the tiny parasitic wasps drink nectar from their leaf joins even when there are no blooms.

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I have a lot of cosmos daisies, calendulas and German chamomile planted in beds outside in my yard where the deer can get at them. They are blooming nicely and I harvest the chamomile flowers for tea and to use in making medicines and cosmetics. So far, the deer have not eaten any of those flowers. The deer are also uninterested in the beds of chocolate mint and lemon balm so these very useful herbs can be grown by everyone, not just people with a high-fenced garden.

It is also important to put out saucers of water, filled with pebbles so the small insects can land and have a drink. Other than that, maybe we should all consider using less of everything because almost everything humans do is polluting. So for a holiday, going camping at a nearby lake might be a better choice for the Living Earth than flying to foreign parts. 🍷

Shucking Oysters: *Au Naturel*

By Alex Allen

Im not big on hanging out (as it were) naked on a public beach or privately in the backyard. I have nothing against naturalists, it's just not my thing. When it comes to nudity, we all have our barometers of tolerance. And when it comes to the law, from Canada to the US, the definitions alone, raise more than an eyebrow.

According to the Canadian Criminal Code section 174, no one can be nude, without lawful excuse, in a public space or on private property (whether it's your own property or not), while exposed to public view. Some examples could be: being nude while going for a walk along MacFarlane or in a public place such as the Co-op; standing naked staring out your living room window or on your lawn where the public can see you. It's all about maintaining public order, decency, and morality.

As one legal website opined, "It aims to protect the sensibilities of people who may find nudity offensive or threatening in public spaces. It is also meant to safeguard the privacy and sanctity of private spaces from being disturbed by individuals who may be exhibiting inappropriate behaviour." It does raise questions, however, around civil liberties and fundamental rights. Many see this law as encroaching on their privacy, especially when applied to their own home or private garden. "Without lawful excuse" is vague and left to interpretation in the courts. For example, rehearsing a naked rendition of Swan Lake in your backyard is not a criminal offence but a nude version of Waiting for Godot could be.

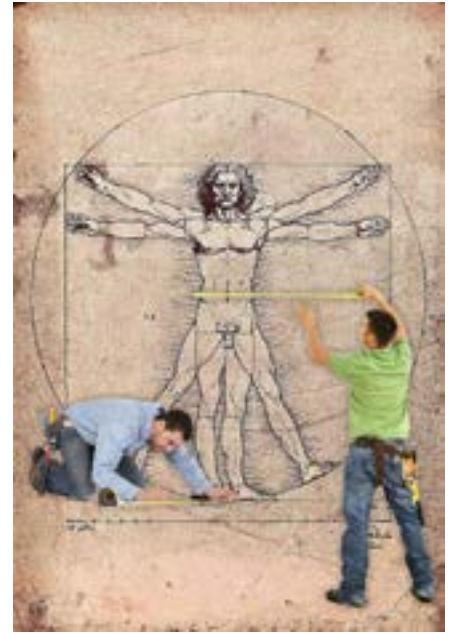
So what is nudity? According to the Criminal Code, a person is nude when they are "so clad as to offend against public decency or public order." Not "scantily clad" just "clad." In other words, you can be "nude" without being fully naked if you are dressed in a way that causes harm or potential harm to the public. Do I hear overweight people in spandex? One legal website explained that how we perceive nudity "depends on societal values, which are always changing." What about Little Tribune on Hornby? Is that illegal? A BC judge eloquently noted that "nude sunbathing is not of sufficient moral turpitude to support a charge for doing an indecent act." Designating a beach or other recreational area as "clothing optional" is recognizing that being nude for swimming and sunbathing is not always indecent or lewd (just the pervert in the bushes).

Canada's definition of nudity is positively quaint compared to the US, which is far more explicit. In Brevard County, Florida, nude means to openly display or expose: "(1) The human male or female genitals or pubic area with less than a fully opaque covering; (2) Any portion of the anal cleft or cleavage of the male or female buttocks. Attire which is insufficient to comply with this requirement includes, but is not limited to, G-strings, T-back bathing suits, thong bikinis, dental floss or any other clothing or covering that does not completely and opaquely cover the anal cleft or cleavage of the male or female buttocks; (3) The portion of the human female breast directly or laterally below a point immediately above the top of the areola with less than a fully opaque covering. This definition shall include the entire lower portion of the human female breast, including the areola and nipple, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the human female breast exhibited by a dress, blouse, shirt leotard, bathing suit or other clothing, provided the areola is not exposed; or (4) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered. For purposes of this definition, body paint, body dye, a tattoo, latex or any similar substances shall not be considered an opaque covering."

The buttocks can be confusing. Is that a crack or a cleavage? Brevard County's definition leaves nothing to the imagination: "The area at the rear of the human body (sometimes referred to as the gluteus maximus) which lies between two imaginary straight lines running parallel to the ground when a person is standing, the first or top such line being 1/2 inch below the top of the vertical cleavage of the nates (ie, the prominence formed by the muscles running from the back of the hip to the back of the leg) and the

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Well, that helped. I used to be an ass man, but now all I see is fleshy protuberances and vertical cleavages. 🍷

Review: **Denman4Palestine,** **Community Back Hall**

By Keith Porteous

REVIEW

This past Monday, guest speaker Yves Engler spoke for an hour on the details of Canada's direct complicity in the Israeli government's ethnic cleansing in Palestinian territories, and specifically Gaza. He also took questions and engaged with attendees. While his talk acknowledged the reality and horror of the estimated 50,000 plus civilian murders (they haven't begun to count bodies under Gazan rubble), he mostly focused on the Canadian government, and Canadian corporations' and institutional support for Israeli war crimes and apartheid. His lecture did not spare critique of Canadian media's dutiful partnership in justifying that which is unjustifiable.

Engler calls it for what it is; genocide, just as the International Criminal Court has called it, hardly a radical institution. The Back Hall was comfortably full, especially for a midday on a Monday, thanks to the efforts of Denman4Palestine, the organizers who placed articles in The Islands Grapevine, The Flagstone, on social media, and in the new bi-monthly publication that insisted on attaching a disclaimer to the article it published on the event, claiming it wasn't taking sides and that it supported dialogue. Really? Not taking sides on an issue of ethnic cleansing and genocide? And for what other reason might we all meet in the Back Hall, if not for dialogue?

Donald J. Trump took the same position when it came to an anti-fascist event protesting white supremacy, where an innocent woman was killed by a member of a far right extremist mob, claiming, "There are good people on both sides." Where are our ethical compasses? Can one credibly argue "bothsidesism" in this case? In the cruelest of ironies, while invoking the memory of 6 million brutalized and murdered Jews by fascists, we have a far right Israeli government perpetrating a holocaust on Palestinian civilians. The Geneva Convention, the International Criminal Court, and the United Nations all consider the collective punishment of a civilian population as a major war crime. And many, many Jewish people say, "not in my name."

We don't need the Tone Police. We need an end to the slaughter. 🍷

Who to Believe? Questioning the News.

By Yvon Raoul

Back in 1988 Noam Chomsky pointed out that mass communication-media are the means to “manufacture consent”. They are “effective and powerful ideological institutions that carry out a system-supportive propaganda function by reliance on market forces, internalized assumptions, and self-censorship.” The truth of this statement is even more evident in our current era. The difference is that the Western public generally perceives it as applying only to the rest of the world, not to our still supposedly “free” and “democratic” exchange of information.

As John Stuart Mill wisely said: “He who know only his position, knows little of that.” How can anyone know their position, when so much is claimed in our corporate-run mass media, but so little analysed, verified or explained in depth? This has been particularly apparent in Canadian and American mainstream coverage of the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. All the most widely watched channels regurgitate the same dramatic images with little historical background or variety of points-of-view. When there is some analysis, it is almost always to paint the “Western world” in a good light, implicitly demonizing opponents while keeping quiet about the failures or crimes of allies. Barely two years ago Putin was declared to be the “new Satan”, even a reincarnation of Hitler, while Zelenskyy morphed into a Churchillian hero leading the Free World. No one mentioned that he banned unions and declared left-leaning parties illegal. Everyone believed that imposing an embargo on Russia would ruin their economy, whereas the reverse has proved true. In their efforts to “manufacture consent” Netflix shut down Oliver Stone’s documentary “Ukraine on Fire”, while Evgeny Afineevsky’s “Winter on Fire”, in support of the Maidan *coup d’état*, can still be viewed. The relentless Western narrative that the West is noble while Russia, China **and Iran** are evil is simple-minded and extraordinarily dangerous.

Our mass-media don’t usually lie outright. They just don’t tell the whole truth. Let’s call it ‘lying’ by omission. This censorship is now being applied to the Gaza crisis, albeit with far less efficiency: the horror show cannot be simply denied. How often does some pundit from Fox or MSNBC argue that Israel is the only bastion of democracy in the Middle East? Without adequate historical background, ill-informed listeners end up believing that problems in Gaza started only last year on October 7th, while everyone was happy in Ukraine until February 24th, 2022. For in-depth historical analysis we have to turn to internet sources, to hear experts rarely invited on prime-time TV. Analysts and intellectuals like Chomsky, Norman Finkelstein, John Mearsheimer, Geoffrey Sachs, Christopher Hedges, Alexandre Mercouris, Max Blumenthal or Aaron Maté are never seen or heard by the majority of the population. Meanwhile Trump’s buffoonish tirades and Blinken’s dry and empty responses to journalists bounce from one channel to another. **Without Tucker Carlson’s superficial interview of Putin** most North Americans would never have heard this world leader express an opinion. Oliver Stone did a much longer and more skillful interview in 2022, but to my knowledge it has never been aired on our current mass media. How can we have a rational analysis of crucial world problems in our democracies when alternative voices are simply side-stepped or ignored by corporate gatekeepers? Are we trying to emulate the media censorship that is condemned when it happens in Russia or China?

It is sadly ironical that it is through this local paper, *The Grapevine*, that I first found a range of opinions expressed on Ukraine and Gaza, two hotbeds of human tragedy. Articles by Caitlin Johnstone or Sally Campbell, and initially last year by Keith Porteous, aroused my curiosity enough to send me in search of alternative analyses. Listening to a plethora of new voices, including those mentioned above, I realize how our run-of-the-mill news industry is misinforming, disinforming and willfully or inadvertently keeping us ignorant. Of course, one might retort: “Aren’t we lucky to live in a free world where information is available?” I would answer, “Yes, but we have to bother to search for it”. Thanks to alternative media like Grayzone, Democracy Now, The Empire Files, and Jacobin, to mention only a few, the Orwellian dystopia can be counteracted, or at least delayed. It is good to know that a small newspaper on a small island at the end of the world can facilitate the sharing of a variety of freely expressed points of view. 🍷

Mediative Approaches to Enhancing Group Effectiveness

By Sally Campbell

All groups are going to encounter differences. Often the most vocal, the most senior, the most powerful, will override those with less agency; people may then accommodate, avoid raising their disagreement, and over time, even leave the group. It is healthy and normal to have disagreement; group processes offer people opportunity to work creatively with difference.

Leaders with a facilitative (meaning “to make easy”) style generally are able to seize opportunities to influence in a positive way, to engage creative thinking and to encourage agreement reaching, aided by their position and authority. To enhance the group’s effectiveness, leaders may also incorporate aspects of integrative and restorative approaches that mediators employ. Those who aren’t leaders in a group, but want to assist in the group’s functioning, can do the same. We often rely on the leader/chair/president of an organization to create and sustain good process; groups can function much more effectively if others in the group participate in not just what the group does, but how it does it.

The rights-based orientation of our adversarial justice system has a long history in Western culture, and an established place in managing conflict. It has serious limits if rights are the only basis upon which decisions are made. Mediators use interest-and-values-based approaches to minimize the adversarial nature of conflicts and promote consensual agreement-making.

Indigenous wisdom has taught the use restorative approaches to deal with harms in a non- punitive way. Rights-based approaches are only used as a fallback, not as a foundation.

Benefits of mediative approaches include increased buy-in, greater creativity and preservation of relationships.

What aspects of these approaches can be useful for group members engaged with conflict?

Here are a few ideas gleaned from my time facilitating, mediating and teaching collaborative approaches:

1. Setting context: A group’s work cannot be only about today’s agenda; it exists in a larger context which needs to be recognized. Pay attention to your language. What is it your group is here to do? What are the barriers to accomplishing those goals? Try to state these in a positive way. The emotional/psychological environment matters in these settings. Attending to details is important; at the same time, people can get lost in them and lose sight of the overarching goal(s). Others fear closure – leaving something critical out, not having enough information, enough data, enough time, losing social connection if goals are met and the group disbands, and so on. This is why context has to be “reset” time and again within a group. Use language that focusses upon the group’s mission/purpose, working together, common ground, and heading toward problem-solving.

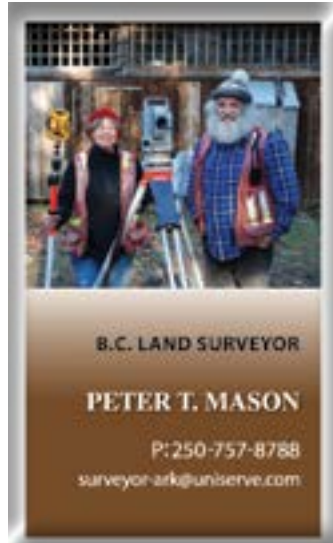
2. Process focus: Recognize that good faith engagement and attention to process increase opportunities for settlement of some or all of the issues. Modelling a respectful environment, helping craft a process that has integrity, ensuring everyone involved has a chance to be heard – these practices satisfy procedural and many of the psychological and emotional interests that people don’t disclose. Too often we rely only on the “what” of a task, not the “how” or “why” of it. How something is decided can be just as important as what is decided. We’ve all seen good decisions/agreements get sabotaged because they were not made with the inclusion and involvement of necessary stakeholders. Enduring and wise solutions follow good process! This doesn’t mean full consensus is always needed, but rather an exploration of what the group means by consensus: how is it going to make its decisions? If the group is stuck and seemingly at an impasse, any member of the group can suggest a move away from content for the moment and a focus on process. Asking: “How are we doing process-wise?” “What are we missing?” can open a discussion that may well undo the stuckness.

3. Integrative orientation: Think in terms of what is really going on, what matters, how to deal with the issues, what still needs to be addressed to reach agreement. Watch out for language such as “whether/or not”, and “either/or”. That language is reductionist and distributional; it narrows the range of possibilities. Mediative approaches try to expand possibilities and resources. Group members themselves tend

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to know best what resources are available and what potential outcomes are most promising. Don't be afraid to consider a whole range of ideas for problem-solving and to keep options open until the best solutions emerge. An idea that seems impractical or even crazy can lead to another idea that has promise. Think of problem-solving in terms of building agreement, piece by piece. An integrative orientation says "yes, and..." instead of "yes, but...". This tiny shift in language invites disparate ideas rather than shutting down nascent ones with the eraser-like "but". Ask questions instead: What more can you say about that? How do you see that working? What else can we do? What ideas do others have that could build on that? Integrative approaches energize and build engagement. Distributional ones can divide the group into camps, invite competition (winners & losers), limit imagination and reduce commitment to the group. Make sure your group members want to be in it! 🍷



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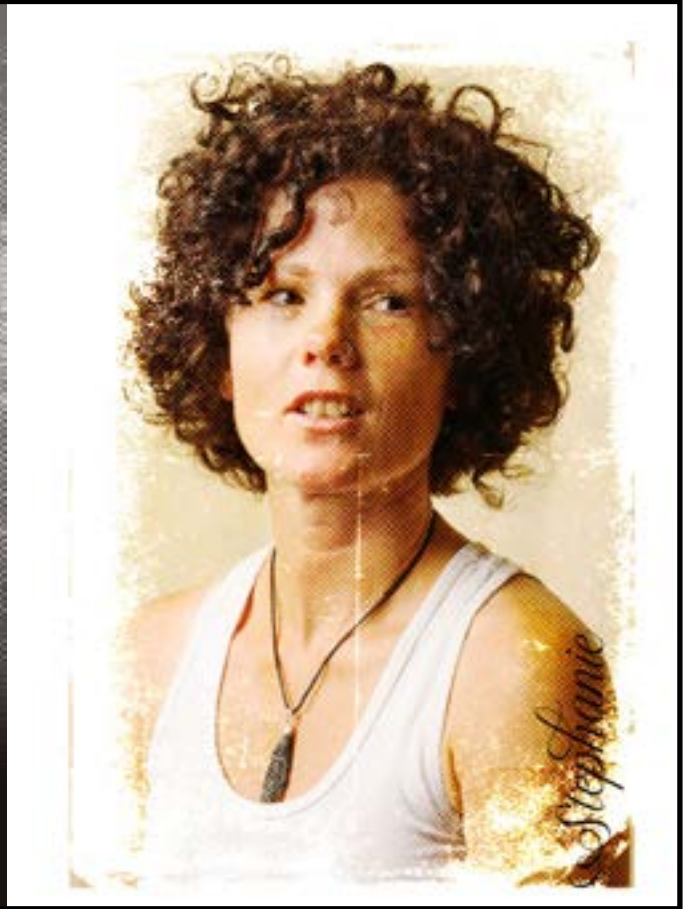
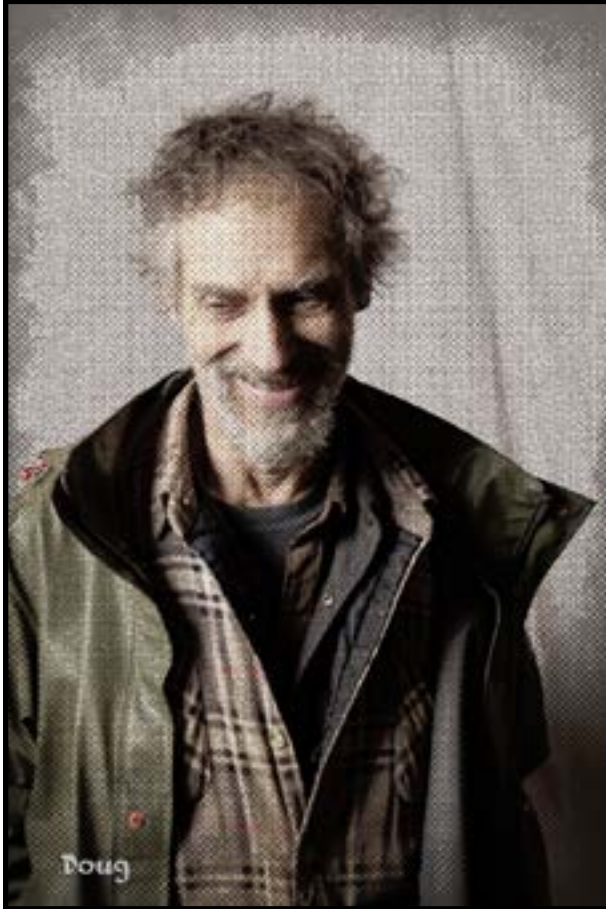
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Letters to the Editor

Re: In God knows how many words or more!

I will never forgive nor will I ever forget, period.

Retribution not reconciliation.

Chris Seguin 🍷



Saving Gaza Is About More Than Saving Gaza. It's Also About Saving Ourselves.

By Caitlin Johnstone

June 10th, 2024

OPINIONS

Saving Gaza is about more than saving Gaza. It's also about saving ourselves.

Saving ourselves as individuals. Saving ourselves as a society.

Saving ourselves as a species.

Saving ourselves from what we'll become if we just watch

this happening right in front of our eyes without doing everything we can to stop it.

Saving ourselves from what the sociopaths who rule over us are trying to turn us into.

Saving ourselves from the way the propagandists are trying to twist and train our minds.

Saving ourselves from the kind of future humanity will have if our rulers can get away with such a brazen act of extreme depravity.

Saving ourselves from the other horrors that will be unleashed upon our world if this kind of thing becomes normalized and accepted.

Saving ourselves from the dark dystopia we are plunging into at breakneck speed.

Saving ourselves from a world where journalism is dead and dissent is forbidden.

Saving ourselves from a world where the bastards will do the worst things imaginable without even having to hide it, and just stare us in the eyes daring us to do something.

Saving ourselves from a world where the powerful have decided to respond to the public's widespread access to information and raw video footage by just committing their evil deeds right out in the open and forcing us to get used to it.

Saving ourselves from this relentless push by propagandists and politicians to amputate that sacred part of our humanity which screams "NO" to all this.

Saving our hearts.

Saving our compassion.

Saving our tenderness.

Saving our children.

Saving our humanity.

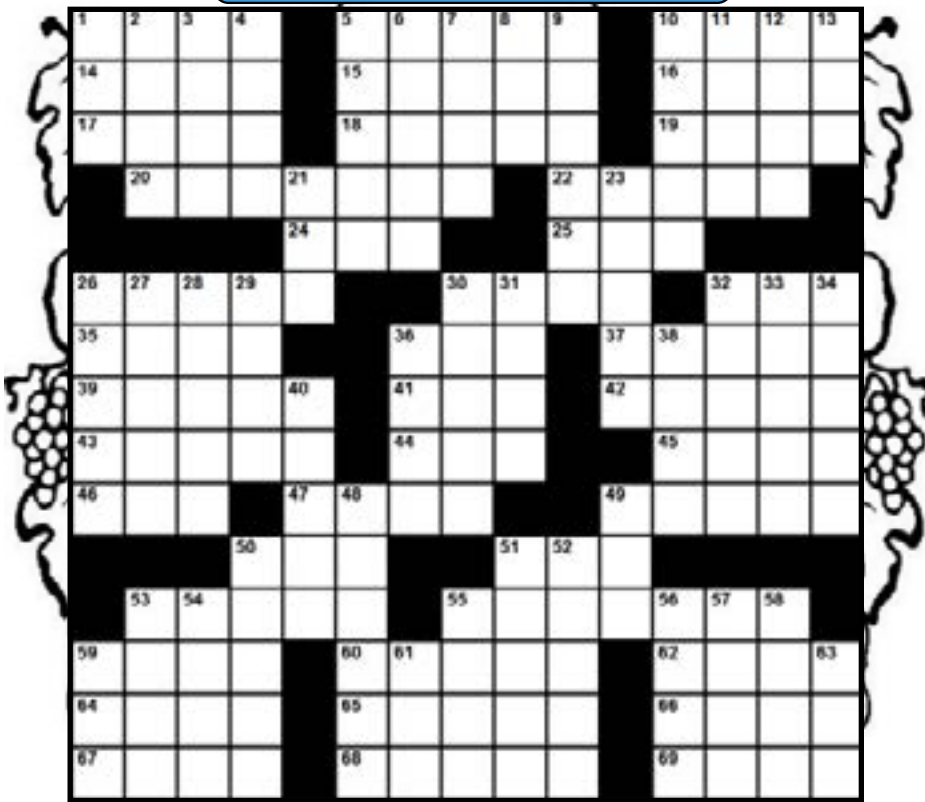
Saving our world. 🍷



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• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Fish line floats
5. Monastery
10. Against, prefix
14. Apartment
15. Duck's relative
16. False god
17. Neophyte
18. Mom's sisters
19. Clinic shot
20. Taking dental photos
22. Deer's cousin
24. Author's last word
25. Antony's loan request
26. Avoid expiration
30. Aquarium
32. Band aid
35. Awaiting reply
36. Certainly may
37. Free, in a way
39. It suits many
41. Actor Vigoda
42. Martian duo
43. Poetic postscript
44. Almost deflated
45. Arrogant people
46. Farm home
47. Car dealer's model
49. Hearings or inspections
50. Animal abode
51. Last degree
53. Bar setting
55. Unsure

59. Lock of hair

60. Blockhead
62. Flood survivor
64. Cure
65. Syrupy Liqueur
66. Agrippa's apparel
67. Without much effort
68. Lofty nest, var.
69. Fair-to-middling

• DOWN •

1. However
2. Black gem
3. Whirring sound
4. Attic promenade
5. At another time
6. Leap
7. Sound from Big Ben
8. Approx.
9. Toadies
10. Dislike very much
11. Anti votes
12. Adhesive item
13. U.N. labor arm
21. Flexible wood
23. Caulking stuff
26. Bower flowers
27. Calendar item
28. Jumpy
29. As a result
30. Group no-no
31. From the top
32. Do penance
33. Less significant
34. Gadflies
36. Complete lack of wind
38. Like a snoop
40. Duck down
48. Lead astray

49. Mild interjections

50. In a blah manner
51. Country singer Judd
52. Private student
53. Prompted
54. Contract variety
55. Bridge prop
56. Centerward
57. Cranny companion
58. Super enthusiastic
59. Actor McBride
61. Anhydrous
63. Cow chow

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• Last Week's Answers •

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GRUMPISM

“If you are bad at haggling, you will end up paying the price.”



Thank you
Judy Armstrong

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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Correction!

Last week's 'Shucking Oysters' was mistitled 'It's Complicated,' where it should have read:
'Houston, we have a problem.'
Apologies to Alex.

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



FRIDAY 14

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

SATURDAY 15

- 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
- Denman Home & Garden Tour - 9am-4pm

SUNDAY 16

- Denman Home & Garden Tour - 9am-4pm

MONDAY 17

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

TUESDAY 18

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

WEDNESDAY 19

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

THURSDAY 20

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



FRIDAY 21

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

SATURDAY 22

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

SUNDAY 23

MONDAY 24

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

TUESDAY 25

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

WEDNESDAY 26

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

THURSDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
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