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Dinner with Ruth Kirwin

By Doug Rennpferd

Hello Denman Island!

Do you know Ruth Toussaint Kirwin is inviting you to dinner?

Every two weeks Ruth is going to put on a delicious dinner, by donation, at the Back Hall with the next one being on Sept.30th at 4:00. And you can contribute by helping her to afford the care of many Haitian refugee children in her other home of the Dominican Republic.

This has been a tough year down there, with the children losing their right to education and medical care because they lack citizenship. But together we can finance the legal process for them to become citizens, one child at a time.

Then there will come the need to, as you can see from the photo, to get them their school uniforms. Yes, kids still wear uniforms to school in the Dominican Republic!

So please remember you're invited to dinner on Sept.30th at 4:00. Ruth can be reached at 250-650-2553. (Perhaps one of you has expertise in fund raising and would like to help Ruth with this big responsibility. Help of any kind would be greatly appreciated.)



Ruth w. young Dominican friend



Kids in their school uniforms

Free Shack Future?

By Shane Nelson

At Flagstone's submission deadline (Friday 19 Sept), I was announcing the closing of the Free Shack on 30 Sept, and removal of all donations. As you read this, we should know how that played out.

If you aren't familiar with the Free Shack, it was in the smallish plastic garden shed at the driveway to Elkhaven at 2325 Northwest Road. As Elkhaven's resident caretaker, I opened the Shack as a reuse / repurpose way for islanders to share stuff, when COVID had forced closure of the Free Store at the Old School.

Elkhaven was sold effective July 1st, and my contract was ended by the new owners from Sept 30th. That is when I move out.

I hope by now that fans of the the Shack are on the way to finding a new place and new structure. And looking at the whole concept. For sure, our community has shown it's needed. It is a huge financial benefit to the community. For donors, easy downsizing. For re-users / re-purposers, free used goods. For both, the 24/7/365 access and outside location have made it very easy to use. The financial benefit is surely growing, as prices rise due to Trumpanomics. There is also the 'Sale Day' thrill of wondering what you might find on each visit.

I've never seen the Shack as mine and would love to hand it off (maybe that's already happened). On average I spent many hours a week on managing it. Also, I did a weekly trip to Courtenay. Sometimes took the Free Store's surplus too. Gave unwanted good stuff to thrift stores (sometimes I brought back their stuff). Some weeks, I also visited Cumberland dump with stuff that was clearly not usable, or could not be recycled here, or was just plain old, bagged household trash (summer visitors were guilty every year).

Some of this work will surely be needed in a new version, and I've been urging fans to share ideas on how it could be continued. Though I don't have the energy or skill to manage the discussion process.

If you haven't already, see Facebook's bulletin board for the community discussion - maybe write letters to the papers?

If you used the Shack even rarely, you would know the problems with that space. It was only just OK for a rack of clothing, 2 - 3 shelf units with books / DVD's, kitchen stuff / small household gear, etc. Stuff was always overflowing on the floor and outside. The bigger pieces (furniture etc.) got damaged by rain. It needs a much bigger space ñ covered ñ plus backup storage. Has anyone stepped up yet to offer a new location? Maybe someone could do some fundraising / grant writing for new buildings etc?

Could it be staffed by volunteers? Although the 24/7 access is a big plus, making it lockable might prevent the problems of trash dumping and the town trips for disposal. We could look at Hornby's recycle centre / free store for ideas.

A new place would need backup storage at least as big as a garage ñ like we had at Elkhaven. Ideally this would be located very near the open shelves. User traffic needs proper off-street parking so that the bottleneck at the old Shack doesn't create the same traffic hazard. This happened who-knows-how-often on the bend where Elkhaven driveway is located.



TIDE TABLE

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

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

2025-09-26 (Fri)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:57	1.336	4.4
10:03	4.184	13.7
14:55	3.362	11.0
20:02	4.270	14.0

2025-09-27 (Sat)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:28	1.353	4.4
11:00	4.175	13.7
15:37	3.600	11.8
20:18	4.133	13.6

2025-09-28 (Sun)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:05	1.423	4.7
12:08	4.169	13.7
16:43	3.777	12.4
20:34	3.989	13.1

2025-09-29 (Mon)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:51	1.522	5.0
13:30	4.198	13.8
19:08	3.825	12.5
20:47	3.841	12.6

2025-09-30 (Tue)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
05:54	1.607	5.3
14:44	4.271	14.0

2025-09-01 (Wed)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
07:09	1.624	5.3
15:37	4.355	14.3
21:50	3.491	11.5

2025-09-02 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:34	3.574	11.7
08:21	1.568	5.1
16:15	4.422	14.5
22:13	3.248	10.7

Public Displays of Disaffection

By Keith Porteous

OPINION

I didn't agree with Charlie Kirk's words and ideas, but I can take no pleasure in a conservative politician being murdered in front of his wife and children. There are those who are publicly celebrating this political assassination, which is their right, but what does it say about their own character? In printing Kirk's obituary, the centrist New York Times had to publish a "correction", retracting an attribution to an offensive statement that Kirk didn't make. In-his-obituary! Another centrist publication, The Nation magazine has made the same mistake, in falsely crediting Kirk for positions he didn't take. All of this undermines the cause of the grassroots Left.

My objections to Kirk's ideological position is his Christian conservatism, where he used non-secular rationalizations to justify his positions on women's reproductive rights and gay marriage. Contrary to false accusations made on the internet, Kirk did not support many of the kinds of discrimination he was accused of, however, he did vociferously oppose affirmative action and he objected to the right to gender affirming medically assisted transitions prior to legal adult status. He was a major supporter of the deplorable Donald Trump, and everyone has the right to despise Charlie Kirk and his offending views. Publicly celebrating the murder of any person is exercising your right to be an assh*le, and it can only serve one purpose. I can't think of a more twisted and self serving public display of disaffected "virtue."

Charlie Kirk espoused the corrupt and tired tropes of "free market" and "moral" conservatism. Many of the most vocal centrist liberals (who falsely identify as Leftists), have never really examined Charlie Kirk and his views closely, and instead rely on a meme generating echo-chamber to label him a "fascist." This follows the pattern of centrist liberals calling anyone they disagree with a fascist, or a bigot, and they often smear the character of their ideological adversaries instead of debating them on the merits of their ideas, or lack thereof. It should not be that difficult to do so. Objectionable conservative ideas have been around for a very long time. Political assassination is not a successful tactic in

advancing the cause of civil rights for all.

By weakly ignoring their own principles, calling everyone they disagree with a fascist, centrists dilute the actual meaning of the word fascist. Centrist liberal hyperbole is red meat for conservative populists, and it feeds their well financed movements. Ironically, in the emotional expressions of their objection to conservative populism that advocates for "small government/strong borders" and economic nationalism, the centrists advocate for policies that are increasingly authoritarian, believing they can fight fiery reactionary speech with fiery calls for censorship, lawfare, and wait for it.....that same economic nationalism. I consider Charlie Kirk to be a passive aggressive and retrograde conservative assh*le; but I don't celebrate any person's murder.

Go ahead and express yourselves, but be careful that you don't take on the low vibrational mindset of those you claim to oppose. Or am I a day late and a dollar short?



Shucking Oysters: The Joke's On Us

By Alex Allen

We Canadians, perhaps more than anything else, are known for our comedy. Or more to the point, our comedic talents. We are masters of homegrown self-deprecation. Rob Salem wrote that our national identity, if we even have one, could be said to be low self-esteem, or at the very least chronic insecurity. Common wisdom has it that our sense of humour is “borne out of the inherent isolation of our large and under-populated country.” That and possibly, the weather. “The prevailing image is of small groups of fur-wrapped Canucks, huddled together in some remote snowed-in hunting lodge, cracking wise and laughing their bums off in an effort to keep them warm.”

Martin Short. Mike Myers. Seth Rogen. Eugene Levy. David Eby. David Eby? Someone once quipped, those Canadians who are truly funny tend to run for the United States; those who are truly unfunny tend to run for office. With British Columbia facing a record \$11.6-billion deficit – which is no laughing matter – Premier Eby is now trying to defend a controversial speech-writing contract he has with friend and comedian, Charles Demers.

Conservative opposition finance critic Peter Milobar revealed that the writing contract is a \$165 an hour gig, with an initial two-year agreement up to \$150,000, and two yearly extension options up to \$450,000. Milobar rightly questioned why Eby can't use one of the many communications writers already employed. There are nine writers in the premier's correspondence branch, six in his communications office and five in the writing and strategy unit – not to mention the dozens more employed by the government's communications division. And not one has a sense of humour?

Eby defended the contract, saying he has many speeches to deliver a day and that Demers (who wrote for previous NDP leaders Mike Horgan and Adrian Dix) has not billed to his maximum entitlement. “We do use contractors, because it allows us to reduce costs sometimes. And in this case, \$14,000 for a speech writer is not quite as sensational as the headline the Conservatives are using.” BC Legislature reporter Rob Shaw

noted however, that Eby's numbers are misleading, as before the contract was even renewed in February, Demers had already been paid over \$95,000.

As Jordan Foisy poetically wrote about Stephen Harper, Eby has also worked diligently to be “as bland and boring as an Alberta prairie, that a joke about him can drift by in the wind like a tumbleweed.” Has Demers actually made Premier Eby funny? I searched high and low for any semblance of humour in his speeches. Far from being the other “bland, gray-washed nerd with dead eyes” Eby is just not quotable. There's nothing sensational about him.

When politicians tell jokes, some kill at the podium and others kill at any chance of ever being elected. There are rules to political joke making. First, the obvious, be self-deprecating. Second, singe, don't burn. Burns do occur and lines get crossed. Which brings us to the third rule: use jokes as damage control. And finally rule number four, delivery matters. The best political comedy speeches are “a mix of punchlines, extended riffs, and set pieces.”

Writing jokes for politicians is different from writing for a late-night talk show. “For a politician, it's not just about getting laughs,” says Eric Schnure, a speechwriter who has written for both Democrats and Republicans. “It's about being liked.” Some humour is off limits, particularly impersonations and joking about loss of life. A caveat that unfortunately, Jimmy Kimmel and others forgot to heed.

David Eby needs all the help he can get it. According to a recent Angus Reid poll, Eby's approval rating at 41% has fallen to its lowest since he took office, leaving him tied for the second-least popular Canadian premier. Only Quebec's François Legault fares worse. Legault's approval dropped to 22%, while Ontario Premier Doug Ford is tied with Eby at 41% (up from 38%). Manitoba's Wab Kinew leads all premiers with a 61% approval, followed by Saskatchewan's Scott Moe at 50% and Alberta's Danielle Smith at 46%.

As Reid Small explained, Eby's decline reflects more than routine mid-term fatigue. “Economic strain, labour unrest, a decaying healthcare system, questionable spending, and unmet housing promises have left his government confronting mounting public distrust.”

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Beyond the immediate labour and economic issues, several questionable policies have added to the sense of strain and need for humour. Eby very questionably committed more than \$27 million to operate trade offices across Asia, fuelling concerns about the perceived value-for-money. Nine years after declaring a public health emergency over toxic drugs, the death toll is over tens of thousands and nothing has changed.

Even though every word they utter is tainted with suspicion, we want our politicians to be authentic or at least to have the appearance of authenticity. In response to Trump's tariffs, Eby implored us to hold off on our trips to the US and to stop buying American products. When questioned about Blackstone, a hugely unethical trillion-dollar American investment company with close ties to Donald Trump, and now a partner in the Nisga'a project, Western LNG terminal, Eby replied with nuanced irony: "If you want to invest in BC, you want to build here, you want to create jobs here, we welcome you."

Political comedy speech rule number one, David: self-deprecation. Perhaps you could start by joking about your height, but then again, the joke might go over our heads.



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The Lantern's Puzzle

Gabriel Jeroschewitz,
September 12th, 2025

I was inspired by The Lighthouse, a film I saw a few years ago, and occasionally, I still dream about it.

LITERARY

(A Tragic Fable of Two Men, an Unforgiving Sea, and a Light They Couldn't Stop Worshipping)

I must begin by stating, dear listener, that I was never meant to be upon that cursed rock, nor to watch the two men unravel beneath the glare of the great lamp. I was only meant to bring provisions — barrels of salted fish, sacks of coal, and bottles of gin disguised as medicine. Yet storms anchor more than ships, and the sea, in its wet and wheezing humour, left me stranded, an unwilling chronicler of madness.

The island was a claw of stone rising from an endless bruise of water. The lighthouse — a pale tower with a cataract eye — presided like a god grown weary of its flock, watching, ever watching. The gulls screamed their obscene sermons. The foghorn moaned endlessly, like some beast in rut stretched over eternity. And in this place of sound and fury, there were two men. Thomas Wake, the elder — a crusty stump of a mariner whose beard smelled of smoked herring and pipe ash, and whose backside was a bellows of impolite winds. He bellowed too, in the dialect of sea gospels: half scripture, half profanity. And Ephraim Winslow, the younger — lean, sullen, full of secrets, eyes like windows cracked by storms. A man who worked hard, though always with the look of one digging his own grave.

At first, their routine had a grim humour. Wake ordered; Winslow obeyed. Wake drank; Winslow sulked. Wake's farts rattled the dishes; Winslow scrubbed them anyway, jaw clenched tight enough to crack teeth.

For days, it was a vaudeville act of maritime misery. I laughed — quietly, of course, as gulls are spiteful gossips and I did not wish my chuckles carried to the ears of their human subjects.

But the weather worsened. The supply boat never came. Gin became breakfast, lunch, and supper. The lantern above — how Wake guarded it! He climbed nightly to commune with its glow, moaning, sighing, whispering, as though into a lover's ear. Winslow was forbidden entry. That exclusion burned him hotter than any storm. Isolation eats different men in different ways. Wake

grew mythic in his braggadocio: Neptune's bastard, captain of captains, self-declared prophet of sea law. Winslow, meanwhile, began to argue with shadows. He beat a gull to death with a fury that shocked me — though the gulls had been tormenting him for weeks, cackling, shitting on his freshly scrubbed stones, shrieking that he didn't belong. Perhaps he believed killing one would silence them all. (It didn't. The gulls only grew louder, as did his nightmares.)

Meals became theatre. Wake crunched, offering sea tales with the solemn reverence of scripture. Winslow, jaw tight, shovelled in mouthfuls of gruel, as though eating were an act of defiance. Then came the night Winslow insulted Wake's cooking. I swear on salt and storm that the older man's eyes bulged like a squid hauled too quickly from the deep. He erupted into a tirade, defending his slop as though it were haute cuisine blessed by Poseidon himself. I nearly drowned in suppressed laughter — yet beneath the comedy rolled something darker, like undertow.

The storm grew monstrous. No departure. No hope. Their ration barrels emptied, yet their bottle pile multiplied. If laughter was my first refuge, silence was now my armour. The two men began dancing — lurching, sweating reels across the sodden floor, clinging to each other as though love and violence were the same embrace. At other times, they fought — fists, curses, furniture thrown. The lines between play and murder blurred like the horizon in fog.

And then, there was the light. That damned, divine, unholy light. Winslow begged to see it. Wake refused with the zeal of a jealous priest. I more than once caught Winslow staring up the spiral stairs, breathing as though the lamp pulsed like a heart. Nights passed when Wake stayed in the lantern room too long, making sounds no prayer book dares record. Winslow's face twisted with hunger — for understanding, possession, perhaps communion with whatever lived within that glow.

Winslow climbed the stairs one evening — or morning; time had lost all meaning. Wake followed, roaring curses, tripping in his drunken scramble. I crept behind, compelled though terrified, and watched.

Winslow reached the lantern first. The great eye opened, casting him in brilliance, a living figure in some cruel myth. His mouth opened in laughter, ecstasy, horror — I could not tell which, for all were the same. Wake pulled at him, screeching that the light was his alone. They grappled, ...continued on P.9...

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bodies twisting like lovers at war. And then, the inevitable: a fall, a crack of bone, a silence that seemed to swallow the sea itself.

Wake lay broken on the stairwell. Winslow wheezed, trembling, his face glowing with the residue of whatever truth or lie the light had offered. And then he laughed. Oh, the laughter! Not of joy, but of a man who had finally understood the punchline of a joke no sane soul should hear. It echoed in the tower, cracked and booming as thunder.

When I fled — yes, escaped-for sanity is a ship that must cast off before it sinks, he was still laughing as though the ocean had whispered something obscene and divine into his ear.

* * *

Years later, I sometimes hear echoes when taverns grow quiet and winter presses in. A gull's laugh rings too sharp, or a foghorn groans too long. I remember the two men — their grotesque dance, drunken embraces, furious sermons on soup and scrubbing—a comedy, but the kind that curdles into tragedy before the final act.

And the light, ever the light. I sometimes dream of it — a great, burning eye that sees me, that waits. I wake in sweat, chuckling without knowing why.

For the sea is a jester, cruel and eternal. And men, ah, men are merely its fools — trapped on their own rocks, quarrelling, drinking, farting, fighting, until one day they, too, stumble into the lantern's glow and find the joke waiting for them.



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Tribune Bay Park Recreation Enhancements Project Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*Updates to the Tribune Bay Park Recreation Enhancements Project
Campground construction, picnic shelter replacement, and next steps*

HORNBY ISLAND, BC – DATE, 2025 – PROJECT UPDATE – FALL 2025

As another busy summer at Tribune Bay Park comes to a close, preparations for next season are already in the works. There are two phases planned for improving recreation at Tribune Bay:

PHASE 1: Enhancing the existing campground

Phase 1 will focus on improving the current campground within its existing footprint. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately after the campground closes for the season on October 1, 2025. Details regarding upgrades to campsites, amenities, and the overall visitor experience were released in Spring 2025.

What to expect during the Phase 1 construction period

A construction contract has been awarded, and work will begin on October 1, 2025 with the installation of construction fencing, equipment, and temporary office facilities. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed by May 2026. New traffic advisory signs will be installed along Shields Road and access will remain open during construction but there may be some limited delays from time to time. Access to the campground will be closed during the construction period.

Impacts to ferry capacity will be minimized by transporting materials by barge to Shingle Spit Terminal when required throughout the project. As needed, marine landings may occur several times a week, and an excavator will offload aggregates directly from the barge into waiting dump trucks, ensuring efficient handling. Work hours will be based on the tides but managed to minimize disturbance for the community as much as possible. The boat launch will remain open during barging activities.

Environmental considerations

A Construction Environmental Management Plan, prepared by a Registered Professional Biologist, will be approved by BC Parks before construction begins. This includes measures to mitigate impacts at the material offloading site and in the construction area. Some of these measures include inter-tidal shoreline protection, erosion sediment control, tree protection, and noise controls to mitigate impact on bald eagle habitats. Trees may be removed at the campground if they are found to pose a danger to workers or the public. All recommendations will be reviewed by BC Parks prior to removal and trees will be retained wherever possible. BC Parks has decided to withdraw campsite 41 and 42 from the current design to protect a mature Pacific crab apple grove.

There will be over 5,000 new plants installed on this site including native shrubs, sedges, and trees. These plantings will help to improve biodiversity, privacy between sites, and stormwater management.

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Picnic shelter replacement

The existing picnic shelter has been assessed by an engineer and determined to be near the end of its life. A new picnic shelter will be constructed on the existing footprint in the day-use area with construction expected to start October 2025 and be completed before Spring. Park users can expect some limited closures of the beach trail and the Outdoor Education Centre, as construction will be staged from this site. Picnic shelter materials may be brought in and out by helicopter and barge in Tribune Bay. Construction staging may also occur in the day-use parking lot.

PHASE 2: Planning and engagement for remaining campsites

The existing campground will see a temporary reduction in campsites during Phase 1. These campsites will be built in a different area of the park to ensure there is enough space to provide the experience people expect in our campgrounds. The location for the remaining campsites is currently being explored.

More information regarding plans for Phase 2 and opportunities for engagement will be provided soon. Planning for Phase 2 will continue in Spring 2026 with the goal of beginning construction in Fall 2026.

For project updates and additional details visit: helpshapebc.gov.bc.ca/tribune



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When: Sunday Sept 28, 3 PM and following
(rain or shine, we have a big tent!)

Where: The Big Pond Event Space @ The Snag Farm
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Directions: <https://thesnag.org/contact>

Who: Adults and kids welcome! (no dogs, please)

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4 PM - Dance
6 PM - Potluck

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"Recognizing" The Rubble Of Palestine

By Caitlin Johnstone
Sept. 21st, 2025

OPINION

UK, Canada and Australia: Never fear, Palestinians!

We're here to save the day!

Palestinians: You're going to stop the genocide?

UK, Canada and Australia: HAHHAHAHA! No!

Oh god no. Haha! No, we are going to give a great big
Thumbs Up to the idea of your eventual statehood!

Palestinians: Will you at least stop sending them weapons?

UK, Canada and Australia: LOL no.

In response to the UK, Canada and Australia announcing their recognition of a Palestinian state, Benjamin Netanyahu has proclaimed that Israel will never allow such a state to exist.

"It's not going to happen. There will be no Palestinian state to the west of the Jordan River," Netanyahu said, adding that Israel will continue expanding settlements in the West bank.

It's funny how Israel supporters will claim it's a genocidal hate crime to say "from the river to the sea Palestine will be free", but apparently it's fine to say from the river to the sea Palestine will **not** be free. Even if you say it while actually committing genocide.

Israeli officials coming out saying there will never be a Palestinian state are completely discrediting all the two-state solution western liberals who've spent two years condemning Hamas because they didn't pursue their liberation by going through the proper channels. Reminds me of that Jon Stone quote you see going around sometimes, "One reason people insist that you use the proper channels to change things is because they have control of the proper channels and they're confident it won't work."

Westerner: I support a two-state solution.

Israel: There will never be a Palestinian state.

Westerner: Okay then I support a one-state solution where everyone has equal rights.

Israel: You're calling for an end to the Jewish state you monster.

Westerner: Alright then I support the Palestinian resistance.



Israel: That's supporting terrorism. You are Hamas and we can legally murder you.

Westerner: Well can I at least support a permanent ceasefire to end the genocide?

Israel: [*cocks pistol*] What did I just tell you about supporting Hamas?

Westerner: Okay then, I support Palestinians living as a permanent underclass until they can be slowly salami sliced out of existence as a people.

Israel: Getting warmer.

Westerner: I support removing all Palestinians from their historic homeland via ethnic cleansing or extermination before the end of Donald Trump's presidential term.

Israel: [*puts away gun*] That's more like it.

I saw a video where two Australian doctors described how they had to deliver a baby via emergency c-section because the baby's mother had been decapitated by an Israeli airstrike. Information like this always reminds me of that period last year when all the western politicians and media outlets were telling us that the worst people in the entire world were the university students who were protesting against this genocide.

The Global Sumud Flotilla is saying they're seeing drones around their ships again just days out from their planned arrival to bring aid into Gaza. Earlier this month drones repeatedly dropped incendiary firebombs on the boats.

This comes as Israel's Foreign Ministry declares that the flotilla is a Hamas ally, and as Google runs Israel-sponsored ads spinning the flotilla as a terrorist operation.

I don't know if the Israelis are going to kill these courageous activists, but you can tell they really, **really** want to.

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Remember that time we spent two years watching a horrific live-streamed genocide and then everyone tried to tell us we're supposed to cry and express our deepest condolences when one of the propagandists for that genocide got shot? That was weird, right? When Biden finally fucking dies I'm going to be much more insensitive and hostile than I ever was about Charlie Kirk, because he was objectively more murderous and destructive. And when I do, right wingers won't be shrieking at me about how evil it is to speak ill of the dead. These people have no principles; they're just herd-minded NPCs trying to canonize a horrible man because he has the same ideology as them.

You're never going to believe this, but it turns out that news story everyone's been yelling hysterically about is being used to advance many pre-existing agendas of the US empire.

Officials at the US War Department have announced that they're considering using Charlie Kirk as a tool for military recruitment. You can add that to the list of all the other agendas they're using Kirk's death to advance like increased censorship and surveillance and attacks on leftist dissident groups.

This was predictable from the very beginning. Never play along with their games.



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 Come join us for fun and learning all
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 Cake cutting and singing the Climate song
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By Alan Black

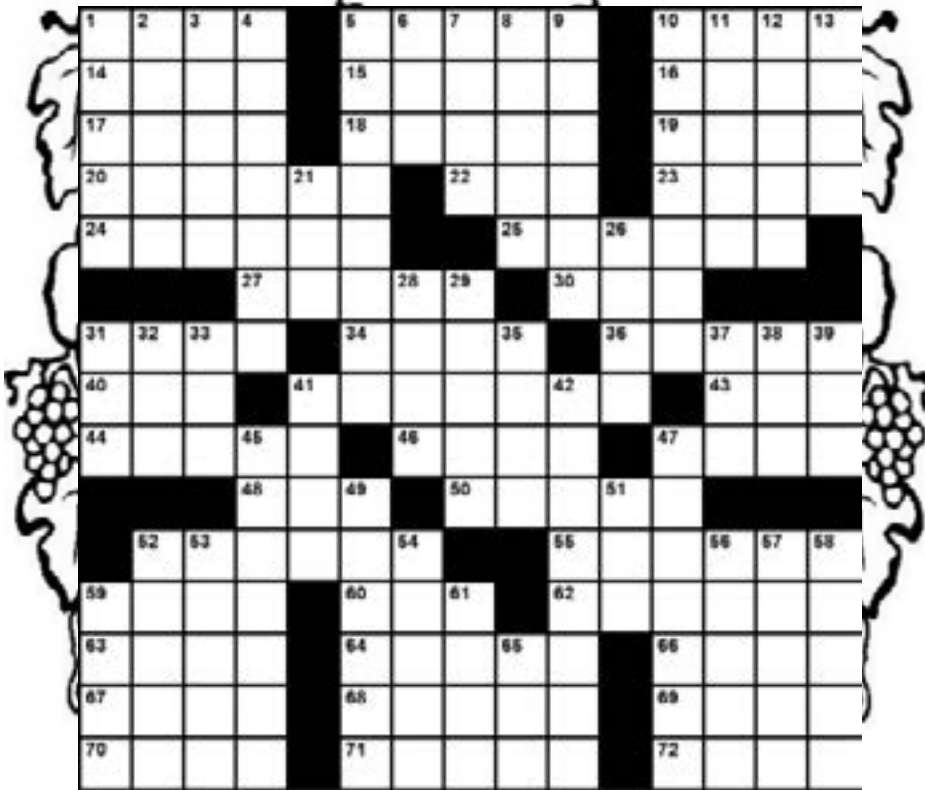
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• ACROSS •

1. Epic
5. Frog's voice
10. Conceited
14. Whipped along
15. Mites
16. Alternative word
17. Mechanical repetition
18. Brought down a Soho flat
19. Actor's part
20. Runaway lover
22. Author Amy
23. Giant ant horror film
24. Cold and raw
25. Cowcatcher
27. Fall faller
30. Coat rack piece
31. Like a snoop
34. Grassy fields
36. Introverted
40. Addressee
41. Guided by whim
43. Symbol tree

44. Culinary hot stuff

46. Almost proximate
47. D.C. denial
48. Clumsy clod
50. River of Deutchland
52. Move busily
55. Turns inside out
59. Emulate Sinbad
60. Archaic
62. Public lecture hall
63. Black-and-white cookie
64. Ancient manuscript markings
66. Curly cabbage
67. Actor Bridges
68. Androcles, e.g.
69. Bad deed
70. Formerly, once
71. Steal
72. Cabinet div.

• DOWN •

1. Mole cousin
2. Garlic mayonnaise
3. Board, as a train
4. Skillfully performing
5. Big bag
6. Broadcast letters of old
7. Hops oven
8. Of a zone
9. Filch a fellow
10. Early Hitchcock film
11. Greeting on a lanai
12. Cay or ait
13. Large tree of East Indes
21. Bard's before
26. Feel sure of
28. Blue vessel
29. Anxious
31. Where the IRT runs
32. Admirer's sound

33. Designer Anna
35. Bygone Persian
37. Dundee refusal
38. Approx.
39. Between pi and sigma
41. Authoritative edict
42. Maximun timber growth limit
45. Fail to get a reward
47. Some T-shirts
49. Swab targets
51. College growth
52. Corn pest
53. Eye layers
54. Be pushy
56. Steal goods
57. Bulb plant
58. Great Lakes fish
59. Bath attire
61. Bruce's ex
65. Baby's seat



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• Last Week's Answers •

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GRUMPISM

“I don't mean to brag, but I just put a puzzle together in 1 day. The box said 2-4 years.”



• Last Week's ANSWERS •

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THURSDAY 25

• 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
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

FRIDAY 26

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

SATURDAY 27

• 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 Island Seed Fest 10-3pm CRS
• Denman Fan Workshop

SUNDAY 28

• Folk Dance & Harvest Potluck 3pm and following
The Snag Farm 5400 Northwest Road

MONDAY 29

• 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.

TUESDAY 30

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• Dinner by Ruth Kirwin Back Hall 4 pm

WEDNESDAY 1

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

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
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

FRIDAY 3

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Conrad Campbell & Faceheater 8pm Front Hall

SATURDAY 4

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

SUNDAY 5

MONDAY 6

• 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.

TUESDAY 7

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

WEDNESDAY 8

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

THURSDAY 9

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