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SPECIAL INTEREST

The Camels of Ellesmere Island

By Rosemary Fell

3.5 MILLION YEARS AGO, during a global warming spell, giant camels lived in the boreal forest of Ellesmere Island. These large, shaggy coated camels, with their iconic humps, (which store fat), were able to survive the long, cold Arctic winters.

Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, is located in the Canadian Arctic. This is where the remains of a giant ancient camel were uncovered - the first camel ever found in the High Arctic. This amazing discovery was made by Dr. Natalia Rybczynski, a paleontologist at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

An analysis of protein found in the bones suggest that the evolutionary history of modern camels can be traced back to the lineage of these giants. Most closely related are the dromedaries, (camels with one hump). The camels that we are familiar with in current times share evolutionary characteristics that enabled the giant camels of Ellesmere Island to thrive in the High Arctic. Dr. Rybczynski suggests that perhaps some specializations seen in modern camels, such as their wide flat feet, large eyes, and humps for fat, are adaptations derived from living in a polar environment.

Previous to the discovery on Ellesmere Island, the most northerly evidence of camels was in the Yukon, over 2,000 kilometers away. Mike Buckley at the University of Manchester in England was able to determine through "collagen fingerprinting" that the Ellesmere camel was from the same line as the ancient camel remains unearthed years ago in the Yukon.

Dr. John Goose at Dalhousie University determined an accurate age of the site on Ellesmere by using a sophisticated technique that involves dating the sands found associated with the bone fragments. This is significant, as it corresponds to a time period when the Earth was two to three degrees warmer than today. The Arctic was 14 degrees C to 22 degrees C warmer.

The Ellesmere Camel inhabited the High Arctic during the mid-Pliocene warm period when the area was forested and the broad channels of the western Canadian Arctic Archipelago were filled with sediment, forming a wide land bridge. Animal species moved freely across this open land connection, allowing the camel line of Camelidae to migrate into Asia to continue it's evolutionary process.

Other fossil finds at the site, (wood, leaves, and other plant material), suggest that during this global warm phase these camels lived in a boreal-type forest dominated by Larch trees, and had plenty to eat. There was 24 hour sunshine in the summer, and months of darkness in the snowy winter. The camels grew heavy coats and survived on fats stored in their humps during the long winter months.

Camels originated in North America some 45 million years ago. Today's camels are known from arid regions that extend from northern Africa to the Asian interior. Their nearest living relatives are llamas, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos.



The Ellesmere Island camel fossil specimen is housed at the Canadian Museum of Nature's research and collections facility in Gatineau, Quebec. The specimen forms part of the lateral surface of a large tibia, (the main lower leg-bone in mammals). The Ellesmere tibia is estimated to have been approximately 30% larger than that of modern camels. This ancient camel would have measured 9 feet, at the shoulder and weighed in at about 900 kilograms. (2,000 pounds).

Other fossil remains found on Ellesmere Island were those of ancient black bears, a three-toed horse, beaver, deerlet and badger.

The Canadian Museum of Nature is Canada's national museum of natural history and natural sciences. It promotes awareness of Canada's natural heritage through traveling exhibitions, public education programs and scientific research. They provide the maintenance for a 10.5 million-specimen collection. The museum's legacy of Arctic research dates back 100 years to the first Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913.

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SPECIAL INTEREST

Shucking Oysters: Breaking Records

By Alex Allen

Trigger warning: Bodily functions described in Rabelaisian detail.

WHEN I think about Guinness World Records, I think of such feats as the tallest building, the shortest man, or the most tattooed person. As their website attests, the record title must be measurable, breakable, standardisable, verifiable, and truly the best in the world. All new record titles are assessed on values of integrity, respect, inclusiveness and passion. Breaking records is a very serious business.

Let's start with the record for loudest female burp. In 2023, Kimberly "Kimycola" Winter of Maryland, released a belch that was measured at a whopping 107 decibels – about as loud as a chainsaw at full throttle. Winter told Guinness World Records she had coffee and beer with her breakfast to ensure maximum volume, which was just short of the 112.7-decibel male burp record.

And the other end? In 2016, a 46-year-old Welshman named Chris Chittick farted on the set of Guinness World Records at an ear-splitting 160 decibels – louder than a Boeing jet engine. The fart was “induced” by drinking three litres of beer.

The longest-working flatulist, Mr. Methane (Paul Oldfield), of Cheshire, UK, started his illustrious “controlled anus voicing” back in 1991. He discovered his superpower as a teenager doing some yoga exercises with his sister and realized that he could inhale and exhale through both orifices while doing the Full Lotus. Like any teenager, the next day Paul shared his newly-discovered talent with his classmates and let loose twenty rapid-fire farts in under a minute.

Oldfield eventually became a train driver, but soon decided there was more to life than waking up at 3:00 am to drive a train, and went into the methane business full time. Indeed, passing gas can be a lucrative career path. He has performed his “fart artistry” at the world’s top comedy festivals in Montreal, Melbourne and Edinburgh, and at many public and private shows. Mr. Methane has also showcased his “performance farting” on TV and radio and even on Broadway during his explosive career.

You definitely have to have a cheeky sense of humour when you are in this line of business and Oldfield does not hold back. There was the time he crashed the auditions of Britain's Got Talent, fulfilling a lifelong dream of aiming his rear end at host Simon Cowell while farting out a rendition of “The Blue Danube.” In the 90s, Mr. Methane performed a parody of Phil Collins’ song "In the Air Tonight" titled "Curry In the Air Tonight." Tony Smith, Collins' business manager, was not amused.

He's very prolific. You can purchase (among other things) online, “Mr. Methane's Fart in a Jar” with a signed certificate of authentication. Perfect gift for those who have everything. It even includes a short video of Mr. Methane doing the deed into your personalized jar before sealing it! Only £74.95 (\$127.37 C) with “colon coughs guaranteed 100% genuine”!

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11:55	3.8	12.6
16:19	4.6	15.2
2024-01-12 (Fri)		
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07:37	5	16.5
12:41	3.7	12.2
17:13	4.6	15.1
2024-01-13 (Sat)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
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13:30	3.5	11.5
18:10	4.5	14.8
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19:11	4.3	14.1
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17:18	2	6.7
23:13	3.7	12.1
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04:22	2.7	8.8
10:48	4.9	16.1
18:16	1.6	5.4

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...continued from P.3 Fartists, flatulists, or farteurs have been around as early as the 12th century. The most notable, include Roland le Petour, also known as Roulandus le Fartere, from the court of English King Henry II. A court jester, Roland's feat was simply to deliver daily, a jump, a whistle, and a fart, and for this he was rewarded with a manor and 30 acres in Suffolk. France's Le Pétomane ("gas maniac"), shot jets of water from his posterior aperture as part of his "rectal breathing and musical anus" act. From 1887 to 1914, the farteur amused audiences blowing out candles, playing the flute, and "smoking" cigarettes.

In 2018, Mr. Methane contacted Guinness World Records and asked to have his attempt at the most farts in one minute be recorded. He aimed for 50, but reportedly managed 86 instead. This wasn't his first try at getting his skill into the record book. He contacted them in 1990 as well, but back then this superhero ability wasn't something Guinness exactly wanted to be associated with.

It's all about acoustics. The perfect fart acoustically contains lots of "low-frequency, resonant gas released into a reverberant environment – like a tiled bathroom." While everyone farts, some like Mr. Methane, have perfected the art of super-loud flatulence through diligent practice and absolute control over their gas flow and sphincter. By moving his buttock cheeks, the entertainer has learned to alter the tone and pitch of his flatulence, allowing him to perform his Rabelaisian musical repertoire.

Ready to break a wind record? Just remember that gas quantity and pressure create louder volumes and a tighter seal boosts velocity. 🍷

SPECIAL INTEREST

Green Wizardries, A Brave New Spring

By Maxine Rogers

“COME LOOK AT THIS,” my husband called. The ewe lambs were chasing a pair of ravens around their paddock. It was really cute. The ravens were trying to pull tufts of wool off the lambs and the lambs objected.

By lambs, I mean little sheep under one year of age. I do not like to lamb until much later in the spring when the sweet little babies can be greeted by pleasant weather.

The ravens love to line their nests with lambs' wool. Another sheep farmer told me the same thing is happening to his flock and, indeed, this happens every spring but I have never seen them try to steal wool so early.

Ravens in the southern part of the province tend to lay their eggs in February which means building the nest in later January but ravens are very wise and this pair are quite old and they are successful parents. I expect they know more than they let on. Spring may well come early this year.

Which brings us to the seed order. I have various favourite seed sellers. My top pick is Sal Dominelli's Sweet Rock Farm on Gabriola Island. Sal has been growing seed for more than twenty years and is an organic producer of open-pollinated and heritage seeds. I got some Island Star cannabis seeds from him a couple of years ago and grew a monster plant that has kept us and our friends in marijuana which we use to make ginger snap cookies as sleep aids. I really like Island Star because it is



an old-fashioned cannabis strain that does not tear the top of your head off.

Sal produces about 90% of his own seeds but does bring in a few varieties from other organic farmers. He only has three varieties of cucumber but the varieties he produces are excellent and his seed is always very fresh and he packages ample seed in each envelope. Other seed companies are not so generous. I will buy most of the seeds I purchase this year from Sweet Rock Farm and no, I don't get a discount for promoting his excellent products.

Dan Jason's Salt Spring Seeds has lots of varieties to choose from and he is an organic producer and a very nice man. I like the quality of his seeds and if Sal doesn't have something I want, I can almost be sure of getting it from Dan Jason.

My next favourite seed company is Richter's Herbs. They have an encyclopedic variety of culinary, medicinal and magical herbs. I limit myself to three new herbs a year so I can study them and learn how best to prepare them. Richter's does not advertise their magical herbs but they do hint at the folklore behind some of them. I recommend John Micheal Greer's Encyclopedia of Natural Magic if you are interested in developing a magical garden.

Other garden jobs in January include putting another layer of mulch on any root crops you still have in the ground. The carrots and beets will thank you if you can get this done before then next really cold snap. Frost damages their tops, causing them to rot. While you are at it, the leeks would also appreciate a few more handfuls of leaves tucked between their stocks.

If it looks to be going to minus five degrees Celsius or lower, especially if there is no snow cover, it is a good idea to cover any leafy greens such as chard, kale or lettuce that you have in the garden with tarps or whatever coverings you can drag over them.

It is important to remember that you cannot pick any vegetables in the garden while they are frozen. If you do, they will thaw to mush once you get them indoors. I will go out and get a supply of leeks, carrots, beets and kale before we get a big freeze. I leave the vegetables in an enclosed and unheated

porch where they keep very well. If your root crops are well mulched, they will not freeze and will be fine to pick even if you have to dig them out from a layer of snow. I just prefer to dig them before all that unpleasantness.

By the later part of January, it will be a good time to start pruning fruit trees, grape vines, fruit bushes and kiwi vines. I saw one small orchard on Denman that is already pruned to within an inch of its life. I checked the trees of one of the older farming families on the island and they have not yet started to prune. I think I will follow their lead.

Keep your secateurs clean between each tree or bush. I like to wipe mine down with a Dettol-soaked rag. Dettol is not as hard on the steel as bleach is.

I have the first bright yellow aconite blooms in my garden. I think this is going to be an okay year. 🌸

SPECIAL INTEREST

Phoenix Riting!

By Phoenix Bee

WHAT a year it has been, on Hornby as the rest of the world. Thankfully, Hornby is still a haven from the insanity 'out there' (provided we avoid the ubiquitous screens), at least in

winter, but I wonder how long it will continue to be. Once upon a time, this was an island of refugees: recluses, artists, back-to-the-landers along with the farmers and fishers who grew up here. Folk who preferred the company of other fringe dwellers and independent country types, who sought to live without the intrusive conveniences of modernity.

I grew up in a backwater so far up the creek that it was but a trickle. My folks hunted and fished, drank and sang, struggled and lived their lives with mild contempt for the tenderfeet and greenhorns trapped in the rat race our ancestors had been wise enough to evade. Things have changed, oh my. The world has shrunk, modern culture with its contradictory, Nature-hating, dominating ethos has taken over everything. Of all mammals on Earth, 96% are livestock and humans, and only 4% are wild mammals. That is a stunning statistic.

Fewer and fewer wild creatures survive to roam the planet. Most mammals we see here, naturally (we're an island), are marine mammals; sea lions, seals, otters, various cetaceans. On land, raccoons and squirrels were killed off, but their ecological niches are now occupied by possums and rats. A few small native rodents survive, at least until the rats eat them all. Deer of course proliferate, lacking natural predators (except humans), waiting their turn to leap randomly in front of cars. Diversity is ever shrinking. As a kid, regular gas station stops to clean off spattered tiny (some not so tiny) insects was necessary in order to keep driving. The last time I drove up North in summer, I didn't have to clean my windshield once. It was fine. Sure. Fine.

Yeah, not to worry. Bees? Who needs 'em! We can make perfectly good flying nanobots to pollinate plants. Honey, meh... we can synthesize perfectly good substitutes. Everything is cut and paste. Synthetics and substitutes are 'even better than the real thing'.

As a rabid sci-fi fan growing up, I never read about a future quite as weird as the one we currently occupy. In some ways, things have turned out opposite to the worst of the dystopian visions of the past. Instead of a giant world-spanning computer that occupies the planet, now everyone carries a tiny (and much smarter) computer in their pockets. With these, they can video themselves with drones, risking death (sometimes dying--more views that way) skiing down formerly-inaccessible mountain peaks. Instead of (or in addition to) Big Brother watching us from a huge wall screen, we have become Big Brother: we follow each other obsessively on our tiny screens, scrutinizing and criticizing, envying and emulating the intimate lives of those who have become famous for being famous. 'Influencers,' they are called. It's all very circular--like water swirling as it flushes down the toilet.

There is no escape from constant connectivity, except in the woods, where we can take a break from the world. At least until they blanket the woods with cellular signal, which will allow us all the freedom to livestream on Insta while we get in our 10,000 steps on the trails. Utopia!

Where do back-to-the-landers go now? The fringes are being swamped by the mainstream, now a rising tide that threatens

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...continued from P.5 to drown us all. Hang on! It's only getting weirder. This next year is going to bring shocking changes (all the changes now are shocking, have you noticed?) and nobody can predict what they'll be, not even we fortune tellers. It seems God does play dice, with great enjoyment. Maybe George Carlin was right, when he said: "People who see life as anything more than pure entertainment are missing the point." Perhaps the ultimate reality series is reality itself.

I intend to keep breathing, keep my feet on the ground and focus my attention inside my skin. The very place I once struggled in vain to escape (because trauma) has become my solace, my refuge and my salvation. Let's maintain our perspective, tend our precious ground and protect it from the invasive culture that grows ever more toxic for as long as we can. If we can't? Well, we'll surf the waves of the absurd together. To quote another famous dead comic, Bill Hicks, "It's just a ride."

Finally, remember: when you're going through hell, keep going. Persevere.

That's what I think. What do you think? email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com 🍷

ARTS&LIT

**April 4th,
2007
Pizza, Pop &
Chipper**

By CS#05943451


WE awoke this morning to threatening skies and an increasing drizzle of rain. It was looking as though it could be one of those days. Seven of us embarked to work with C.O. Person, but not before hitching up our disabled wood chipper and dropping it off at the mechanic in town for repairs. With that accomplished, we tarried forth to the B.M.X. track to continue the work we'd begun yesterday.

With the removal of the old bin and delivery of a new one, our work was much the same as the day before. Raking, pitch-forking, transporting by wheelbarrow and loading up the dumpster. A morning that justifiably saw us suiting up in rain gear eventually eased under overcast skies and the cover of the evergreens, leaving us to strip away such sweat inducing garb.

Over lunch break Marie, the park manager, saw fit to bring us pizza, pop and chips as the day's weather didn't lend itself to milkshakes. The name of the pizzeria wasn't stamped on the delivery boxes so there was no way of identifying exactly who was responsible for such tasty pizza. Three pieces each and it didn't last longer than ten minutes. I gotta say these little tastes of civilization, while not expected, are quite the treat. For shudder inducing comparison, this morning's breakfast was three slices of cold, stale toast and two pancakes with but a trace of warmth. Certainly not enough to melt the whipped butter we're given to spread upon them.

It's well established that lunch is the hottest meal of our days for the reason that we cook on site. We've certainly complained about **what** it is that we're provided to cook for lunch but the reality is having a stove at least reminds us what a hot meal is like. Still though, none of that rates compared to pizza takeout!

Once again, a very appreciative thank you goes out to Marie. She may indeed benefit from our pathetically low-wage labor but we, too, benefit from her thoughtfulness and generosity. It's definitely a win-win situation.



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Our day concluded with the retrieval of the *presumably* repaired wood chipper. With any luck we can now get around to chipping up all of the alders we cleared from the side of the highway which have been waiting on us for almost two full weeks. Much longer and we won't need to chip them for they'll likely have decomposed all on their own! 🍷

**Letters
to the Editor**

IN reference to Bob Whitehouse's letter to the editor, I too would like to throw my support behind Dr. Jody Taylor... when my husband was dying she went above and beyond, and responded with kindness and true compassion.

In my opinion we are very fortunate to have her here as our island's doctor.

**Thank you
Sandy Laurie** 🍷



How Important is Interenational Law?

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

SOUTH AFRICA has filed a complaint against Israel to the *International Court of Justice* under the **Genocide Convention**, which came into force January, 1951. 153 States are parties to the Convention, including Israel. The purpose of such a complaint to the world's highest court is to prevent a genocide before it happens or before it is complete. The case will be made at The Hague Thursday, January 11th, with Israel responding Friday, the 12th. South Africa's 84 page brief is available online and is a very informative read. *Progressive International* has prepared a 15 page summary of the complaint which can be found at info@progressive.international.

Westerners Have an Absolutely Psychotic View of Airstrikes

OPINIONS

By Caitlin Johnstone
OP January 8th, 2024

CANADIAN online outlet The Breach has published a letter by CBC's senior manager of journalistic standards Nancy Waugh which highlights perfectly the bizarre psychological relationship that westerners have with bombs and airstrikes in foreign countries.

In response to multiple complaints from a retired Humber College professor about the wildly biased language that Canada's state broadcaster has been using to describe Israel's war on Gaza, Waugh acknowledged that the CBC routinely uses words like "murderous," "vicious," "brutal," "massacre," and "slaughter" to refer to the October 7 Hamas attack while using far less emotionally charged words like "intensive," "unrelenting," and "punishing" to describe Israel's actions in Gaza over the last three months.

Waugh defended this extreme discrepancy by saying that Israel's attacks in Gaza differ from the Hamas attack on Israelis in that Israel's killings are done "remotely".

"Different words are used because although both result in death and injury, the events they describe are very different," Waugh wrote. "The raid saw Hamas gunmen stream through the border fence and attack Israelis directly with firearms, knives and explosives. Gunmen chased down festival goers, assaulted kibbutzniks then shot them, fought hand to hand, and threw grenades. The attack was brutal, often vicious, and certainly murderous."

"Bombs dropped from thousands of feet and artillery shells lofted into Gaza from kilometers away result in death and destruction on a massive scale, but it is carried out remotely," Waugh continued. "The deadly results are unseen by those who caused them and the source unseen by those [who] suffer and die."

I've written a number of essays trying to point at the baseless and irrational way westerners view military explosives as a far more civilized and humane way of killing human beings than bullets or blades, but I've never written anything that sums it up as clearly as this frank admission by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's senior manager of journalistic standards.

Military explosives rip human bodies apart. They burn people alive. They trap them under rubble where they die excruciatingly slowly in one of the most horrifying ways imaginable. They leave people without limbs. They dismember and disfigure children for life. Many of the most agonizing deaths in human history have been caused by bombs.

There are thousands of Gazans who have yet to be counted among the dead because their bodies are still buried under the rubble of fallen buildings. Many of them would not have died instantly. Some are still alive, waiting for days in a state terror and searing pain for a rescue that will never come.

A UNICEF report released last month said that more than a thousand children had had one or both legs amputated since October 7 as a result of damage received by US-sponsored Israeli airstrikes, a number which would be significantly higher by now. We know that many such amputations have occurred without anaesthesia, because Israeli siege warfare has cut off Gaza's healthcare system from the necessary supplies.

If this is not vicious, then nothing is vicious. If this is not brutal, then nothing is brutal. If this is not murderous, then nothing is murderous. But it doesn't get labeled as such by the western press, because it is being done "remotely".

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...continued from P.7 The belief that these attacks should be considered less vicious and brutal because they are launched from a distance by people who won't see their effects is as psychologically immature as a little girl who believes you can't see her because she has covered her own eyes. An attack which kills and maims and tortures doesn't cease to be brutal and vicious just because it looks like a blip on a screen to you. Human suffering isn't made less acute or less significant by being far away.

But this is how most westerners see the use of military explosives these days. We're so used to hearing about our government and its allies raining bombs upon the middle east and Africa that we've developed a kind of immunity to the psychological impact of exactly what that means in reality. The typical western mind has come to view bombings more like a weather event that simply occurs in those places, like how south Asian countries experience monsoons.

In reality, bombings are no less savage than attacks by guns, grenades, knives or machetes. In fact they actually allow for more savagery to take place, because they kill so much more efficiently, and because the troops who use them can keep killing and killing without losing morale and accumulating mental trauma from the horrors they have been inflicting upon their fellow human beings.

Dead is dead. Dismembered is dismembered. Pain is pain. Anguish is anguish. The unexamined assumption that the western empire's preferred methods of killing are less brutal and murderous than those of an impoverished militant group is a psychological defense mechanism we have put in place to shelter ourselves from knowledge of our own brutality and murderousness.

In truth if you look at all the death, destruction, suffering and pain that Israel has inflicted on Gaza since October 7, there is no question that Israel is vastly more vicious, brutal and murderous than Hamas has ever been, and so are its allies who are supporting its actions. The only way to believe otherwise would be to psychologically hide away from the reality of what's actually happening, which is as truth-based and mature as the kid with her hands over her eyes saying "Now you can't see me!"

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On average, more than 10 Palestinian children have had one or both legs amputated every day since Israel launched its genocidal war on #Gaza on Oct 7.

Many of these amputations were done without anaesthetic.

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Save the Children

PRESS RELEASE

RAMALLAH, 7 January 2024 – More than 10 children per day, on average, have lost one or both of their legs in Gaza since conflict erupted three months ago, said Save the Children.

Since 7 October, more than 3,000 children have had one or both legs amputated, according to UNICEF. Many of these operations on children were done without anaesthetic, with the healthcare system in Gaza crippled by the conflict, and major shortages of doctors and nurses, and medical supplies like anaesthesia and antibiotics, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

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Updated Fees
January 1, 2024

Tipping Fee Changes

Starting January 1st, 2024, solid waste tipping fees at the Comox Valley and Campbell River Waste Management Centres were increased to shift costs towards a 'user pay' model in an effort to reduce unnecessary waste going into the landfill. These updates are intended to encourage positive behavioural change aimed at reducing waste, thereby extending the life of the landfill, which ultimately saves money for all taxpayers.

Did you know?

Food and yard waste currently make up about 30% of the total waste in Comox Valley and Campbell River landfills.

For more information, visit: www.cswm.ca/fees

Comox Strathcona Waste Management

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We are open to contributions from all Denman & Hornby Islanders. If you've something to say, send it our way! No copy and paste submissions. In your own words, please!



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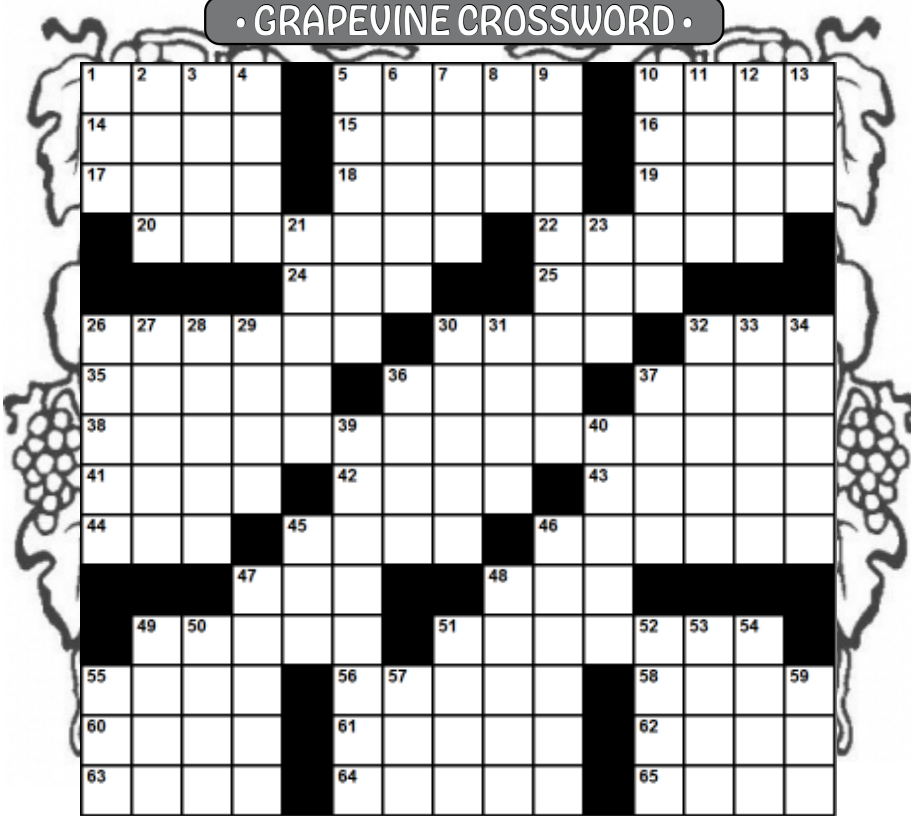
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Notice of intention to dispose of a vessel under section 39 of the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act

27ft Fiberglass Sailboat "Corra" white/blue stripe, single mast Lic# BC1391023 beached in Little Tribune Bay

This notice serves as official notice of the Minister's intention to dispose of this vessel after 30 days from which this notice was given. Should you have any questions, you may contact, Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program at NPPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca or 604-775-8867 and reference file W2023-502889

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Back flows
5. Shows
10. Crow's nest place
14. Fizz flavor
15. Calendar item
16. Chinese gelatin
17. Fort Bragg, e.g.
18. Move like a chopper
19. Loyalists
20. Soft suede leather
22. Alpha's antithesis
24. Archaic
25. Deposit
26. Ridiculous
30. Fix, in a way
32. Air-traffic org.
35. Currency of Ecuador
36. Arm of the sea
37. Charged atoms
38. Directs from one place to another in a book
41. Gumbo need
42. Biblical garden
43. Luigi's ladder
44. Author Amy
45. 1960s Broadway hit
46. Actress Judd
47. Arch. tool
48. Aves, once

49. Dutch cheese center

51. Large insect
55. Adverse destiny
56. Ordinary
58. Almost proximate
60. Hogan's Heroes extra
61. Macrame work
62. Bark cloth
63. Arabian port
64. Grassy plant
65. Accessible

• DOWN •

1. 6th sense
2. Congressional caucus
3. Silliness
4. Bristlelike organ
5. See
6. Keep away from
7. Ups the rpms
8. Compass pt.
9. Go-cart
10. Shipboard companion
11. All aflutter
12. Actress Allgood
13. Give it a go
21. Folkways
23. Alfred E.'s mag.
26. Broad scarf
27. Muslim garment
28. Reject with derision
29. Bear of stars
30. Errand boy
31. Bump free
32. At the center
33. Anoint, formerly
34. Analyze ore
36. Currency of Ghana
37. 1/36 of a yard
39. Tweaks further

40. Class paper

45. Came down with
46. Exact retribution
47. Curry ingredient
48. Round gasket
49. Incite anger
50. Flow slowly
51. Discharged a debt
52. Centerward
53. A tide
54. Be wide open
55. Chromosome letters
57. Cleansing agent
59. Contended

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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Grumpism

“I bought a snow shovel this week but it had melted by the I got it home.”



• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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- THURSDAY 11**
 - 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 12**
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
 - AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm
- SATURDAY 13**
 - 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
 - JOHN THE RUG MAN see ad p.9
- SUNDAY 14**
- MONDAY 15**
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
 - AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm
- TUESDAY 16**
- WEDNESDAY 17**
 - RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
 - BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- THURSDAY 18**
 - 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 19**
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
 - AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm
- SATURDAY 20**
 - 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 21**
- MONDAY 22**
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
 - AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm
- TUESDAY 23**
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- WEDNESDAY 24**
 - RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
 - BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
 - Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- THURSDAY 25**
 - 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