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Spring is finally here! Welcome to all the visitors to the Island over the school holidays and fingers crossed we get heaps of beautiful sunshine so you can get out and explore the best of the Island.

The Vibe is bursting with great holiday reading with all your favourites and always something new. Hope the holidays are spectacular!

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Thurs 27 Oct	2:30-3:15pm	Meet the Orchestra Music & Drama Session	Join in with or assist your children
Thurs 3 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Love the Library	Literacy presentation by Linda Austin, Prep teacher
Thurs 10 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Little Builders - Working with Wood	Numeracy presentation by Fiona Smart, Prep teacher
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## Best Finance Apps & Online Tools

If you're like most people, your paper trail is probably decreasing by the day. Many people already receive their bills and bank statements online, and now there are even apps and web-based tools to manage important documents such as your will, business contracts, insurance, receipts and invoices. But this can make it hard to keep track of spending and manage your budget. To help with money management, there are now a number of free and low cost online apps.

While personal finance apps used to focus on budgeting alone, many tools now go much further. Not only can you store all of your financial details in one place – no matter what bank you use – but you can also have your spending grouped into categories to see exactly where your money goes, receive bill alerts, financial updates relevant to your finance path and much more.

But, before you visit the app store, there are a few things you should remember when selecting the right personal finance app for you.

The first thing to do is really understanding what you need the digital platform for. This sounds obvious, but there are many products available with different functions and there's no point wasting your time (and data) downloading an app that's not right for your financial needs.

Secondly, always look for a finance app that:

- Is easy to use;
- Provides accurate and real time data;
- Gives you clarity and control over your personal finances;
- Saves you time; and
- Helps you achieve your financial goals.

And finally, be safe. After all, we are talking about your personal wealth here, and security is paramount. While most finance apps use the same level of encryption security as the major banks and are read only tools (meaning you can't actually transact through them), you are required to enter verification to enable the app to access data from your bank's systems. As a result, your bank may deem this to be a breach of your internet banking agreement. This means, should your account have money withdrawn illegally – even if the breach isn't related to the app – your bank may refuse to compensate you.

If you're looking for a reliable and easy-to-use Australian-based digital platform, here's our review of the 3 best personal finance apps and online tools.

### 1. Pocketbook Personal Finance Expense Tracker (<https://getpocketbook.com>)

This budget planner app is designed to streamline the way you manage your personal finance. By syncing with your bank, the finance app (used by more than 200,000 Australians) let's you see your balances, view your transactions and setup budgets, fast. It automatically organises your spending into categories such as clothes, groceries and fuel – showing where your money is being spent. You receive notifications of fees charged to your accounts, and you'll never miss a bill again with automatic bill detection.

### 2. My Prosperity (<https://myprosperity.com.au>)

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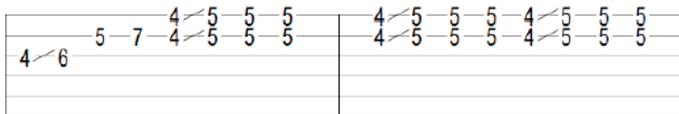
For seasoned guitar players, or those of you who enjoy a casual strum, local guitar teacher **Dean Luke**, shares tips, advice and news about all things guitar.

## ROCK N ROLL BABY DOLL

Today we will be looking at some classic Rock N Roll licks made famous by none other than Mr. Chuck Berry. So grab that Gibson ES-330, stretch your legs for the *Duck Walk* and get ready to rock!

For these licks we will be using double stops in A first position minor pentatonic.

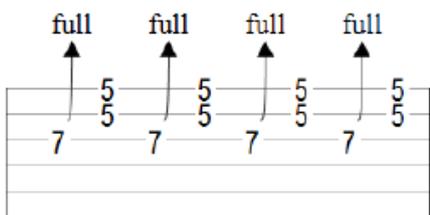
### Lick 1



Double stops are when you play 2 notes at a time.

Slide on the 3rd string from the 4th fret to the 6th, play the 5th fret on the 2nd string with your 1st finger, the 7th fret on the 2nd string with your 3rd finger then bar both the 2nd and 1st string with your 1st finger and slide from the 4th fret to the 5th fret, then play the 5th fret twice

### Lick 2



while still barring the 2nd and 1st strings. Repeat this sliding barring lick in the 2nd bar.

Bend the 3rd string at the 7th fret a full tone and again use your 1st finger to bar the 2nd and 1st strings at the 5th fret. Alternate between the bend at the 7th fret and the bar lick at the 5th fret.

Alternate between these two licks until your neighbours are banging on your door asking for an autograph :).

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#### What you Need:

- 250g rump steak
- 3 red potatoes
- 1 x 400g tin chick peas (rinsed & drained)
- 1 x tomato, diced
- 1/4 Lebanese cucumber, sliced
- 1 spring onion, finely sliced
- 4 slices baked haloumi cheese (dusted in plain flour)
- Mixed salad leaves for 2

#### For the Dressing:

Whisk together the following In a ratio of 2:1(olive oil: other ingredients): olive oil, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, mayonnaise. Salt and black pepper to taste.

#### What you Do:

Peel and cube potatoes, toss them in olive oil, then place on a flat baking dish and bake for about 45 minutes at 200°C until crunchy. Set aside while you cook the beef.

Place the beef on a baking tray and brush with a generous amount of garlic and olive oil. Season with salt and black pepper. Grill for a few minutes on each side - you want it to be rare and pretty juicy.

Just before beef has finished cooking, place the slices of haloumi on the dish alongside the beef. Let them bake for a few minutes turning once so each side browns.

Slice the beef and assemble everything attractively on a large flat dish and drizzle dressing in a stylish fashion.

*If you have any special requests or questions about hijinks in the kitchen, then why not drop us a line at: [phillipislandvibe@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandvibe@gmail.com). We aim to please.*



*\*I know last month's recipe featured haloumi cheese as well. I am a fan.*

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Time POOR gardener

### ***Spring Clean the Garden (or 'Hoarding Unhinged' Part II)***

A preference for garden-work compared to house-work is not a new theme for the *Time Poor Gardener*. No better time of year does this ring true than in Spring. The season of renewal, re-energising and all sentiments hippy, Spring can certainly be a time for soul enrichment. Whether it's witnessing the beauty of buds on the bare limbs of fruit trees before they literally burst into life, or savouring the subtle scents of native wattles, Spring is one of the better times of year to get into the garden, if for no other reason than to enjoy some warm and soothing Spring sunshine. Time to thaw.

While the deciduous trees start their vigorous growth plan over the next few weeks, surprisingly, it can still be a fairly slow time in the garden. Be careful of getting overly enthusiastic about planting those cute little summer veggie seedlings that are for sale right now. The truth is: the weather is still too cold, the seedlings won't grow and will fall prey to ill health and pests. Snails, slugs and birds have enough to eat without us crazy humans spending dollars on fancy fare. Similarly, with large seed crops like beans and peas, if you plant them now it's pretty likely that Spring rains will rot the seeds before they even get a chance to germinate.



Heading towards the warmer weather, we are experiencing increasingly more days that favour opening our doors and windows. A campaign of de-fugging the house can commence. Likewise, the garden is also in desperate need of a spring time makeover and freshen up. Ultimately, we can apply the same basic philosophy to sprucing up the garden as sprucing up the house.

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Gardens are only just starting to wake up from the Winter malaise and generally have a shocking case of bed hair! So resurrect a variety of clipping apparatus from the shed and cut through those unruly locks. You'll need to spare the more sensitive plants and trees, but it's no holds bar for robust herbaceous perennials like salvias and penstemons and many native shrubs. They are in growing mode anyway so it will supercharge them.

Cleaning garden edges also makes a difference to the spick and spanness of the garden vista. I've just sheared through the succulent pig face that had grown over the rockery edge and threatened to take the lawn hostage. This leaves a tidy, clean line and will also encourage the pig face to sport a veritable carpet of purple flowers come Summer. The newly revealed lawn edge may look a little yellow and startled now that it's been exposed, but this sudden contact with sunlight will make it spin into a photosynthesizing frenzy and it will turn green almost overnight.

Shearing and clipping overgrowth will inevitably reveal all sorts of other guests that arrived at the garden soiree at the end of Autumn and have now well and truly outstayed their welcome. While the purple flowers on the spreading native violets are pretty, I'm fed up with their insistence on inviting way too many snails and slugs to the party. Time to go ... spreading violets.

Once you've cleaned up you're sure to find the odd plant that has decided to curl up its toes over Winter. Say your goodbyes quickly, pull it out and plant something gorgeous that will provide instant gratification with its youthful charm.

Tidy mind, tidy body, tidy garden. Ironically, I don't think that means regimentation or sparseness. In fact, the number of objects isn't the issue and whatever we've got in our possession doesn't need to be in straight rows. The art of de-cluttering provides a way of revealing what we really need and want, while laying the foundation to implement plans for the future.

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**Market on Chapel** 4th Sat of month Uniting Church cnr Chapel St & Warley Ave, Cowes.

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**Coal Creek Farmers Market** 2nd Sat or each month, 8am-12.30pm, Coal Creek Community Park **Grantville Market** 4th Sunday of month, 8am-2pm, Grantville Recreation Reserve

**Inverloch Community Farmers Market** Last Sunday of month, 8am-1pm, 'The Glade'. **Inverloch Farmers Market** 3rd Sunday of month, 8am-1pm, 'The Glade'.

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# THE GAME OVER MAN

## Live From LA



After my disappointing experience with *No Man's Sky* I wanted to immerse myself into a game with a lot more substance. A game with a game loop so complicated that it would take me hours to understand what exactly was going on. Luckily along came *Deus Ex: Mankind Divided* a feisty FPS RPG game. I had high hopes for this game as the *Deus Ex* franchise has a solid and long history of great games. I wasn't disappointed as I'm about 10 hours in and am still learning many things about the game and the best way to play it.



The first *Deus Ex* came out in 2000 with much fanfare and there have been four subsequent games after this initial masterpiece. It is set in a future cyberpunk universe where many humans have become heavily augmented with cybernetic enhancements. The player assumes the role of Adam Jensen, a heavily tricked up cop with all sorts of bionic like add-ons that you unlock and develop as the game progresses. There is a healthy dose of illuminate corporate conspiracy to the story. This is then mixed with an undeclared war between those that are augmented and those that are not. This tension started after an unfortunate incident where all of the



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augmented went berserk and started killing the unaugmented around them. Set in future Prague the player works for Interpol and is hated by the police, most of the general public, the augmented resistance movement and also the local waring Prague mobster families. So there is sufficient agro to keep the player busy.

I should say that after the slightly tedious *No Man's Sky* experience I was ready to go in guns blazing and that was a bit of a mistake. The save system is built around level checkpoints and I quickly discovered that I could easily be zapped back to an earlier part of the level if I died. In one mission I was supposed to sneak into a locked down train station, avoid the Stasi like police force and liberate some evidence they weren't sharing. Now I foolishly thought, I have no time for all of this sneaking about I'm going to run and gun. So I ran as fast as I could though the level and 10 minutes later found myself stuck under a desk with the place swarming with angry armored police. Now I have invested a bunch of restarts getting to this point so it then took me about 45 minutes of creeping about to safely leave the area. So while you can go in guns a blazing discretion is the better part of valour in many cases. I also found that if you do annoy a large bunch of enemies it pays to hide and wait for them one by one to find you... just to prove you are smarter than the AI of the NPCs.

Graphically the game is beautifully realized with Prague of the future and its inhabitants totally believable. The game play is fun and engaging with a learning curve ramp that allows the player to become more involved in the RPG aspects as they move forward. If I had a complaint then it would be that the story is a little woolly but after *No Man's Sky* any story is a blessed relief.



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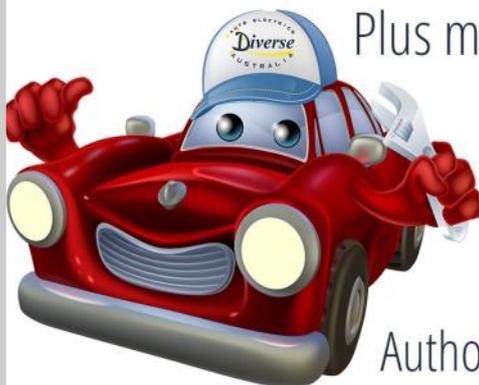
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## nature parks

### Calling all Superheroes these School Holidays!



If you've got a budding Superhero at home, you can take them down to the Antarctic Journey for some Superhero training these school holidays.

Kids can join Phillip Island Nature Parks' Superhero Rangers and save Antarctica by completing a SuperKids training mission. After collecting their SuperKids passport, the trainees begin by making their own Superhero mask then

setting off to hunt for the Thermal Villains hiding in The Lab. They can then test their aim at the Kryptonite Toss before completing their training by blasting their way through the Obstacle Course and receiving a reward.

**When:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm

**Where:** WWF Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies

**Cost:** Antarctic Journey entry ticket – Adult \$18, Child (4-15) \$9, Family (2A2C) \$45

For some action that's a little more down to earth, Rangers are running a series of FREE activities right across the Nature Parks throughout the holidays.

#### Churchill Island Quest

Young nature and history lovers will enjoy making all sorts of discoveries as they follow the clues and explore Churchill Island, map in hand and eyes on the lookout for the answers to this Quest.

**When:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 1pm

**Where:** Churchill Island

#### Bush Creatures

Families visiting Phillip Island's Koala Conservation Centre these school holidays can join a range of fun, nature inspired craft activities and take home their arty creations to treasure.

**When:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 12.30pm

**Where:** Koala Conservation Centre

#### Koala Prowl

A night-time discovery of the magical world of the Koala Conservation Centre, venturing into the night for close encounters with resident wildlife. Bookings are essential and children must be at least five years of age to participate.

**When:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Where:** Koala Conservation Centre – Bookings essential Ph 5951 2800



#### Wacky Water Bugs

Local rangers will guide families on a wetland investigation which uncovers the many weird and wacky creatures that live in Phillip Island's surrounding wetlands.

**When:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Where:** Location advised at time of booking – Bookings essential Ph 5951 2800

There's plenty to do on Phillip Island during these school holidays so take the kids down for some excitement, fun and adventure.





## Postcard from Kenya



In our new travel series, journey with Tracey and Francis from *Overland Travel Adventures* to visit the diverse communities and lifestyles of East Africa. Community development projects, stunning scenery and amazing wildlife are all just part of the journey.

### Nairobi's Best-Kept Secret

On Valentine's Day 2015 my friend Kirstin and I met George out the front of the Hilton Hotel in downtown Nairobi. It wasn't some kinky Valentines arrangement, but rather a very informative and entertaining walking tour of Nairobi's CBD.

From the Hilton, we walked to Kimathi Street where a statue of the war hero General Kimathi stands. When this statue was being erected, there was significant controversy about whether Kimathi was worthy of a statue or not. After one year of deliberation he got his place. Kimathi was a leader of the Mau Mau rebellion which has been viewed by some Kenyans as the great rebellion that gave Kenya its independence and by other Kenyans as a group of rogues who caused needless trouble while more formal efforts were taking place.



Next we headed up to Kenyatta Avenue where the impressive Sarova Stanley Hotel dominates. Inside the hotel is the Thorn Tree Cafe where an acacia tree used to stand. The acacia tree held a message board where colonial settlers left messages for one another. Nowadays, you may have heard of Lonely Planet's online travel forum dubbed "Thorn Tree" – that's where the name comes from!

Also at this intersection, a statue of Lord Delamere used to stand. It marked the division of Nairobi – to the west of Delamere was the side of the city for the white colonialists and to the east was the rough and tumble of Indian merchants and Kenyan vendors. Still today you can see the difference between the east and west sides of the city.

Along Kenyatta Avenue, we stopped to admire Cameo. Not because it's a popular night spot, but because it is the

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oldest building in Nairobi at over 100 years old. Ironically Nairobi's newest store is located inside – *Subway*, the sandwich chain has made a foray into the Kenyan market. Next door is the Bank of India which has had quite a history. It has been the Parliament House, before the current Parliament was built, and also the National Archives before those too were relocated to their current home on Moi Avenue.



Turning off Kenyatta onto Wabera Street we found the McMillan National Library. It's not hard to find anything if it's address is Wabera Street, as the street is only 100 metres long! Next to the library is Jamia Mosque and continuing alongside the mosque to the end we arrived at

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Chai House and the City Market. The market sells everything from meat and fish to vegetables and souvenirs. Despite all the shops though, the market was empty of customers. Outside however, the rose sellers were doing a booming Valentines trade!

Our last stop was the Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC), the tallest building in Nairobi at 28 floors. The second floor from the top was a revolving restaurant, but the large empty space was today a place for young couples to hang out. On the roof is a helicopter landing pad and for a fee you can walk around for 360 degree views of Nairobi.

On weekends there is an open air market that George offered to take us to for some souvenir shopping. But it had started to rain and Kirstin and I figured this wouldn't be our one and only chance to buy souvenirs, so we skipped it and went to a cafe instead. Over a cup of tea we learnt more about George who had been taken in by Mathare Children's Fund (MCF) when he was a child and received support from the community organisation to complete school. MCF also provided him with the training to become a city tour guide, facilitated by the National Museums of Kenya. George is also attending university, studying economics, and the guiding allows him to earn some money to help him through school.

MCF have trained several young people to be guides on city walking tours. Even though I have lived in Kenya for over four years, there was a lot we saw on the tour that I had never noticed before (even if I had walked past it a dozen times!). And things I had noticed, I hadn't known about. The tour lasts two hours (not including the cup of tea at the end!) and costs 1000 Kenyan shillings (approximately US\$10) per person plus 400KES to go to the top of KICC.

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## Celebrity Murders

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### THE LORD LUCAN MURDER CASE

*"The only thing a gambler needs  
Is a suitcase and a trunk..."* House of the Risin'Sun

George Bingham, the sixth Earl of Lucan, dropped dead quite unexpectedly one day in January 1964. He had been a good and kindly man and he was mourned. But the sad event was a stroke of luck for at least one other man who worshipped luck as some men worship gods. His father's death did two things for Richard John Bingham. It made him the seventh Earl of Lucan, a peer of the realm. And it gave him, the money to realize his destiny, to live out his days as a high-rolling gambler.

On the face of it, no man could seem better suited for this fate. Fortune had smiled lovingly on the new Lord Lucan, known to his closest pals as Lucky. For anyone who chose to romanticize the British aristocracy, there could be no figure more ideal than Lucky Lucan. He was dashing handsome, four inches more than six feet tall, a dedicated sportsman with a fastidious sense of proper manners, of 'doing the right thing'. In short, the seventh Earl of Lucan was a superb example of what used to be called 'good breeding'. He was in fact a beautiful example of a lot of things that used to be; a man from yesterday, a genuine endangered species.

As things would turn out, he was more endangered than anyone could have known. Because one day Fortune would end her loving gaze on Lucky and look another way, and on that day he would disappear into thin air never to be seen or in any event recognizable as Lord Lucan.

At 9.45pm on the night of 7<sup>th</sup> November 1974, a distressed and bloodstained woman burst into the bar of The Plumber's Arms, Lower Belgrave Street, crying out: "Help me, help me, help me. I've just escaped from being murdered. He's in the house. He's murdered the Nanny!" She was the Countess of Lucan, who had fled from her home, leaving behind her three children. She was obviously the victim of a serious assault, and the police and an ambulance were called to the scene.



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The police officers who arrived to investigate found a substantial house with a ground floor, a basement and four upper floors. Forcing open the front door, they searched the premises, and found the children in their bedrooms, unharmed. The door to the basement was open. There was no light in the hall, so they fetched a flashlight. They descended the stairs to the breakfast room, and found the walls splashed with blood, a pool of blood on the floor, with some male footprints in it, and, near the door connecting the breakfast room to the kitchen, a bloodstained sack. The top of the sack was folded over but not fastened. Inside was the corpse of Sandra Rivett, the children's' nanny.

She had been battered to death with a blunt instrument. In the hallway was a length of lead piping, covered in surgical tape, very bent, out of shape and heavily bloodstained. The back door was unlocked.

When Lady Lucan was able to make a statement to the police she named her husband as her attacker and the murderer of Sandra Rivett.

*Of Lord Lucan, there was no sign.*



Lucan's upbringing had been typical of an Englishman whose flawless pedigree reached back into Anglo-Saxon times. He had attended Eton and served in the Coldstream Guards. He had raced speedboats and ridden on the Army's bobsled team in international competitions. Upon his father's death, he took his place in the House of Lords. His political views were just to the right of Genghis Khan's. He had worked, but with not too much diligence, as a merchant banker until he came into his inheritance. But he was much better at gaming than at working, and as soon as he could afford it he devoted himself to gaming full time.

On November 28, 1963, Lucky took a wife. The former Veronica Duncan was elevated through the marriage from a solidly middle class life. Her father had been an Army Major, and her step-father a hotel manager. Veronica and Lucky had met at a golf tournament and married after an engagement of only one month. Veronica had a pretty face, a keen intelligence, a sharp wit, and, according to Lucan's friends, an equally sharp tongue. She stood a full head and shoulders beneath her husband and weighed less than a hundred pounds. She



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looked sensitive and frail. She reportedly had suffered from mental disorders as early as age eight.

Things seemed fine between the spouses in the beginning and they produced three children, two girls and a boy. But as time wore on it became painfully clear that little besides the children was holding the marriage together. Veronica had dreamed of the grand life of an aristocrat, with dazzling dinner parties and weekends in great country houses. Instead she found herself increasingly isolated, with a husband who spent his days and nights in gambling clubs. She was not a popular figure with Lucan's thoroughly patrician friends.

Lucan's gambling luck ran out. By the early 1970's he had squandered most of his liquid assets and had been reduced to the role of a house player. His shaky marriage shook apart at the same time. He moved out of the marital home and claimed, perhaps with some justice, that his wife was batty and according to friends he was "obsessed" with the idea of getting the children away from his wife. Lucan tried several times to have his wife committed to psychiatric hospitals. He nearly succeeded. On one occasion she got as far as the hospital door before making a run for it.

A witness at the inquest Susan Maxwell-Scott testified about her visit from Lucan on 7<sup>th</sup> November. She stated that Lucan had told her he had interrupted a fight between his wife and a man in the basement, and slipped in some blood. Lady Lucan had been

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hysterical and had told him the nanny was dead, and accused Lucan of hiring someone to kill her.

The inquest jury was out for only 31 minutes and their verdict was "Murder by Lord Lucan". It was the last time that an inquest jury exercised its right to name a murderer. As a direct result of this case, the right was abolished by the Criminal Law Act of 1977.

The starting point in looking at any case where there are



conflicting stories is to look at the hard evidence and see which of the stories it supports. So let us, albeit very briefly, compare the accounts of the physical attacks as told by Lord Lucan and his wife.

Lucan stated that on the night of the murder, he was passing the house of his wife and children, and saw through the basement window his wife struggling with an assailant. He entered the house, using his key, and rushed down to the basement where he slipped in some blood on the floor. The unknown assailant ran off.

Lady Lucan's account is that after Sandra Rivett, the nanny, went downstairs to the basement kitchen to make tea, she became concerned about the long absence and went to the head of the stairs down to the basement and called her name. She was attacked by someone wielding a blunt instrument, and grappled with her attacker. She screamed and her attacker told her to shut up. She recognised the voice as her husband's. He forced his gloved fingers down her throat and she fought back, squeezing his testicles. At this he drew back and the attack ended.

Now let us compare the two accounts. There are two very important differences. In Lucan's account, Lady Lucan was attacked in the basement, and in hers, she did not enter the basement at all, but was attacked at the head of the stairs. Secondly, although it is clear that both Lucan and his wife knew that the nanny had been killed, Lucan said that his wife told him and she said that he told her.

However the evidence against Lucan remains all but overwhelming and the version of the events he offered cannot be supported by the facts. The discrepancies in forensics and timing suggest he may have had an accomplice who killed Sandra Rivett. It is much easier to believe a hit man could have mistaken the nanny for Lady Lucan than that her husband could have done so.

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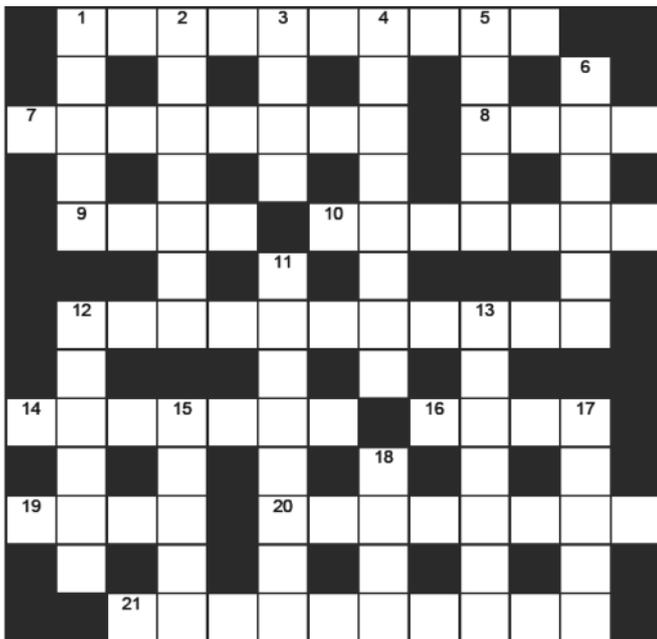
Following this line of thought, Lucan could have arrived at the house a few minutes after the killing and found his wife still alive and himself the victim of incredible bad luck. Some criminologists make strong cases for the more complicated scenario, that Lord Lucan hired a man to kill his wife, the hitman killed Sandra, then Lord Lucan, arriving to clear up and dispose of the body, discovered the mistake and attacked his wife. Whatever happened, it certainly appears that Lucky Lucan gambled all he had that fateful Thursday night in London, and he lost.

In 1999, the British High Court issues a certificate declaring Lord Lucan dead for purposes of probate. Speculation on his whereabouts if he remains alive continues. His children, educated on the proceeds of the family silver, seem remarkably well adjusted and successful given their experiences in early life.

Well readers of *The Vibe*? Is Lucky out there wandering somewhere or everywhere to avoid detection? Or is he living the life? And is he at peace with himself, or is there another person who is the real culprit who remains free and left to get on with his own life?

# Brain Food

Find all the answers & solutions to Puzzles & Quizzes on page 18 (No peeking!)



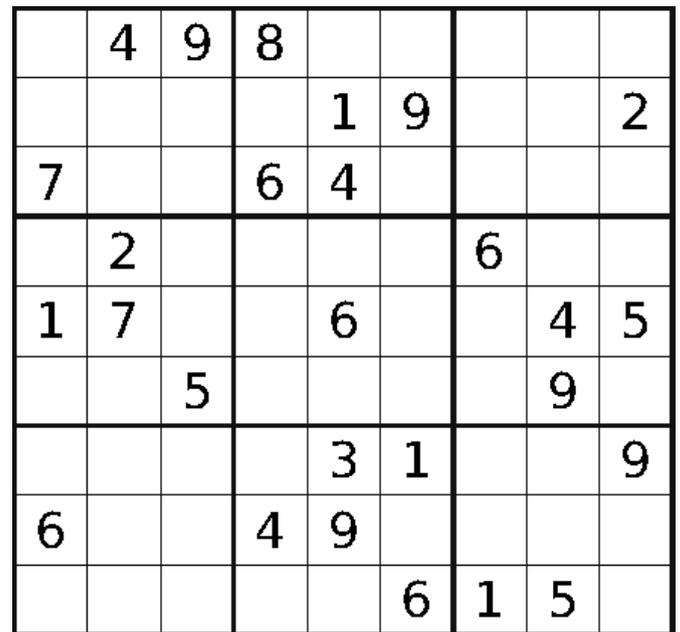
**Vibe Quick Crossword 81**

**Across**

- 1 Gave up (10)
- 7 Machine components (8)
- 8 Young female (4)
- 9 Existence (4)
- 10 Consents to receive (7)
- 12 Supports (11)
- 14 Leave (7)
- 16 Pre-loved (4)
- 19 Nourishment (4)
- 20 Statements of honour (8)
- 21 Wipes out (10)

**Down**

- 1 Found on the beach (5)
- 2 Cautious (7)
- 3 Hotels (4)
- 4 Fragile (8)
- 5 Bird of prey (5)
- 6 Savages (6)
- 11 Accompanied (8)
- 12 Monkey (6)
- 13 Upset (7)
- 15 Lowest point (5)
- 17 Actions (5)
- 18 Metal (4)



**Vibe Sudoku 81** Each row, column and sub-box must have the numbers 1-9 occurring just once.

## Q&A

1 In Scrabble, how many points is P worth? 2 Who directed the film *Pulp Fiction*? 3 What is the chemical symbol for gold? 4 Is 13 a prime number? 5 Where would a croupier work? 6 What is the largest artery in the human body? 7 Who wrote *Pride and Prejudice*? 8 What kind of animal is a Wahoo? 9 Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand? 10 In *Seinfeld*, what was Kramer's line in the Woody Allen film?

**SHOWER THOUGHT** Is Charlie really in charge of the Wonka factory now?



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Vibe Crossword Solution 81

**SHOWER THOUGHT** I wonder if Google employees 'google it' when they don't know something.

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Vibe Sudoku Solution 81

**Quiz Solution 81**

1 3 2 Quentin Tarantino 3 Au 4 Yes 5 At a casino 6 Aorta 7 Jane Austen 8 A great big fish 9 John Key 10 "These pretzels are making me thirsty."

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