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ARTS & LIT

“What a heap of lovely, bright people!”

By Sharon Small

Sara Cassidy, a published writer of children's books, delivered her second set of poetry workshops to Denman's school kids last month as an auxiliary Readers and Writers Festival event. Both she and the school staff are eager for a third set of workshops next year as they have been so inspirational. Here are her words that confirm how great our kids— and their teachers are. Enjoy!

I had a wonderful two days with the Denman community school students -- what a heap of lovely, bright people.

We talked on the first day about character and how personality and what a person has experienced (and their setting, where they live!) shapes how a person acts in the world, and how they will be affected and changed by the world: in writing terms, a character's unique conflicts and backstory (and setting!) sets in motion a story/plot unique to them.

The second day, we talked about dialogue -- how to make it lively and engaging, how it is not like a came of catch but more like a dance with no set choreography -- it must spin beyond the reader's (and even the writer's) expectation; yet, though it has no choreography, it is given shape by something internal: the personalities of the people talking, their wants and needs (referring to the day 1 workshops). In other words, a cantankerous person who loves hockey will speak very differently about the new arena being built than a shy embroiderer who doesn't care one whit about hockey.

The workshops were tweaked for each age group, but I wanted the themes and some exercises to be identical, to unite the students across the school. For example, for every class, I started day 1 by drawing a dinner fork on the whiteboard, then asked the students to describe it. “Stabby!” said a kindergartener. “Four long tines and a long handle, made of metal or plastic,” said a grade 6-er. And then I said, sure, but how about we give this fork a personality? And thus we entered the world of character. What does this fork want? “To eat!” “Revenge!” “To be a spoon!” Etc. Then the fork met another character. In one case, this was a mouse trying



Sara Cassidy

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A Failed Cable Ferry Experiment Costs Taxpayers Millions

OPINIONS

By Sharon Small

The Comox Valley Record will be publishing the following long and short versions of my piece in their online and print versions respectively on how much the failed experiment is costing taxpayers. Both CHEK and Global News covered the May 2 cancellations. The Global News segment “DI steamed over cancellations,” highlights the extreme frustration of ferry users and includes Josie Osborne claiming “We need a long term solution....” in response to the BCF spokesperson claiming that the mechanical problems are being reduced.

A Failed Cable Ferry Experiment Costs Taxpayers Millions

Dear Editor:

For years B.C.Ferries attributed the persistent Baynes Sound cable ferry mechanical breakdowns to teething problems. These teething problems, however, have become so chronic that union members and Denman and Hornby islanders refer to the world’s longest cable ferry as a failed experiment that needs to be decommissioned. Recently released information from FOI requests confirm what islanders have suspected for almost a decade—that the world’s longest cable ferry costs taxpayers plenty to keep in iffy service.

Although BCF’s ousted CEO claimed that the cable ferry would save taxpayer dollars on fuel and staffing and provide service on a par with conventional vessels, BCF accounts confirm that the cable ferry costs the same as conventional vessels for fuel and staffing—\$2M annually; and according to one interpretation of BCF’s confusing records that call for an independent audit, the cost for maintenance and repairs run in the hundreds of million dollars annually.

Despite the ferry’s unreliable service and the abyss between anticipated and actual expenses, BCF refuses to cut its losses by replacing it with a conventional vessel. The corporation’s stock excuse is that the current budget cycle doesn’t provide funds for replacement. Those who are mandated with providing corporate governance, the BCF Commissioner and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, echo this sorry excuse for keeping a failed experiment in service.

Since the budget provides funds for increasing deck space, however, BCF is considering spending \$41M on stretching it. Stretching a mechanically challenged, potentially unsafe,

and slow vessel by installing heavier cables and a heavier engine is neither rational nor fiscally responsible. Islanders do not share BCF’s faith that should a cable fall off in winds higher than 39 knots, that it is safe to dock. Since the cable ferry currently runs at kayaking speed, due to dragging the weight of three mile-long cables and seaweed fouling the hull, adding extra weight should reduce speed even more.

By placing budget considerations over reliability and cost-effectiveness, BCF continues to be in violation of the Coastal Ferry Act, BCF’s operational bible. The Coastal Ferry Act is unambiguous in mandating that the corporation provide assured service to ferry-dependent communities; and that govern

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
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2024-05-16 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:01	4.6	15
09:40	2.7	8.7
13:31	3	9.8
19:09	2.2	7.2

2024-05-17 (Fri)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:41	4.5	14.8
10:13	2.3	7.7
15:22	3.1	10.1
20:10	2.5	8.1

2024-05-18 (Sat)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:12	4.5	14.6
10:39	2	6.7
16:40	3.3	10.9
21:08	2.7	9

2024-05-19 (Sun)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:36	4.4	14.4
11:02	1.7	5.7
17:35	3.6	11.8
22:01	3	9.7

2024-05-20 (Mon)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:57	4.3	14.3
11:24	1.5	4.8
18:19	3.9	12.7
22:51	3.1	10.3

2024-05-21 (Tue)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:17	4.3	14.1
11:48	1.2	3.9
18:59	4.1	13.6

2024-05-22 (Wed)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:39	4.3	14
12:14	0.9	3.1
19:38	4.4	14.4

2024-05-23 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
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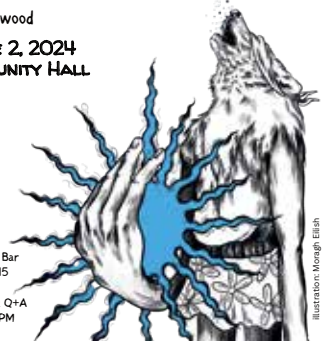


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The task of a CEO who is hired to turn around a dysfunctional corporation is to correct the failures of former CEOs, not to perpetuate them. Thus, islanders will continue to appeal to CEO Jimenez to reconsider keeping a failed experiment in costly service indefinitely. As Albert Einstein warns, to repeatedly do something in the same way but expect a different outcome is madness.

Respectfully,

Sharon Small, 

Letter on EMI Further to William Thomas' article on CityWest's system I will not labour the many misunderstandings concerning Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) one can find on the web because there are a multitude of scientific studies on the effects of EMI, or 'idiopathic environmental illness with attribution to electromagnetic fields (IEI-EMF)' as it is known to the many scientists who have studied the effects on human beings. If interested you could start with this article on the website Science Based Medicine:

<https://sciencebasedmedicine.org/electromagnetic-hypersensitivity-and-wifi-allergies-bogus-diagnoses-with-tragic-real-world-consequences/>

where you will find a summary of claims and actual scientific research and can follow links to many controlled studies on the health concerns of EMI. And note in particular that the author never questions the pain sufferers claim is caused by EMI; he questions only the claim of causation.

What I will say however is my surprise in Thomas failing to mention that optical cable will actually effect a small reduction in overall EMI as it neither generates EMI or is interfered by EMI as is copper cable. His reference, Jeromy Johnson, does not mention this fact directly but calls our attention to 'converters' which convert the electrical data signal to an optical one and back again.

Now the electrical

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...continued from P.2 desperately to get to the moon. The kids easily came up with a conversation and plot involving the two, and thus a group story was born. One thing learned: Everyone is different, and everyone speaks differently (e.g., phrasing, vocabulary, many words or few), about different things. Pay attention to how characters speak in the books you read -- if the dialogue is well written, you will be able to learn a lot about the characters. Another exercise that all students did was write a poem from the perspective (what I want, how I'll get it, where I am, etc.) of a simple object, named on a slip of paper, each student getting a different one (knife, anchor, etc.) One child wrote of an anchor that desperately wanted to swim.

Some highlights: The youngest class did not want me to stop reading from one of my books, so we dove in, a marathon read of the entire book, with breaks to stretch and to discuss things that came up related to character and dialogue. On a different day, I set up the same young kids in groups of three or four, each with a copy of one of my wordless picture books, which they followed together with their fingers as I read from a spoken version of the book prepared for CNIB, explaining to the kids all about that. Another highlight was talking about dialogue with the older class and reading bits of dialogue to them -- they really enjoyed being read to, and I'd do more of this next time. It generates discussion, of course. Highlight: The middle class had very recently read a book of mine together, which made for LOTS to talk about -- common ground, which was really wonderful. They were extremely insightful. Unfortunately, the middle class was also less of a highlight on day 2 because the teacher asked me to create an exercise for with very specific parameters -- theatre exercise, with "good" and "evil" characters. I tried...but it wasn't the best :) Next time, I would ask if the teachers want specific curriculum woven into the workshops, so would have more time to come up with something. 

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signal has only to be converted to optical at source once, say in Prince Rupert or Vancouver, after which it simply needs amplifiers, not converters, along the course of the optical line to prevent the degradation of the signal which affects all types of signal propagation. There will not be masses of converters on our road sides. The signal will have to be converted back to electrical once it reaches its destination to be of use in our electrical devices. This conversion will take place in the new modem. Comparing CityWest's Gigaspire Blast u6 to the Telus ActionTec T3200M that most of us on the island are already using I find that the power supplies—you know, that little black thing you plug into the wall outlet—are rated equally at 12vDC and 3 amps. You can't get out more power than you put in. The difference between the two is that the Blast u6 contains an optical to electrical converter and is connected directly to the network with an optical cable. The T3200M has no converter and is connected to the network by a RJ11 copper wire plug. Jeromy identifies the power supply as the culprit and states that an optical modem's power supply 'can generate high amounts of wide-spectrum EMI (electromagnetic interference)'. But as we have seen, the power supply of the modem you already have is rated the same as the optical one you will get from CityWest. Thus it is unclear where all Jeromy's greatly increased EMI is coming from but if the power supply really did emit vastly increased EMI then your Telus modem has been doing so for years.

I know that EMI is very real and have tasted its effects. When I was a kid in the late 1940's I could be listening to Wayne and Schuster on the AM radio when a truck revved its engine outside our house. The radio was immediately hit by a wave of EMI from the truck's generator causing the two comedians to break up in a hail of static until the truck moved on. I could discern no effect from it other than missing one of the duo's jokes or distortion of Terry Dale's mellifluous voice. AM radio's susceptibility to EMI is why today we mainly listen to FM. It is another reason why our cars now have alternators rather than the generators of my youth.

And a final note. We are urged to use a cable connection and have the CityWest technicians turn off WiFi

permanently. This at the very time most of us are using portable devices which cannot be cabled. Ask your children and grandchildren how this would sit with them! What a conundrum. 🍷



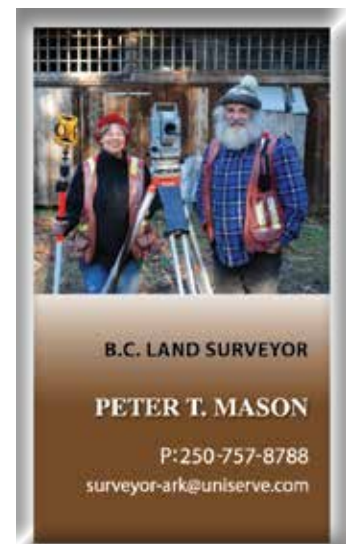
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THEY DON'T LIVE HERE ANY MORE

By William Thomas

"Gimme shelter!" howled the Rolling Stones. But Keith Richards omitted the tagline: "That I can afford!"

By December 2023, Hornby's housing crisis had "reached a critical point," Katherine Ronan reported. The island needed more housing for workers and their families "as quickly as possible if it is to survive as a community."

HICEEC and Wellesley Consulting were "exploring the option of applying for a parcel of Crown Land" off Central Road, "extending from behind the Cemetery eastward to the Recycling Depot driveway," she wrote. This central location within walking distance of key services was "optimal for affordable housing."

The same patch of planet had already attracted another consultant. While searching BC's online Crown Land Registry database, Brian Gregg had come across File #1413862. Survey plans for Block L Section 11 near the old fire hall looked ideal for his client. Fittingly, the date of Gregg's discovery — Dec, 7, 2020 — marked the anniversary of an attack on another vulnerable island by a foreign power bent on conquest.

On August 17, 2022, Rogers Communications' Crown Land Tenure Application #100396495 sought a Licence of Occupation for a freestanding 206-foot cell tower to be erected on 24 hectares of relinquished native land. The proposed industrial structure could be stretched another 40 feet without additional permits.

But there was a hitch.

"Local governments have authority over land use by third parties on Crown Lands," the Crown Lands webpage stipulates. "Independent, autonomous and accountable orders of government" — including the specifically

named "Islands Trust" corporation — are "land use decision makers" authorized under the Local Government Act "to govern matters within their boundaries."

To go ahead, the Toronto-based telecom giant needed approval from Hornby's Local Trust Committee. But our LTC had already turned down a similar Telus application in 2017. To forestall an electoral uproar, complicit corporate Trust planners "forgot" to reveal the Rogers tower proposal until after the October 2022 elections.

Ever since close to 500 Hornby Islanders either signed a "No Tower!" petition, or expressed their opposition during November '22 calls from campaign organisers, local residents have been demanding an LTC vote

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When trustee Alex Allen made that motion on Sept. 8, 2023, he was instantly shut down by an off-island planner for improper procedure. But in a legal opinion by a barrister & solicitor specializing in Trust proceedings, Carla Conkin found that our LTC can turn down a tower application at any time.

Allen has never demurred.

Though he and Lasqueti's tie-breaking Tim Peterson publicly oppose the tower, and trustee Grant Scott prefers an unspecified location outside Hornby's centre, 19 months of LTC hand-writing could prove disastrous.

In response to this reporter's email, Peterson has revealed that during an April 26 confab with the province and the feds' rebranded Industry Canada (ISED), Trust planners were informed that because the proposed cell tower site occupies Crown land, "there will be no request for concurrence from Rogers to the LTC."

Instead, with longstanding protocols broken and our local government shoved aside, Hornby's trustees will only be allowed to "comment" on pending provincial approval.

Over Grant's objections, Tim Peterson has called an as-yet-unscheduled Special public zoom meeting to formulate a response. Provincial box-checking could take from 8 to 30 days, unless an extension is granted. This "does not seem right", Carla Conkin replied to my heads-up. But who will fund another legal opinion?

A longtime resident spoke for many, saying, "We're screwed."

"Not yet," I replied. What if we judo-flip ministerial interference to our advantage by using the #1 provincial priority against Rogers?

Hasn't the BC Government declared that its Land Use Operational Policy "applies to publically oriented Crown land use by community groups and local governments for the purpose of providing a beneficial community service"?

Doesn't its shiny new Housing Supply Act require more populous municipalities to fast-track "rental housing" and "affordable housing"?

And wouldn't rallying 'round HICEEC to prioritize community housing over a redundant cell tower on the same patch of Crown Land be the best way forward?

"There is plenty of space for housing or other uses," Brian Gregg has argued, beneath a tele

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communications tower constantly radiating powerful electromagnetic fields (EMF) within environmentally Protected Area IIA. But Section 59 of our Official Community Plan (OCP) stipulates: "For safety, no dwellings permitted within... a maximum of (3) times the height."

Similar EMF concerns recently shot down cell towers proposed by Telus and Rogers in the Courtenay/Comox Agricultural Land Reserve — after PubMed and Environmental Health Trust documents submitted to the CVRD demonstrated clear harm to bees, birds and trees from "Rising Ambient EMF Levels in the Environment". EHT's National Institute of Health study cited nearly 1000 references.

"Radiofrequency radiation (RFR) from cell towers has not been proven safe for people, animals, birds, insects, and trees," concurs the latest BioInitiative meta-study. "We now have ample evidence linking low intensity cumulative RFR exposure to DNA damage, cancer & tumors, mitochondrial damage, lowered sperm count and infertility, miscarriages, sleep disorders, memory and cognitive problems, headaches, migraines, damage to the blood-brain barrier, tinnitus, diabetes, heart palpitations, neurological disorders, and more."

Children, elders and the immune-compromised are especially vulnerable. According to Canadian building biology experts, "No country's RF guidelines provide less protection than Canada."

After strapping a cellphone to a plastic head for six minutes, industry-compromised Safety Code 6 continues to dismiss voluminous biological warnings. With zero environmental exposure limits, placing community housing beneath seven transmitters powerful enough to reach offshore (in violation of our OCP), would be like sending conscripted Ukrainians to the disintegrating front lines.

Will HICEEC move quickly enough to preempt the Rogers application with its own? After lengthy procedural delays, Katherine Ronan says they intend to submit their community housing application "within the next couple of weeks."

Right now, concerned readers can write: Dave Peterson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation (in charge of Crown Lands) at Dave.Peterson@gov.bc.ca. 

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Shucking Oysters: Contrary Trails

By Alex Allen

Have you looked up at the sky lately? What do you see? It's a bird. It's a plane. It's another plane, and another

plane and another plane. The trails appear like giant zippers and spread out ominously. And then one can only hear the planes, as the sky is suddenly thick with cloud. I have been witnessing this for years, even more so, since I moved to Hornby over 25 years ago. People used to talk about it a lot. What happened to the conversation? What happened to so many conversations?

I'll speak from personal experience. Every time I tell someone to look up, they do and then look back at me with a blank face. And then? I share witnessing 13 planes flying back and forth above us, farting out cloud plumes, filling the sky with trellis-like crisscross lines. "Look," I plead, "that's just not normal." Instead, I am looked at as "just not normal."

Chemtrails, contrails, call them what you will. It's confusing. Why one day, you see planes flying above and the trails dissipate immediately and then the next day, same clear kind of day, a bunch of planes fly above and emit trails of cloud condensation that last for days? Contrails, which are essentially just water vapour ice crystals, can only form at about 28,000 feet and at just the right humidity. Chemical trails, on the other hand, are dispersed from transport planes at around 10,000 and 12,000 feet. If a plane is flying at this elevation, there should be no contrails or any visible sign of water vapour. I'm not a scientist, but I do dabble in research. Go to the Planefinder site, enter Comox, BC and then zoom out and click on the planes that fly over our airspace that are modifying the weather. The culprits? Air Alaska predominately, followed by Air China, and even Fedex.

It is not some conspiracy. It is true substances are released into the atmosphere from time to time for cloud seeding and experiments on controlling solar radiation. Both Russia

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...continued from P.7 and China have partnered on solar geoengineering or, the more palatable term, “solar radiation management” (SRM) for years. In fact, the Chinese government has been spending billions of dollars manipulating the weather for both agricultural and political reasons. They seeded clouds ahead of the 2008 Beijing Olympics to reduce smog and rain ahead of the competition. Key political meetings held in the Chinese capital are notorious for enjoying beautiful clear skies, thanks to weather modification. At its 100th Chinese Communist Party celebration, weather authorities launched rockets carrying silver iodine into the sky for two-hours, resulting in artificial rain and less pollution.

And while other countries have also invested in cloud seeding, including the US, China’s enthusiasm for the technology has created some alarm, particularly in neighbouring India, where agriculture is heavily dependent on the monsoon, which has already been disrupted as a result of climate change.



Just this April, the Coastal Atmospheric Aerosol Research and Engagement project announced it is using specially built sprayers to shoot trillions of sea salt particles into the sky to increase the reflective capacity of marine clouds. The experiment, off the coast of Alameda, California, will run through the end of May. This follows the abrupt end of a Harvard University experiment last month that planned to inject reflective aerosols into the stratosphere near Sweden before it was cancelled after encountering opposition from Indigenous and environmental groups.

Several private individuals have started launching stratosphere-bound balloons without any given notice or prior announcement. Today in the US, anyone who wants to shoot aerosols into the sky simply needs to fill out a one-page form 10 days beforehand. In 2023, Make Sunsets, a venture-backed geoengineering startup, conducted two unauthorized launches that released sulfur dioxide in Mexico, which resulted in the Mexican government stating it would ban solar geoengineering.

Almost all weather modification research is done with computer modelling, so no one knows exactly what might happen if it were done on a planetary scale. Studies show geoengineering not only weakens the ozone layer, alters precipitation patterns and affects agriculture, it also affects ecosystems, marine life and air quality.

What seems more alarming is that sulfur dioxide pollution, for instance, is known to have serious health and environmental risks and is one of the six air pollutants regulated around the world. In the atmosphere, sulfur dioxide can combine with water vapour to form sulfuric acid, a major component of acid rain. Is “artificial rain” the new “acid rain”?

“History has shown us that when we insert ourselves into modification of nature, there are always very serious unintended consequences,” said Greg Goldsmith, associate dean for research and development at Chapman University, who studies the implications of climate change on plant structure and function. “And therefore, it would be prudent to listen to what history has shown and look for consequences.”

We are all aware of climate change, biodiversity extinction, pollution, soil erosion, deforestation, and so on, yet we are simply unable to grasp how devastating their combined effects would be. These are more conversations that we should be having.

Playing god with the weather is not the answer. The side effects are many. As David Coulson wrote in *Silent Earth*, ‘it seems pretty clear that it is a bad idea but, like many human technologies that could have consequences for all of us, it is hard to regulate.’

In the meantime, as the Friendly Giant reminded us, “look up, look way up.” 🍷



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Green Wizards: A Slight Problem

By Maxine Rogers

A few years ago, an elderly family member developed a strange problem. When she went to sleep, she would sleep for about two hours and wake up dripping with sweat, her heart pounding like a jackhammer. Once she got dried off and calmed down, she would go back to sleep and the same thing would happen again. It got so bad for her that she became afraid to go to sleep because the events were so terrible. Her Doctor's brilliant suggestion was to put a lighter blanket on her bed.

This went on for two years and we thought we were going to lose her because she is frail and few people can go for years without proper sleep without going mad. Sleep deprivation has such ghastly effects that it is considered one of the fastest ways of breaking a prisoner for interrogation. That is why it is specifically forbidden to use sleep deprivation on prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention. Most prisoners of war are healthy young people so, you see, it is even worse to do this to a frail older person.

My relative went to several medical practitioners and received no help. After a very long wait, she was able to see an Endocrinologist to have her hormones looked at. There was nothing wrong with her hormones. The Endocrinologist, to her everlasting credit, continued looking for the cause of this, really terrible problem. She looked at all the side effects of my relative's medications. One was an anti-anxiety drug that her idiot quack had prescribed right before the terrible night terrors began. It was causing the terrible night terrors. Her quack had never bothered to look at what the side effects of her drugs were. My relative got off the drug that was causing her so much stress and anxiety and got better right away.

I mentioned this to an American friend who responded with the story of his mother who suffered chronic diarrhea for ten years. Her Doctor was puzzled by her symptoms. My friend decided to look up the side effects of all the drugs his poor old Mom was on. One of them commonly caused chronic diarrhea. He brought this to the attention of his Mom's Doctor and the shameless man just wrote out a new prescription

without one word of apology for the decade of severe pain, anguish and frustration that his laziness and incompetence has visited upon this blameless woman.

It is important to note that the term, "side effects," sound kind of benign as if they were something you might experience or not. A Doctor explained to me that this is not the case. All side effects are the effects of the drugs and you will experience them all. The pharmaceutical companies simply call them side effects because they want to concentrate on the effects they think will be likely to get your Doctor to prescribe their filthy junk for you.

A Doctor friend told me this story. He had a patient who suffered from high-blood pressure. He had this guy on three different medications to lower his blood pressure. The man asked him if his pills were good? My friend replied that, "Of course they are good." But, he wasn't really sure so he began to record his patient's blood pressure on a graph. He found he was able to take his patient off two of the medications without any effect on his blood pressure. So, some medications are of no use at all.

But back to my elderly relative. Recently, she began to have problems sleeping again. She would go to sleep but wake up after about two hours with a mouth as dry as the Sahara. I asked if she was on any new medications because I, correctly, assumed her Doctor was trying to kill her again. She was.

She had prescribed my frail, old relative an anti-psychotic medication used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Some Doctors are using this at a low dose to treat insomnia even though it is not approved



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The drug is called Jamp Quetiapine and its side effects include, but are not limited to, dry mouth, headache, constipation, suicidal thoughts, falls (which is just what you want in a lady in her late eighty's) convulsions, uncontrollable body movements, dizziness, increased risk of fracture of the hip wrist and spine and the list goes on. I told her about these side effects and she flushed the pills down the toilet.

I spoke with her this evening and she is again suffering from dry mouth and a different Doctor had prescribed a drug for the treatment of her acid reflux. The side effects of this new drug include black, tarry stools, blistering, peeling or loosening of the skin, chest pain, red skin lesions with a purple centre, ulcers in the mouth and a host of other unpleasant experiences.

Acid reflux can also be treated by losing weight, not drinking coffee or alcohol, not wearing tight clothes, not eating too fast or too much, elevating the head of your bed and a few other simple and harmless practices. Which would you choose?

So, if you, or any of your friends or relatives, are ill, I implore you to look up the side effects of any medications you are taking as they do sometimes cause these slight problems. 🍷

Letter to the Editor

By Leif LeBaron

My name and associated misrepresentation appeared in an article by Will Thomas in last week's edition. The article raises the issue of EMI (electromagnetic interference) and "dirty electricity", which I aim to bring more attention to here:

Poorly-designed (especially digital) electronics feed electrical noise back into their power lines. It's essential to understand that electrical conductors are antennas; i.e. they both receive and broadcast (unless they are shielded). Such is simply the nature of things, be they man-made or of natural origin.

In contrast to other developed countries, residential electrical wiring in Canada/USA is not shielded; hence, it broadcasts EMR (electromagnetic radiation) 24/7/365 (a 60Hz sine wave at best) while also receiving EMI from the increasingly electromagnetically polluted environment. Such EMI is another cause of dirty electricity.

These are serious problems and that is why signal cables (for computers, microphones, &c.) are shielded and often include "chokes" (the lumps near each end of a cable). While optical fibre is superior to electrical conductors in respect to EMR/EMI, the attached electronics may indeed cause trouble.

Fortunately, these phenomena can be measured, and instead of blindly trusting "The Science" or the market of dubious "solutions", I urge everyone to learn more about the simply demonstrable physics of the world we inhabit.

Leif LeBaron 🍷

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I Became A Tribal Person

By Sally Campbell

Sometimes I love a book so much I just get 10 copies of it to give as gifts to people. Richard Wagamese's posthumous collection: "Selected: What comes from Spirit" is one of those books. So I hope Abraxas will have plenty of copies on hand for others as well. For some reason, which I irrationally attribute to left-handedness, I don't always start a book at its beginning. I may open it randomly and just get a taste of it, may skip the introduction until I'm ready to read it, may peruse for photos. If it's non-fiction, I may start at the end. This book is perfect for my style, as it is a gathering of the great Wagamese's meditations, short essays, observations, reflections & insights. And they are presented in differing type-face and formats, intermingled with surprise pages of a differing colour. It is such a treasure I am purposefully savouring it like the proverbial

box of chocolates, and not devouring the whole thing in a sitting. I am indulging slowly in the richness of his writing, all the better to appreciate the wisdom in his words. Like "The truth stays the same". Hmmm, now there's something to ponder. I am enjoying it in several ways, from opening it to scattered surprises to following each page as presented. This feels very much like a book that will stay on my bedside table, or maybe travel everywhere with me, for a good long while, like Jon Kabat-Zinn's "Wherever you go, There you Are", or Stephen Mitchell's translation of the "Tao Te Ching".

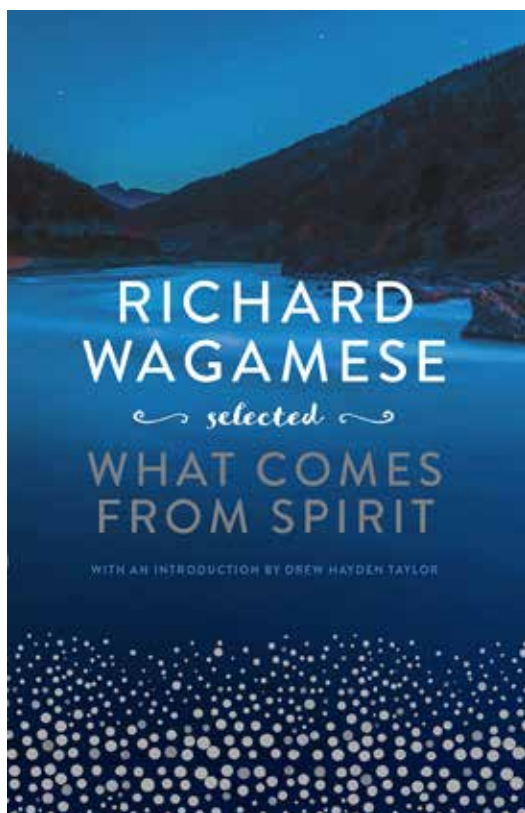
In his piece on Wood Ducks, Wagamese recounts his hidden observation from a tree, of the nest of a pair of wood ducks, his patient and deep immersion in the waiting process while the eggs hatched. He was living through an extremely difficult and unsettled time after his trapper family lost their home and livelihood through flooding for an Ontario dam, placement in foster care with no contact with his birth family, moving three times in a year, three different locales, three different schools. He had lost his mooring.

And yet, he writes:

"Some things in life remain. Some things transcend the losses and leavings of our living. I found the essence of my tribal self in that tree above the nest and it never left me. When the time was right, and I was ready, I emerged as a tribal person, as pure and natural as breathing." In his unshakeable connection to the natural world and its cycles of renewal, Wagamese finds his home, his grounding. Suffering teaches so many lessons; yet we can gain insight in a myriad of ways. Nothing is without cost. I often think we privileged ones carry the burden of too much. We are so surrounded by abundance that we come to expect it as our "right". We are so safely tucked into our beds and our homes that we fail to expand our humanity to those who haven't beds or homes. We look the other way and we don't develop our compassion beyond caring for those closest to us. Speaking recently about the effects of Brexit with a Brit long-based in Vancouver, she said: "Well, we just couldn't take any more immigrants; we have no more room." And I asked her about the 13,000 acre estates of the gentry, and whether there might be some room there for housing, which the socialist in her conceded. What struck me was how we take the gross inequities of the world for granted, as if the ultra-rich actually are entitled to live as they do, on the backs of those who make their clothes in a sweat shop, build their high rises as "migrant labour" or clean their toilets. People blame those suffering the effects of climate crisis and disaster capitalism - primarily created by the wealthy industrialized nations - for wanting to live in safety and security. Close the borders, keep them out we shout, rather than addressing the causes that make them seek asylum in the first place.

Surely the angst of the current world climate - temperatures rising, forest fire evacuations

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Using A Fictional Antisemitism Crisis To Support A Real Genocide

By Caitlin Johnstone

One of the most frustrating things happening in the world right now is the way people of conscience are doing everything they can to bring a stop to Israel's US-backed atrocities in Gaza, and Israel supporters are responding to this by pointing at an epidemic of "antisemitism" which has no existence outside their own imaginations—but we're all expected to pretend it's real and worthy of respect.

TV's "Dr Phil" McGraw flew to Jerusalem to give war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu an hour-long platform on which to justify his genocidal violence in Gaza to an American audience, shamelessly assisting the Israeli prime minister's apologia with common hasbara talking points of his own. The duo spent lot of time smearing anti-genocide protesters at US universities as evil Jew haters. At one point Netanyahu went so far as to advance the ridiculous suggestion that this sudden wave of support for Palestinians has nothing to do with Israel's actions in Gaza at all, but is solely due to a massive "explosion" in antisemitism which just so happens to coincide with those actions.

"It's not directed at what we do, it's directed at who we are," Netanyahu said of the protests, adding, "It's an antisemitic explosion that threatens all of civilization."

"Antisemitic activity has gone up 360 percent in America since October 7, and it was already high before October 7, and it's gone up 360 percent," McGraw responded in furious agreement.

This is a fiction. The TV man is citing a fake statistic from the Anti-Defamation League, who after October 7 began categorizing pro-Palestine rallies as antisemitic incidents, including rallies organized and attended by Jewish groups. This propagandistic manipulation allowed the Israel-friendly mass media to falsely report a massive spike in antisemitism in the wake of October 7 which had not actually occurred.

"One of the most spellbinding doublespeak contortions over the past seven months is this line that there's just been this random, spontaneous outburst of vicious anti-Semitism which just happens to correlate 100% perfectly with Israel's US-backed pulverization campaign in Gaza," journalist Michael Tracey tweeted of the exchange. Real antisemitism—by which I mean prejudice against Jews as a group—certainly exists. But it's a fringe position in our society, and it's almost never what you're hearing about when Israel apologists are talking. In fact

you very seldom see Israel apologists and institutions like the ADL, who are supposedly responsible for fighting antisemitism, going after actual antisemites who harbor actual ill will toward the Jewish people. What you typically see them doing instead is using the "antisemitism" label to falsely smear people of conscience who criticize the actions of the state of Israel.

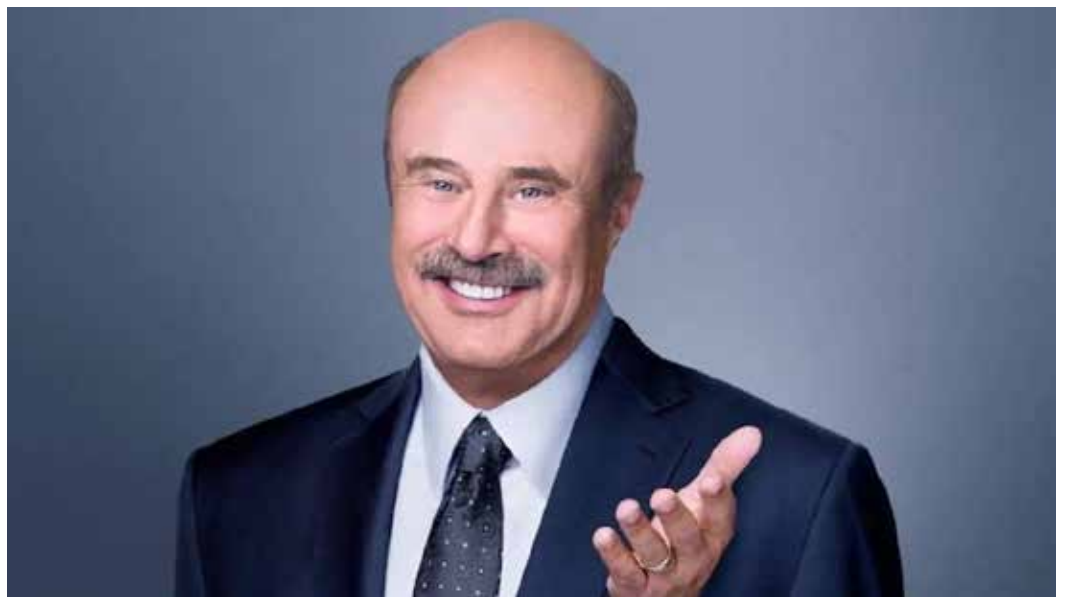
Generally when you hear an Israel apologist use the word

"antisemitism", they're actually talking about people like the campus protesters, or public figures like Jeremy Corbyn—lifelong anti-racists who are fervently opposed to prejudice and persecution against any group of people, including Jews. Their crime isn't that they have an abusive hatred of Jews, it's that they don't share Israel's abusive hatred of Palestinians.

During a recent congressional hearing some unbelievably stupid assertions were put forward by Florida Representative Aaron Bean, who chaired the meeting.

"It's hard to grasp how antisemitism has become such a dominant force in our K-12

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...continued from P.14 happening in Fort Nelson right now, unprecedented storms and flooding not “just” in Bangladesh, but in California yet, together with the deep divisions and catastrophic death & destruction being caused by two unwinnable wars in the West, ought to be a time when we search for insight. What do we need to do differently for our common survival? How can we lessen our generalized anxiety?

To my view, one of the key things we need to do is recalibrate our thinking to decolonize our minds. We have to emerge/evolve as “tribal people” in a tribe that includes all of humanity. This is our tribe and we’d better get used to it. No one is secure until all are secure. We need to reexamine our scarcity mindset and find fairer, more equitable ways to live, love and work together as earthlings. This is our one & only home, and we need to share it. When we come to this realization, there comes to us a sense of calmness and belonging. But is it too late as some say? Is there time to do this justice work of recognition, reallocation and reconciliation? As a friend wisely told me recently, “We have all the time there is”. 🍷



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“Some kids as young as second grade are spewing Nazi propaganda, which begs the question, who has positioned these young minds to attack the Jewish people?”

To be clear, nobody on planet Earth believes what Aaron Bean just said, including Aaron Bean. There is not one single person anywhere in this universe who sincerely believes that there is an epidemic of second graders across America being brainwashed to spout Nazi propaganda. It is not happening, and we all know it’s not happening. But people like Aaron Bean pretend to believe this complete work of fiction is an actual real-life occurrence in order to defend the very real atrocities that are being committed by their favourite apartheid state.

This freakish narrative push isn’t just happening in the US. Here in Australia there’s been a nonstop deluge of melodramatic concern trolling about a completely fictional epidemic of Jew hatred, one recent example appearing in an article for The Age titled “When uni students endorse terrorism, it’s time for political intervention”.

In it, The Age’s “chief political correspondent” David Crowe argues that Canberra must move swiftly to shut down the campus protests sprouting up in this country under the legal justification of stopping “hate speech” and fighting “terrorism”. The only examples of “hate speech” Crowe cites are protesters using the word “intifada” and the slogan “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” both of which only qualify as hate speech by the most tortured of mental contortions.

The only example of “endorsing terrorism” Crowe cites is some random student protester in Canberra telling the ABC “I actually say that Hamas deserve our unconditional support,” after which she quickly clarified “not because I agree with their strategy ... (I have) complete disagreements with that.”

After making it absolutely clear that he is calling for the government to forcibly shut down and outlaw obvious political speech, Crowe writes that “Universities should be open grounds for free speech, not platforms for antisemitism and violence.”

Western empire managers and their propagandists are so freaked out by this new protest movement that they have to do this hilarious dance where they hop forward and go “Of course I support free speech and

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dissent is always legal in our country, BUUUUT” and then hop back and explicitly advocate government oppression of obvious political speech. They do this by pointing to a crisis of “antisemitism” which they invented inside their own skulls. And it’s just so indescribably insane how people who care about humanity, truth and justice are talking about actual children getting killed by the thousands, and Israel and its apologists are responding to this by talking about an entirely fictional “antisemitism” crisis that exists nowhere outside the imagination. It’s like responding to warnings of another holocaust by babbling about Sauron. It’s like we’re going, “Oh my god, civilians are being massacred on a daily basis by a racist apartheid regime!” And they’re going, “Oh yeah well you know what we should really be worried about? Sauron, the Dark Lord.” You’d be like, “What?? I’m talking about a real thing that’s actually happening to actual real-life human beings! You’re talking about a work of fiction by JRR Tolkien.” “Oh so you’re just going to dismiss Sauron’s plan to overrun Middle Earth with orcish hordes as soon as he recovers the One Ring?” they’d say. “What are you, some kind of Mordor sympathizer?” “What the hell are you on about?” you’d protest. “We’re talking about actual, physical people being ripped apart by actual, physical military explosives, and you’re talking about some imaginary fantasy land like it’s a real thing! How are we supposed to address this actual real-life problem when you keep trying to drag the conversation kicking and screaming into a debate about something that has no existence outside the realm of the imagination?” “I guess you just hate hobbits,” they’d say. I mean, how do you even argue with someone like this? How do you debate someone about a real-life problem of unparalleled urgency when all they want to talk about is a completely made-up crisis that absolutely is not happening on this material plane? It’s the most frustrating thing in the world. 🍷

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The enemy within

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The truth is there for all to see
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by Helen Grond



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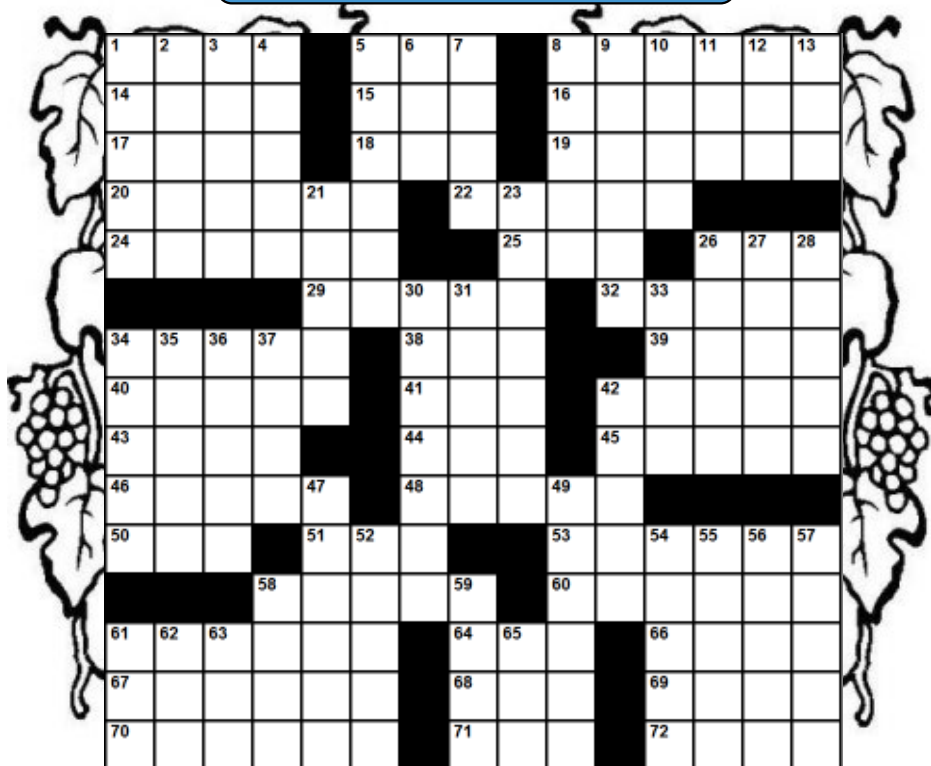
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GRUMPISM

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 16

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm

FRIDAY 17

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 18

• RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
• FREE STORE 9-Noon
• FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

TUESDAY 21

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

WEDNESDAY 22

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 23

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
• FREE STORE 4:30-6pm

FRIDAY 24

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 25

• RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
• FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
• FREE STORE 9-Noon
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 26

MONDAY 27

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

TUESDAY 28

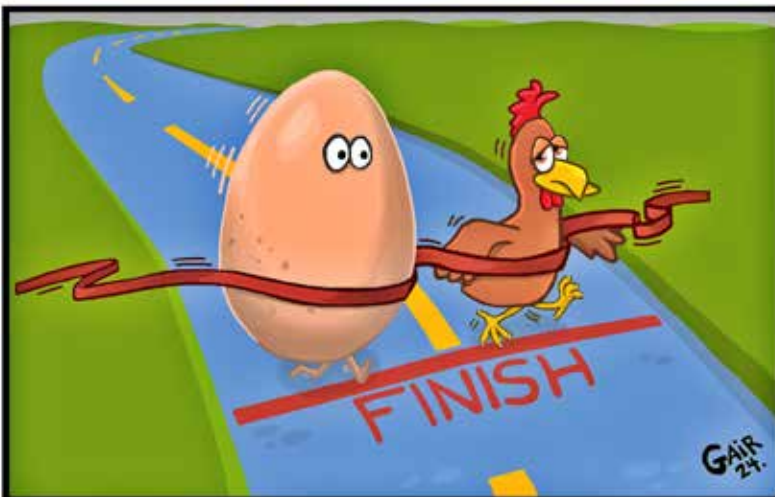
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• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 30

• RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
• CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
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