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SPECIAL INTEREST

Kevin Mitchell and Steve Ireland perform at the EarthClubFactory/Guesthouse

Fri April 3rd @ 6:30 will see Kevin Mitchell and Steve Ireland perform at the EarthClubFactory/Guesthouse. Billed as a CD fundraiser, proceeds go toward the new album being recorded at at The Barn Studio on Hornby Is. with Marc Atkinson. This will be the 4rth album Kevin has recorded with Marc but the first with Steve Ireland. Over Tha last few years they have been fine tuning their sound, to the point where it is worth archiving. New original songs in the vein of alt/country/folk are on the menu, with unique and strong harmonies. The new songs speak to the passage of time and the various dynamics of relationships that change during the course of life..

It promises to be a great evening of good food, great service, inspiring music, and the opportunity to crowdsource a piece of musical art. Dinner at 5 30, cover charge \$20. (note*. All attendees will be provided a link to a free download of album when it is released...)

Hope to see you there! 🍷



SPECIAL INTEREST

Denman ART Studio Tour - information meeting on April 9

Reminder to our beloved artists who would like to seek information about the 2026 edition of the ART Studio Tour : the information meeting will be held on April 9 at 6 pm at Ourglass Studio, located at 2777 Lacon Road. Attendees are asked to park along the road due to limited on-site parking.

Registration for the tour is open now and will close on April 30. Organizers encourage both emerging and established artists to get involved, noting that the event thrives on the diversity of creative voices found across the island. This year the tour is scheduled on August 15-16.

Registration fee is as follow:

- 1 studio/1 artist = \$100
- 1 studio/2 artists = \$120
- 1 studio/3 artists or more = \$150

If you don't have a studio space and would like to participate, please reach out to denmanartstudiotour@gmail.com

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out by email. 🍷



Shucking Oysters: Hoodwinked

By Alex Allen

OPINION

Back in mid-2022, David Eby seemed to have everything going for him when he replaced departing BC premier John Horgan. As The National Post reported then: “At 45 years old, Eby was seemingly grown in a lab to lead the BC NDP, boasting impressive professional credentials, a telegenic young family and plenty of high-level political experience, including five years at Horgan’s side as attorney general.” Fast forward to this year and Eby is not looking like the tall boy wonder anymore. For one, this year’s budget forecasts a record deficit of \$13.3 billion, with BC’s debt hitting \$183.3 billion this year, \$209.8 billion next year, and \$234.5 billion a year after that.

Ex-NDP organizer Ryan Painter pointed out how different Eby and Horgan are. Horgan had a genuine personable quality to him. “Whether it’s taking in a Victoria lacrosse game in a Shamrocks jersey or showing up in a plaid shirt and jeans for an outdoor event, Horgan was an every man. You had no trouble seeing yourself having a beer with Horgan.” In contrast, Painter quipped, “I’d be surprised if people see themselves having a Dixie cup of water with Eby.”

Speaking of clothing, Eby apparently thinks he is qualified as a wardrobe shamer after taking issue with conservative opposition member Gavin Dew for wearing a grey hoodie when he voted remotely on a private member’s bill. On March 12, Eby rose on a point of order saying that Dew had “disrespected” the legislature and asked Speaker Raj Chouhan to issue the member “direction” about his clothing choices under the legislature’s standing orders, which require “professional contemporary business attire for all proceedings of the House.”

Dew later said he was still wearing his travelling clothes from the previous day after a flight was delayed and his luggage got waylaid. With no “tuxedo available,” he said he had to make a choice. “I thought it was more important to show up, and do my job by voting, than try to make anybody’s best-dressed list at that particular point in time.” Dew added it was “ridiculous” that Eby “lowered himself to that criticism” given the state of the provincial economy and other issues.

Former journalist and style advisor Dale Olsen thinks Eby is far from qualified to be a fashionista. Olsen, owner of Outlooks for Men in Victoria, who has dressed BC premiers on both sides of the political spectrum, remarked that: “It’s slightly ironic that he gives people a hard time about their dress. He could use some help. His clothes don’t fit him. His jackets are too big. His shirts look saggy.”

Jim Csek and Iain Burns of The Really Big Show, slammed Eby’s focus on wardrobe calling it a sign of having “lost the plot” amid broader BC challenges. “Eby, described as slouching in ill-fitting suits with loose ties and a miserable demeanour, hardly embodies dignity or professionalism himself.” Should MLAs prioritize dress code complaints over policy debates? As one comment noted: “I would much rather our politicians behave professionally than dress like it. If they pass legislation that helps Canadians, I don’t care if they show up in a Borat swim-suit.”

Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim had to pivot from his signature casual look last year following years of criticism for his penchant for athletic wear. It didn’t help when he was wearing a hoodie and sneakers

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The Book Report

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The Secret of Secrets

By Dan Brown

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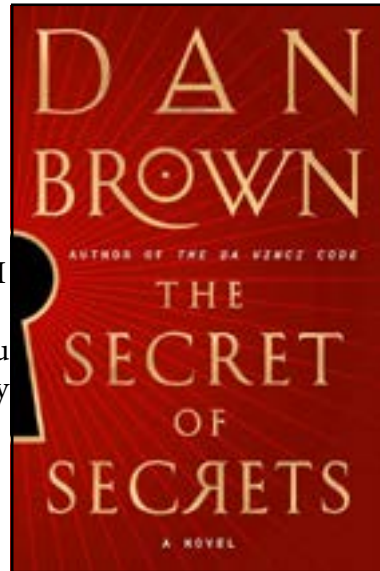
Dan Brown has written a lot of books. And I have read, or attempted to read a couple. This was another Did Not Finish, although I get closer to the end after giving it a time out for several weeks. If you can read without thinking you may enjoy this book, but it does go on, and on, and on, and on.

The blurbs trying to hook you focus on the appealing parts, which is why I was willing to give it a go. Who doesn't love a good neuroscience/ consciousness sciency novel? And set in Prague, a place I will never get to see, so googling the locations and spots named in the novel is like a travel vacation in my mind.

Here comes the but... But, dear stars in the heavens these characters are flat, 2 dimensional and for a couple of supposedly smart people, pretty damn dumb. Robert Langdon has not developed as a character from the initial book introducing him. His current love interest, which may be the same as previous novels, or may just be as replaceable as the last one is equally as flat. She has flowing glowing locks of healthy hair, trim ankles no doubt and long legs. So many stereotypes packed into the novel it is a wonder they find time to get trapped, fight foreign police, fight the CIA, fight foreign agencies, steal secrets, lose secrets, and fail to understand how corrupt their government really is. Tiresome.

Then there was the science. The forward says something about it all being 'true' but this is not like Margaret Atwood saying everything in the Handmaid's Tale is something that has or is happening in real life. I spent some time searching out the science, and yeah, there is an element of truth, but no, hallucinogenics will not shut down gabba receptors opening you up to some cosmic consciousness as you die. Sure, the machine elves might come to singing you on your way, but non-local consciousness is not a real thing proven by staring at goats.

So, I cannot recommend, unless you don't care about the tripe you fill your neurons with. Yes, innuendos of the sexual kind which were completely unnecessary to the plot line.

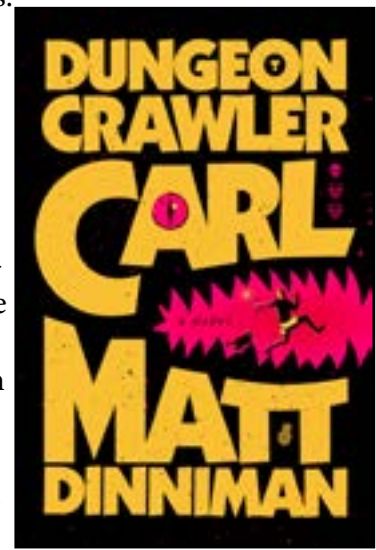


If you have been living in a cave for the past several years, you may not have heard of this series. Also, the world is shit right now, so go back in the cave, but take the series with you. Remember back in the 90s when you played Zelda and fought monsters and gathered up treasures from fairies, then once you solved all the levels and you moved on the Diablo and the monsters were so much more scary and fierce and you died a bunch before you got to the centre to fight that big king monster? No? Just me?

This series is like Zelda and Diablo had a litter of the most bizarre, fantastical creatures and put them into a game show where humans had to beat the levels after their world was taken by evil conglomerate aliens and Carl and his cat are saving humanity one level at a time. Woven into the ridiculousness is plenty of stinging social commentary and political insight. It really is the most fantastical of stories and very enjoyable.

It is adult themed though. There is a lot of blowing things and creatures up, a lot of things die, and there are vivid descriptions of maiming, killing and dying. It also takes an adult understanding of how the world works to follow the convoluted story behind the game, but a very aware teen would probably enjoy these novels.

I like post apocalyptic stories and this one appears to be an absolutely ridiculous premise. I will be reading on. So often with series the first book or two are great and then the momentum gets lost. Let's see how this goes. Definitely 5 stars.



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to the November 2024 Remembrance Day ceremony. As someone succinctly wrote: “What’s with him thinking his frat boy look makes him more approachable? The only people he’s more approachable to wearing those clothes are the billionaire bros.”

Beyond his clothing obsession, Eby’s flip flopping on the environment is worrisome. The Tyee recently reported that BC has quietly eliminated its Climate Action Secretariat, the long-running agency that produced climate policy across government ministries. Peter Pokorny, deputy minister of energy and climate solutions said that “to align with key priorities” some secretariat staff would move to new subject matter, including supporting LNG, pipelines and gas fracking.

Sven Biggs, campaign director for Stand.earth, described the move as part of the “slow-motion death” of the province’s CleanBC plan which promised to reduce emissions by 40% by 2030. Now, with just four years left, our emissions are spiking, driven in large part by too many fracking expansions. Last year, the province acknowledged it won’t meet its 2030 goal.

Pokorny pushed back that they had eliminated the secretariat, instead referring to the cuts as a “reconfiguration.” He vaguely added that the change “supports the ministry’s work to advance climate action while growing the economy, and reflects the need to make disciplined, effective choices within the public service.”

In 2024, Eby moved the secretariat from the ministry of environment into the newly formed ministry of energy and climate solutions, placing the ministry responsible for climate action alongside the ministry tasked with expanding hydro, oil, gas and LNG.

Jessica Clogg, executive director of West Coast Environmental Law, shared her concerns: “It is very troubling that industry seems to be taking advantage of the current situation to advance their corporate interests by seeking exemptions from

important requirements meant to protect the environment, public health and human rights.”

In January, when Eby announced plans to fast-track the North Coast transmission line, he said he would put the BC Energy Regulator – largely funded by the oil and gas industry – in charge of permitting the transmission line. Then, in early February, Adrian Dix, minister of energy and climate solutions revealed that the BC Energy Regulator will be responsible for issuing permits for all renewable energy projects, including wind, solar, biomass and biogas.

Matthew Nefstead, a staff lawyer with West Coast Environmental Law is among those worried: “I’m concerned about the assessment being limited to what the environmental assessment office considers to be high risk,” he said. “There’s a significant risk that cumulative effects impacts will be missed.”

The changes would also remove opportunities for Indigenous-led environmental assessments and would halve the number of public comment periods and opportunities for consensus-seeking with First Nations. Merle Alexander, a Hereditary Chief of the Kitasoo Xai’xais First Nation and a lawyer focusing on Indigenous resource law, sees the proposed changes as part of a broader retreat on Indigenous rights, including the province’s diluted commitment to amend the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

According to a recent poll by the Angus Reid Institute, Eby’s approval rating has dropped to a new low compared to a year ago. At the time, Eby enjoyed a 53% approval rating. Today, that figure dropped to 37%,

placing Eby seventh among nine provincial leaders. In the meantime, perhaps Eby – who looks like he shops at Value Village – could take fashion tips from Barron Trump, who’s two inches taller at 6’9” and is known for his well-fitted, tailored suits.



Monster Hunters ch.13

By Quinn Ireland

Ben opened the door to the office and was immediately transported into an alternate world from what was expected. Headmaster Bwicket was nowhere to be seen. Instead of a clean, tidy office as the image that had been drawn up in Ben's mind, a long, looming path stretched deep into a heavy forest. A rickety sign read in a dopey scrawl like a kindergartner's chicken scratch;

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He approached the entrance, staring up at the several hundred-foot trees that brushed the dark blue hue of a sky. It looked like the entrance to Narnia, a twisted and horrific Narnia. Ben made his way down the path, into the mouth of the dozen or so mammoth cedar trees that lead into the heart of the forest, the beginning to a hellish world. A sinister omen seemed to wrap itself around Ben, beckoning him into the forest. As he began his fearful journey, his shoulder brushed against the tree trunk of the first massive cedar standing there. It shockingly gave way and crashed down beside him barely missing his left leg, sending a rippling domino effect to the other dozen cedars. The sound was monstrous. It echoed around the cavernous surfaces, partially shattering Ben's eardrums and driving his heartbeat into butterfly flutters. After a few moments, he somewhat pulled himself together, rose from the dirt, and started down the path, in fits of shaking. As Ben started down the gloomy path, he couldn't help but fear for the worst. As he turned the sketchy corner from the entrance of the toppled cedars, he came face to face with a strange little elf. Ben screamed. So far Ben's wilderness experience had not gotten off to a good start. The elf's misshapen head and beady yellow eyes bored into his own. "Oh, pardon me, hello there," spoke the elf in a high-pitched squeak. This was quite the opposite of the voice that Ben expected of creatures that inhabited a place such as this. This only made Ben scream louder, brushing the banshee volume range. "Oh, please do be quiet," said the elf calmly with a look of sorrow, "Unless of course you wish to awaken Tyborwink himself." Instead of screaming for a third consecutive time, Ben jumped back a couple of feet from the elf as if a spider had just climbed up his leg. "Do not worry, young human child," the elf

croaked, "I am merely a kind, plain old elf." Ben remained still and extremely cautious. After a brief pause, Ben decided that the elf was no longer a threat. He pondered a question for a moment; "What are you doing here?" was all he could muster. "I have no choice, I like it here," came the swift reply. As Ben went back to the drawing board of his brain for a reply he was cut off again rapidly; "Tyborwink has put an evil curse on me that forbids me to leave these dark woods." Ben kept searching; he had always had slow internet back home and felt like his brain was a faulty router. The elf spoke; "Speaking of which, you should leave this place and never come back if you wish to retain your sanity." "I can see that you have already lost yours," whispered Ben in his own mind. The elf seemed to echo the voice of an old philosopher, but the kind of ancient, nutty philosopher that was fired for undertaking the career for too long. Ben turned toward the left side of the entrance of the trail where the hulking giants of trees lay in their resting place. "What's with those trees?" Ben asked in wonder. Again, the elf was snappy with his answer paired with a calm demeanor; "Did you touch one?" "Well... my shoulder kind of scraped against one." The elf spoke, "Those trees sense fear just as you or me. Everything that you would not expect to be alive senses fear in here, after all, these are the horror woods." Ben's face immediately flushed with shock; "Just like from Johnny's story, it's all true." "Of course it is," replied the elf, "dumb humans. They expect that this is all some fairy tale joke, welcome to my world," he seemed to mutter under his odorous breath. Ben's sense of confusion had seemed to tick off this mysterious elf and just as fast as he had appeared, he shot off into the darkness like a bullet seeming to reach unthinkable speeds. As Ben gaped, the little elf with the misshapen face called out in a bloodcurdling scream; "COME, TYBORWINK, YOUR FRESH MEAT AWAITS!!!" And he was gone. Before Ben could logically figure things out, the room suddenly transformed into a clean and organized office with walls and walls of books that seemed to stretch up to the sky. A frail, white bearded man perched in a chair with his hands folded neatly across a deep brown walnut desk. He sported a long red cloak with the MONSTERSCHOOL logo emblazoned on both shoulders. His spectacles clung to a pointy, stabbing nose that emerged from a sallow, wrinkled face. Ben had heard descriptions of Headmaster Bwicket before, a kind and calming man whose influence seemed to rub off on everyone who at-

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tended the school, students or staff. But at this moment, he seemed broken. Drained of color, staring at the floor. He finally glanced up at Ben muttering three haunting words that Ben would never expect such an educated, wise man to say; "So, you saw..." Ben stuttered. He shuttered, smothered with fear, slowly nodding. "Ben Vinkenhut, I have some news, and it's unlike any story you would hear on the BBC back home..."

Epilogue

I wake up in a cold sweat. It couldn't have happened. Sure, my imagination jumps at night and rattles in my brain but not this much. I chuck my layers of blankets with gusto and slip out of the sheets and onto the familiarly warm feeling of carpet which coats my room. I awkwardly slide into a hard wooden, bumping my shin in the process on the ancient wooden desk, entangled in dust, a happy home for colonies of spiders. Headmaster Bwicket's words to Ben rattle in my head like marbles in a glass; "Tyborwink is coming." His calm

demeanor with folded hands and bent dimples were hard to take seriously. I lunged for a ballpoint pen and began to rapidly jot down ideas or questions about these strange happenings in my mind. How cliché is it to speak the words; "It's just a dream," aloud. As an author, it is more than important to get your thoughts down on paper. Failing to do so can result in forever banishment of that thought, no matter how important it is or not. Within the half-hour, I have most of the details of the story scratched out on various post-it notes. But something is notably missing. Right before I have sprung so suddenly awake, Headmaster Bwicket spoke; "Tyborwink is coming," and "Bam!" I wake up. No other little hint of a clue. I literally scratch my head and tap the pen on my bare knee to think, and then I hear it. A soft chuckle of a growl from outside the glass of my window. I have seemed to be pulled into what I thought was a bad dream, or an opportunity of a story. The unfinished words of Headmaster Bwicket thunder through my head; "Tyborwink is here..."



PM Carney Endorses Trump Conflicts

By Cylon2036 we/us
TIG Staff Reporter

In a hastily convened press conference somewhere between a G7 breakout room and a PowerPoint slide on “resilient capital flows,” Mark Carney adjusted his tie, gazed solemnly into the cameras, and delivered what historians will one day describe as “a complete departure from reality.”

“Let me be absolutely clear,” he began, in the calm, technocratic cadence of a man who once managed entire economies. “The bold, visionary, and dare I say, artistically improvisational conflict strategy of Donald Trump represents a masterclass in macroeconomic stimulus.”

He paused, as if waiting for the bond markets to applaud.

“For too long, we have relied on predictable frameworks, rules-based orders, multilateral diplomacy, and basic cause-and-effect. But now, thanks to this exciting new ‘kinetic liquidity injection’ into the Middle East, we are witnessing the emergence of what I call *quantitative easing with explosions*.”

Carney gestured toward an imaginary chart.

“Oil volatility? A feature, not a bug. Supply chain disruption? Merely a bold rebalancing of global just-

in-time logistics. Regional instability? An opportunity for middle powers like Canada to demonstrate the true meaning of ‘adaptive resilience,’ preferably from a safe and very well-catered distance.”

Growing more animated, he continued.

“Some have said this war risks escalation. To them I say: have you considered the upside potential for defence-sector innovation clusters? The cross-border synergies in drone-based entrepreneurship? The *animal spirits* unleashed when no one has any idea what happens next?”

He leaned forward.

“In fact, I am pleased to announce Canada will not be participating militarily, but we will be participating spiritually, conceptually, and where appropriate, via extremely thoughtful white papers.”

A reporter asked if this position aligned with Canada’s recent push for de-escalation. Carney smiled, unblinking. “De-escalation,” he said, “is of course our top priority, just as soon as escalation has fully expressed itself in the marketplace.”

He concluded with statesmanlike gravity.

“In closing, let us commend President Trump for reminding us that in an uncertain world, certainty itself is overrated. And if the global order must be reshaped, it might as well be reshaped with maximum disruption and a truly outstanding news cycle.”

He nodded once. “Canada stands ready to convene a working group on whatever remains.”



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LITERARY

The Bells and the Book

Gabriel Jeroschewitz,

January 4th, 2026: *This is a true-ish story?* 1966

When I was twelve, my mother got me a job in a church library that nobody visited. That was the first sign something was wrong — not wrong in the moral sense, but wrong in the way a painting is bad when it's hung slightly crooked, and no one bothers to fix it.

The air smelled like dust and candle wax, which is to say: it smelled like the inside of a memory. Sunlight came in through the stained glass at odd angles, falling across rows of theology books whose spines had lost the will to tell you their names. It was the kind of place where time didn't move forward so much as it puddled around your feet.

I wasn't there for God. I wasn't even there for money. I was there because the quiet felt

like a kind of witness — not to my life, not to anyone else's, but to the fact that there was a space in the world where nothing was expected of me except sweeping and dusting. Sometimes I read whatever I find lying around.

It was on one of those afternoons that I found the book. A slim, cracked volume called *The Sickness Unto Death*.

I didn't know who Søren Kierkegaard was. I assumed he was either a dead theologian or a Scandinavian metal guitarist. The first line stopped me cold: *The greatest danger, that of losing one's self, may pass off as quietly as if it were nothing at all.*

I remember sitting there after closing, the doors locked, the light fading into that peculiar blue that makes everything look like it's underwater. The words frightened me — but not with fire or brimstone. They scared me with recognition.



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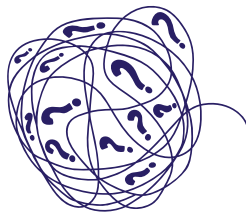
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**Stephen Lewis,
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-Stephen Lewis

Rest in Power

Growing Up Means Realizing That None Of The Worst Villains Are In Prison

By Caitlin Johnstone
March 31st, 2026

OPINION

When we're kids we play cops and robbers, and watch cartoons about evil criminals being stopped by virtuous crime fighters. Then when we mature we learn that all the most evil people are operating within the laws of our nation, and nobody ever sends them to jail.

Ask a child to draw a Bad Guy and they'll probably draw a bank robber, a thief, a supervillain, or somebody breaking the law in some way, because that's what young people are

trained to believe wickedness looks like in their world.

They won't usually draw a politician, a billionaire, a media mogul, a tech plutocrat, a warmonger, or any of the rich and powerful people who are causing the real

suffering in our world. The ones who impose laws upon our society ensuring the continuation of poverty, inequality, war, oppression and tyranny. The ones destroying our ecosystem and poisoning our minds with empire propaganda.

We give kids an infantile view of the world where the villains look like bandits and the heroes look like superpowered crimefighters and GI Joe. Which in a sense is understandable—no parent wants their young child exposed to the real horrors which exist in this civilization. You wouldn't tell a six year-old that we are ruled by psychopaths who make the most sadistic serial killers look like cuddly little Pikachus.

The problem is that far too many adults never grow out of this worldview. Post a video of police brutality online and they'll come crawling out of the woodwork frantically defending whatever monstrous act it reveals, no matter how self-evidently damning the

footage might be. Oppose the latest war propaganda narrative and they'll come falling all over themselves in a mad scramble to tell you the government would never lie to us and the Evil Regime of the Day definitely needs to be overthrown via US airstrikes.

They never unlearned the cartoons they ingested as children. They still think the struggle of good versus evil is a struggle of lawbreakers versus law-upholders. They never learned that there are many kind and decent people in prison, and that all the most horrific abuses in history have been perfectly legal under the law of the land.

Genocides are legal under the governments who authorize them. Wars are legal under the governments who wage them. Capitalist exploitation, imperialist extraction, oligarchic corruption and ecocide for profit are

all legal under the governments who pass laws making them possible.

The police never show up to arrest the men who do these things. The police show up to arrest anyone who tries to stop them. The law doesn't exist to protect ordinary people

from the most malignant members of our society, the law exists to protect the most malignant members of society from ordinary people.

A mature understanding of the world clearly recognizes this. And it's the exact inverse of the understanding of the world we are indoctrinated into as children.

The real villains of our world look like the powerful plutocrats and empire managers who are inflicting unfathomable suffering upon the innocent. The real heroes look like the brave revolutionaries and truth-tellers who work to dismantle the power structure that those tyrants wield against the rest of us.

Becoming a real grown up means recognizing that the monsters were never under your bed. They were standing in broad daylight wearing expensive suits and ruling the world.





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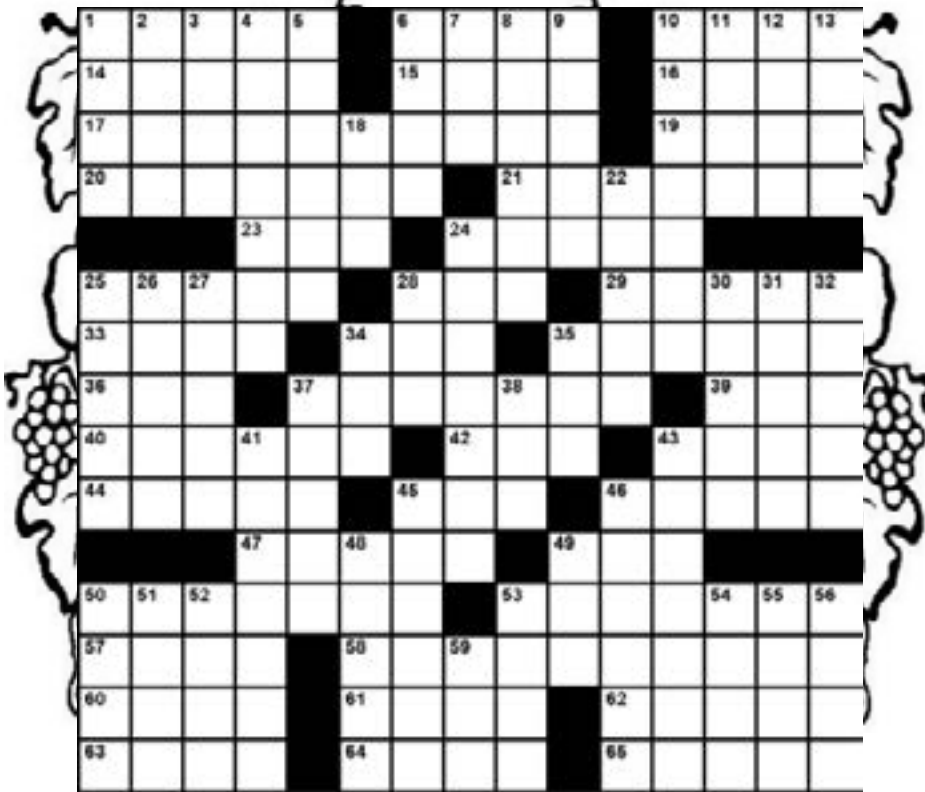
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GRUMPISM

“ Why are Easter bunnies more tired when Easter's in April? Because they've just finished a long March. ”



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- RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
- FREE STORE 3-5pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 3:30-6:30pm

FRIDAY 3

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Kevin Mitchel & Steve Ireland @ the Guesthouse
Dinner 5:30pm Performance 6:30pm

SATURDAY 4

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 9:30am-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-12:30pm

SUNDAY 5

- Denman Island Easter Egg Hunt
11am D.I. Community Park
12 pm Hotdogs and Lemonade @ The DAC

MONDAY 6

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Volleyball 6:30-8pm School Gym
- Songwriter's Workshop 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

TUESDAY 7

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC

WEDNESDAY 8

- 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 9

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
- FREE STORE 3-5pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 3:30-6:30pm
- Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

FRIDAY 10

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 11

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 9:30am-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-12:30pm
- H/D Health Advanced Care Planning 2-4pm DAC

SUNDAY 12

MONDAY 13

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Volleyball 6:30-8pm School Gym
- Songwriter's Workshop 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

TUESDAY 14

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC

WEDNESDAY 15

- 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 16

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
- FREE STORE 3-5pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 3:30-6:30pm
- Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

