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SERIOUS FUN AT THE HERRINGFEST

By Anthony Gregson • photos by Dreadful Imagery

A more appropriate celebration for the islands is hard to imagine than the herring run around Hornby and Denman, now reckoned the greatest on the Pacific coast of North America. It is also, sadly, the last of any significance. All the other herring fisheries in BC, aside from a very small one in Prince Rupert, are now closed.

This year's Herringfest consisted of boat rides, educational lectures (wittily named the Herring School), a fund raiser art show, and a celebration, the Herring Ball. The Fest is sponsored by Conservancy Hornby Island.

You would think, given the legendary abundance and reliability of the run that a herring festival, like its counterparts in other parts of the world, would date way back, to at least pioneer times, but in fact, the Fest is only two years old. With 60 percent of Hornby's land area protected from development as either Crown land, park or under covenant, conservation of the marine environment became the next priority for the Conservancy. Herringfest is a fundraiser for this work. Only a tiny proportion of the Hornby coastline is currently protected, a small rockfish conservation area off Ford's Cove.

The Grapevine began our experience of the Fest with a ride on the family boat of Grant Scott's, the Sun Corona, a venerable 1962 troller built by Wahl Bros., famed as the premier



builders of wooden boats in the heyday of the industry. Grant, Chair of Conservancy Hornby and ex-fisherman, took us out to visit the sea lions, reputedly amongst the most vocal of all mammals. Nothing told us more of what a totally different world these creatures inhabit than the sheer cacophony of yelps, barks, yawps, grunts, retchings, howls and loud burps – truly a tribal language of the sea. Under the baleful eye of a huge bull, dozens of, what Grant termed, the “teenagers” came rushing over to investigate in eager gaggles, sleek, glistening heads gawking with black, Babylonian eyes from every angle and slurping herring like chips. Elaine Savoie, helping Grant out, said that it was different every day, and that there were actually far fewer than the previous morning. It

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TRUMP & KIM

By Gwynne Dyer
Published March 11, 2018

I think I know why President Donald Trump suddenly agreed to hold talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un after a year of mutual threats and verbal abuse.

Anything short of a complete breakdown at the talks would virtually guarantee Trump next year's Nobel Peace Prize. Moreover, it would seem bigger and shinier than the one they gave to Barack Obama, because Obama hadn't actually earned it. He got it just for being a nice guy.

Oh, no, wait a minute. If they gave it to Trump they'd also have to give it to Kim Jong-un, and that would be even sillier. Yet there probably won't be a complete breakdown at the talks, which are due by May, because both men are strongly motivated to make them look successful.

Kim's minimum goal is to establish North Korea as a legitimate sovereign state that is accepted by other sovereign states (including the United States) as an equal. Just having a one-on-one discussion with Trump about the security problems of the Korean peninsula gives him that. He will do his best to keep the meeting civil, and under no circumstances will he break off the talks first.

Trump's main goal is to look good – to get a 'win' – and Kim's advisers will have told him to let Trump win something. It doesn't much matter what, so long as Trump can wave it in the air and claim victory when he gets home. But it will definitely not be an enforceable agreement to dis-

mantle North Korea's new nuclear weapons and their delivery vehicles.

Look at it from Kim Jong-un's standpoint. Saddam Hussein gave up his nuclear weapons programme (involuntarily) after the first Gulf War in 1990-91, and twelve years later the United States invaded Iraq, overthrew Saddam, and hanged him. Well, the new Iraqi regime provided the rope and the gallows, but the US invasion would never have happened if Saddam had really had nuclear weapons.

Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi gave up his quest for nuclear weapons too. It never really amounted to much, but it worried Western powers enough to make them leave him alone most of the time. Then Gaddafi handed over all his pathetic scraps of nuclear weapons-related technologies – and NATO airpower subsequently backed the tribal rebels who finished him off with a bayonet up his backside.

So if the US sees you as a problem and you value your life, don't stop until you get your nukes, and never give them up. The North Koreans understand this lesson very well.

No promise Trump could make

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is estimated that there were possibly a thousand, mainly, Steller sea lions, with a few California cousins on hand for the feast.

Cold and wet, with a low chop driving up from the south into Lambert Channel, we headed over to visit the herring fleet, gathered around Chrome Island at the south end of the channel. There were a couple of dozen boats, nothing like the two hundred that showed up a few years ago. They were not fishing yet. Grant pointed out a test fisher who had set a purse seine to sample the herring swarming everywhere beneath us. An opening can't be declared until the size, age and roe content are in the right concentration. Sea lions were leaping into the lasso of white net floats, like kids in some neighbourhood pool, joyfully gorging. Huge seiners with high slab prows and vast bridges, their sterns piled up with equipment and towing chunky aluminum skiffs swept close by as they circled and weaved in and out amongst each other. Off in the distance a sleek, low, orange-and-black patrol boat (Coast Guard or Fisheries we couldn't tell) took up

position. Sensing that all hell might be about to break loose, we headed back to Ford's.

Conservancy Hornby Island is dubious of the whole herring fishery. A friend of mine told me of her late husband's joy in bringing back a boat so full of herring that he was in danger of swamping. That was the most romantic day of his youth, partly because of the moon illuminating the night run, but mainly because of the \$30,000 payout. Those halcyon days are gone. The herring fishery went big time with the Japanese willing to pay \$5000 a ton for roe. But tastes have moved on. Today the dock price for roe is more like \$700 a ton. The fishery takes about 20% of the herring stock, or an estimated 300 million fish, apparently sustainable, but to what end? The legitimacy of the fishery is falling into doubt. Reduction fisheries turn their catch into fishmeal or fish oil. That's what happens to 90% of the Hornby/Denman catch, ground up as agricultural fertilizer or feed for salmon farms. Reduction fisheries are banned except by ministerial permission, but because herring roe

is seen as the main product (even if it is only 10 percent and no longer worth what it was), the fishery is not regarded as a reduction show. Instead, the carcasses are regarded as a "by product". The justification seems a technical stretch at best.

That evening, and the next day, the Hornby Community Hall was completely filled for Herring School. Lectures by experts filled in the environmental picture on the feeding habits of humpback whales, sea lions and the different tribes of killer whales. We were unable to attend the lecture of the Marine Detective (Jackie Hilderling) on feeding strategies of the humpback whale, but the Saturday sessions began with a rousing cheer for Jackie, who enjoys international renown for her investigations. The most impressive thing about these lectures was how far understanding of our mammalian marine fauna has advanced and the intrepid dedication of researchers. Killer whale research only began in the 1960s.

Dr. John Ford, researcher emeritus and author of *Marine Mammals of British Columbia*, informed us that the resident population of killer whales who live in the Salish Sea year-round eat only fish, preferring the chinook (Spring) salmon because of its size and high fat content. The precarious state of their population is thought to be due to the decline of the chinook which are getting smaller and fewer - partly because they, too need fatty fish like herring (interestingly, a member of the audience later pointed out that the incursion of large numbers of anchovy in Howe Sound seems to be changing that situation for chinook.)

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Equally serious is the resident killer whale's inability to adapt rapidly to change. All killer whales are highly specialized, like most mammals, and take time to change their food habits and predation techniques.

That's not a problem for the transient killer whales, who do not mix at all with the population of residents. They are not threatened in the same way because they eat only sea mammals, cropping the harbour seal population, porpoises and minke whales – and even the occasional deer caught swimming between islands. Since marine mammal protection legislation was introduced in the seventies, ending efforts to eradicate killer whales, sea lions and seals, they have rebounded. There were gasps, groans and chuckles of disbelief at such grotesque government efforts as the mining of seal pullouts near Vancouver, a machine gun nest at the entrance to Johnson Strait, and a boat with a huge knife on the prow to cut sea lions in half, all mercifully short lived. Sea lions are not top of menu but that may well change as the killer whale population of transients continues to expand.

Most surprising was the work that has been done on the killer whales of the outer coasts, who spend all their lives in open waters. The mystery of their teeth, completely ground down, was finally explained by a diet of sharks which have a very tough, coarse skin like sandpaper.

Dr. Andrew Trites of Marine Mammal Research Unit at UBC informed us that the Steller seal lions along the BC Coast are doing very well. In fact, it is thought that the population is now back at historic levels prior to the culling policies of the mid-twen-



tieth century. Not so Steller seal lions across the Aleutians, and down the coasts of the Kamchatka Peninsula and Japan, the so-called Eastern population. Despite an abundance of fish, they found that the northern Pacific no longer favours the sea lion where huge populations of pollock, which have a relatively lowfat con-

tent, have replaced the fattier fishes. This "fast food" hypothesis means that the pups cannot eat enough to grow quickly. As a result, they must remain longer with the mothers which reduces the birthrate and increases the danger of predation. Yet despite this unfortunate development, Dr. Trites points out that you can't say the ocean is out of balance. The balance has always changed; there is no ideal state, and there are changes beyond human control.

We suspect Conservancy Hornby is going to see about that. 🍷



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would persuade the North Koreans to surrender their nukes. As far as Kim is concerned, nuclear deterrence against the United States has now been achieved, and he'd be mad to give it up again.

It's a pretty flimsy form of deterrence – his rockets aren't very accurate and his nuclear weapons don't always explode in a fully satisfactory way – but even a 10 percent chance that North Korea could kill half a million Americans in a 'revenge from the grave' attack should be enough to deter the US from using nukes on North Korea.

A nuclear war between the US and North Korea would probably kill ten times as many North Koreans including practically every member of the regime – Pyongyang would be a glowing, radioactive pit – so Kim's regime would never initiate such a conflict. But he needs the assurance that the United States will never resort to nuclear weapons either, and

only North Korean nuclear weapons can provide the necessary deterrence.

You may deplore this kind of thinking, but it is entirely rational and it is at the heart of North Korea's strategy. Kim's willingness to talk about the "denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula" is therefore just that: a willingness to talk, but not to act. And there's plenty to talk about.

Does 'denuclearisation' mean no American nuclear weapons can be located in South Korea, or in the entire region? Given the range of those weapons, how would that make North Korea any safer? Does it mean dismantling North Korea's nuclear weapons? Certainly not. It's just what Kim had to say to get the talks started.

His ultimate goal is to 'normalise' North Korean nukes, as Indian and Pakistani nuclear weapons were eventually accepted as normal. This can only happen if the United States

acknowledges a state of mutual nuclear deterrence between the two countries, which Trump is not yet ready to do. But even by talking to Kim about it, he begins to give the concept substance.

Kim can promise Trump a "moratorium on nuclear and missile tests" because he doesn't really need more tests. His nuclear weapons and rockets are far fewer and much less sophisticated than their American counterparts, but mutual deterrence can work effectively even when one side has a hundred or a thousand times more nuclear weapons than the other.

So Trump gets an early 'win', and Kim gets to nudge the United States a little closer to an understanding that its future relationship with North Korea will be one of mutual deterrence. Or maybe locking two narcissists in a room is bound to end in tears, but it's well worth a try. 🍷

SPRING BREAK March 24th to April 8th

By Emily Guinane

Community Programs will be closed during the two weeks of spring break, March 24 – April 8. The Food Bank will remain open as usual on Thursday March 29th and Thursday April 5th 3-7 pm. The Cap site will be closed except for during the opening hours of the Food Bank. DICES and PAC are putting on a Mothers Day plant sale on May 12th. Please keep us in mind when you divide plants or rearrange your garden this year and pot up some plants for us. Or why not start a few

extra plants and donate for the good cause of education for children and community? Information of where to drop off plants will be posted closer to the date.

Wednesday evening's Community Yoga with Max Rogers has changed time. Starting Wednesday March 14th it will run from 6-7.30pm. Community Yoga is a drop in class where everyone is welcome. Just bring your matt, any props you might need and \$5.

Spring will bring lots of fun to the Community School. After school sports are going strong and new programs (like a life drawing animal class for kids) will start up after spring break. This is also the time of year when we get busy in the school garden and we welcome donations of manure and seeds. Contact Emily in the Community Programs office at 335 2058 or denman@uniserve.com if you have garden goodies to offer. 🍷

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Selections from DiFBOBB Sun 4 - Sat 10 March

By Graham Hayman

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To Mon 5 March

► Link: Jack Knox column quoting Daryl McLoughlin (by nom de plume) on ferry fare rollback. timescolonist.com/news/local/jack-knox-islanders-catch-a-break-on-ferry-fares-1.23181604 ► (after meeting re bylaw 225 driving on beaches) Bylaw note says federally licensed Aquaculture operations may use vehicles. A q. for Trustees: Were any Denman shellfish farmers licensed by BC before the 2010 Morton Act? If yes, how many, and what are the LTC's plans for them? ► Link: SeaShepherd.org about herring stocks

Tues 6 March

► Anyone pick up scrap metal? C: Dakota Mackenzie: I do – depending... ► Link: Denman Island firefighters visit Blackberry Lane Pre-School ► Poster / link: Launch of Pat Skidmore's 2nd biography. Pat used to live on Denman... would be a super addition to the Readers and Writers Festival. britishhomechildren.com

Weds 7 March

► Poster: Meeting March 22nd - BC Poverty Reduction Strategy, Florence Filberg Centre 4:00-7:00 Free dinner. Register: 250-334-2321.

► Dora Drinkwater Library 5 - 7 Wednesdays. C: 5-7!? Do you serve wine and cheese? ► Any specialists in RV propane furnace issues. C: Eli Hutchens. ► Long discussion on slow or no internet.

Thurs 8 March

► DIRCS board desperately NEEDS new directors
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Sat 10 March

► Tax time! Just saying! Please keep this line or make text below italic+*****
*Denman Island Facebook Open Bulletin Board. Original text of postings may be heavily summarized. Or not. Postings may be omitted if out of date by GV publication, or they appear elsewhere. Wit and weirdness usually included.



FARMERS MARKET STARTS MAY 5TH

By Veronica Timmons

Make a note on your calendar! The Farmers Market will start on May 5th this year (2 weeks early). This is going to be a banner year as there has been interest from more islanders to sell at the market and two new vendors have signed up. If you wish to sell at the market contact me at vtimmons@telus.net and

I will send you the FM Guidelines and Lorraine (the Coordinator) will find you a spot.

The Farmers Market Committee is made up of Veronica Timmons, (Chair), Lorraine Martinuik (Market Coordinator), Naomi Elliot, Pat Jones, Kerri Bolande and Heidi

Schnepf. They recently met to develop a budget and to deal with the many issues facing the market such as: signs, safety, dust problems, toilets, and traffic control.

We look forward to your ongoing support of our farmers, growers and producers. 



Photo by Chris Seguin

OLIVER SWAIN At the Guesthouse March 10

By Anthony Gregson • photo by Dreadful Imagery

“We are living,” says Victoria singer and song writer Oliver Swain, “in the age of the bass”. By that he means the double bass he played with such compelling effect at the Guesthouse on March 10.



It's not usual for folk singers to accompany themselves on the double bass, which Oliver played lyrically, elevating the instrument to its full expressive potential instead of a plunking rhythmic accompaniment. He also used his voice instrumentally, almost like a violin, without a personal intonation, and without a lot of emphasis on the words themselves, as if they were lexical expressions suggested by the music itself. He connected well with the audience who willingly took up the refrain from “I'm on Fire” from his latest CD In a Big Machine.

A tall, strikingly handsome man, Oliver is also well-spoken and thoughtful. Everyone there – and the Guesthouse was packed – was struck by his originality. That's because he is from a new age where the great tradition of mountain music, which is hugely influential for him, has begun to flow together with other, powerful cultural streams, for him, especially, jazz. Oliver feels that we are living through a musical revolution. “What people take to be the tradition [of bluegrass] is

just a snapshot in time,” he says. “It is actually continually evolving.” It is an effect, he feels, of the information age, where there is music available everywhere from everywhere. Genre, he feels, is losing its usual meaning. Artists are no longer this or that, but have a different relationship where they work with many influences. Certainly there is nothing imitative about Oliver.

Oliver was drawn to music from the beginning. He was taken up

by teachers and included in bands, eventually moving out to Winnipeg where he worked with Mitch Podolak, CBC broadcaster, founder of the Canadian International Folk Festival and a great student of Appalachian folk music, amassing a vast archive. While he had always liked Appalachian music, Podolak gave him the resources to really understand it. Subsequently he worked with bands in the Deep South, ending up with the Red Sticks, a Cajun

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and western swing band out of Baton Rouge.

"The bass chose me," Oliver says, who seems to like big gear: in school he was drawn to the tuba. The emergence of the double bass as more of an instrument in its own right is a result of a number of influences. One of them is improved practise techniques and performance expectations. For example, he believes that people who made it into the NHL twenty years ago wouldn't make it in today. The same shift in sports performance has also affected music. There have also been technical improvements and simply greater ambitions. Perpetually curious about the instrument, he thoroughly enjoyed an extensive workshop with the famous American double bass virtuoso Gary Karr (who said he chose the instrument because it was the closest to the human voice) even though he had no formal classical music training. Oliver also plays the guitar and the banjo – which, characteristically, he calls his "anti-banjo" because the 125 year old instrument has a softer sound than the traditional treble twang.

Oliver is also an organizer. Mitch Podolak founded folk music festivals across Canada, and Oliver himself organizes the Victoria Django Festival, celebrating the great post-war gypsy jazz guitarist and an eclectic legacy. It is obvious he can occupy a bigger stage. But in the meantime, it was exciting to hear this new and sophisticated take on what is understood to be folk. 🍷

MANY THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY FROM ALL OF US

By Dante Ambriel

Dante Ambriel, Tashi Draper and the cast and crew of Broken Angel want to thank the community and staff at the Island Grapevine for all their support and kind words.

Many thanks from all of us for your generous standing ovations both performances and the beautiful comments on social media.

So many people have asked if we plan to do more audio theatre and if Broken Angel will be put up on stage again so we decided to say yes to both questions.

August 10, 11th and 12th Flowing Arts will be sponsoring a new annual festival called "**The Stardust Festival - Stories Under The Stars.**"

It will be held at Flowing Arts Farm during the warmest evenings at the peak of this summer's **Perseids Shooting Star Showers.**

A new moon will create the darkest skies and excellent conditions so bring your friends, sweethearts and family, spread your blankets and folding chairs and watch hundreds of shooting stars while you listen to enchanting tales under a resplendent sky.

On stage the first evening we will present a new romantic comedy by Dante Ambriel called "**Abracadabra**". Lots of

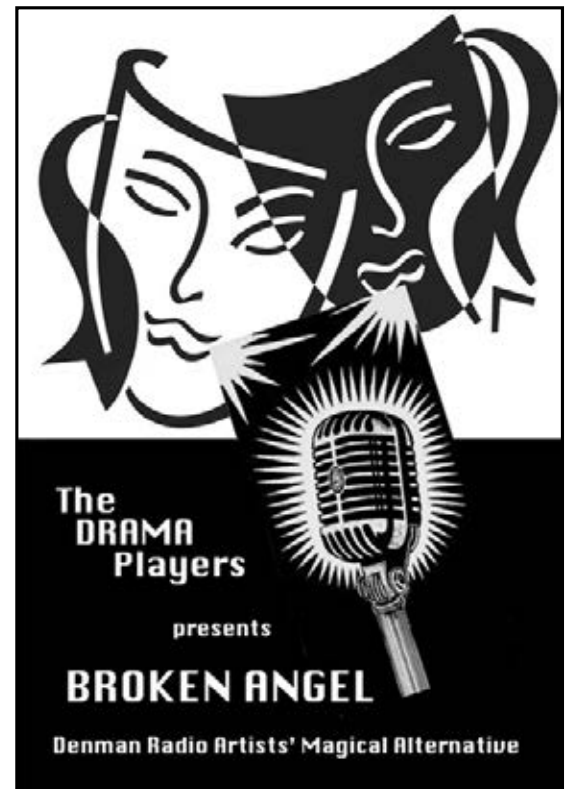
magic and transformation!

The second evening we will do an encore of **Broken Angel** for those of you who have requested to see it again or haven't seen it yet.

The third night we will present an evening of **Short Audio Works** by a few of the many talented playwrights and poets here on Denman including Dawn Stofer and Lorraine Martinuik.

Flowing Arts has decided to do this as a bit of a **fund raiser** for both **Denman Conservancy and Affordable Senior's Housing.**

So a percentage of every ticket will go to protect Denman and make it more affordable to live here. 🍷



We regret to report the passing of noted Hungarian composer, Georgy Muzak who was found frozen to death in a sleeping bag two years ago this day in downtown Montreal. The circumstances and date of his death were only recently revealed due to extensive litigation around his estate. Mr. Muzak was reportedly found behind a large Do Not Disturb sign with half a case of Pol Roger champagne on the grimy cement doorstep of the Golden Happiness Pizza.

Georgy Muzak came to prominence as the inventor of muzak, also known as elevator music. Born in Budapest in 1921, he was a child prodigy with an extraordinary memory for musical scores and an ability to arrange almost anything on the piano at sight. Admitted to the prestigious Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music at age eleven, he studied with twentieth century musical

GEORGY MUZAK

By Anthony Gregson



giants such as Bela Bartok but failed to graduate after publishing, as an original work of his own, a scandalous melange of string quartets by several of his illustrious teachers. Undeterred, his ability to arrange endless medleys on the fly quickly put him in demand as a virtuoso pianist for dance marathons, boring embassy parties, and international bridge tournaments. Entering politics, he became a fervent anarcho-communist, acquiring beliefs that defined his entire career.

In his 1948 manifesto, "Against Content", Mr. Muzak dismisses the entire classical tradition of Western music as elitist, and copyright as a capitalist device that leveraged "artistic egotism" to sustain class differences and deprive the working class of the right to art. What was needed was a music accessible to all, that offered soothing comfort for those

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Peace Project

By Chris Seguin • photos by Dreadful Imagery



was held at the Denman Arts Centre to raise awareness and much needed funding for Linda Weech's life-long endeavour, the International Peace Project. Linda is well-known for her work and activism on behalf of women and marginalized peoples around the world. The IPP works alongside Equatorial African grass roots women's organizations to help children who have survived sectarian and gender-based violence or oppression.



event - highlighting the travels she's undertaken and joys of learning from one of life's greatest teachers - children.

Last Thursday, March 8th was a day to celebrate International Women's Day. Honoured around the globe with marches and lectures and talks and gatherings both large and small. One such gathering

The Arts Centre was chock-full of all manner of artwork and items being raffled off or auctioned to raise the funds necessary for the IPP to fulfill its mandate. Linda made two presentations during the day-long

The Arts Centre was overflowing with many people who were willing to listen and lend a hand in this much needed realm of activism. For more information check out www.lindaweech.com. 🍷

THREE SQUARES AND A ROOF

By CS# 05943451

As I've mentioned previously, there is new terminology that needs learning in order to better navigate oneself through the intricacies of prison life. On the outside A.T.M. refers to 'Automated Teller Machines,' Whereas on the inside it's meant to denote 'Auto Theft Member.' In the free world G.P. would refer to a 'General Practitioner,' but in the clink it means 'General Population.' Where the term 'P.C.' would be used to describe a person of conservative political leanings, in jail it means 'Protective Custody.' Used to label inmates of a less conservative stripe. Ya know, child molesters, rapists and the sort! I could just imagine the residual awkwardness in asking what on earth the dude with the uncomfortable gaze sees in a Harper-led government! Thankfully that situation wouldn't present itself as the asylum masters see fit to segregate G.P. from P.C. from N.D.P. Kind of



parallels the distinction of provincial borders within our great nation of political polarity. Not that I would insinuate that Alberta, Ontario and sometimes Quebec have subversive sexual tendencies, but a P.C. by any other name is still not a socialist!

Life here at Wilkinson Road is rather regimented. Along with three **rectangular** meals a day (owing to the thermal trays the food is delivered on), there are six lock-down times per day as well. Whilst we are all confined to 'D Block' proper, we are further restricted to our cells each time lock-down is announced. I've yet to

determine the point of all this as we are not going anywhere either way. My best guess is that it provides opportunity for the authorities to remind us of the omnipotence they wield. Each lock-down lasts between 20 minutes and 50, and serves to keep the prison locks from seizing through lack of use. With a television in each cell, replete with full cable, there is little to sweat. A shared toilet and sink in each cell also help with easing any worries of being confined to our little 12' by 6' slice of B.C.'s Provincial Corrections System. Any latent concerns about fitting into the delicate social structure of 'Delta Block' and its 22 other inhabitants are dispelled by these periods of enforced solitude. It also allows me the time necessary in trying to reconcile this 'three square meals' presumption I've always had about jail. 🍷

THE TELUS CHALLENGE

By Graham Hayman

Many islanders could be overpaying for their internet. Specifically, your download speed may be a lot slower than your bill says. On DIFBOBB, a long discussion followed my question (7 March) about what speeds people get around the Northwest/Lake/Scott roads. We have just moved there, after adequate speeds at our previous rentals. At 7.25pm on this Sunday night, I got a download speed of 0.97 Mbps. Many Facebookers echoed my problem, or said they have no internet connection at all.

One islander said, "4 years ago, I

phoned and asked for a reduced rate as I felt I was paying too much. The Telus person told me she couldn't offer me much of a deal, so I asked to be put thru to someone who could. The Sales dept. can do exactly that.... Everyone should call in and ask to speak with someone in Sales to get a reduced rate." Others who got discounts said to ask for a "Loyalty Agent."

Or you could first test your download speed on cnet.com/internet-speed-test, or speedtest.net, or Telus' page: telus.com/en/bc/support/article/speed-test. Try different

times of the day or week? The internet is like a highway; traffic slows down at rush hour.

Ask Telus what speed you are paying for in Mbps (megabits per second). Then give the speed you measured, and ask why you're overpaying. And can you speak with Sales, or Loyalty. Threaten to cancel or switch to satellite, or something. Y'know, make them anxious. See what you get. Some islanders have gotten huge discounts. Challenge your friends and neighbours: who can get the biggest percentage discount!? 🍷

A PORTRAIT OF THE PING PONG PLAYER AS AN OLD MAN

By Bill Engleson • www.engleson.ca • photo by Malkolm Boothroyd



year-old Ping Pong prodigy who was one of the highlights of the tournament.

As I mentioned to others, the child quickly grew bored with my returns, none of which landed on the table, made up some polite, fully understandable excuse that he wanted to play with his father, and left me volleying into the void.

As I was slinking out of the Activity Center at the end of the 9th Annual Denman Island Table Tennis Tournament, an emissary from the noble Grapevine whispered in my ear something along the lines of, "Could you write a short piece, something sardonic (or maybe it was ironic or possibly catatonic) about the tournament?"

I said I would think about it.

This is me thinking about it.

Two years ago, after a referral to my Ophthalmologist, it seemed advisable for me to play with balls bigger than ping pong balls. I fell in with a burgeoning local Pickleball sect.

Pickle balls are quite sizable.

Easy to spot.

I'm still with the sect.

Nevertheless, the clarion cry of Ye Olde Table Tennis tournament still has me in its grasp.

This year, somewhat apprehensively, I signed up again. Singles and Doubles. I was bringing little to the Ta-

ble Tennis Tournament other than the fees, my staunch support of the Denman Community Land Trust Association, an unbridled respect for the indefatigable Peter Marshall and his coven of Ping Pong Pagans (you had to be there,) and my apparently irksome illegal serve.

Of course, I abandoned my prohibited paddle whacking penchant immediately and ensured that most of my matches were doomed to failure.

That was okay. My doubles partner, Francois Laliberte, seemed at peace with my limitations which became more apparent as time went on.

Truth is, in the past few years, the food at the Tournament has been the biggest draw for me. Each plate is weighed to determine price except the pastry which, oddly, I think, is excluded from measurement. I should be doing this at home; portion control is a brilliant way to control excess.

Another tool to keep this old scalawag honest was the brief opportunity to bat a few balls around with a sharp, talented, off-island eight-

I should, in all fairness, remark that my Table Tennis clock was cleaned on more than one occasion by several others including a couple of quite skilled teens.

Or Tweens.

I didn't ask.

I should have.

In any case, it's all behind me.

Perhaps I'll play next year.

Perhaps not.

I just hope that next years tournament doesn't unroll on the shortest weekend of the year like this past daylight savings, sleep deprivation time warp.

That extra hour of sleep I won't get back until November didn't help my game.

I'm convinced of that. 🍷

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who must endure the rigours of class struggle. "No one thinks too much in nature," he declared. "It's an important life skill." In fact, he went to so far as to insist that he no longer existed as a private individual. "I have dissolved myself in the masses," he said. Pilloried for this "lullaby credo" he was viciously attacked by political activists in favour of more revolutionary action, but Muzak's work eventually met with unprecedented success, especially in Post War North America. His skillful blending of melody and motif into a seamless background of continuous, anodyne transformation that eludes comprehension or emotional response, proved perfectly suited to the ubiquitous landscape of boredom and anxiety to be found in places such as doctors offices, airport lounges, malls, and empty fast food joints. His compositions rapidly became the inescapable soundscape of public spaces, often dismissed as mindless by those unfamiliar with his fiercely egalitarian credo. "A brilliant bore who has raised tedium to an art", harrumphed a New York Times critic.

Mr. Muzak pursued his beliefs rigorously. None of his works have any title except for a number, the scores are only ever annotated "At a gradual pace", and they are free, with no mention of the composer. True to form, he eschewed all copyright. Due, however, to his disdain for all bureaucracy and "the shackles of the law", he never made a formal renunciation of rights. Subscribers, nervous of a change of heart, set up a just-in-case trust account with the famed Chicago law firm of Marshall, Marshall, Marshall, Marshall, Marshall and Marshall for voluntary fee payments (today estimated to contain over \$3 billion). An allowance disguised as a donation from a kindly relative, usually left at a Sally Ann,

kept the composer in champagne, sardines, and cigarillos.

His most noted pupil was Marjorie Aer, who studied with him in Budapest. She recalls that the week began

Mr. Muzak acquired the street-living skills that became a necessary part of his syllabus. "I was a shy, bookish child," recalls Ms Aer, 'but since that time I have always loved camping out."

"A brilliant bore who has raised tedium to an art", harrumphed a New York Times critic.

when Mr. Muzak presented her with several scores of substantial work, such as a Haydn symphony, a number of Chopin etudes, and perhaps something daring like Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, with instructions to meld them all into a single composition. The training was rigorous but interrupted by frequent demands from landlords demanding rent, invariably ignored, because Mr. Muzak regarded private property as an abuse of human rights. In the evening they would go out to one of Budapest's many cafes for dinner where Mr. Muzak would always tip the waiter generously but refuse to pay the bill. It was during this time that

Mr. Muzak spent most of his last years with Ms. Aer who, by that time, as the inventor of aerobic music, had come into great wealth herself. She deployed the techniques of Mr. Muzak to achieve a more aspirational sound in such monumental works as "Mountain Bike Rhapsody" and "10K Workout". When not seated with technicians in front of a massive synthesizer, Ms. Aer was often to be seen gliding in her scooter down the clipped green verges of her famous garden in Smith Bay, BC, gathering blooms in her lap, while blue-suited copyright lawyers tended the roses and rhodos. Ms. Aer finally kicked her mentor out, claiming that she had never wanted to marry him - not that he had ever asked, or could even consider the idea. "I thought about it a lot, but in the end, I didn't see the point of having someone in my life who claims he doesn't exist". 🍷

NOTICE OF DEADLINE CHANGES

Denman Works!

Community Program Grants

Grant application deadlines are extended as follows:

PRE-APPLICATION EXPERT REVIEW • **MARCH 22nd - by noon**

APPLICATION DEADLINE • **APRIL 6TH - by noon**

The grant process and applications forms may be downloaded from Denman Works! website at:

denmanworks.wordpress.com/community-project-grants/

Paper copies of all forms may also be picked up at the Free Post (Abraxas Books) under Denman Works.

Please note new office hours for:

Denman Works!

Every Tuesday

10:00 AM to Noon

Every Thursday

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New contact:

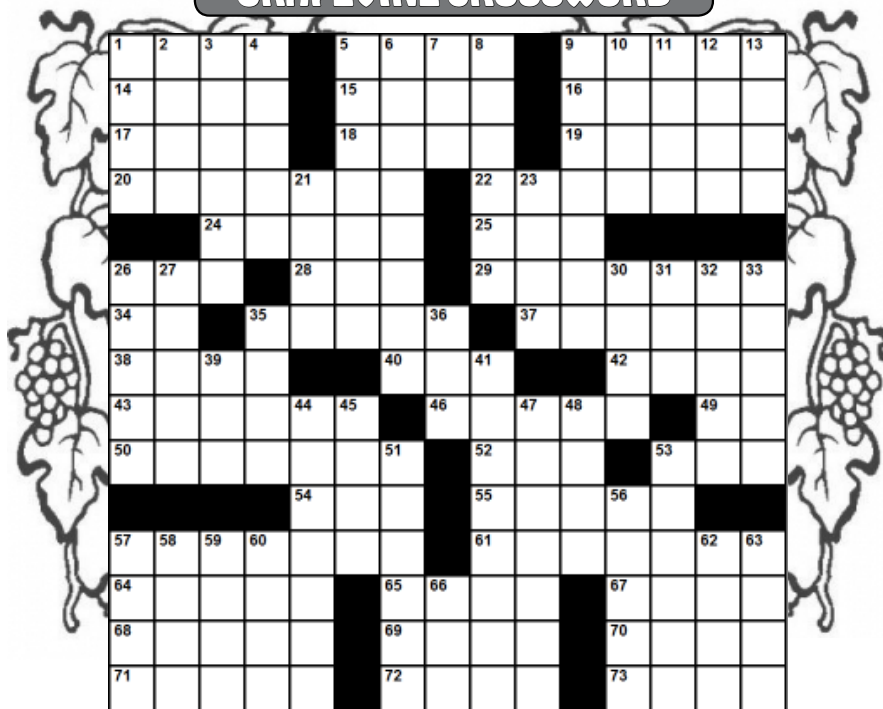
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Denman Works!, PO Box 99, Denman Island, BC, V0R 1T0

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• ACROSS •

1. Hens and mares
5. Cornell or Pound
9. Man's manservant
14. Have an itch for
15. Black in Burgundy
16. Chihuahua chum
17. Actress Turturro
18. Adverse destiny
19. Hebrew month
20. Orchard flower
22. Wild sheep of northern Africa
24. Convolution
25. Chromosome letters
26. Powerful bunch
28. Avail oneself of
29. Final exam
34. Per unit
35. Fork out
37. Logic puzzle fad
38. Alleviate
40. Cover crop
42. Consider
43. Having winglike extensions

46. Bar Mitzvah boys
49. -- a little tea pot!
50. Type of roadway
52. Bauxite bonanza
53. Even the slightest
54. Far from friendly
55. Large artwork
57. Supplementary dose
61. Captivated
64. Poetic postscript
65. Wife of a raja
67. Chinese horn
68. 1836 battle site
69. In agony
70. Affix an X
71. Singer Bob
72. Scottish isle
73. Being, in Latin

• DOWN •

1. Deck mop
2. Flag down
3. Supplies with a grant
4. Hidden store
5. Express support
6. Photog's gizmo
7. Brazilian city

8. Naval group
9. Vatu is its currency
10. Encompassed by
11. Actress Kudrow
12. Expression of alarm
13. Cargo units
21. Ladled lunch
23. Encumbrance
26. Steel support
27. African antelope
30. Bookie terms
31. "Annabel Lee" author
32. Length of yarn
33. M-m-m good
35. Bristlelike organ
36. Braille makeup
39. Bio-pouch
41. Socio-economic class
44. Version of a newspaper
45. Minnow's kin
47. Like savants
48. Fiddler and pianist
51. Perfumed ingredients
53. Excuses
56. Came up
57. Abacus unit
58. Exclusively
59. Egg outline
60. Body of an organism
62. Seasonal drinks
63. Actor Wilder
66. Diving shorebird

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EMPLOYMENT

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WORKERS The Pesticide Free Committee is looking for people to hire for the annual broom pull. Successful applicants should have the following qualities: able to do strenuous physical labour, working well with a team, following directions, committing to a set schedule, and following safety guidelines. Previous experience an asset, but not a prerequisite. The job will be sometime in May, dates to be determined by when the broom is blooming. Please contact Teresa at 0110 if you are interested. (DI) (03/15)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TAI CHI WITH BRIAN New beginners class, Monday and Thursday, 10-11. Continuing class 9-10. Move according to the 7 Principles. Feel the chi! Searchcentertaichi.com Call 335-0768. (03/22)

SHOOT FOR THE MOON WALK Our March walk will be at the South end of the island meeting at the big tree past the Ferry. We will meet at 11 a.m. and walk out on the bluffs and back. Also advance notice of our Spring Walk, Run and cycle event. Something for everyone. Sunday, April 15, start at 10 a.m. More details to come. Dr. Ron. (DI) (03/22)

YAY! FRIDAY MORNING DANCE BREAK (Nia) is back Friday Mar. 16, 10:30 Denman Activity Centre. Every Body welcome. Questions? Max 335-0364. (03/15)

HIRRA MEETING: March 14, 2018, 7:30pm at Hornby Community Hall. Agenda: Proposed BYLAW CHANGES for discussion and vote, Parks/Trails report, Hall Committee motion, Recreation budget for vote, Spark Society report. (HI) (03/15)

BAD NEWS/GOOD NEWS. No Nia Mar 2 & 9 as I'm at Pilates instructor training. See you 10:30 Mar 16 when we'll start integrating more core/ab work into our Friday Morning Dance Breaks. Any time is a good time to start but now is much better than a year from now. Max 335-0364. (DI) (03/15)

YOGA with JOSEY @ the ARTS CENTRE Tues 9am Strength & Balance. Wed 5:20pm Gentle 6 weeks \$90, drop-in \$18 SLIDING SCALE FMI and to register 650-4535 or wildyogastream@gmail.com www.wildyogastream.ca. (DI) (03/15)

LOST & FOUND

LOST: OPINEL POCKET KNIFE behind the General store a few weeks ago while doing the recycling. Hope you found it. Philippa 250-650-9171. (DI) (02/22)

LOST: HOMEMADE PATCHWORK BAG Doreen Hynd misplaced her bag when she last visited Denman. It is a very colourful, homemade patchwork bag - 18" long 12" wide with a handle. The bag has some important documents in it - if seen, please contact Jocelyne at 335-3065. (DI) (02/22)

PAIR OF DARK GREY MITTEN gloves and Contigo coffee mug at Arts Centre after International Women's Day event. Contact Heather at 335-9000 to retrieve. (DI) (02/22)

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• THURSDAY, MARCH 15th TO THURSDAY MARCH 22nd •

THURSDAY 15

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
NEW HORIZONS LITERARY LUNCH
12 pm(HI)
DAAC OPEN STAGE
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)

MONDAY 19

QUILTER'S GUILD
9:30 am-3 pm • United Church(DI)

FRIDAY 16

NIA CLASSES
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ
The Thatch(HI)
SARAH OZ
Concert
7 pm - The Guest House(DI)
FLAGSTONE DEADLINE
PRE-ST. PADDY'S DAY CONCERT
7:30 New Horizons(HI)

TUESDAY 20

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
SPRING EQUINOX

SATURDAY 17

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
DHARMA TALK
4 pm • Lama Sidney, Hermitage Yurt(DI)
ST. PATRICK'S DAY JAM
5 pm - The Guest House(DI)
SEEDY SATURDAY
10 am - 1 pm Co-op
Ringside(HI)



WEDNESDAY 21

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
DENMAN WORKS! ZONE
9 am-12 pm • DAC(DI)
MEDITATION
7 pm • The Hermitage Yurt(DI)
DIGS meeting
2 pm • United Church Hall(DI)

SUNDAY 18

DENMAN UNITED CHURCH
10:30 am(DI)

THURSDAY 22

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
THE SONGBIRDS
Concert
6:30 The Thatch(HI)