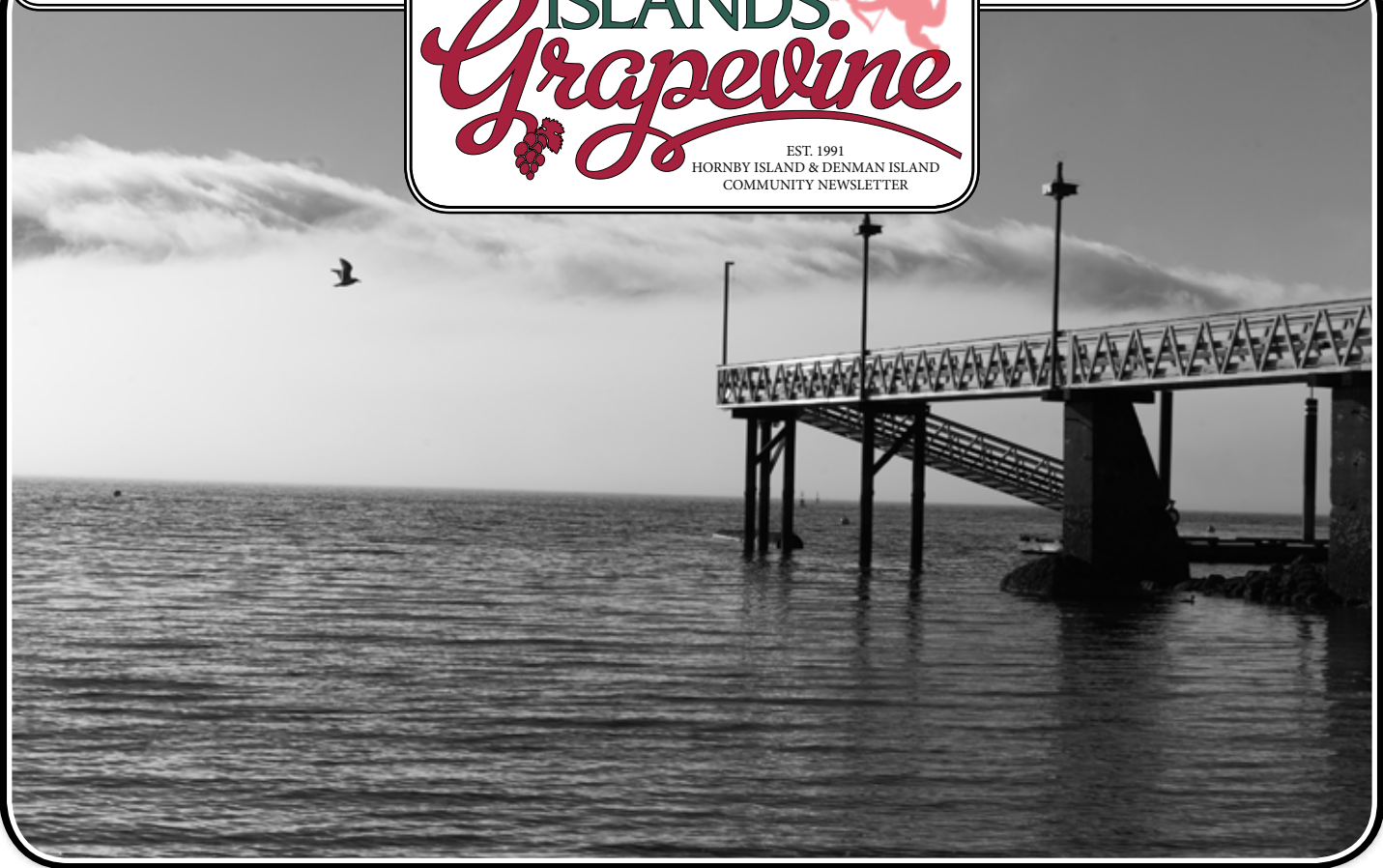


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SPACE 2018: BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

by Gwynne Dyer

It's going to be a good year in space, and the new players are aiming high. The Indian Space Research Organization intends to send Chandrayaan-2, an uncrewed orbiter, lander and rover, to the moon in March.

In July, Japan's Hayabusa 2 spacecraft will arrive at its target, the asteroid 162173 Ryugu, in an effort to return samples of this space rock to Earth.

And in June, China will launch the first part of its mission to the 'dark

arabidopsis seeds and silkworm eggs to the surface of the Moon," explained Zhang Yuanxun, chief designer of the container. "The eggs will hatch into silkworms, which can produce carbon dioxide, while the potatoes and seeds emit oxygen through photosynthesis. Together, they can establish a simple ecosystem on the Moon." Very simple – but the first step towards a sustained human presence on the Moon.

The older space powers are also breaking new ground. Russia is testing a nuclear engine this year that

“Payload will be my midnight cherry Tesla Roadster playing Space Oddity. Destination is Mars orbit. Will be in deep space for a billion years or so if it doesn't blow up on ascent.”

~ Elon Musk ~

side' of the Moon, Chang'e 4, which will position a communications satellite 60,000 km beyond the Moon to provide a link with Earth. That 425 kg. relay satellite will also guide the second element of the mission, a lander and rover, down to a soft landing on the far side of the Moon, where nobody has gone before.

One benefit of being on the far side is that the Moon blocks out stray radio signals from Earth, so the view of the radio spectrum of the universe is far better. But the Chang'e 4 lander will also carry seeds and insects to test whether plants and animals can be grown on the Moon.

“The container will send potatoes,

could cut travel time to Mars from 18 months to just 6 weeks. In October the European Space Agency will launch a mission to Mercury. NASA's InSight Mars lander will launch in May, and the American agency's OSIRIS-REx vehicle will rendezvous with near-Earth asteroid Bennu in August and start taking samples for return to Earth.

But the main event of the year, beyond doubt, is the planned launch of Elon Musk's Falcon Heavy vehicle from Cape Canaveral. (The launch window opens on 15 January.) “It's guaranteed to be exciting,” said Musk last July. “There's a real good

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chance that it doesn't make it into orbit....I hope it makes it far enough from the pad that it doesn't cause pad damage. I would consider even that a win. Major pucker factor."

This is known as 'lowering expectations', but it is also known as realism. Falcon Heavy will boost two-and-a-half times the payload of any existing rocket into Low Earth Orbit: more than 50 tons. Moreover, both the main rocket and the two boosters that are strapped onto it are designed to return to Earth and land, ready for reuse, which would transform the economics of putting things into orbit. If it all works.



Elon Musk addressing the press during the 67th International Astronautics Congress.
Photo by EPA/Ulises Ruiz Basurto

It almost certainly will all work eventually, but this is effectively a new design, not just an upgrade, and there are many elements in a big vehicle like Falcon Heavy that cannot be tested on the ground. The aerodynamics are different, the stresses are different, and nobody has ever launched a vehicle with 27 rockets before. The old adage applies: Anything Can Happen And Probably Will.

Yet Elon Musk is also one of the greatest showmen and self-publi-


cists of our time, so he's an inveterate optimist. In early December he tweeted: "Payload will be my midnight cherry Tesla Roadster playing Space Oddity. Destination is Mars orbit. Will be in deep space for a billion years or so if it doesn't blow up on ascent." (That is, a solar orbit like that of Mars, not an orbit around Mars. But everybody knows he does intend to go to Mars eventually.)

It's easy to get carried away by hope, of course, but after Falcon Heavy comes NASA's Space Launch System vehicle, which is designed to put 70 tons into Low Earth Orbit, with a follow-on version capable of 130 tons (although its rockets will not be reusable). And Musk's future plans include the BFR (Big Fucking Rocket) that would really go to Mars.

These are the sort of vehicles we need if we are really serious about getting out into space in a big way. When I watched the last of the Apollo Moon landings on TV in 1972, I assumed that we would be seeing rockets like this by the early 1980s. (See

Stanley Kubrick's '2001: A Space Odyssey', released in 1968, for a perfectly reasonable vision of where we could have been in space technology by the turn of the century.)

Instead the money was cut, and then the Cold War ended. The whole enterprise was mothballed for forty years, except for unmanned interplanetary missions and a low-orbit International Space Station. But this year it does feel like we are back on track and going somewhere. Forty wasted years, but better late than never. 🍷

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BETTER AT HOME

by Anthony Gregson

Denman Island resident Pamela Willis facilitates support programs for seniors in the Comox Valley. She got involved because when she first started working directly with seniors in care homes, the need for more services was starkly evident. But it is the spirit and caring of the volunteers who deliver these programs that keeps her involved. Denman and Hornby, in particular, she points out, have enormous social capital in the care that people have for their neighbours, typical, she says, of people living in smaller places.

Recently, Pamela stepped down from the board of the Denman Hornby Health Care Society to introduce a new provincial senior support program, Better at Home. The program is aimed at helping seniors who are no longer able to manage on their own to stay in their homes (“dignity in place”) by organizing volunteers to carry out simple tasks (such as light housekeeping or basic yard work) and ameliorate the risks of loneliness and isolation by social interactions such as friendly visiting.

The Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society (HDCHCS) bid on the program for the Comox Valley which extends from Fanny Bay all the way up to Black Creek and includes Denman and Hornby islands. The program is active in the Comox Valley area, but on the islands, it has been difficult to implement.

Better at Home was introduced as the flagship program for non-medical senior at-home care by the Liberal government in 2013 and is run on behalf of the Province by United Way Lower Mainland. The program provides for some contracted services but in reality, is heavily volunteer dependent because it has a very modest budget (\$15 million in 2016) that hasn't grown since incep-

tion. The program is income-tested, so with a limited budget, contract services tend to be available only to the most financially vulnerable. It is a situation where, as Pamela says, you quickly develop wait lists. Even so, the program has grown from an initial 6 to 67 sites all over the province. In 2016, 1065 volunteers provided 126,173 “service moments” for 84,000 seniors – or almost 10% of the BC senior population.

The need for seniors non-medical programs is huge: by 2036, one quarter of Vancouver's population will consist of seniors. The islands are already there: Hornby has 395 residents over 65, Denman, 440 – over one third of population, with somewhat more woman than men.

The islands are well served by the Hornby Denman Health Care Society (probably the largest employer) but apart the fee-for-service Home Assist program, their programs are on the health care side of the spectrum. There is also the Comox Valley Senior Peer Support that offers a range of supports for seniors including the Friendly Visiting program that offers one hour each week (to a much broader range of people who self identify as seniors whether they are over 65+ or not) of in-home visiting and emotional support. In the Valley, Better at Home has provided a program of light house cleaning and light yard work since 2014. They are working on a transportation service.

“There has been,” Pamela says, “a history of subsistence living on the Islands that has been both a difficulty and also a strength, because people have well-honed self-reliance skills and they have learned to depend on each other.” There's no doubt about

that: volunteering is practically a way of life. Pamela believes that the level of care, if anything, is better than what you may expect in more populated locations because you are helping someone you probably know. But helping your neighbour is one thing, ensuring that all seniors on the island who need help receive it is another.

Better at Home is particularly concerned about seniors who become isolated. For that, the islands are fertile ground where over half the entire population lives on their own. Vulnerable seniors may be hard to identify because they do not get out or if they are still mobile they may not be socially engaged on the island. They may be of any age on the senior spectrum. For instance, there are 65 people over 85, 30 on Hornby and 35 Denman. For any senior who is feeling isolated, social engagement and stimulation is crucial to their continued ability to cope. If they are frail, they may no longer be able to cut and stack firewood, clear up the yard, drive a vehicle, or give their homes a deep clean. The lack of affordable housing and public transportation on the islands only add to their problems.

Isolation is exacerbated by low income. About 19 percent of the population of Hornby and Denman lives on \$15,000 a year or less. A senior with Canada Pension, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, and perhaps a shelter allowance may have only \$1500 a month, which won't be enough to afford help. Income may drop drastically if the pension of a spouse ceases on their death which can have all sorts of repercussions (for instance, car insurance may become unaffordable). Inadequate financial planning, such

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DENMAN'S GOT TALENT

by Dante Ambriel • photo by Dreadful Imagery

My first evening here on Denman, 9 years ago, I went to the Hall to see a show of community members in a presentation called "Denman's Got Talent". I was amazed by what I saw.

One of the many incredible performers I saw that night was deNeen Baldwin and she sang "Buddy Can You Spare A Dime". I will never forget it. Being a singer myself, I thought - I need to know this person. And we became friends. Over the years her performance stayed in my mind. She had talked to me about directing her in a solo stage piece but that never materialized.

Last summer, luck would have it, my muse inspired me to write a play that would allow me to centre stage deNeen singing. "Broken Angel" emerged - the story of how a battered homeless woman



deNeen Baldwin singing at Denman's Got Talent, Nov. 14th, 2009.

rebuilds her life with song. Now, I know that sounds dismal - but it is really an uplifting story about how wishes really do come true. One of the play's nine songs is "When You

Wish Upon A Star".

I would guess that most of the songs you will recognize. As the play evolved, Ram Sudama - musician extraordinaire - generously agreed to play both his wonderful guitar and soprano saxophone to accompany deNeen throughout the play. And if that wasn't enough, Ram created a full overture for the play - just like an opera or a Broadway musical.

And we have even more talent from Denman to show you. A full cast of eleven community members will brave the stage and transform themselves into the compelling characters who carry this tale of magical transformation.

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Margaret Hood and Family

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as failure to file income tax, even if you don't earn enough to pay tax, can result in denial of benefits.

More volunteering is not necessarily the most attractive opportunity in a community with an abundance of rich social interaction. But from a volunteer point of view, there are

couple of things about Better at Home that are worth considering. For one thing, there is training, not a lot, but enough to give a volunteer a more sophisticated understanding of senior needs beyond kindness. Among these are an awareness of senior programs which was identified by Isobel Mackenzie, the Seniors Advocate for BC, as probably the greatest single need.

Secondly, the extent to which the program is rolled out will be driven by the level of community support. For example, on Hornby, Better at Home started in a small way by offering help with recycling. As the clientele are discovered and volunteers secured, services could include yard cleanup, light housework, chopping firewood, or transportation - but nothing is going to happen without a friendly visit. 🍷

THE ROAD DOWN

By CS# 05943451

If I were to judge my experience thus far on this trip from Courtenay to Victoria, I'd say that I would be uncertain of maintaining myself. While my feelings of trepidation may skew my take on things, to share a ride to prison with the bravado three of my travel mates exhibited had me seriously question what lay ahead.

One of these dudes was bragging about beating seventeen of the eighteen charges that were most recently laid on him, though I suspect that made little impression on the police dogs that subdued him this time around. The puncture wounds and marring on his arm and back told me that much! Truthfully, to look

at this guy, all bald, big, and mean, I'd say those dogs might be sporting some war wounds themselves!

Youth #2 was this tall, lanky kid. Quite proud was he to yammer on of his travails from behind two rather puffy blackened eyes and a fat lip. Seems he was in breach of bail conditions, and was caught at the bar. Stories of blow and pussy, pussy and blow, blah, blah, blah, blah. To hear him tell it, he was literally swimming in pussy just prior to being united with us losers in the back of the Sheriff's van, leaving me with two thoughts: first, if he'd shut up for a moment, it might occur to him what a monumental let down it must've been to go from swimming in pussy

to being shackled up and locked in a cage. And secondly, is it any wonder I have such difficulty connecting with women when they'll seemingly find antics such as his irresistible. Woe is me! Woe are women!

Youth #3 seemed rather amused by his predicament. I must say, he was at least able to laugh at it all, though I question if he wasn't still high or just simply naïve, too whacked out or too young to fully appreciate the scope of the mess he found himself in.

The entire trip down Island I had to listen to these guys go on, when all I

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WORKSHOP ON ONLINE TOOLS

by Emily Guinane


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The instructor David Wees has a degree in Educational Technology and has worked as an instructional specialist supporting teachers using technology with students. In other

words, you will be learning from the expert!

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SHOOT FOR THE MOON

Update

by Dr. Ron Wilson

Thanks to all those who have been putting in their kms for 2017. We are now passed the expected distance of 120,000 kms for 2017 but keep them coming. Also be sure to sign up on the 2018 tracking sheet on the Denman activity centre website. Our February activity is a Snowshoe on Mt. Washington on Tues. Feb. 13. We will take the 8:40 a.m ferry and meet on the Mountain at Raven Lodge (the Nordic centre). Snowshoes can be rented on the mountain if you don't have any or can't get a pair. Please let me know if your are coming so we don't leave without you. Email me at rawilson33@gmail.com or call me at 0299.



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wished for was silence. The monkeys that were charged with delivering us to Wilkinson Road did just that. Nothing more, nothing less. Repeatedly and to no avail, tough guy continued to request that the heat be turned on in the back of the van. The chill *was* teeth chattering. "Turn on the FUCKING heat!" Yes, when I think on it those were *exactly* his words, yelled at least twenty times over the course of our shared 200 kilometer journey. Each time we were told the heat was on, though I could see the dial was plainly buried in the blue end of the temperature dial

"Kick rocks, convict!", the monkey shouted back, informing me that in this new realm, the squeaky wheel will only remain squeaky, increasingly bitter, and did I mention cold?



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THE START OF THE STORY ...

Of the Hornby Denman Visitor Guide

by Karen Ross, HICEEC

This long-standing project, based on inter-island cooperation, is a great example of good neighbours working together for a common goal.

The collaboration started in the mid eighties, when Isaac Kramer of Bradsdadsland, Suzie Bishop from Sea Breeze Lodge, Karen Ross from the Thatch Pub, and Mike Comeau from the Denman General Store got together and decided that we could put a stronger advertising message forward if we pooled our resources. Other participants came forward and a single-colour home-grown brochure was produced (on recycled paper, of course). We laboured over the byline, with popular contenders being “Hawaii of Canada” and “Crown Jewels of the Gulf Islands”, but “Undiscovered Islands” generally won out.

Isaac was the coordinator in the early years, Karen the Hornby ad getter, Mike the Denman ad getter, and Su-

zie the treasurer. Each island got one side of the Guide. The Denman map needed more space, though, so the Front and Back Covers fell on the “Hornby side” (as is still the case).

Eventually, due to his total focus and commitment, Mike Comeau took on the whole project. Under his able leadership, and with the growth in our communities, the Guide flourished, gaining more advertisers and more distribution. Every summer visitor seemed to be carrying a copy, and every island household had at least one, to use for the local business contact info it provided, plus the ferry schedule on the back.

When Mike retired, Margie Gang picked up the baton. Not sure how long she did it for; maybe she could add to this story and tell us.

In 2014, when Margie decided she had done enough, Donna Tuele and Gary Manzer on Hornby stepped up. They took our funky little brochure into the modern era, going

full colour on good-quality print stock and providing a more professionally produced map. The advertisers seemed happy, and the visitors and residents all still seemed to want at least one. (And at certain times of the year the ferry schedule was accurate). Somewhere along the line we lost the moniker “undiscovered islands”.

In 2015, the Tuele/Manzer duo turned production of the Guide over to the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC). Last year, in the interest of securing more revenue, the geographic boundaries were extended to include the seaside communities of Buckley Bay (officially), Fanny Bay, and Deep Bay. To accommodate those, an extra fold was added to the brochure.

After 30+ year of production, our “big, happy bi-island family” has grown. 🍷

JADE MIKELL with GINGER BINGERS

Art opening at the Guest House

by Anthony Gregson • photos by Dreadful Imagery

The crowd at Jade Mikell’s art opening was only to be envied for a first solo show, enlivened by the Ginger Bingers who descended on the Guest House last Friday night where they were anticipated by eager fans. Not that Jade isn’t public – the model, poet, print maker and videographer has over 13,000 Instagram followers. The elegantly dressed Jade, who identifies as autistic, explained that she had always been draw-

ing and painting all her life and that she saw her art as quietly activist. A



Jade Mikell

finely detailed drawing of two cetaceans, and a striking, elongated painting of a startled face peering out through a white miasma suggest the range of her talents and a hidden intensity.

The entertainment opened with a new Victoria duo, the singer/songwriter Sascha Nevermind, on guitar, and Ian Bonyun, on rhythm. They

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have only been working together for two months, and the Guest House was their first gig. They are looking for a base guitar, but got along just fine. Google Sascha Nevermind for his videos which capture his fine guitar and thoughtful lyrics, especially Cream Pie Cover in a Car and Trust Fund Kid : “Learn how to forgive even If it’s not right.” Songs like Islands of the Heart suggest Sascha will soon be back.

Ginger Bingers consist of the red-haired Hillberry brothers, Jodie (on base guitar) and Eli, with Ed Doug-



The Ginger Bingers

Jordie Hillberry & Sascha Nevermind



las. The group doesn’t have much information on the web but maybe they don’t need to because everybody knows who they are. Eli says they get together when they can because everyone works full time. Ed is in a number of different bands as well, so gets pretty tied up. The Ginger Bingers play covers. They’d like to get up a repertoire of about forty songs so it’s easier to take on gigs on Vancouver Island without having to get together for a lot of rehearsal. But for now, when they can manage it, they like to get the crowd moving, which they surely did. It was definitely a party. 🍷

LITTLE DARLINS PRESENTS: LEO KISSEL/KINCH - Still Going

by Charles Kinch & Leslie Kissel

This is a canine companion story that might be of interest to both Hornby and Denman residents.

No one recorded the early life of Leo, but we know he was born in 2000 or 2001 in Alert Bay, of Husky and German Shepherd parentage. We also know he moved to Hornby in 2003 (via the SPCA) to become companion of Louise Jervis. He was quite well known in his 5 years there, accompanying Louise in her active community life.



Leo Kissel/Kinch in all his splendour

In 2008 Louise decided to leave Hornby, and could not take Leo with her. A Grapevine classified ad put Leo in touch with Wisteria Cottage on Northwest Road on Denman, where Orlando the Borzoi was pining after the recent passing of his long time companion Suzi. From their first meeting, Leo

and Oli hit it off spectacularly, and Leo seemed ideally destined to be the dedicated sidekick, the Sancho Panza to Oli’s Don Quixote. They had another 5 great years together, Leo dutifully following Oli wherever he would lead.

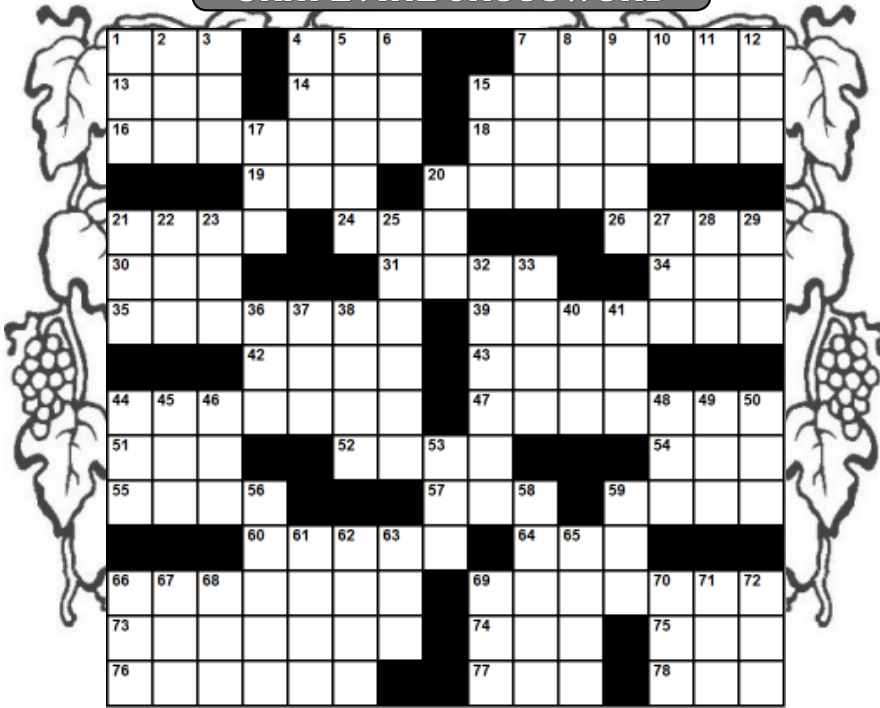
Alas, Oli passed on in 2013 (at 12, very old for his breed). After another 5 years, Leo is now in his 18th year (126 dog years!), definitely enjoying every day while looking back on a life well lived. While his eyesight and hearing are in decline, his sense of smell and taste, and his energy are still strong. Besides the number one priority of getting good meals on time, he still demands and relishes his daily walk, most often around his own property or the nearby Northlands trails, but even more-so loves the regular car-ride excursions to all the Parks and Nature Preserves around the island,

followed by several hours of deep sleep in front of the fire or out in the sun, depending on the season.

Clearly the Hornby and Denman environment is conducive to longevity.

People are not necessarily the most important folk living on our islands. There is Furciety – the folks (or furlpersons) who keep humans sane and comforted – usually on their own terms. They deserve a place in these pages as they do in our hearts. Let the Grapevine know if you have someone whose story should be told and we’ll be happy to get a picture you’ll want to keep.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



JUST A THOUGHT

“THE WORLD IS MY OYSTER BUT I CAN’T SWIM”

- The Dimestore Hoods •
- Run Spot Run •

Mr. Stofer



• ACROSS •

1. Uris novel, with The
4. 1773 jetsam
7. Hotel suite feature
13. Arab noble
14. Dispose of
15. Vent
16. Ruin, as plans
18. Lacking zest
19. Barely manage
20. Birch kin
21. 2-D measure
24. Foyer spread
26. Dandy
30. Ottoman dignitary
31. Crier’s delivery
34. Enemy
35. Supervised
39. Smoked fish
42. Celts’ land
43. Eager, and then some
44. Red rood vegetable
47. Say in passing
51. Carrier of genetic info
52. Bit for Fermi
54. Alias org.
55. Pig noise
57. Change the locks

59. Cry out
60. Daredevil’s need
64. Bakery choice
66. One released early
69. Metrical pause
73. Orate
74. NAFTA member
75. Basis of light
76. Grab the ball carrier
77. A pop
78. Chicago lyricist

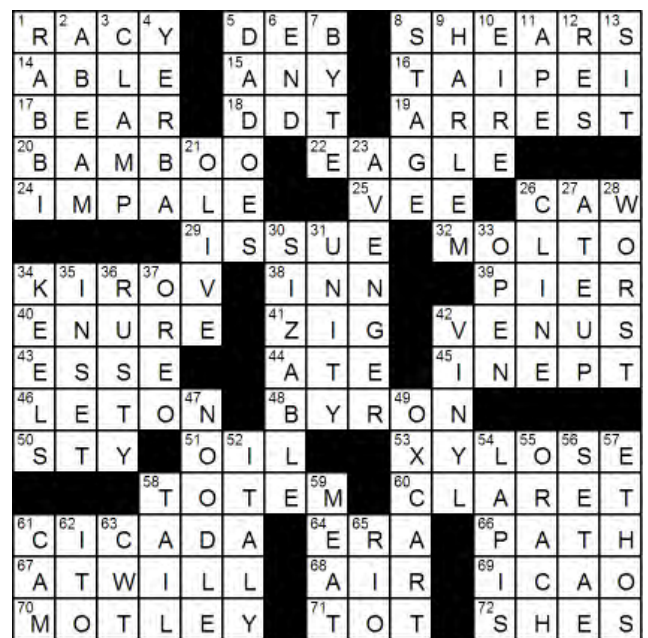
• DOWN •

1. Beaver or boater
2. Antiquity
3. Discordance
4. Rough trip
5. Duck down
6. Big flap
7. Air force
8. Celtic
9. Baseball’s hot corner
10. Jazz genre
11. Aladdin prince
12. Apple color
15. Afflict
17. Black-eyed item
20. Aquarius, e.g.
21. Blood system group

22. Auto gear, abbr.
23. Appreciation for beauty
25. Not mourned for
27. Craft of sci-fi
28. AMA type
29. Cry over a mouse
32. Cast a spell
33. Deliver from peril
36. Part of RSVP
37. Bara film
38. A Met score
40. Clamor
41. Banned substance
44. Anti anti
45. Cuckoo
46. Contended
48. Arctic surface
49. Black gold
50. Baby’s break
53. Adorer’s writeup
56. Octane target
58. Banish blunders
59. Affirmative reply
61. Chosen, in Chartres
62. Anatomical network

63. Churchill’s trademark
65. 2001, e.g.
66. Animal friend
67. According to legend
69. Davis or Ryder
70. Avail oneself of
71. Act the bandit
72. Church vestment

• LAST WEEK’S SOLUTION •





• CLASSIFIED ADS •



CARPOOLING

HAVE ROOM FOR A PASSENGER? NEED A RIDE? Carpooling offers and requests are free to run in The Islands Grapevine. Contact us to place your ad today. 335-1794, theislandgrapevine@gmail.com.

FOR SALE

GRASS FED ANGUS BEEF. Steak, roast, ground, stew, soup-bones. Raised drug-free. Pork, roast, chops, ham, bacon. Phone Alan Schmidt 650-3519. (03/29)

ALPACA AND LLAMA FLEECE.

Soft, luxurious fibre for spinning, weaving, felting, knitting and artwork. Island grown. Rose 250-335-1117. (03/29)

FOR SALE ON HORNBY

ISLAND Founded in 1982 Vibrant , Seasonal Bakery / pizza Business Fully equipped, spacious kitchen and storage with ample natural light. Set in the middle of an orchard and a rose garden. Inquiries Helene Cregheur 250-335-2008 helene250@gmail.com Leslee Richards 250-335-0383 lesleegecko@telus.net. (02/22)

WAGNER FIREWOOD fir firewood for sale. 2 cord units \$520 to Denman, \$540 to Hornby + GST. Phone or text Scott at 334-7323. (02/22)

SERVICES

GUTTERS 5" SEAMLESS - supply and install, clean and repair service as well. Serving and saving Denman and Hornby!!! Over 25 years experience omg! 335-1986 kcgtutters@outlook.com. (02/22)

MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & All household major and small appliances. All large and small machinery. Yard machinery, chainsaws, outboards, automotive, sharpening, welding and fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-0954. (12/20)

HAIR BY ROZ cuts \$15, blow dries, colours, perms. Men, women, children, bring the whole family. Why go to town! 30 years experience. DI 335-0195. (01/18)

WATER CISTERNS FOR: Rainwater harvesting, Well supplementation, Septic tanks, Fire suppression. Ed Hoepfner, Aquarian Systems Consultation and Design aquariansystems@telus.net, (250) 335-203. (02/15)

RED SEAL CARPENTER for hire. 20 years experience. Reasonable rates and reliable service. All jobs considered. References available. Call or text Jason 250-898-4903. (0)

ACUPRESSURE BY KYLA PLAXTON, Hi There! I absolutely LOVE Acupressure and I'm on a mission to have it be known worldwide. I've been practicing for over 15 years and I now live here on Denman. I have a Special Denman Rate of \$95 per 90 minute session. Call/Text 250-885-0566. (01/11)

MACKENZIE TRUCKING & SERVICES, 3/4in. minus blue crush \$200 delivered. Haul hydro poles, roofing materials, pre-cast deliveries, tin, dump

runs. For a quote contact DakotaMackenzie1@gmail.com or 250-650-2593. (01/25)

CARPENTER WITH OVER 25YRS experience specializing in renovations. Small jobs OK. *Free estimates.* Reliable! References upon request. Contact John 250-335-0546 or 604-345-0806. (02/01)

COUNSELLING WITH MEREDITH MCEVOY, MSW RSW Hornby-based counsellor now accepting clients on Denman. Specializing in CBT, mindfulness-based, and narrative therapy to address depression, anxiety, and grief. Contact meredith.mcevoy@gmail.com or 250-218-7607. (02/15)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

It's time for the **ANYTHING GOES MARKET @** the Hornby Community Hall, Saturday Feb 10th from 11-2, Lunch served, Vendors doors 9am, \$10/spot, everyone welcome! info 335-0509. (02/08)

YOGA W/ JOSEY @ THE ARTS CENTRE 650-4535 wildyogastream@gmail.com. Tues for Strength, 9:00am..... Wed Gentle, 5:30pm Fri for Balance, 9:30am. Cost is \$90 for 6 weeks. Sliding scale always available. Please call or email for info and to register and confirm. (02/08)

ANY TIME IS A GREAT TIME to start Nia. Beginners & drop-in's welcome. 10:30 Fridays Denman Activity Centre. Questions? Max 335-0364. (02/15)

WEDNESDAY WORKS! ZONE 9-12 In the DAC Lounge Free wifi - Coffee by donation – co-work space – labour connection – community network zone How can we help you work in the Zone? (02/15)

FUNDAMENTALS OF SELF-ACUPRESSURE Feb. 24th 10 am to 4 pm. Extended early bird price for 1 week if you mention the flyer from the Grapevine. For more information - kylaplaxton@gmail.com or text/call 250-885-0566. (02/08)

ACCOMODATIONS WANTED

LONG TIME DENMAN COUPLE SEEKS house, cabin or suite to rent. Locally employed with excellent references. Have 2 middle aged spayed female dogs and an older neutered male cat. All are very well behaved. Please contact Tasha or Gildy at 250-335-0939 or gildtosh@hotmail.com. We are open to any possibility. (02/08)

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| <p>COME ON OUT TO THE 1ST Sci-fi Sunday Movie Night Sunday Feb 11th at the Front Hall</p> |
| <p>6pm • They Live Sleep. Obey. Consume.</p> |
| <p>8pm • Her Unique High Concept Trans-Species Romance</p> |
| <p>Admission \$5 sliding scale Concession Stand 50/50 Draw</p> |



• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (HI) Hornby • (DI) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •



• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals.....335-3027 (D/H)
Denman Community Hall Rentals • 2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.....335-9177 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

Bobcat and Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak.....335-1853 (All)
Dean's Bobcat & Small Haul Service.....218-4534 (D/H)
Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded.....335-3122 (D/H)
Gutters Supply & Install • kgutters@outlook.com • Kevin.....335-1986 (D/H)
Ken Fischer, B. Arch. • Home Design and Construction.....335-2976 (D/H)
Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured.....335-1741 (D/H)
Mackenzie Trucking & Services • Dakota Mackenzie.....650-2593 (All)
Milling, Compact excavator • Shannon Cupper.....335-0507 (H)
Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation.....335-3145 (D/H)
Renaissance Stoneworks • natural stone/slate installation.....335-0220 (D/H)
Rob Manering, Licensed Residential Builder.....335-3150 (D/H)
Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified'.....334-4776 (D/H)
Septic System Design/Install Services • Darren Hutton ROWP.....703-1086 (All)
Stacy Seabrook Roofing, denmanstace@gmail.com.....334-7075 (All)
Tye Mechanical Ltd., licenced plumbing, heating, etc.....218-7688 (All)
Water Tanks and Cisterns • Steve Isaak.....335-1853 (All)

• COMMUNITY RESOURCES •

Hornby & Denman Community Health Care Society • Home Support, Youth
Outreach & Youth and Family Support.....335-2885 (H/D)

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands.....335-2510 (H/D)
Cloutier, Matthews, Chartered Professional Accountants.....338-7367 (All)
Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby.....335-1720 (H)
Fair Realty, Sheelagh Mackenzie.....335-1720 (D/H)
Pemberton Holmes • Denman Island Office • Don Luckett.....335-3119 (D/H)
Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage office, Denman & UB.....898-9199 (D/U)

• SERVICES •

Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM.....335-1535 (D/H)
Aroma/CranioSacral & Rest. Massage Therapy • Leyah Kelly.....335-2584 (D/C)
Bio-Energy Healing • Shari Dunnet & Richard Menard.....335-1877 (All)
Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC.....465-8482 (D)
Home Security Checks and Patrol Services.....218-8097 (D)
Tree Service - Darian Chase • Arborist.....218-0404 (All)
Wade's High Trees service taken over by Wild Bill at.....898-7246 (H/D)
Trueview Treecare, Free est., seniors' discount.....898-7246 (D/H)
Xplornet Satellite Internet • Clear Blue Systems.....228-7161 (H/D)
Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker.....335-1535 (D/H)

THE COMING WEEK'S EVENTS

Hornby Island (HI) • Denman Island (DI)

**THURSDAY 8
12-STEP STUDY**

12:30 pm • DI Clinic (side door)(DI)
CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
HAPPY HOUR
4-6 pm • Café-Pourium(DI)

**FRIDAY 9
NIA CLASSES**

10:30 am • DAC(DI)
HAPPY HOUR
4:30-7:30 pm • Café-Pourium(DI)

JOHN GOGO

Concert
7 pm • The Guesthouse(DI)

**SATURDAY 10
CAP SITE**

11 am-2 pm • Community School(DI)
DHARMA TALK
4 pm • Lama Sidney, Hermitage Yurt(DI)
ISLANDS TRUST office hours
10 to Noon • Old School(DI)
BETTER AT HOME
1-2:30 pm • DAC(DI)
ANYTHING GOES MARKET
11 am-2 pm • Hornby Community Hall(HI)

SUNDAY 11

DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am (DI)
ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30 am (DI)
MOVIE NIGHT - SCI-FI SUNDAY
6pm - *They Live. Sleep. Obey. Consume.*
8pm - *Her Unique High Concept Trans-Species Romance*
Community Hall(DI)

**MONDAY 12
QUILTER'S GUILD**

9:30 am-3 pm • United Church(DI)
DIRA MEETING
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)

**TUESDAY 13
CAP SITE**

3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
BETTER AT HOME
6:30 pm • DAC(DI)

**WEDNESDAY 14
CAP SITE**

3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
DENMAN WORKS! ZONE
9-12 pm - DAC(DI)
MEDITATION
7 pm - the Hermitage Yurt(DI)
DIRCS MEETING
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)

**THURSDAY 15 ●
12-STEP STUDY**

12:30 pm • DI Clinic (side door)(DI)
CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
HAPPY HOUR
4-6 pm • Café-Pourium(DI)
DAAC OPEN STAGE
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)