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The Valley Voice

The Voices of the Columbia Valley



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HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Volunteers of the Columbia Valley Voices Online Magazine are dedicated to providing content that is generated and supported by our valley residents.

We welcome and encourage all communication - we want to know how we're doing!

Send us a note on Facebook or Instagram @thevoicecv

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by email to news@thevoiceca.ca



ANECDOTE

I couldn't decide whether to go to Salt Lake City or Denver for vacation, so I called the airlines to get prices.

"Airfare to Denver is \$300," the cheery salesperson replied.

"And what about Salt Lake City?"

"We have a really great rate to Salt Lake—\$99," she said "But there is a stopover."

"Where?"

"In Denver," she said.

WHAT WE NEED

Thank you for reading and taking the time to support our volunteer driven online publication. We appreciate you.

We've had many ask how they can help. Here are a few things we need now:

1. Content! If you like to write, consider reaching out. We would love to publish your stuff!
2. Know a business that should be taking advantage of our free advertising? TELL THEM!!
3. Do you like to take photos? Well, we like to have community captured images in our editions as much as possible. Send yours in and we will ensure you're credited when they are used.
4. Ever wanted to be a journalist and get the scoops and capture the real stories as they happen? We could use you! Please connect with us.

POTENTIAL COVID-19 EXPOSURE AT SCHOOLS IN THE COLUMBIA VALLEY

According to information found on the Interior Health website, there are multiple school locations which have experienced a possible exposure scenario. The IH website states: "When a case of COVID-19 is confirmed, IH public health works quickly to determine close contacts, and contacts parents/guardians of students who are considered to be at risk."

Below are the current exposure risk notices:

CITY	SCHOOL	EVENT DATE
Cranbrook	Mount Baker Secondary	April 8-9
Cranbrook	Kootenay Christian Academy	April 6
Kimberly	McKim Middle School	April 8-9
Windermere	Windermere Elementary	April 6
Invermere	Eileen Madson Primary	April 6
Invermere	David Thompson Secondary	April 9-12

Notifications are removed after 14 days when the risk of transmission has passed.

For more information on how the school notification process works, or to review the up-to-date notification list, please visit <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/school-exposures/>

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VACCINATIONS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS 18+

BC's COVID-19 dashboard, provided by the BC CDC, highlights areas of concerns, efforts, and advances made in the fight against community transmission.

To date, more than 1.3 million doses have been administered to residents of BC and that numbers sure to rise as appointment booking opens.

There are 3 steps to get vaccinated:

1. Register: Sign up to get placed in sequence and obtain a confirmation number (used to book),
2. Book Appointment: You'll receive notice when it's your time to book.
3. Get Vaccinated: Visit, get your shot, and stay tuned for your call to get your second dose.

Don't expect to book an appointment the same day you register.

They are currently booking invitations for:
People born in 1958 or earlier (63+)

Indigenous people born in 2003 or earlier (18+)

People who are clinically extremely vulnerable

[You can register 24 hours a day.](#)

To register online, you must provide:

- First and last name
- Date of birth
- Postal code
- Personal Health Number
- An email address that gets checked regularly or a phone number that can receive text messages
- Find your Personal Health Number on the back of your B.C. driver's licence, BC Services Card or CareCard.

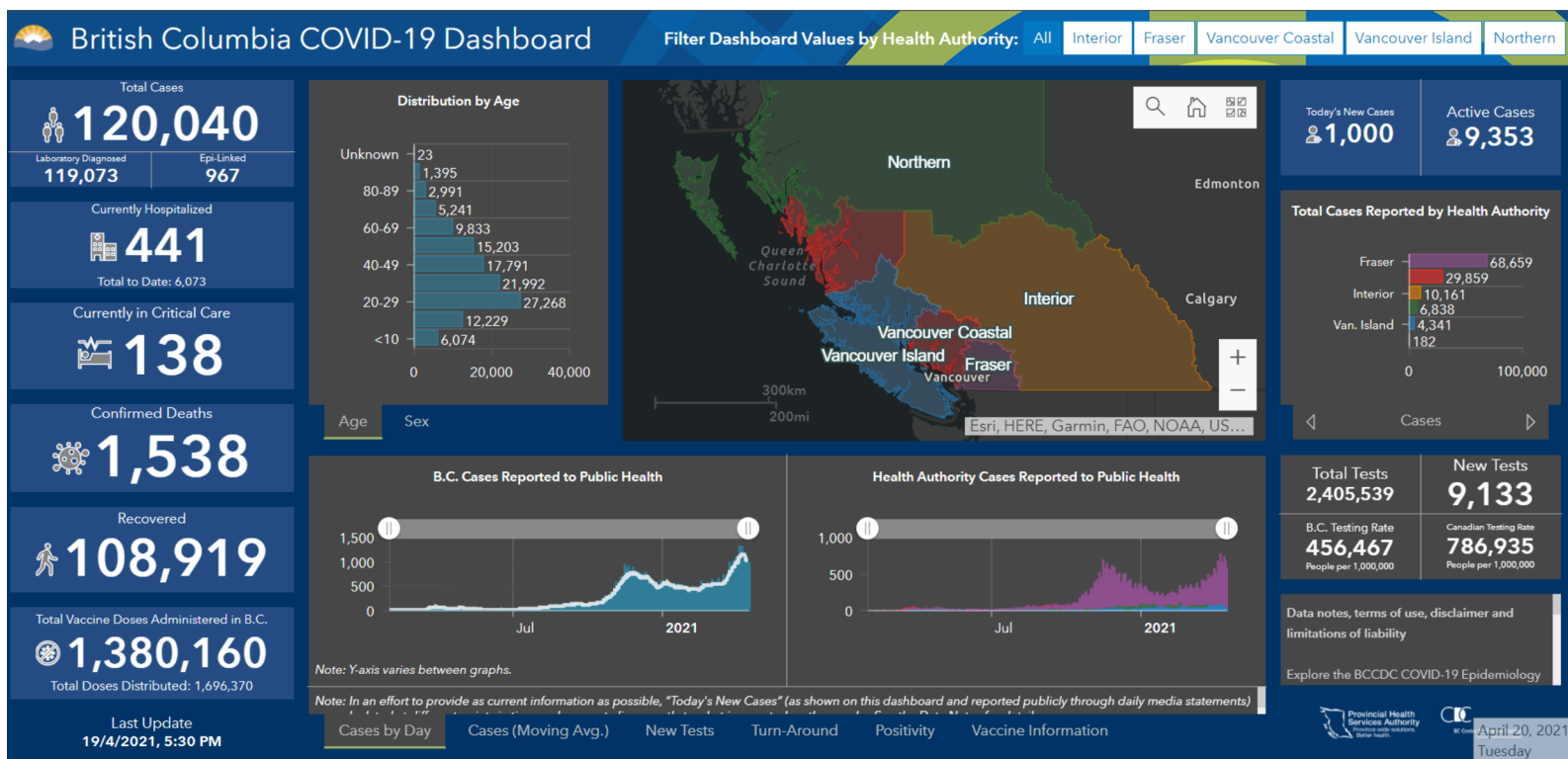
Make sure to arrive prepared by wearing a short-sleeve shirt and mask. It is recommended that you arrive a few minutes early.

All clinics are wheelchair accessible. You will be provided a mask if you need one.

At the clinic you will complete a check-in process, receive either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine (a choice is not offered to you) and will then be asked to wait 15 minutes to watch for any immediate side effects.

You can expect to be at the clinic for 30-60 minutes.

REGISTER HERE: WWW.GETVACCINATED.GOV.BC.CA



News Source: [BC CDC COVID-19 DASHBOARD](#)



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Our Quarter One donors have supported 11 different Columbia Valley Community Foundation funds, all of which serve to *Enrich Lives in the Columbia Valley*. These donations support initiatives varying from environmental education, arts & culture, COVID response, and youth education.

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VALLEY PROMOTIONS

THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The federal government released the budget for 2021/22 yesterday afternoon. The budget outlines the Government of Canada's response to fight against the next wave of COVID-19 and ensure a resilient economy that will create jobs and grow our country. The budget outlines a plan to tackle the creation of new jobs, growth of small businesses, supporting women in business and the workplace, early learning and childcare, climate action, and supporting young Canadians.

By the end of the year the Government of Canada expects there to be an additional one million jobs available for Canadians, ahead of expectations from last fall's commitment to the employment of Canadians. Outside of the support being given to businesses impacted by COVID-19, the Government of Canada is also enhancing the Canada Small Business Financing Program to allow small businesses to continue to grow and innovate. This includes creating new opportunities for skilled tradespeople in the form of a new Apprenticeship Service. This will support 55,000 first-year apprentices in construction and manufacturing. Red Seal trades connect with opportunities at small and medium-sized employers.

To fuel the growth of Small Business in the country, one of the new legislations put in effect is the Canada Digital Adoption Program which is set to create thousands of jobs for Canadians and help close to 160,000 businesses adopt new technologies. Businesses who are eligible will receive micro-grants and access to zero-interest financing to help offset the costs of going digital.

The Government of Canada has also acknowledged the need to support more women and children in the country by establishing a Canada-wide early learning and childcare system. The goal of this plan is to reduce fees for parents with children in regulated childcare by 50 per cent on average, by 2022, with a goal of reaching \$10 per day on average by 2026, everywhere outside of Quebec. The budget also provides up to \$146.9 million over four years to provide greater access to financing, mentorship, and training for women entrepreneurs.





To support climate change, the budget reveals funding towards retrofits for homeowners to help reduce the cost of energy bills and the overall impact on our environment. \$2.3 billion dollars over five years will also be dedicated towards conserving up to 1 million square kilometers of land and inland waters. There will be \$319 million provided over seven years to help support the research and development of technology that will improve the viability of carbon capture, utilization, and storage. The climate change actions of the budget also include steps towards protecting communities in high-risk flooding areas. Providing \$63.8 million over three years to complete flood maps for higher-risk areas to provide more resiliency to their communities.

With young Canadians finding it harder to secure an income during COVID-19 and attending post-secondary education, the Government of Canada has also provided new assistance to young Canadians. \$4.1 billion will be invested to allow the doubling of the Canada Student grant for two additional years, no interest payments until March 31, 2023, no payments to be made if you make less than \$40,000.00 a year and extending disability support. The budget includes support for Indigenous students with \$150.6 million be dedicated over two years for help with costs and living expenses. To ensure the investment being made into their future will be effective, the government will also invest \$721 million over the next two years to help connect employers with students.

The mental health impact of COVID-19 will continue to be felt in our communities for years to come. The Government of Canada also announces an investment of \$1 billion towards the mental health of Canadians. The funds will be supporting projects to innovate mental health interventions for populations disproportionately impacted by COVID 19, including health care workers, front-line workers, youth, seniors, Indigenous peoples, and racialized and Black Canadians.

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THERE'S ANOTHER CLOUD ON THE FIELD AND IT'S NOT STRIFE.

The ability to play video games everywhere and anywhere has been a dream for gamers worldwide for decades. What if you had the ability to pick up your phone or tablet and start playing one of the games in your library?

You could be walking to a friend's house across town and the entire team keep playing the same game you started when you left the house. These possibilities are here with the rise of cloud gaming.

Microsoft unveiled their cloud gaming platform through their ever popular streaming service Xbox Game Pass last year. While the cloud gaming platform has only been available for Android OS, Xbox has announced that it will be kicking off a limited beta of its Xbox Cloud Gaming system on PC and Apple devices today.

If you are an Xbox Ultimate Game Pass subscriber check your inbox because you may have received an invite to beta test the new cloud gaming platform available for Windows 10 PCs and iOS devices. Those who have received their invite will be able to play through web browsers including Edge, Chrome, or Safari. In order to play you're going to need a Bluetooth or USB-connected control. Some games are compatible with custom touch screen controls for mobile and tablet devices.

If you didn't receive your invitation to join the beta, don't worry! You may still be invited to enter the beta soon. Xbox will be sending out more invites as the beta goes on to people from across 22 countries. With the reach of people beta testing the service, Xbox is continuing to improve the gaming experience which will hopefully allow them to quickly open the service up to all subscribers in the coming months.

JOSH GRIEVE



VOLUNTEER RESCUERS THANKED FOR SAVING A LIFE

CANMORE WOMAN THANKS VOLUNTEER RESCUERS AFTER NEARLY FATAL 100-METRE FALL

Patricia Paul, a 44-year-old woman from Canmore, Alberta was rescued by volunteer search teams after a 100-metre fall in Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park March 27.

Shared early yesterday morning by CBC News is Patricia Paul's sincerest thanks after being rescued from a potentially fatal situation.

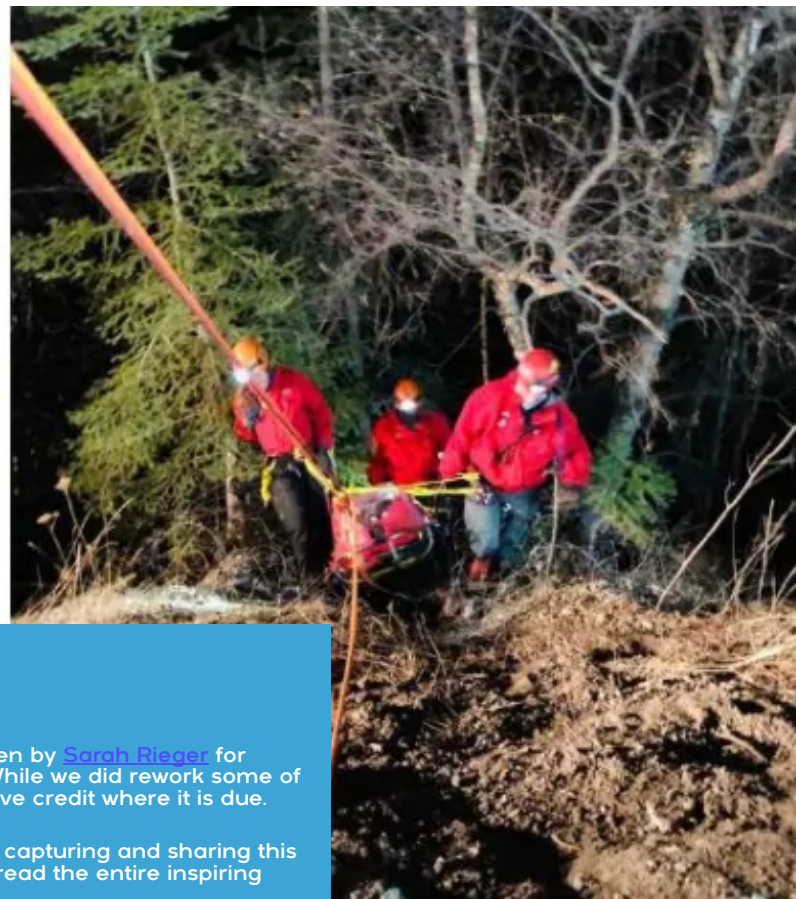
The police got a call around 10:45 p.m., and Columbia Valley and Kimberley Search and Rescue Teams headed out to the site where they worked, late into the night, to use ropes to raise her 100 metres up the steep, treed slope, before airlifting her to hospital.

She was put on life support, with her ribs broken, right forefinger broken and tendon severed, other fingers broken, and a broken vertebra in her neck – not to mention severe head trauma that saw her skull exposed, and road rash and bruises all over her body.

Despite everything, Paul said she's feeling luck and gratitude.

"This sounds like the worst luck a person could have, but going through this, and all of the help I've received – the doctors, surgeons and nurses and saved my life, and the search and rescue teams (like, they're volunteers) – they came and they saved my life!" she said.

"I wouldn't have been able to come this far if it wasn't for all of this help and support. I want people to remember that, you know, there's still good people in the world. There's still good in the world."

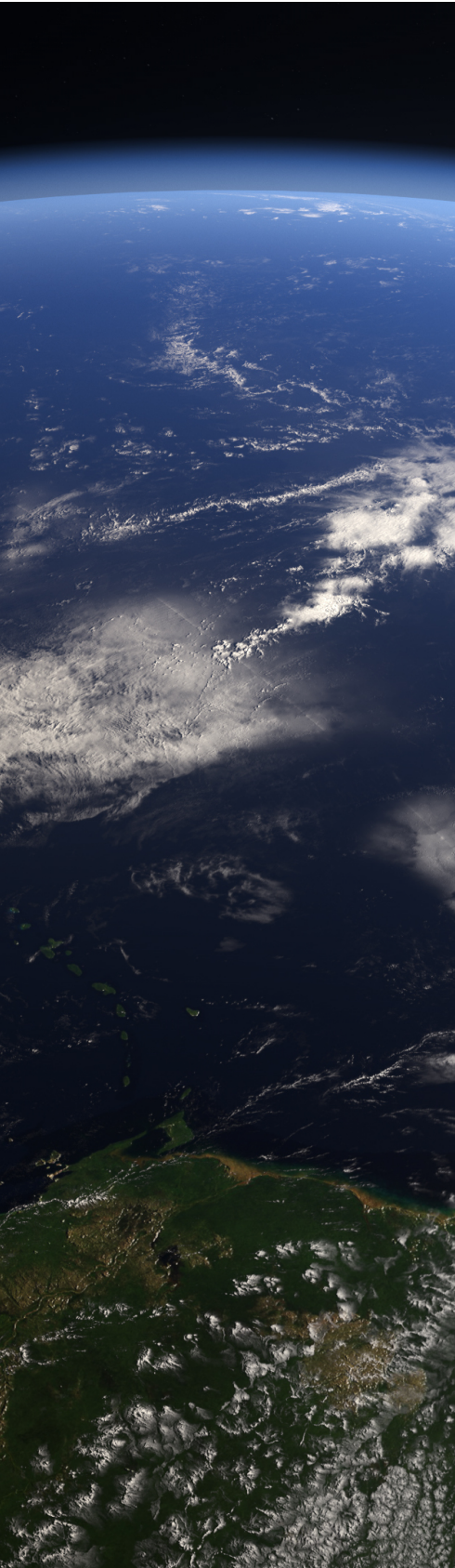


Source:

The original piece was written by [Sarah Rieger](#) for publication by CBC News. While we did rework some of the content for space, we give credit where it is due.

Thank you to CBC News for capturing and sharing this beautiful story. Feel free to read the entire inspiring piece [HERE](#).

FLAT-EARTH ENTHUSIAST FINDS HIS PERCEPTION FLAT



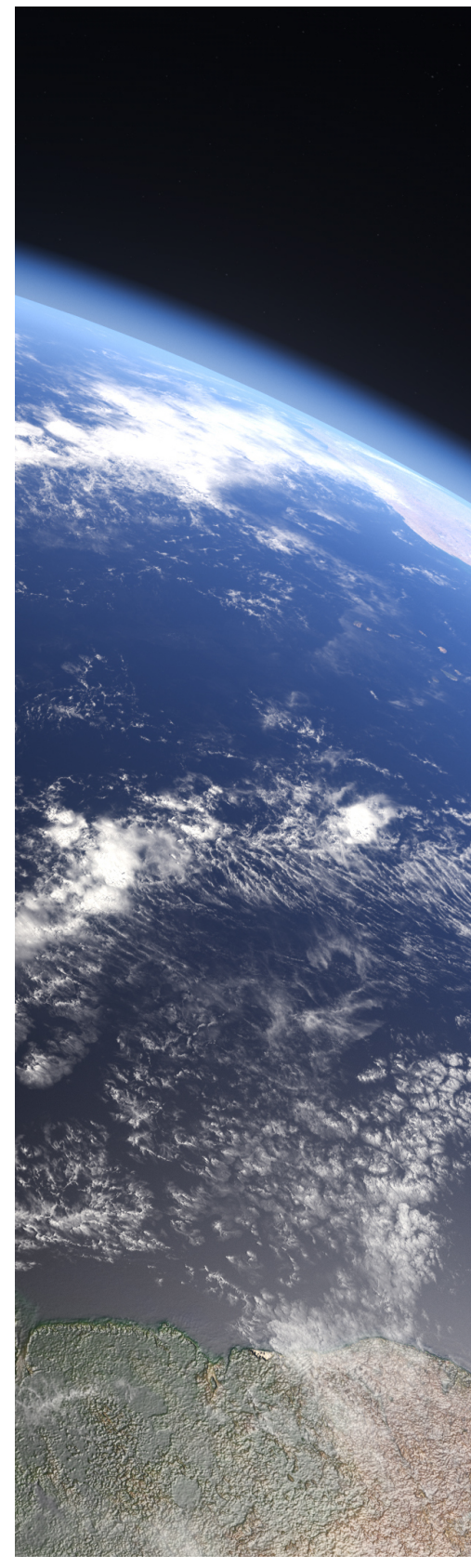
Mak Parhar, a vocal enthusiast of the Flat Earth conspiracy and anti-mask movement, is accusing the B.C. government of kidnapping and committing terrorism in relation to his arrest for breaking federal quarantine laws. On Friday, the B.C. Supreme Court Justice Murray Blok ruled against Mak Parhar in his civil suit claims.

In November 2020, Mak Parhar was arrested for breaking mandatory quarantine repeatedly after returning from a Flat Earth conference in the United States, which he also bragged about during a rally in Vancouver. He is currently facing multiple charges in connection with the Vancouver rally and is scheduled for trial in criminal court this summer.

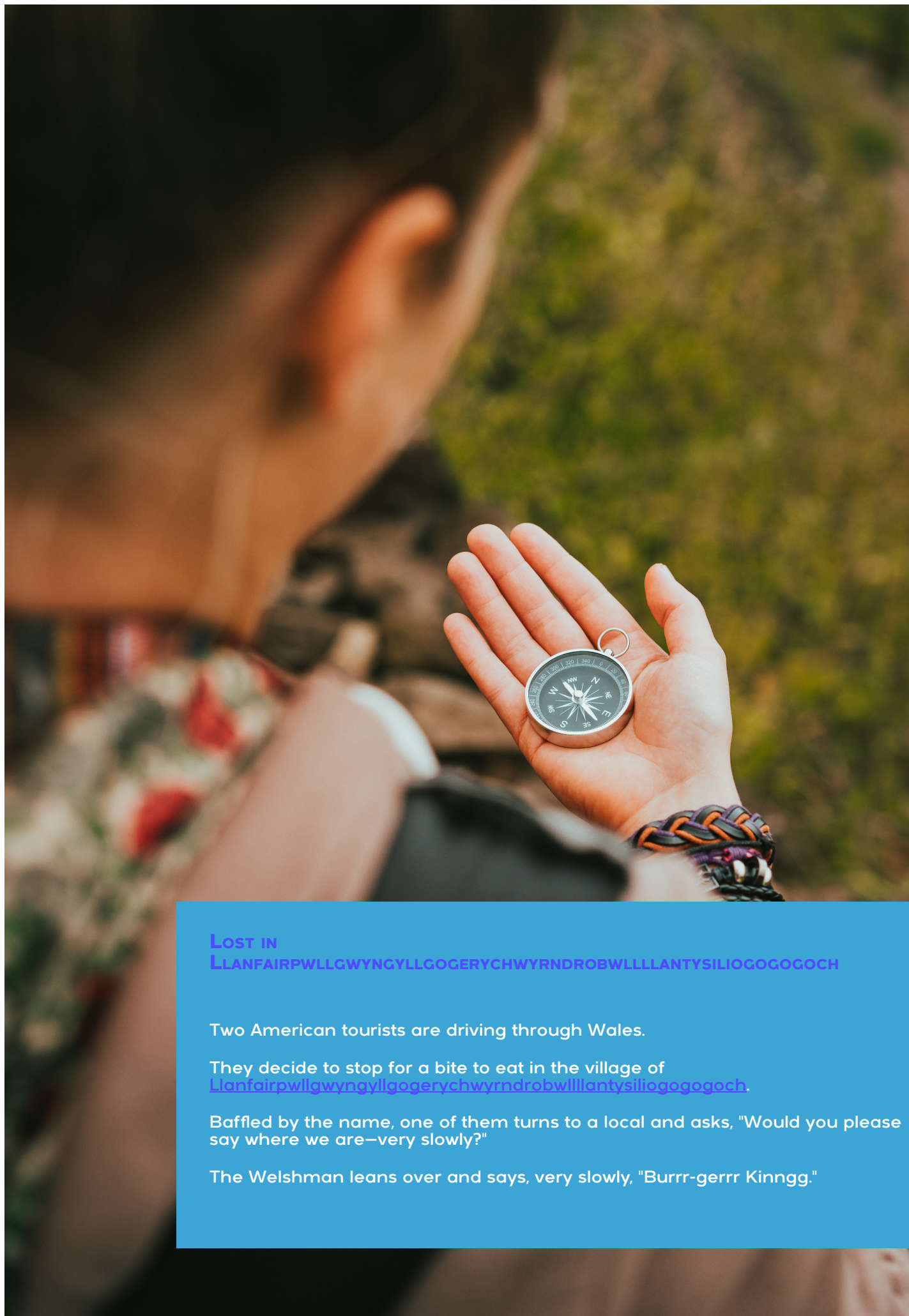
Shortly after being arrested, Parhar filed a claim against provincial officials for "trespass" and deeming himself "i:man:Mak of the Parhar family" while claiming he is not subject to any laws. He also claims to try the defendants (the provincial government) in something he labels "Parhar Court."

These claims are a classic example of an "organized pseudolegal commercial argument" (OPCA). A legal theory which has been wildly debunked which favours fringe groups like Sovereign Citizens and Freemen on the Land. The argument of these groups is they are exempt from any government regulations and laws of their courts. Should you know the correct words and phrases you can avoid paying taxes or following laws is the ideology of groups like these.

Parhar's most recent proceedings along with his previous ones did not bode well for him and his claims as the judge ruled against him.



Source: [CBC News](#)



**LOST IN
LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLANTYSILIOGOGOGCH**

Two American tourists are driving through Wales.

They decide to stop for a bite to eat in the village of [Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch](#).

Baffled by the name, one of them turns to a local and asks, "Would you please say where we are—very slowly?"

The Welshman leans over and says, very slowly, "Burr-gerrr Kinngg."

A LITTLE FUN

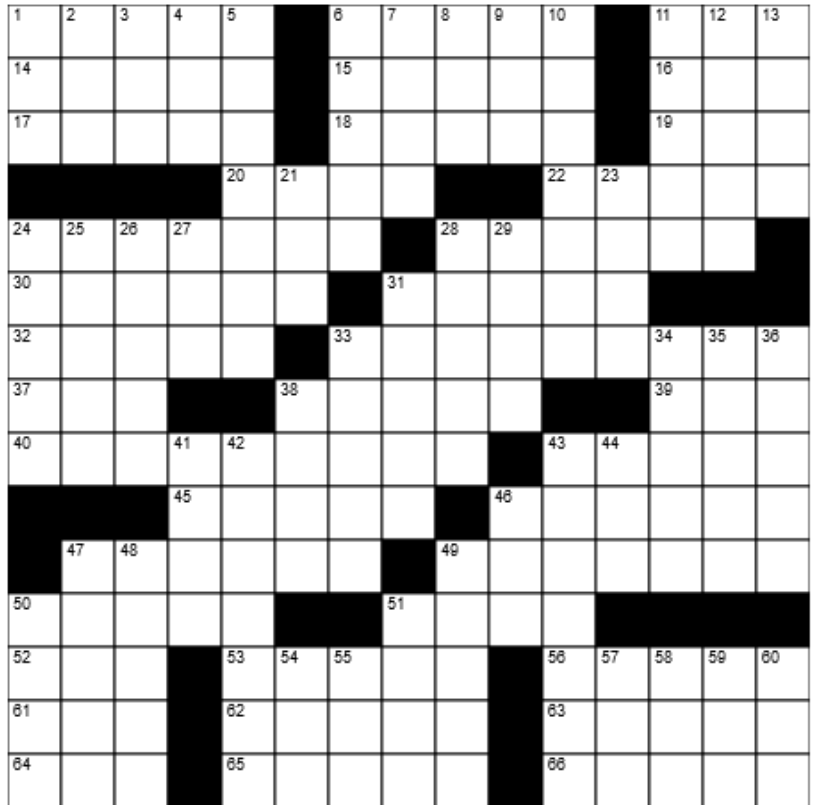
BestCrosswords.com - Puzzle #1 on 4/20/2021

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1- Honshu port; 6- Balls; 11- Kung ___ chicken; 14- Well-known; 15- Low life?; 16- Richards of Texas; 17- Money spent; 18- ____, I'm Adam; 19- Actress Ruby; 20- Lens holders; 22- Everyday; 24- Roof item; 28- Debt that remains unpaid; 30- Eye membrane; 31- Sigh; 32- Fiddled; 33- Crackle; 37- Self starter?; 38- Ostentatious; 39- It's for two, in song; 40- Sleuth; 43- Ascends; 45- Glove material; 46- Give in; 47- Ostrich or emu; 49- Male donkey; 50- Dimensions; 51- Jury member; 52- Frequently; 53- Like helium; 56- Turn over; 61- Bar order; 62- Tag line?; 63- Inuit dwelling; 64- VCR button; 65- Plant problem; 66- Spoil;

Down

1- Lennon's lady; 2- Former coin of France; 3- ABA member; 4- Frat party staple; 5- Decked out; 6- Type of ray; 7- Latin lesson word; 8- Spearheaded; 9- Attorney's org.; 10- Warrior of feudal Japan; 11- "The Taming of the Shrew" setting; 12- Lend ___; 13- Like Nash's lama; 21- One ___ million; 23- Posted; 24- Was Hamlet; 25- Snare; 26- Rendezvous; 27- Hydrocarbon ending; 28- ___ having fun yet?; 29- Fibrous; 31- Orchard; 33- Reproach; 34- Puzzled; 35- Mall frequenters; 36- Bridge positions; 38- Keep it, to an editor; 41- Ferrara family; 42- Style of cooking; 43- New member; 44- Class; 46- ___ Dawn Chong; 47- Long arm; 48- Nahuatl speaker; 49- Volkswagen model; 50- Go sky-high; 51- Prissy; 54- Silent assent; 55- Hot time in Paris; 57- Links org.; 58- Biblical high priest; 59- Tours turndown; 60- Speck;



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WHY DID BEETHOVEN GET RID OF HIS CHICKENS?

ALL THEY SAID WAS "BACH, BACH, BACH..."

GET INVOLVED

There are MANY ways you can get involved with this awesome online publication! We hope to hear from you.

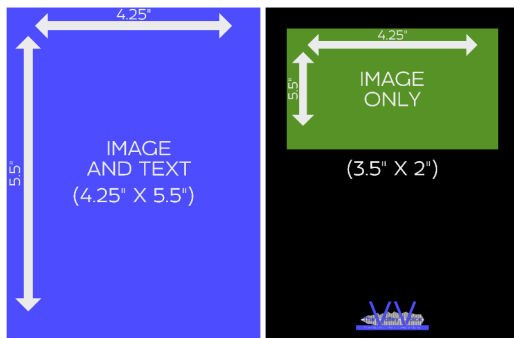
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