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PRESS RELEASE:
Victoria Cannabis
Buyers Club



For Immediate Release

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Victoria, B.C.: **A**fter years of raids, fines and evictions, the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club is co-hosting a public hearing today with the North Park Neighbourhood Association to give local citizens an opportunity to comment on a rezoning application for its new home at 1625 Quadra Street. **The public hearing will be from 6 to 8 pm, at the back of the United Commons, 932 Balmoral Street, in the McLeod Room.**

After operating for 20 years out of a storefront on Johnson Street, the VCBC moved to 1625 Quadra Street a couple of years ago after the building sold. Known for its historic unanimous victory at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2015, the VCBC is approaching 30 years of age and has served approximately 9,200 patients over that time. Though this application has been made after the club has been active in the location, it is hoped that council will once again acknowledge the exceptional circumstances under which the VCBC exists and grant the rezoning.

In the past, Victoria city council has expressed unanimous support for the VCBC as it strives to continue operating outside of the legal medical cannabis program. The Access to Marijuana for Medical Access Regulations (ACMPR) do not allow storefront access, and the limits on THC are far lower than many patients require to manage their pain and fight cancer. Many low-income and elderly patients find the legal medical program inaccessible, too expensive or difficult to navigate. Recreational cannabis stores cannot give med

Meanwhile, the VCBC has recently received a response to their final appeal regarding the \$3.2 million in fines from the B.C. Solicitor General and Minister of Public Safety. As expected, the Community Safety Unit agreed with its earlier decision to enforce the extraordinary fine, finally exhausting all possible appeals the VCBC could make within the administration. Yesterday, Kirk Tousaw, lawyer for the VCBC, filed for a judicial review to the provincial courts.

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Shucking Oysters: Academic Abstractions

By Alex Allen

Ovulatory cycle effects on tip earnings by lap dancers: economic evidence for human estrus. Termination of intractable hiccups with digital rectal massage. Chicken Plucking as Measure of Tornado Wind Speed. Experimental Replication Shows Knives Manufactured from Frozen Human Feces Do Not Work. Whether you get your study published in a peer-recognized journal or win a respected award, science is serious business. It's about getting noticed and competing for grants. There's the familiar Nobel Prize and then there's the Ig Nobel Prize that recognizes a whole other world of science.

Founded in Boston in 1991 by Marc Abrahams, editor of the satirical magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*, the Ig Nobels are awarded to studies that "first make you laugh, and then make you think." One of the 1991 winners was Robert Klark Graham (inventor of shatterproof eye glasses), who received the biology Ig Nobel "for his pioneering development of the Repository for Germinal Choice, a sperm bank that accepts donations from Nobellians and Olympians."

The Repository produced 215 mediocre children between 1980 and 1999. In terms of the donors, one man had falsely claimed to have an IQ of 160; another was the unremarkable son of a Nobel Prize winner; another was an Olympic gold medallist, and only two were Nobelists. Eventually, Graham moved on from the academic elite to the student elite. Fun fact: In 2019, the *New York Times* published a story about Jeffrey Epstein's plan to "seed the human race with his DNA" by impregnating 20 women at once at his New Mexico ranch. Where did he get his idea? The Repository for Germinal Choice – to fill the world with genius Epstein offspring.

This year, the 35th Ig Nobels awards had some unique logistics issues. Over half of the 2025 recipients declined to attend the September event and not for a better invite. Wars, visa restrictions, and the scientific research and border policies of Trump's administration all dampened the frivolity. Having anticipated difficulties with the US ceremony, Abrahams has venues for winners in the coming months in London, Berlin, and Tokyo. And the 2025 Ig Nobel winners are...

The late Dr. William B. Bean was awarded the prize in literature, for obsessively recording and analyzing the rate of growth of his fingernails from 1953 to 1980. "A 35-year observation of the growth of my nails indicates the slowing of growth with increasing age. The average daily growth of the left thumbnail, for instance, has varied from 0.123mm a day during the first part of the study when I was 32 years of age to 0.095mm a day at the age of 67."

For the nutrition prize, with the odd title, Opportunistic Foraging Strategy of Rainbow Lizards at a Seaside Resort in Togo, researchers from Nigeria, Togo, Italy and France found, like many humans, that the lizards preferred four-cheese pizza. The team "simply wanted to answer the age-old scientific question: What happens when a lizard discovers cheese and carbs?"

A group from Japan took home the biology award for demonstrating that painting cows with black and white stripes did, in fact, lessen the amount of times they were bitten by horse flies. While

TIDE TABLE

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19:05	2.953	9.7
23:08	3.413	11.2
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Time	PST (m)	(ft)
05:30	1.768	5.8
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20:06	2.552	8.4

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unpainted cows and cows with black stripes endured upward of 110 bites in 30 minutes, the black-and-white cows suffered fewer than 60 in the same time frame. This non-toxic, pesticide-free technique can improve animal welfare, and provide an eco-friendly alternative to insect repellent.

A pair of American and Israeli researchers won the chemistry award, for their study on whether eating Teflon could be used to increase food volume and help people feel full without adding extra calories. The idea, much like “Teflon Don” is that the material would slip through the digestive system and then simply slide out. The researchers explained how Polytetrafluoroethylene is an ideal way to add substance but not calories. “Civilization has zero calorie drinks but we have not yet made the leap into the realm of zero calorie foods,” they argued.

In physics, a group from Europe were awarded the prize for solving the worldwide crisis of why cheesy pasta sauce sometimes gets lumpy and how to avoid such a catastrophe. Cacio e pepe (black pepper and Pecorino Romano) was the dish on the menu and the research determined the cheese lumped upon reaching 65°C. The secret ratio? Five grams of starch per 200 grams of cheese.

The coveted peace prize went to a German, Dutch and British team who reported that drinking a shot of vodka can sometimes improve a person’s ability to speak in a foreign language. “A small sip seemed to boost confidence without making the words fall apart,” said Dr Fritz Renner, a psychologist at the University of Freiburg. “It’s not like people were transformed into perfect Dutch speakers after a single drink,” added team member British Professor Matt Field, a psychologist at the University of Sheffield.

A worldwide team won the aviation award for studying whether ingesting alcohol can impair Egyptian fruit bats’ ability to fly and also their ability to echolocate. The results? The bats became slow and their echolocation was impaired much like slurring after a few drinks. Bats that binged on the fermented fruit had a “higher risk of colliding with obstacles” the team concluded. I guess they **continued on P.5...**

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- Approval of October minutes and current Agenda.

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- **Pesticide Free Committee** – Removing Invasive Plants without Toxic Sprays: Update
- **Recreation Grant 2025 Award Highlights:** TBA
- **2026 Recreation Grant Committee:** new members
- **Parks Committee** – Update
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never peer-reviewed the 2010 study, *Drinking and Flying: Does Alcohol Consumption Affect the Flight and Echolocation Performance of Phyllostomid Bats?* which showed the same results: drunk bats are not good at flying or figuring out whether they are coming or going.

All these studies are a bit weird, but they can open up new avenues for research. Even the most absurd-sounding questions can lead to valuable scientific insights. In the meantime, I'm working on an inter-goal compatibility account to interpret both paradoxes through the lens of inter-goal interactions, which is an intuitively critical yet under explored factor in existing interpretations.



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Denman Conservancy Association

The DCA is now looking to hire someone to both organize and do the publicity for the 2026 Home and Garden Tour which will be held on June 13/14, 2026.

The coordinator position involves locating and choosing the properties that are on the tour, organizing volunteers, working with the homeowners, and ensuring the tour runs smoothly.

The publicity portion of the job requires designing and publishing the tour promotional poster and map of homes, social media postings, ticket sales, and the creation and publishing of tour materials in traditional media including press releases, etc.

The contract would be ideal for someone who has experience organizing a studio or art tour.

This is a contract position and can be split between two or more individuals.

If you are interested please email the DCA at info@denmanconservancy.org.

OPINION

Publisher's Note

By Mike Van Santvoord

To our readers —

It seems a reminder is in order. While we welcome correspondence of all kinds, we cannot — and will not — publish letters submitted without a verifiable name and contact information. Anonymous missives, however impassioned or cleverly phrased, fall outside the paper's longstanding Editorial Policy.

For reasons both legal and ethical, accountability remains a cornerstone of public discourse. A free press depends not only on the liberty to speak, but on the courage to stand behind one's words.

I understand, of course, the temptation to hurl opinions from behind a curtain — it's far easier to throw a stone when one's own windows are safely shuttered. But these pages are reserved for those willing to sign their thoughts, however uncomfortable the light of attribution may be. If you believe your views merit publication, have the decency — and the confidence — to claim them.



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Children need to see adults engaged in meaningful work, for it inspires children to play. When helping children who can't play, it is astonishing how quickly play can be reactivated, once children are exposed to real work. Without play children are less likely to be able to form their own independent ideas.

This in turn can have an impact on society, for democracies rely on citizens being able to think creatively and independently. On the other hand, totalitarian regimes do not tolerate such independent thinking... If one wants to prepare children for life in an active and thriving democratic state, then it is critical that we help them play creatively when they are young.

(Joan Almond)

Mirror of Two Moons

Gabriel Jeroschewitz,

October 25th, 2025, dedicated to Hermann Hesse.

Abridged

LITERARY

I met him during what I call my season of unmaking. The city was rain-slick and gray, an orchestra pit of damp umbrellas and burned-out dreams, and I was renting a narrow room above a shuttered cinema. The landlord, a retired organist, never asked questions; he only sold silence. I encountered the stranger who would later sign his letters there, *The Wolf of the Mirror*.

One evening, he appeared in the stairwell, carrying a suitcase that looked older than us. The hall light caught a glint on his spectacles, and I remember thinking he had the stare of a man who had once loved music and then betrayed it. He moved in next door, and we exchanged only the brief nod of the desperately polite for weeks—until the night I found him drunk beneath the flickering marquee.

“I suppose,” he said, lifting his glass in mock salute, “that you’ve come to watch me disappear.”

He told me later that his name was Henry, though he preferred Harry. Fifty, perhaps more. He was a scholar of forgotten manuscripts and a heretic of every current fashion. He spoke with the measured fever of someone who long ago had thought himself damned. “Do you ever feel,” he asked me, “that you consist of two creatures chained back to back? One howls for purity, the other for pleasure. Both despise the other’s scent.”

I didn’t answer. In those days, my own life was a hollow instrument. I had just divorced a woman whose laughter I still heard in my dreams, and I was writing—what, I cannot say; words that turned to ash each morning. So perhaps I stayed near Harry because his ruin echoed mine.

He lived between extremes: by day, he studied mystical philosophers; by night, he prowled the jazz clubs like a man seeking a bullet. I often saw him watching himself in the cinema lobby mirror, and the reflection never matched his movement. “A trick of the light,” he would mutter, but I saw the tremor in his hands.

Then came *she*.

She entered our world one stormy afternoon, a young

woman with the smile of a predator disguised as an angel. Her name was Hermione—yes, I recall it with precision, for when she spoke it, Harry flinched as though recognizing an omen. She was unlike the pale ghosts who haunted those bars: her laughter carried not cruelty but an understanding beyond pity.

That first night, she told me, “Your friend wears despair like a tailored coat. I could teach him to take it off.”

And she did—slowly, artfully.

Under her guidance, Harry learned to dance again. I would watch the two of them in that smoky club, the air thick with trumpet and gin, and see a transformation beginning. He, the scholar of solitude, moved like a man tasting existence for the first time. She led him from the cage of intellect into the wild of sensation. Yet behind each shared smile flickered tragedy, as if they knew the lesson would come at a price.

I, the observer, was drawn into their orbit unwillingly. They fascinated me—the philosopher and the siren—

two comets crossing paths before inevitable extinction. Over a cigarette, Hermione told me, “He calls himself half-wolf, half-man. But it isn’t true. There are hundreds in him. He just hasn’t opened all the doors.” I asked, “And you—what are you to him?”

“His mirror,” she replied. “And a mirror must break when its purpose is done.”

I began to fear what that meant.

The metamorphosis reached its crescendo one night when she invited us to a masquerade whispered about only among the city’s restless and damned—a secret gathering known simply as *The Theatre of Mirrors*. The building was an abandoned hotel at the river’s edge, its ballroom lit by crimson lanterns and the shimmer of broken glass. Masks everywhere, laughter edged with hysteria. The air smelled of jasmine and danger.

When we arrived, Hermione pressed a card into Harry’s hand. On it, in calligraphy that seemed alive, were the words:

“*For madmen only.*”

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She kissed him on the cheek and vanished into the crowd.

Harry turned to me. "If I do not return," he murmured, "remember that I loved her. Or what she represented."

And then he stepped through an archway draped in mirrors. I followed far enough to glimpse what lay beyond—though what I saw might have been hallucination or revelation.

Corridors of shifting reflections. Countless versions of himself, laughing, arguing, weeping. In one mirror, he was a child clutching a violin; in another, an aged monk reciting prayers to a god of dust. Everywhere his face multiplied, fractured, until I could no longer tell which image was mine. And then, from the center of that kaleidoscope, I saw him kneel before Hermione. She was radiant, terrible. Words passed between them, but none reached me. Only when he took her hands did the mirrors craze and shatter, scattering light like blood.

The next instant, the room was empty.

He returned at dawn, face pale as moonstone. We climbed the stairs in silence. At the top, he said, very softly, "I killed her."

I tried to speak, but he raised a trembling hand. "Not in body," he said. "In dream—or truth. It's the same. She told me to learn laughter, and I answered with despair. But the theatre showed me... more. I am not two creatures; I am ten thousand shards. Each can dance if I let them."

He paused, and a strange serenity passed over him. "Do you hear it? Mozart laughing behind the walls. He forgives us all our discord."

Then he locked himself in his room.

Later that day, the landlord found the door ajar. The suitcase was gone. On the table lay a notebook filled with what looked like a treatise—a manuscript without a conclusion. The final page ended mid-sentence.

I read only the first line: *To whoever finds these words—learn to laugh at yourself before the mirror does it for you.*

He was never seen again.

Years have passed since that winter, yet sometimes, when the city rain whispers against my window, I hear faint jazz from the street below. I imagine him somewhere between the wolf and the man, perhaps

smiling at his tragic comedy.

As for Hermione—whether she was real or born of his longing—I cannot say. But her lesson endures. We are not divided beasts, not clean halves struggling for dominance. We are orchestras of contradiction, and every dissonance is part of the music.

I am older now, lonelier perhaps, but when I catch my reflection in the glass, I sometimes notice a second smile flicker beside mine—brief, knowing, irreverent. Maybe it is only the wolf learning to laugh.

Or perhaps it is Harry, reminding me that salvation begins where tragedy learns to dance. 

Saturday Morning at the Free Store

By Rosa Telegus

What more could I possibly want in life other than a pink, tie dyed cotton dress to go with my Spanish sandals? Nothing more. No. And I found one in the Free Store two weeks ago.

But wait: one success breeds another. Last Saturday morning I continued my hunt at the Free Store. My heart sank when I saw that C. was already there. Don't get me wrong, C. and I recognize each other with respect and fondness, and we greeted each other effusively. We had both lived the life in the Lower Mainland in previous times. Think: the Coquitlam Mall. Many many tiny stores are hidden away in malls, clothes stores owned by savvy women from Hong Kong selling imported well-tailored suits and pants in subdued grey and navy, made of wools and cotton, hemp and linen, perfect to impress your clients or board members, or for that information meeting you need to attend to rezone a creek side wetland to high density residential.

Early Saturday morning in those days was "beat the traffic, get to the mall, and snag the sales items".

Last week at the Free Store, my heart sank because I knew the clothes would have been well picked over by C. before I had got there. But look! In the long dresses and costume section, she had missed a perfect 100% linen "made in Italy", size small, soft ivory, long printed dress, with pockets. Victory? Well, yes, I admitted to it as I ironed the lovely dress later at home.

But, perhaps C. had seen me coming and had left it for me on purpose. That I would like to believe. 

Letters to the Editor

Ads and Politics

*Diplomacy at 35000 feet
and maybe a bloody nose*

We are getting so used to it now. Diplomacy live on TV dispersed from President Trump delivering his view of the world including his take on that pesky neighbour to the north, Canada.

"Yes, Carney apologized to me over that tv add and yes I like him, and they are nasty negotiators, so no deal" etc.

Our PM is no slouch either burning up the jet fuel, but is not yet at the same lofty level dispensing advice and or comments. Give him time though, he might be there one day. At least he has got the flying part down pat.

Meanwhile back down here on Planet Earth we have our Premier Eby gearing up for an add campaign fight with our neighbour "not treating us nice" regarding soft wood lumber. Content yet to be revealed, but might also be upsetting to the US President.

So what to do for our Premier? Got a full plate of problems I guess but hey, that goes with the territory. Some of these problems are self inflicted to be sure. That little spat with our neighbour in Alberta could easily have been avoided if Premier Eby simply had stayed in his own lane. Tanker ban on the West Coast is not for him to decide. Never mind the pipeline associated with such ban. Maybe to a lesser degree these two items are.

COAL: That dirtiest of all energy resources, right? Almost downright poison for our environmentally leaning premier. Yet coal today is BC's biggest export. We hate it, but we produce it and ship it. For a price of course. In 2024 BC scored \$8.6 billion exporting coal to (I am guessing here) lesser advanced and or environmentally less concerned jurisdictions. Ironically part of the 17.4 million tonnes shipped out of BC each year comes from mines in Montana and Wyoming, US, yes sir. These mines have no shipping facilities on the US West Coast. Oregon and Washington refuses to handle this commodity due to "environmental concerns". Luckily for

them they have a willing partner right here in BC and have for years shipped their coal by train through BC to Robert Banks, Tsawwassen, destination Asia. No tax revenue to BC, so not so bad a deal for our friends across the line I think. Now if Premier Eby somehow could manage to curtail this little sweetheart deal a whole bunch of irate coalminers (President Trumps favourite supporters remember) would be at his front door in a New York minute demanding something be done ASAP. He might listen to them. Maybe.

SOFT WOOD:

Thorny issue for years and ever increasing tariffs sending shivers all over the industry, mills struggling to stay afloat, people loosing their jobs, future uncertain. It could be so different. We have the product, skill and expertise and the US want it even if Trump is in denial over this issue. Still they make it harder and harder to the point Premier Eby is on the ad bandwagon and crying out for help. Any kind please.

So why is it that we happily are supplying the US mills with raw logs, so their mills have the means of producing the lumber they need? BC raw logs are leaving the province daily, mostly direction South, while our mills are struggling.

Exports of raw logs is subject to approvals from the BC government. And we approve that business. In the first six weeks of 2025 BC approved exports of raw logs filling 6564 logging trucks. On a yearly basis that adds up to a whole lot of logs. Maybe we (Eby) should simply say to our friends down south, "We will supply any dimension of lumber you desire, but you will NOT have access to our raw logs". Realizing this could be a more complicated issue to deal with (above my pay grade) I still feel it could be a part of a negotiated settlement beneficial to both parties.

So there you have it Premier Eby. Prepare to get into the ring with a heavy weight (pun intended) from across the line. It may end up with a bloody nose, but that is the risk you take. On the positive side of this you sure have a decided height advantage, reach too, plus the fact you seem to be in much better shape. Go get them. Elbows up remember. Good luck.

Kris Christensen
Denman Island



How The Media Normally Report On A Mass Atrocity

By Caitlin Johnstone
November 2nd, 2025

The Washington Post has published an article titled “Families shot down, held at ransom as they flee Darfur’s killing fields,” subtitled “Sudan’s RSF paramilitary and its allies have carried out mass ethnic killings and hostage taking in the captured city of El Fashir, survivors told The Post.”

The article opens with a paragraph humanizing the victims of the El Fashir massacres: “Families gunned down as they huddled for safety. Young children weeping over their mother’s body in the desert. Doctors seized for ransom and executed.”

It names the perpetrators, “the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces,” in the second paragraph.

It names the backers of the perpetrators in the third paragraph, saying that “The RSF is backed by the United Arab Emirates.”

It mentions the word “genocide” three separate times. “Ethnic killings” appears twice. The UAE is named repeatedly; even the fact that it is “a key U.S. ally” is explicitly highlighted.

Do you notice anything strange about this reporting? Me neither. What stands out, reading this article here in the year 2025, is how completely and utterly normal it is.

It’s not fantastic or extraordinary journalism, it’s just normal for a mainstream western publication. The reporters talk to the victims, describe the massacres they were told about, explain the various power dynamics at play from a mainstream western perspective, name some US officials who are pushing for a halt to the RSF’s atrocities, and use appropriately strong language to describe the horrors they are documenting—including in the headline.

They do all the normal mainstream news reporter things. They cover a depraved mass atrocity the same way they’ve typically covered such things for generations.

None of this would stand out on its own, if we hadn’t spent two years watching the mainstream western press do absolutely none of these normal journalistic things in Gaza.

The passive-language “Gazans perish in explosion” headlines. The contortions to avoid naming the perpetrator and the governments that are backing its atrocities. The adamant refusal to use the word “genocide” except to frame it as a dubious claim being made by another party which Israel forcefully denies. The wildly biased discrepancy between the strength of language used to describe violence inflicted by Israelis versus violence inflicted by Palestinians.

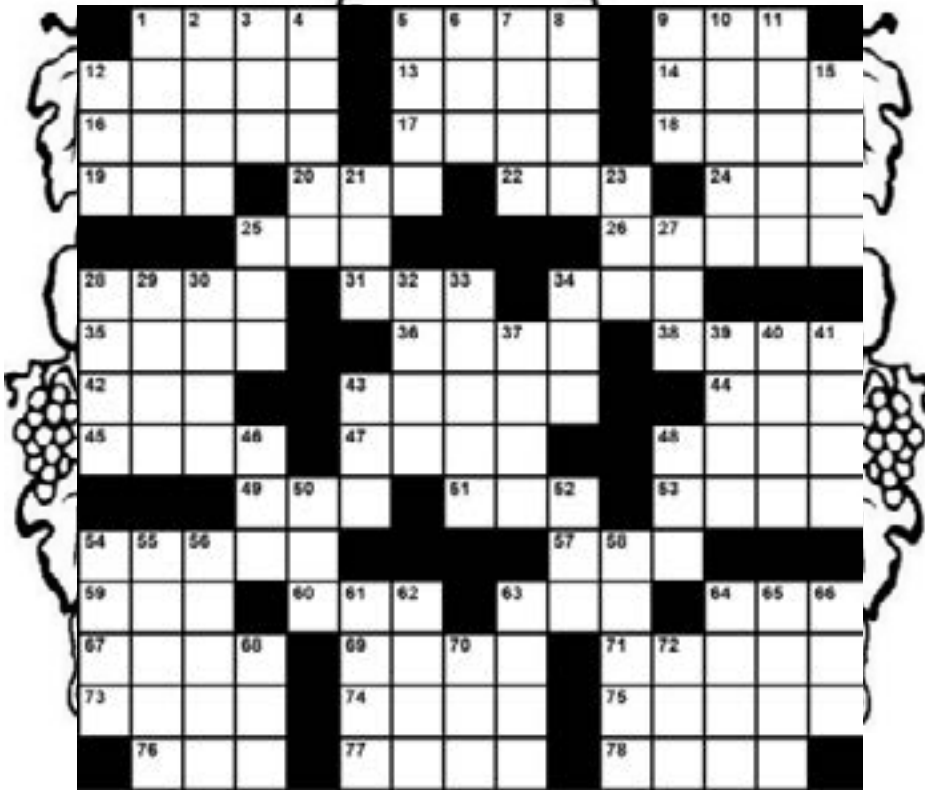
If the western press had not been aggressively protecting Israel and its interests this whole time, all their reporting on Gaza over the last two years would have looked very much like the reporting we’re seeing on the genocide in Sudan. There’s a discrepancy in the reporting because there’s a discrepancy in the propaganda needs of the western empire.

It is good that the western press are doing actual journalism in Sudan and covering that genocide with the normal level of urgency and emphasis. If they had been reporting on Gaza in the same way these last two years, the west’s support for Israel would have completely collapsed by now.

Which is exactly why they haven’t been doing it.



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1. Easy victory
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9. 45 or 78, e.g.
12. Japanese brews
13. Forest ox
14. Chosen, in Chartres
16. Oneness
17. Army dinner
18. Go up against
19. Barely manage
20. Edible mushroom
22. Him's opposite
24. Breakfasted
25. A little resistance
26. Date palm locale
28. Alpha follower
31. Craft of sci-fi
34. Chicago lyricist
35. Bit of frolic
36. On leave
38. Opinion page, briefly
42. Air hero
43. Veil fabric
44. Adorer's writeup

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45. Actress Gill
47. Big hatchets
48. Bubbly beverage
49. Hobo
51. Dress
53. Autumn birthstone
54. Blueprint data
57. Heart of the matter
59. Afflicted
60. Pick a car
63. Amusing activity
64. Andean tuber
67. Commanded old style
69. Polynesian chestnut
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76. Bard's before
77. Avian retreat
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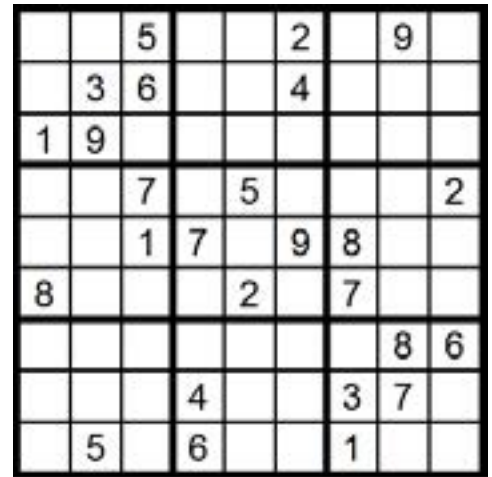
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5. Bedside item
6. Ace, when not eleven
7. Gee's kin
8. Alleviate
9. Apple color
10. Court statements
11. Civilian dress
12. Writer Grafton
15. Caustic chemicals
21. Aussie bird
23. Act the bandit
25. Acorn bearer
27. Blood system group
28. Utter foolishly
29. Apiece
30. Aspen, for one
32. Imitation
33. Big eyed baby
34. Appreciation for beauty

37. Besides
39. Info
40. Early Icelandic poems
41. Begin a hand
43. Beret kin
46. Alphabet starters
48. Cry out loud
50. Dos Passos subject
52. Oxlike critter
54. Parent sharers
55. Batter's place
56. Berry bearing shrub
58. Alliance
61. Anemic's supplement
62. Aussie's friend
63. Bit of data
64. Accessible
65. Londoner's tax export
68. Baa sayer
70. Deck the Halls word
72. Biz degree



• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •



• Last Week's Answers •

4	3	5	6	8	9	2	7	1
2	7	1	4	5	3	9	6	8
6	8	9	7	1	2	5	3	4
5	4	8	2	7	1	3	9	6
9	2	7	3	6	4	8	1	5
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3	1	4	5	2	6	7	8	9
8	5	6	9	3	7	1	4	2
7	9	2	1	4	8	6	5	3

GRUMPISM

“ My friend asked why I would not tell him my military rank. I told him it's *Private*. ”



Thank you, vets, and serving members for your service. Lest we forget.

• Last Week's ANSWERS •

G	R	I	N	F	A	M	E	D	A	D	A	M
R	E	N	T	O	B	E	S	E	N	I	L	E
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Thurs 7-830p:	The Weather Up There w/Bethany and Katrina
Fri 5-730p:	Jazz and Beyond w/Barry
Fri 730-10p:	Hertz So Good w/Steve
Sat 430-9p:	The Old Friends Show



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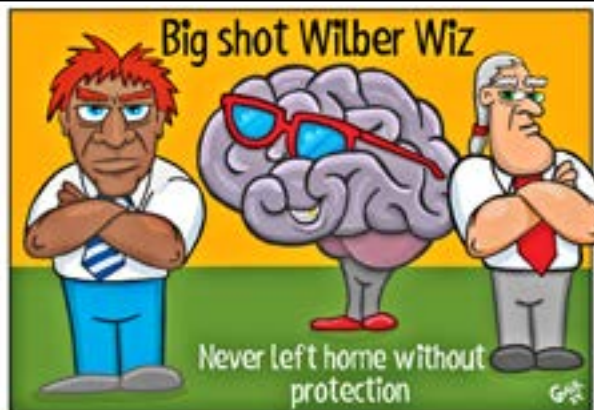
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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 6

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• 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 7

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Songwriter's Workshop 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

SATURDAY 8

• 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

SUNDAY 9

MONDAY 10

• 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.
• DIRA Public Forum 7:30pm Back Hall

TUESDAY 11

REMEMBRANCE DAY

• Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:40am DAC gym
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 12

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place

THURSDAY 13

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall
• Film: No Other Land w. Sarah Kishawi. Back Hall
Dinner 5:45/Talk 6:30 and Film 7pm

FRIDAY 14

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Songwriter's Workshop 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

SATURDAY 15

• 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 16

MONDAY 17

• 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 18

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

WEDNESDAY 19

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place
• DAAC Open Mic 7:30pm Back Hall
• Hornby First Edition Deadline 11:59:59pm

THURSDAY 20

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

