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Denman Island Seed Fest 2025

By Farm Folk/City Folk

PRESS RELEASE

Growers, seed-savers, and local food supporters: Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27 for Denman Island Seed Fest, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Pavilion (covered recreation space near the community hall).

Farm Folk / City Folk will be bringing their trailer full of seed separating and seed cleaning equipment for demonstration and for use by the community. Our Denman Island Growers' and Producers' Alliance will also bring their threshing box, threshing machine, new winnowing machine and other equipment for use.

The equipment can be used for separating and cleaning a wide variety of seeds, and can also be used for food crops like dried beans, peas and grains, such as wheat or oats! We will have some freshly harvested Denman Island wheat, oats, chickpeas, and more for demonstration, and you can bring your own seeds down to try the equipment as well. Many community members picked up free packets of hard red spring wheat seed from North Island College at Seedy Saturday this past winter, and now are wondering what to do with their wheat: Bring it down to Seed Fest to thresh and clean your seed! North Island College will also be providing more free hard red *winter* wheat seed (for planting this fall) to keep our community wheat project going! Everyone is welcome, and there will be concession food available featuring Denman Island grown grains, pulses and other foods from Gather Farm and Kitchen.

For more information on Farm Folk / City Folk's Seed cleaning equipment, please visit

<https://farmfolkcityfolk.ca/bc-seed-security-program/mobile-seed-cleaner/> 



Figure 1. Photo from Farm Folk City Folk at Stellar Raven Ecological Farm in Royston.

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Convicted Felon Purchases \$3M Union Bay Property

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Convicted felon Robert Bohn Sr purchased Union Bay Properties and then leased it to Deep Water Recovery which certainly can't be described as a thriving business with the expertise/equipment to environmentally torch apart vessels. Did you see how they brought the Miller Freeman to its current location which only took them a couple of years? It looks more like a junkyard than an environmentally aware company.

This stinks! What's the return on that \$3 Million investment? Who has \$3 Million bucks to purchase this piece of property and basically do nothing with it? Why did a convicted money launderer from Vanuatu purchase this property in Union Bay?

Anyone looking at my drone videos over the last few years can clearly see this is a Mickey Mouse operation with the thug owner Mark Jurisich running the shitshow. It hasn't improved – it's gotten worse, all under the direction of Jurisich. Look at his history – he's screwed up so bad that the media is covering what a shitshow it is. His lies have been exposed by the videos. His actions have shone a spotlight on Deep Water Recovery.

Thug Jurisich has defiantly refused to acknowledge any of the fines issued by the Ministry of Environment and instead appealed and continued as he pleases, flipping the bird to all levels of gov't. Now that the lease has been cancelled Jurisich refuses to remove the vessels currently trespassing on the Crown lease.

Yesterday the thug and sycophant were around the Miller Freeman and the other barge and yet the thug wrote this May of 2024. If his lips are moving... 🍷

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2025-09-18 (Thu)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:44	3.837	12.6
09:46	1.223	4.0
17:08	4.633	15.2
23:09	2.941	9.6
2025-09-19 (Fri)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:56	3.897	12.8
10:41	1.333	4.4
17:41	4.616	15.1
23:49	2.628	8.6
2025-09-20 (Sat)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:59	3.979	13.1
11:28	1.505	4.9
18:08	4.595	15.1
2025-09-21 (Sun)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:25	2.309	7.6
05:55	4.051	13.3
12:08	1.750	5.7
18:31	4.577	15.0
2025-09-22 (Mon)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:58	2.003	6.6
06:47	4.104	13.5
12:44	2.059	6.8
18:51	4.560	15.0
2025-09-23 (Tue)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:30	1.733	5.7
07:37	4.141	13.6
13:17	2.403	7.9
19:10	4.530	14.9
2025-09-24 (Wed)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:00	1.523	5.0
08:25	4.166	13.7
13:49	2.751	9.0
19:28	4.474	14.7
2025-09-25 (Thu)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:28	1.390	4.6
09:13	4.181	13.7
14:21	3.076	10.1
19:45	4.387	14.4

Pulling the Goalie

By Keith Porteous

At the recent NATO Summit, Prime Minister Mark Carney committed Canada to spending somewhere between \$150 to \$200 billion annually by sometime in the early 2030s, some 5% of Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Carney aims for Canada to meet NATO's 2% of GDP military spending target by early 2026, from the current \$41 billion annually (1.45% of GDP in 2024), five years ahead of earlier plans. These are the biggest increases in military spending since World War 2, and can only result in driving up Canada's deficits and debt, already growing at alarming rates. Canada Defence Journal labels this a "deficit-fuelled doctrine," signalling a massive fiscal expansion over the next several years.

While a third of this exploding military budget is to be earmarked for increases in the military's wages, artificial intelligence, surveillance systems, and infrastructure, two thirds is slated to be spent on aircraft and other weapons systems, about \$125 billion each year. And where will Canada buy these weapons systems from? The United States and its arms manufacturers, of course. How this dovetails with Carney's avowed "elbows up", "Canada First" rhetoric is anyone's guess. How this will be paid for by the residents of Canada is the more pressing question. Carney has only said there will need to be "trade offs", which certainly means spending cuts to health, education, and other human services. Elbows up? More like pulling the goalie!

In a clear demonstration of political posturing, Carney frames these hikes as necessary to counter new global threats (Russia, China, Arctic tension), reduce dependency on the U.S, and assert Canadian sovereignty. In no way will this massive new spending "reduce dependency on the U.S.." And how exactly, are Russia and China a military threat to Canada, or to the U.S. for that matter? With the rise of a multi-polar world, the economic rivalries of Russia and China are a threat to the U.S.' full spectrum economic and military hegemony around the world. Russia spends about \$150 billion a year on its military, China spends \$250 billion, while the

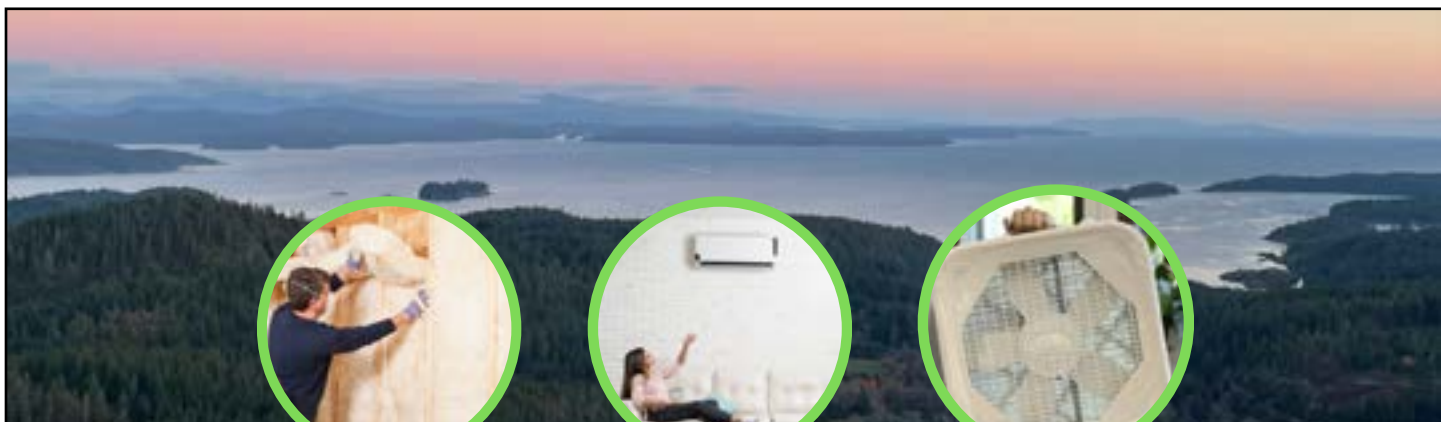
U.S. currently spends more than \$1 trillion each year on its Pentagon budget alone.

Those of us who are concerned with the impact of human driven climate extremes should note that the U.S./NATO is the single largest carbon emitter on the planet. The massive growth in militarism adds to the unfolding climate catastrophe, while Western governments bring forward austerity budgets for the working classes, make hollow proclamations about mitigating climate change, and puts the U.S./NATO on a war footing with nuclear armed "adversaries" of their own making. Climate change will be the least of our concerns should NATO find itself in a direct war in a multi-polar world, where humanity cannot survive the fallout of a nuclear exchange. Currently, the wars between world powers are being waged through proxies.

In Canada's most recent election, both Carney and the deplorable Pierre Poilievre supported raising Canada's military spending to 2% of GDP as its NATO commitment, with polls showing about half of Canadians supporting the policy. Carney's commitment to raising military spending to 5% of GDP, nearly \$200 billion, is not supported by a majority of Canadians, and will drive cuts to those budget items that they depend on, while handing out more than \$100 billion each year to American arms manufacturers. The theatre of a U.S.- Canada trade war, and fear mongering about the preposterous notion of a U.S. annexation of Canada by Trump, has been used to dupe Canadians into self-harming jingoism.

Prime Minister Carney is "countering" Donald Trump with massive increases to military spending, tax cuts for multinational corporations, fast tracking American owned resource extraction mega-projects, and green-lighting more pipelines. And in doing so, he is lowering the standards of environmental review and First Nations' consent. With the pernicious policies of Liberals like these, who needs the deplorable Conservatives?





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Shucking Oysters: Charlie and the Republican Factory

By Alex Allen

OPINION

Iryna Zarutka, just 23 years-old, who fled the war in Ukraine in 2022, should be alive today. Instead, one fateful evening in August, Zarutka, a random passenger on a late-night train in Red State North Carolina, was fatally stabbed. Soon after, the attack became justification for Trump and his gang to deploy armies of federal troops to “crime-ridden” Democrat-led Blue State cities across the US.

Weeks later in early September, 31-year-old, evangelical Christian celebrity, Charlie Kirk, was assassinated on his gospel college speaking tour in Utah. While both Democrat and Republican leaders have widely condemned the murder, those who have praised the attack are being systematically shunned. According to a Reuters tally, at least 13 people, from journalists to teachers, have been fired or suspended from their jobs – all part of a surge in righteous-wing rage.

Shortly after the news of the shooting, Trump posted: “We must all pray for Charlie Kirk, who has been shot. A great guy from top to bottom. GOD BLESS HIM!” Trump then ordered the flag to be flown at half-mast “as a mark of respect for the memory of Charlie Kirk.” Louisiana Republican and reserve bylaw enforcement officer Clay Higgins posted that anyone who “ran their mouth with their smart ass hated celebrating the heinous murder of that beautiful young man” needed to be “banned from ALL PLATFORMS FOREVER.”

The Republicans’ double-cross standard once again contrasts with the mockery some of the same figures – including Kirk – directed at past victims of political violence. When former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s husband Paul was clubbed by a hammer-wielding nut bar from Canada, Higgins posted a photo making fun of the attack. Anointed by prominent right-winger Steve Bannon as “America’s greatest Christian martyr,” a grinning Charlie Kirk called for the Pelosi intruder to be sprung from jail: “If some amazing patriot out there in San Francisco or the Bay Area wants to really be a mid-term hero, someone should go and bail this

guy out.”

In June, a Democratic Minnesota representative and her husband, were shot and killed in their home by a gunman disguised as a police officer. Their dog was also mortally wounded and had to be put down. Trump wrote at the time, “Such horrific violence will not be tolerated in the United States of America. God Bless the great people of Minnesota, a truly great place!” Within days, another Minnesota Democrat member and her husband were assassinated, with Trump repeating the words “such horrific violence will not be tolerated.” No lowering of flags. No tributes. Why? Democrats, of course!

Trump has posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Charlie Kirk, calling him “a giant of his generation, a champion of liberty, and an inspiration to millions and millions of people.” All this national honour, hoopla, and incessant news coverage for a guy who once said that Black Lives Matter, BLM, stood for “burn, loot and murder.” Who, married with two children, preached: “Women should look for men that have self control, and men should look for women that are willing to submit, which is basically a non-feminist woman.”

In 2012, at the age of 19, Kirk with his father founded Turning Point USA, which he described in his 2023 book *The MAGA Doctrine* as “an educational organization dedicated to protecting the values of free markets, the Constitution and American exceptionalism.” Turning Point USA exploded in popularity during the 2016 Trump campaign for presidency – when Kirk was secretary to Donald Trump Junior – and grew to an organization with 1,800 chapters, 600,000 members and annual revenues of \$80 million.

In 2020, ProPublica investigated Turning Point’s finances and found, like every “Christian” organization, that they made “misleading financial claims” and that Kirk had enriched himself while campaigning for Donald Trump. Although a “non-profit,” Kirk owned a \$5 million estate in a gated community in Arizona, a \$855,000 condo in Florida and earned an annual salary of \$407,000.

In the Republican narrative, the assassin is usually a dangerous immigrant, a Black repeat offender, an angry feminist, a transgender female, some marginalized young man or pro-Palestine. Charlie Kirk’s alleged killer, Tyler Robinson, is a marginalized

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young man who lived with a male to female transgender. “It’s very clear to us and to the investigators that this was a person who was deeply indoctrinated with leftist ideology,” Republican Utah Governor, Spencer Cox forewarned. And just in case you forgot, leftist ideology is about equal rights, environmentalism, and democracy, to name a few.

Kirk’s shooting was eerily prescient, moments after being asked a question about transgender mass shooters (in reference to the August deadly mass shooting at a Minnesota Catholic school by a transgender female). “Do you know how many transgender Americans have been mass shooters over the last 10 years?” asked attendee Hunter Kozak. “Too many,” Kirk responded. “Do you know how many mass shooters there have been in America over the last 10 years?” Kozak followed up. “Counting or not counting gang violence?” the Turning Point USA founder asked just before he was shot by a bullet in his neck.

In true stately fashion, VP JD Vance escorted Kirk’s casket as it arrived in his home state of Arizona aboard Air Force Two, to be followed by a massive public memorial on September 21 at the State Farm Stadium – a 63,000 plus venue – in Glendale. This is not a funeral of an elected political figure. It’s an over-the-top eulogy for a pro-Trump, pro-gun, anti-Islam, anti-abortion, Christian nationalist who embraced a slew of hostile theories who unfortunately was assassinated.

Kirk’s dutiful, submitting wife, Erika, has vowed to continue her late husband’s call: “If you thought that my husband’s mission was powerful before, you have no idea,” she said. “You have no idea what you just have unleashed across this entire country and this world. You have no idea. You have no idea the fire that you have ignited within this wife. The cries of this widow will echo



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6 PM - Potluck

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Sometimes, it happens when I walk my usual loop through the woods

Gabriel Jeroschewitz,
July 25th, 2025.

LITERARY

My name is Gabriel, and let me tell you, my brain has always been a rather noisy tenant in the apartment of my skull. It's not a bad tenant; it pays its rent in moments of profound, breathtaking clarity. But it also throws some truly wild parties at three in the morning. I reside in the Pacific Northwest, where my home feels less like a structure and more like a polite intrusion among the trees—thousands of them, a silent, woody congregation of Douglas fir and Western red cedar. On a clear day from my porch, I can glimpse the ocean's steely grey glint. It's a serene place for a man whose mind runs a little... hot. The constant, damp cool of the forest is a soothing balm, a tranquil oasis amidst the bustling thoughts.

Sometimes, it happens when I walk my usual loop through the woods. I'll stop, and the world will shift on its axis. The trees, you see, they breathe. It's not a gasp or a sigh, but a slow, majestic, in-and-out pulse of life. I can see the energy flowing between them, a shimmering web of interconnectedness that hums below the normal hearing threshold. It connects the moss on the bark to the mycelium under the soil, the skittish deer that freezes a hundred yards away, and the air I'm pulling into my lungs. It's beautiful. It's also, I'm told, not entirely normal.

But then, my understanding of normal has always been a bit fluid, a spectrum rather than a fixed point. I've come to accept the complexity of my mind, the ebb and flow of thoughts and perceptions, as a unique part of who I am.

It all started when I was a kid. Eight, maybe ten. My bedroom wasn't just a room but a fortress, a last bastion of humanity against an onslaught of unimaginable foes. I'd direct the defence from my bed—a twin-sized command center. Imaginary bullets would ping off my headboard, and spectral arrows would thud into the drywall. And next to me, cowering under the same European down comforter, were beautiful young women I was sworn to protect. I had no idea what one did with an attractive young woman, but the protective instinct was fierce and primal. They were mostly just vague,

pretty shapes who were appropriately grateful.

This was my extroverted phase—a short-lived, glorious blaze of heroic fantasy. Then, at nine, the circuit breaker in my head tripped—hard. The imaginative extrovert collapsed inward like a dying star, and I became a shut-down, fearful introvert. The imaginary bullets started to feel real. The shadows in the corner of my room weren't just shadows anymore; they were creatures, floating with a malevolent patience.

My parents, bless their hearts, were lovely, kind of normal people: a Film Editor and an artist who tried to make their living with their passion. To me, however, they were skeletons. I was utterly convinced of it. I imagined that when they went to bed at night, they'd carefully unzip their human suits, hang them in the closet, and spend the night as clattering assemblages of bone. I'd listen at their door, straining to hear the crisp, clean snap of a fibula being reattached in the morning before they zipped themselves back up for another day of sensible suburban life. It was, of course, patently absurd, but the conviction was absolute. Their skin was just a disguise. Underneath, we were all just bone. Which, technically, is true, but I concluded a somewhat circuitous and terrifying route.

Then there was the fire. For a solid year, I was certain a fire was burning just beneath my bed. Not a metaphorical fire of passion or ambition, but a literal, mattress-scorching inferno. I'd leap out of bed a half dozen times a night, dropping to my knees to check underneath, my heart hammering against my ribs, expecting to see flames licking at the dust bunnies. There was never anything there, but the *certainty* of it was enough to leave me sleepless and trembling.

The strangest visitors, however, were the ones I now think of as angels, for lack of a better term. They would appear late at night, shimmering figures of light and geometry that bore no resemblance to the chubby cherubs on greeting cards. They didn't float so much as they *occupied* a space. And they would make sounds. I'm sure it was a language—a cascade of chimes, clicks, and resonant hums that felt more ancient than language. It wasn't frightening, not like the skeletons or the fire. It was just... profoundly alien. I could feel its meaning, the grammar of the universe being spoken in my bedroom, but my brain had no software to translate it.

Life went on. You learn to function. The breakdown receded, the fear found new,

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more mundane things to grasp, and I grew up. But the noisy tenant in my head never moved out. It has just been redecorated.

Now, as an adult, the visions are my constant companions. When I close my eyes, I see not just darkness. It's a full-blown cinematic experience. An HD Technicolour kaleidoscope of shapes and colours erupts behind my eyelids. I see landscapes from planets that have never known a sun, populated by creatures that would make a zoologist weep with joy and confusion. Animals with crystalline hides and feathered manes, things that swim through the air and walk on light. I see moments from history, not like a documentary, but as if I'm standing right there—the dust strings dancing in the light of a Roman villa, the intense gaze of a samurai warrior preparing for battle. The detail is staggering.

I've learned to live with it, even to cherish it. My workshop is my sanctuary, where I can contemplate the poetic view of consciousness. It's filled with static wood, chunks of maple, walnut and oak waiting to be turned into something else. But to me, it's not dead. I can pick up a wood block, run my hand over its grain, and see its life. I know the sunlight it absorbed, the storms it weathered, and the birds that nested in its branches. I see its connection to the forest it came from, the forest that breathes just outside my window. It shows me the same thing: all life, all matter, is connected, a beautiful and intricate web of existence.

The other night, I was sanding a spalted maple, the intricate black lines like a roadmap of the fungus that gave it such beauty. I closed my eyes for a moment to rest them. Instantly, the show began. A cavalcade of fractal patterns, followed by a swift, silent flight over a city made of pure energy. Then, a flash of one of my childhood "angels," its form clearer now, less terrifying, its language of chimes echoing in my mind's ear. I didn't flinch. I didn't check under my workbench for fires.

I smiled, opened my eyes, and returned to sanding. The noisy tenant was saying hello. And in this quiet forest, surrounded by breathing trees and the ghost of the ocean, it's nice to have company.



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Thank you very much, my parents of heaven! Thank you very much, my parents of the sun. I am your son, my name is Roberto Mondragon. I am responsible for all things above, in this life, right now, here, thank you. Thank you very much, my mothers of the earth. Thank you very much, my mothers of the waters and the fish, insects, and birds.

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I
lost
a large
man recently,
Harv was
six and one
half feet
and at one time
had weighed
as much as
four hundred
and fifty pounds
with ankles
bigger than my
thighs,
we visited
the big man
for the last
time in Sudbury
in the cool
expanse of his
basement suite
home
and we talked
politics and
unions like
we always have
but he was
sick and blue
not knowing
that he had
less than
a month to live
riddled with the
murderous force
of cancer

throughout all
of his vital
organs
and when we
left the big man's
suite he threw
his arms around
me tucking me
into his warm
girth for the
last time
as I didn't have
the guts to say
good bye on the
way back through
as he lay dying
in the hospital
instead wandering
the parking lot
with my old crusty
dog while ducking
parking lot attendants
with some vehicle
shuffling until my
wife emerged
somewhat broken
from the hospitals
hallowed doors
and we got back
on the road with
no rest until
we were hunkered
down somewhere
near the pink stones
of Lake Superior.

By Alan Black

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Herman's Clock (and Bike)

By Team TIG

SPECIAL INTEREST

The big old red clock stands proudly in front of the EarthClubFactory Guesthouse, where every resident and visitor can see it. As many of you know, the clock used to reside in front of Herman deVries' house on East Road. Herman, an octogenarian and avid cyclist, died last year in a tragic accident. His family wished that the clock would find a new home where it could continue to be visible to all. Mission accomplished!

More recently, the new owners of Herman's former residence wanted someone in the community to have Herman's bike that had been left at the house, free of charge. In a poetic gesture, the bike has now been relocated and attached to Herman's clock, where it stands as a reminder of Herman, the joy of cycling, and that our time here is a finite resource.



Celebrities Should Have Been Calling Out The Gaza Holocaust This Entire Time

By Caitlin Johnstone
Sept. 15th, 2025

OPINION



“Hacks” costar Hannah Einbinder said “Free Palestine” during her acceptance speech for Best Supporting Actress at the Emmys on Sunday. Questioned by the press afterward, Einbinder said she has friends in Gaza, adding, “I feel like it is my obligation as a Jewish person to distinguish Jews from the state of Israel, because our religion and our culture is such an important and longstanding institution that is really separate to this sort of ethnonationalist state.” I’ve followed Einbinder on Instagram for a long time because she’s been one of the few people in Hollywood consistently using their influential voice to oppose this genocide, and it is very good that she said these things. Hopefully we see much more of this. But right now I can’t help thinking about how unforgivable it is that all the other Hollywood celebrities haven’t been using their platforms at these events to call for an end to the Gaza holocaust this entire time. For two years this nightmare has been normalized in the eyes of the public with the assistance of the vast conspiracy of silence between all the people with the largest and most influential voices in our society.



I’ve been seeing a lot of people talking about how hypocritical it is of Trumpers to be going around trying to get people ostracized or fired for speaking ill of Charlie Kirk after his assassination. One of the most boring political observations you can make about Republicans *or* Democrats is that they are “hypocrites” who say one thing and do another. That stops being interesting when you realize their words are never actually saying anything about their real principles and values; they’re always just making empty noises to advance whatever agendas they’re trying to push in a given instance. Of course Republicans pretend to care about free speech and then support the suppression of the speech of their political enemies; their lip service to “free speech” was just something they said to attack the Democrats. Of course Democrats pretended to care about racism and injustice and then threw their support behind a live-streamed genocide; their lip service to justice

and equality was only ever empty noise they were making to attack Republicans.

The interesting thing about these contradictions isn’t that they show “hypocrisy”; it’s that these people don’t actually stand for anything. It’s that they’re just a bunch of babbling human livestock mindlessly regurgitating whatever noises they’re conditioned to regurgitate in order for their team to win.

This unthinking lateral feuding benefits nobody but the powerful. The empire managers are always happy to see a white hot culture war sucking all the oxygen away from the kind of dissident thinking that could give rise to a revolutionary class war. The more Americans are fixated on empty partisan feuding with no real content, the less inclined they will be to do anything real. The more their gaze is fixed horizontally, the less likely they are to look up at those who are pulling their

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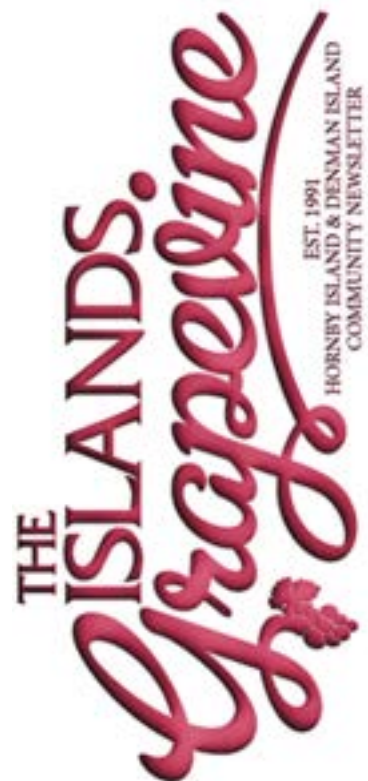
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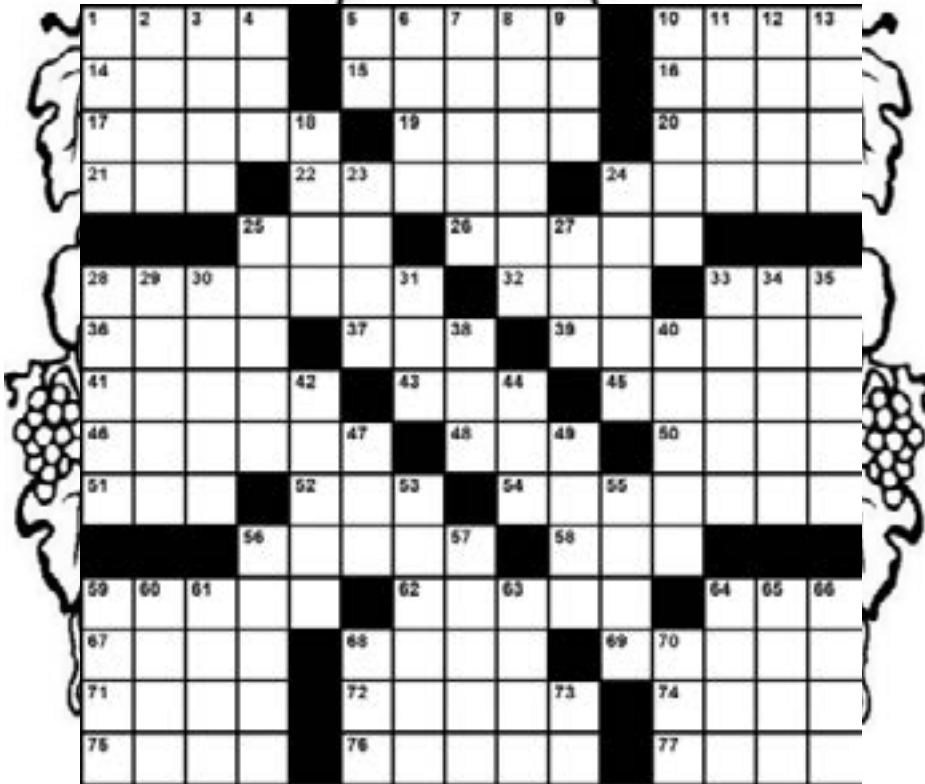
When rightists talk about people who “celebrated” Charlie Kirk’s death they’re talking about literally anyone who didn’t give him the respect and reverence they feel he was due. For days they’ve been falsely claiming I celebrated and cheered his assassination because I didn’t act like Jesus Himself had been shot.

Go ahead and search through my articles. Search my tweets. You’ll find me saying he was a genocide apologist, you’ll see me saying his life wasn’t worth more than the lives of the people being murdered in Gaza as we speak, you’ll see me calling him a GOP swamp creature, you’ll see me calling rightists a bunch of mindless NPCs for uncritically swallowing every narrative they’ve been fed about this thing, but you won’t find me celebrating, expressing joy at his death, mocking or making jokes about his death, justifying his death, or saying he deserved to die. They’re just lying and claiming people celebrated his death whose only real offense was declining to participate in the efforts to posthumously beatify this asshole and pretend he was a wonderful, saintly person.

“Don’t criticize the behavior of a dead political operative” is not a legitimate position to have. Grow the fuck up.



• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Hurry-up letters
5. Higher one of two
10. Dull as dishwater
14. Contents of some needles
15. Flying machine
16. Act as umpire
17. Kind of peach
19. Apartment
20. Metric foot
21. Afflicted
22. Defense
24. Invective
25. Amalgamation
26. Regional weather
28. Deadly element
32. Bard's before
33. Dundee refusal
36. Forage legume
37. Crest
39. Works dough
41. Extempore
43. Chic
45. Canine features
46. Pleasingly plump

48. Beret kin
50. Aspen, for one
51. Period of time
52. Irish dance
54. Study again
56. Holmes' forte
58. Affected manner
59. French farewell
62. Pitch-roof feature
64. Dismissing comment
67. Hunch
68. Concluding passage
69. Daredevil's need
71. Awaiting reply
72. Cover story
74. Majors and Remick
75. Like a candle
76. Donut shop order
77. A planet

• DOWN •

1. Fungi spore sacs
2. Auction off
3. Extra seed coating
4. Bad review
5. Batting
6. Cord end
7. Fit of terror
8. Store grain
9. Old soldier, abbr.
10. Illegal gift
11. Feast on Oahu
12. Charitable gifts
13. Hera's daughter
18. Catch up
23. Beltway sign
24. Catkin
25. Deserve
27. Enrage
28. Staring in wonder
29. Airport need
30. Type of drug
31. Put one over on
33. Currency of Nigeria
34. Felix or Luther

35. Ancient Hebrew
38. Cauldron
40. Food consumer
42. Jewel, Fr.
44. Armed conflict
47. Band's job
49. Coarse flour
53. Ladies man
55. Bank holding
56. Suspicious of
57. Spanish port
59. Admit frankly
60. Callas was one
61. Wild mountain goat
63. Famous pig
64. 2-D measure
65. Affirm positively
66. Musical Myra
68. Arch. tool
70. Blighted tree
73. Stylish

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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• Last Week's Answers •

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GRUMPISM

“ A friend of mine suggested horse manure on my strawberries. I’m not doing that again. I’m going back to whipped cream.”



• Last Week's ANSWERS •

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SATURDAY 27

SUNDAY 28

MONDAY 29

TUESDAY 30

WEDNESDAY 1

THURSDAY 2

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm



• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Deadline for October's Flagstone
• The First Edition Deadline 11:59:59pm

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 9:30am-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
• FREE STORE 9-12:30pm
• FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
• DCA Used Book Sale Old School 9:30am-Noon
• Denman Housing Project Workshop 2-4pm DAC
• Climate Fair 2-4pm Covered Rec Space

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC
• Volleyball still happening 6:30-8pm by the C.R.S.

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• 2026 Community Hall Booking Meeting 6pm
Hornby Community Hall

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place

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• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Cancer Support Group Noon @ Gathering Place

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• BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
• FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
• FREE STORE 9-12:30pm
• DCA Used Book Sale Old School 9:30am-Noon
• Denman Island Seed Fest 10-3pm CRS
• Denman Fan Workshop

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