

# FORWARD VISION

*A harmless little flight of fancy*

by Harry Dunn  
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We've reached the Twenty – Twenties,  
A new decade sees the light,  
So I went to see the eye-doc  
To check my failing sight;  
What with cataracts and age, sometimes  
I can't tell day from night.

'Well, it's not new glasses that you need,'  
Said my learned eye-physician,  
'What *you* need's a guide-dog and a stick,  
Which I will now prescribe,  
With your kind permission;  
Not too thin and not too thick;  
You'll need a place for the dog to sleep  
And a bowl for him to lick.'

'But it's *specs* I need, good doctor,  
Not a Labrador and stick,  
Can't you prescribe new spectacles,  
Powerful, strong and thick,  
- not so thick I can't see through 'em -  
So come on, Doc, you're an optometrist of renown,  
Or so everyone assures me -  
The best optician in this town,  
So, get out your pen and scripts,  
I know that you can do 'em,  
If you really knuckle down.'

'Well,' said my dear optometrist,  
Responding to this gibe,  
'When you make your point that way -  
There *is* a thing I could, perhaps, prescribe,  
It's the latest thing from the USA  
And it gives you *pre*-cognition,  
In this brand-new decade we've just started,'  
Said my bespectacled optician:  
'It might even help you to forget  
The nasty decade just departed'

So , of course, I gave him my permission.

'You'll get vision of a different kind,  
They call it *FORWARD VISION*  
And it adds optional rose-tinting,  
To the power of pre-cognition,  
It has viewing- date selectors,  
Which give you any date desired  
Between Twenty-twenty- one and Twenty- twenty - nine  
By which time *I* expect to be retired.'

'Donald Trump has several pairs,  
And consults them on the run  
To help with policy decisions,  
Like who to pay off now, and who to shun,  
To keep the lid on his affairs,  
Knowing when to hold 'em and when to cut and run  
He consults his *Forward Visions*,  
Always looking after - good ole' Number One.  
Donald's Time - Selector is fixed on Short-Term-View  
To see what next week's papers say,  
Not ten years from now, six months or even two:  
With flinty eyes fixed firm and fast  
On the end-of-year election,  
And will he meet his Waterloo?'

'But I warn you now, dear patient,'  
Said my optic guru, eager and bright-eyed,  
'These spectacles have no performance guarantee ,  
No promise of accuracy's implied,  
No proof of what's to be,  
These Forward Visions will provide  
What the wearer *wants* to hear and see  
So foolish folks like Donald, you and I  
Can dial-up maximum rose – colour, if we wish  
And get only what we'd *like* to hear and see.'

So he scribbled out a hasty script  
And handed it to me,  
Saying “you can order these direct  
From Forward Vision Optics, USA,  
And I assure you they'll be sent -

All you have to do is pay!

In due course, my Forward Visions were delivered,  
So I wasn't diddled or extruded,  
In a package marked - 'Handle goods with care,  
Precious instruments inside - batteries not included'.  
Surprised I was to find them more like binoculars than specs,  
But sure enough, when powered-up,  
An image did appear, complete with sound-effects,  
At first a little hazy, then becoming loud and clear,  
The image of a headline  
Of the type we used to get in our printed daily news,  
Back when we still had some honest 'papers here,  
Back when journos raced to meet a deadline,  
And most readers knew which reports were factual and clear  
And which were just the jaundiced views  
Of that paranoid old one-eyed pamphleteer!

So I cranked up my hand-held 'Time Control',  
All the way to Twenty-twenty-nine,  
- As far as it would go -  
Selected 'Pollies, Perks and Porks'  
- These topics are always happy to combine,  
And when you add 'Easy Money' to the mix,  
Someone barrels pork, gets caught, and must resign,  
If they've engineered a fix .

I then set my digital 'Rose-Tint' key all the way to 'Max'  
For reports on Aussie Sports  
Because I'd like to hear some good news, Bro'  
- I'm not too fussed about the facts -  
It's often better not to know.

So here, dear readers, are a handful,  
Of the headlines which appeared,  
On my Forward -Vision specs,  
Some are quite believable, others really weird,  
I don't know how they do it,  
Sometimes I get the good news that I've craved ,  
At others - the bad news is what I feared  
But who am I to rue it?  
And this sneaky little insight makes me feel -

Just a little bit depraved!

These Forward Vision specs may not be  
The *only* way to view the years ahead  
But when you're old and pessimistic,  
As some oldies tend to be,  
I find my Forward Visions suit me better  
Than that Labridor and stick ,  
And I get to see a world more optimistic  
Than the real one, often sad and sick ,  
The one we have to live with,  
Whoever we may be,  
Ev'ry Harry, Tom and Dick

## **WORLD POLITICS, 2020 - 2029**

World Politics Dial set at 'Realistic,Possible' Not ' Colour Enhanced"

# **USA**

## **TRUMP & PUTIN SWAP JOBS**

***Pravda 29/02/2025***

Presidents Donald Trumpski and Vladimir Poo-tin have ended the constitutional deadlocks in their respective countries, which limit the number of terms a president may serve, by agreeing to exchange countries, effective immediately, thereby becoming first-term presidents in their new countries, and avoiding the time and wasteful cost of electioneering procedures every four years.

Newly-appointed President Trumpski, just arrived from Washington in Air Force One, gave his first interview from the Kremlin. Our beloved new President said that he would rule for all Russians, and promised to lead Mother Russia into a new age of power and prosperity, similar to what he had achieved for every wealthy white American Republican back in the USA

President Trumpski said his first act would be to call a Nuclear Re-armament Summit with the newly-appointed American President Poo-Tin, and his good

friend Kim Jong-un, the third member of the Big Three Nuclear Power Club..

President Poo-tin could not be contacted this morning.

A Washington-based spokesman for the President said that President Poo-tin is expected to arrive 'at any minute' from his long and tiring Aeroflot One flight from Moscow, which travelled via Iran, Syria, Israel, Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and North Korea, where radio contact was lost .

The spokesman said he was confident that the newly-appointed American president was in full control of the situation aboard Aeroflot One, in spite of a number of unexplained 'technical and navigational 'problems which had beset the Presidential flight, originally scheduled to fly direct from Moscow to Washington, and was at a loss to explain the in-flight changes to the original flight plan.

President Trumpski smiled but did not wish to comment on “ my good buddy Vlad's problematical flight from Moscow to Washington, at this worrying but somehow predictable moment in time”

## **Oceania**

**Where the hell is Oceania?**

**Murdoch International Press 26/11/2025**

Rumours that Australian Prime Minister, Slogger 'SloMo' Mollison was at risk of losing his Parliamentary majority have sparked a run of ALP leadership speculations, for the third time this year. The Opposition Leader declared today that he had the 100% undying support of his shadow cabinet, and his long-serving back-bench, but would not comment on rumours that several former leaders were queing up to mount a leadeship challenge, and the speculation continues...

Meanwhile, moves were afoot within the Coalition to unseat Mr. Mollison. Backbencher Barnaby Joyless said he was appalled by the sad state of Conservatine politics in Australia, and had no political ambitions for himself or his backbench colleabues, but he was nonetheless prepared and willing to step up to the responsibilities of Prime Minister, if his country called, and said that, he would govern for all Australians, especially those in his New England electorate and all those who lived in North Queensland, and all those who could remember..except, of course, his various wives and kids.

Sensing an election in the air, the Labor leadership was 'under review' as it often is at this time of year, and a number of tried and proven contenders have, as it were, stepped back into the ring, including Bill Shorten, Julia Gillard, Kevin Rudd, Paul Keating, and the ghosts of Bob Hawke and - a surprise entry – BillyHughes.

When questioned about the age of some of the leadership contenders, Mr. Hughes said....'you think we're old – just take a look at those geriatric Yanks!'

Caucus will meet again next Tuesday to settle the leadership issue, "once and for all", according to Labor Party Whip, Jimmy 'Flogger' Britt.

## **MIDDLE EAST 'UNREST'**

***Al Jazeera. undated***

Unrest in the Middle East was reported again this morning, the first day of Ramadan, when two hundred and thirty-one Palestinians and three Israeli soldiers were killed in violent reprisal actions sparked by the the burning of a Mosque on the Left Bank, and a Jewish Temple in Gaza. A spokesman from the Israeli Army said Israel was fighting for peace, and for Yahweh, the God of Abraham.

A spokesman for the Palestinian Hez Vollah said his people were fighting for peace in the name of Allah, the God of Abraham.

Neither God nor Abraham were available for comment this morning, so the fighting continues

## **THE KINGDOM**

***London Times December 2029***

### **Crisis In Westminster.**

The Kingdom – formerly the United Kingdom - faced another crisis today, when a thirty-strong delegation from the newly-formed People's Republic of SWINE ( Scottish-Welsh-Irish-Nationalist Europeans) forced

their way into the Parliament at Westminster, demanding English recognition of their bold new nation. SWINE grew out of the transitory UEBP (United Exit-Brexit Party) which violently opposed the departure of the old UK from the EEC, and reality, in 2020 .

The delegation also repeated their demand for an “equitable share” of all former UK military assets held by The Kingdom, especially the stockpile of nuclear weapons and ICBM's stored behind Albert Plimsoll's antique shop in Much Swithering.

If successful, Europe will have not two, as presently, but three nuclear-armed nations in its' ranks, when SWINE is formally admitted to the EEC, where several existing member nations have expressed 'concern'.

Lord Maberley -Twistletine, the Defense Minister in the Johnson Government, said he was 'petrified' at the thought of 'a troika of slaving nuclear-armed, kilted and sporranded Picts, Paddies and Taffies careering around the globe, hell-bent on settling old scores, especially those with their near- neighbours.'

Lord Maberley-Twistletine did not mention potential targets for any such extreme action, but said that he and his family were moving to Antarctica, where he had leased a modest unit in the newly-developed Trumperama Luxury Southern Lifestyle Village, for an indefinite period.

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King Charles was asked to comment, but his press secretary said that His Majesty was heavily engaged at this time with 'Palace Matters' but One may be prepared to comment after One had consulted One's personal astrologer and One's hand-raised vegetables, on which One relied heavily for advice in all such matters. The press secretary said that One had nothing more to add, but wished to be remembered to QEII, his estranged mother and sovereign queen (prior to the events of last December.)

## **PALACE UPDATE**

**London Times, 21-04-26**

### **Buckingham Palace:**

HRH Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, gave her address to the nation at 11 am this morning on ITV, at exactly the same time as His Majesty, King Charles III, was addressing The Kingdom on

BBC One.

HRH defended her apparent one-upmanship, saying she had every right to speak to her peoples in all the far-flung corners of the Empire, wherever they may be, on this most auspicious occasion, her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which – she added – should have been declared a national holiday, and would have been, had she remained on the throne, and not been usurped by that snotty little bastard, her eldest son, Chols, and his pretentious, poisonous, puffed-up consort, the soon-to-be Queen Carmilla Parker-Bowles, to whom One had no intention of lending the Coronation Crown, or any other bloody crown for that matter, for the so-called Coronation ceremony due to take place in June, barring accidents to either one of them or to anybody else who might have designs on the throne, to which she herself had become quite attached until she was dislodged by that dastardly coup last December, which One had no intention of discussing with a common newspaper reporter at this time, thank you very much.

And, yes, she was appalled by the recent reports of vulgar commercialism at the former Frogmore Cottage (now Royal Sussex Frogmore) where the Merkels had set up an expensive takeaway food van and B&B, with outrageous prices asked for patrons to eat at the table where her illustrious ancestor, Queen Victoria, had breakfasted one morning in 1875, and – most embarrassing of all – the use of the royal chamber-pot by Her Victorious Majesty after her meal. Oh, the humanity!

And, yes, she had heard that the Merkels – Harry and Meg, had appointed the recently-retired Episcopal Bishop, Michael “Lerv” Curry, the reverend gentleman who so enlivened the Merkel-Windsor wedding, as their in-house spiritual adviser and marketing manager, now also residing at The Cottage, a stone's throw from Windsor Castle, and she was definitely not amused!

And yes, it was true that Prince Philip is currently in residence at Windsor Castle 'for security reasons', following the recent unfortunate 'M1 incident' and several stone-throwing episodes, directed at certain distinguished neighbours.

And, yes, of course the Duke is in good physical condition for his age, and thoroughly enjoying his time at Windsor, especially his

free time every morning, when they loosen the strings on his favourite strait jacket.

And, no, she was not aware of the rumour that her favourite son Andrew, The Jolly Old Duke of York and Fergie, had been spending time recently at Scotland Yard in connection with some tawdry overseas matter, and had been roundly thanked for his patience in difficult circumstances and his occasional moments of clarity, but remains there at the time of this report, helping police with their enquiries.

And, no, she was not aware that the Australian Prime Minister was visiting the Kingdom to discuss the future of his dominion under His Majesty King Charles III, and would he (the Australian PM) be seeking an audience with her, the Queen Mother, during his visit?

No, said the Queen Mother – not this time, but the Orstralian PM was welcome to spend time with the Merkels and Prince Philip down at Windsor, if he wished, but please ensure that nothing resembling a stone be given to the Duke.

Apparently, HRH recently cast the royal jewels of Baluchistan in the general direction of Royal Sussex Frogmore B&B and Takeaway Cottage, with no effect, but way beyond the point of no return.

At this point, the interview was terminated by HRH, dignified as ever. Long may she reign ... (if she manages to regain the Throne and all that comes with it)

## **AUSTRALIA**

**Murdoch Times, 11/11/2025**

Australian Prime Minister, Slogger “Slomo” Mollison was dismissed from office at 11 am this morning by Governor - General Barty, when he lost a no-confidence motion on the floor of the House of Representatives, following the defection of five members of his party to the newly-formed Joyless- Hansen- Katter- Batter- Christensen- Fishers- Farmers- Farters- Looters- Scooters- Shooters, Workers and Shirkers Alliance, and voted on 'a matter of principle' with the Labor- Turnbull-Greens- Blacks-Browns & Brindles Alliance.

After the defeat, the six leaders of the LTGBBBA rode to Yarralumla in

government rickshaws to inform Governor-general Barty of their intention to form a 'stable and unified government, to rule for all the people,' and returned to Parliament House in the chauffeur-driven FedGov Mercedes Benz G450GL limousines reserved for Government Ministers and their staff.

Meanwhile, ex-PM Mollison addressed a crowd of angry polluters on the steps of The House, urging them to maintain their rage and keep their coal-dust dry.

In a scathing attack on the Governor-General (whom he himself appointed less than a year ago) referring to her as “The Tennis Menace,” Mr Mollison said that not even God could save the Governor-General from the wrath of a thousand polluters scorned.

And **How Good Was That?**

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## **New Zealand**

Murdoch Press International regrets to advise its readers, for the 762<sup>nd</sup> consecutive day, there was no news from New Zealand.

However, a spokesman for the NZ PM, Niv'l Lambswooll, said that some news was likely to break in or near New Zillun soon, and implored loyal readers to be prepared for news at any time - possibly as early as next year.

Kiv'n Footrot, our man on the spot at Wakakrakanakkarotaru, has been alerted to the possibility of something of interest about to break at any time, and was advised to keep his All-Blacks runners permanently at the ready, as there was little likelihood of his NZ office receiving its' I-Phones and computer package in the current financial year.

NZAP, 2025-9

## **International Sport**

**Sporting Bulletins From Around The World,  
Featuring Only Australian Sports-people.**

**And which beer-gutted sports-mad Aussie male  
spectator gives a fig for anyone else?**

**Let them eat cake!**

Note: These reports were obtained from the World-wide resources of Forward Vision International with the ROSE- COLOURING LENS CONTROL advanced by the wearer to MAXIMUM pink, AUSTRALIAN VIEWERS ONLY, and may contain a degree of user-specified bias and unreasonable one-eyed optimism which some viewers may find disturbing. The Parental-lock is recommended for all persons who have a history of sports-related violence and anti-sport paranoia. Collingwood-haters are advised to look away now.

### **AFL(W) Midweek Comp**

Two newly-formed AFL Womens teams scored surprise victories today in high-scoring (ladies) matches to mark the opening of the AFLW season, which is scheduled to run an exhausting programme for the entire month of February, as a lead-in to the AFLM competition, which these days attracts a mostly older and largely female - follower demographic, following the introduction of the “clothing-optional” rule for female players in the womens competition, and this is thought to be the main reason for so many male supporters changing their allegiance from AFLM to AFLW.

Geelong Jigglers 1 - 2 (8 ) def. Melbourne Laydees 1 – 1 (7)

Collingwood Cow-Punchers 2 -2 (14) def. Carlton Kitties 1 – 12 (13)

The Kitties today announced the appointment of a new specialist kicking coach, their third his season.

Meanwhile, the Collingwood Womens banner has been changed from 'Go Collies' to 'Carna Cows' because it has a more 'Collingwood - friendly' sound to it, according to long -serving Club President , Eddie Maguire.

### **AFL(M) Saturday Comp**

*Herald-Sun 1-09-2021*

**'Pud' Kee returns to St Kilda**

Hopes for a miraculous St. Kilda revival were boosted today when the President of St. Kilda Football Club announced that St Kilda 'tragic' Ron 'Pud' Kee had been lured out of retirement to accept the position of Head Coach of the struggling Club, for a period of one year (with extension options), following the resignation of this year's coach, Sandeep 'Curry Puff' Mahindra, who defended his coaching record, saying "down here at Saint Bloody Kilda, two out of 49 aint all that bad," but wished the new coach every success.

Kee, the new coach, arrived early for this morning's training session, still a trim 68 Kg fitness fanatic, and a life-long tea-totaller, emerged from his chauffer-driven Linfox Rolls-Royce, and began barking orders at his awe-struck players without leaving his battery-powered Zimmer-frame, which moved faster than anything his players could produce at this early stage.

Mr. Kee was undaunted, and declared in his post-appointment press conference, that he was prepared to offer a double your money return to anyone willing to wager \$1 million on St Kilda in a re-run of the Collingwood – St Kilda grand final match of 2010 (the second one ) and threw in a two-goal incentive. HOW GOOD IS THAT?

## **PIES APPOINT NEW COACH**

The football world was taken by surprise today, two hours after the shock announcement at St Kilda, when Collingwood President Eddie Maguire announced the Pies' replacement for retiring coach Nathan Buckley.

Mr Maguire said that he was 'delighted' to announce the appointment of one of Collingwood's favourite sons, 1965 grand final captain and Copeland Trophy winner, Trevor Steer, returning to League football after an extended absence 'pursuing other interests'

When asked about his relatively mature age, Mr Steer said that age had nothing to do with it, and felt sure that maturity and treachery would more than compensate for the much-vaunted youth and vigour of some of his rivals. No names were mentioned, but a kwell-known St Kilda supporter walked out of the press conference.

Mr. Steer said he was fighting fit and only four and a half centimeters below his best playing height, and glad to be back. He said he had missed the smell of linament, extravagant flatulence and perspiration, and was nostalgic for the famed Collingwood fighting spirit in the dressing rooms, the copious tattts, the missing dentition and the broken colllarbones of his playing days and said he was ready to hit the ground walking.

# **Kyrgios Takes World Title – at last**

Pilipino Daily, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Former Australian tennis player, Nick 'Serios' Kyrgios achieved a lifelong ambition in Manila today when he capped off an exhausting year of almost non-stop competition, to take out the IKBEGBL World Title in a brutal no-holds-barred twelve-round match before a screaming crowd of heavily-armed fans at the 260-seat Ferdinand Marcos Cock-fighting Ring, the world Headquarters of International Kick Boxing Eye Gouging and Blood Letting, his recently-adopted sport.

Celebrating his World Championship win at Manuel's Manila-Vanilla Bordello Bar and Grill, Mr Kyrgios said that this win was the crowning moment in his long and illustrious career, and he was 'over the moon' about his performance in IKBEGBL, the sport he adopted only a year ago, following the imposition of a lifetime ban from tennis, a sport which he never liked and which he was happy to leave, now that he had discovered IKBEGBL, a fabulous sport which was more suited to his temperament.

Mr Kyrgios expressed regrets about the 'improper behavior' exhibited during the seventh round, when the match referee, Margarita Violetta, was badly injured, and he hoped that Ms Violetta would recover the use of at least one of her eyes if she survives the operation now underway to re-align her head and repair her other dislocations.

## **Track and Field: Australia's Adaptable New Recruit.**

Herald Sun 29/2/28

After five decades in the wilderness of track and field athletics, Frederic Maria Gravytrain, a spokes-person for the Australian Olympic Federation, today announced the recruitment of the former Russian Super Athlete, Anna Bollox, to the Australian Olympic squad, and said that Anna would represent her newly-adopted country in a number of events, including Womens shot-put, discus, hammer-throw, and Mens weightlifting (super heavy-weight) appearing in that event under her alternative name, Boris .

Ms Bollox, standing 6.2 metres tall and weighing 158 kg is a long-time advocate of open athletics and other LGBT issues.,

She attended today's press conference, clean-shaven, crew-cut and heavily tattooed, but without her customary bear-skin cloak and titanium knuckle-dusters. Anna Bollox said that she “intended to be puttink some goot Russian muscle into poor Australian no-hoping field teams, and no, she would not be taking stupid druck-tests because her blut was too stronk for normal testink equipments., with only Russian equipments capable of goot readings”

## **AFL GRAND FINAL DRAMA**

**Herald Sun Sunday 29/09/2025**

Chaotic scenes followed the sound of the final siren at the MCG at 4.45 pm yesterday, when the 2025 AFL Grand Final ended in a controversial draw, the first since the finalists, St Kilda and Collingwood, drew when they last met in 2010

A win yesterday would have given Collingwood their second set of three consecutive flags, the first since 1929.

The opposing coaches, veterans Ron 'Pud' Kee and Trevor Steer, were escorted from the ground by a phalanx of police officers and security guards, and both, according to usually reliable sources, spent the night in Royal Melbourne Hospital where they were kept for observation.

The draw-breaking extra-time rule was not employed for this game, by agreement between both teams before the match, so Collingwood and St. Kilda will meet again next Saturday for the re-match. A record crowd is expected to attend. Police Superintendent Mick Manus said that molotov cocktails, stink bombs, batons, nail guns and similar 'intimidatory devices' would not be allowed into the ground next Saturday, and added that Collingwood supporters were advised to take special care with their 'fashion accessories' and behavior.