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## Green Wizardries: Tea

*By Maxine Rogers*

I was brought up a tea drinker. My parents were of British extraction and our family drank a lot of black tea. It was a big thing when I was a little kid and got my first cup of tea. My father made a little ceremony out of it and told me the story of his first ever cup of tea when he was six. I really felt like one of the big kids when I was allowed to drink my first cup of tea.

Back then, the tea bags were made of paper. I don't know quite when this changed but a number of years ago, I started finding tea bags, quite unchanged after being composted for more than a year in a high-heat compost pile.

I found out, then, that what I thought were paper tea bags were actually made of polypropylene which is a type of plastic. These tea bags release micoplastics and nanoplastics in each cup of tea. Why would a tea company deliberately poison its customers? I expect they make a fraction of a penny more per box of tea by this dastardly act. Plastics inside the body upset the balance of the endocrine system.

Have you seen those fancy-looking transparent, pyramid-shaped tea bags they use in cafes? Well, someone served a cup of tea with such a bag in it to Nathalie Tufenkji. Nathalie is a professor of chemical engineering. She began to study these bags and found that if you brew a cup of tea at 95 degrees Celsius, the bags will release approximately 11.6 billion microplastics and 3.1 billion nanoplastics. Nanoplastics are 150 times smaller than a human hair and may be small enough to permeate human cells.

I wonder if this plastic poisoning is one of the reasons people have such a lot of chronic disease now. The rate of chronic disease is skyrocketing. In any case, I was disgusted by this rapacious act and stopped drinking tea made from tea bags. This is easy to do. All I needed was to go to a tea shop and buy a metal tea ball. The ball opens up and I put tea in, close the tea ball and put it in the pot or cup.

Then, I found caffeine was not great for me so I began to drink decaf tea and coffee which is kind of pointless because the pleasure of tea and coffee drinking is the chemical rush from the caffeine. Once I was no longer addicted to caffeine, I found coffee tasted vile. I still like the taste of black tea but rarely drink it. I have my doubts about how wholesome tea is after the chemical process to get rid of the caffeine.

I find it very easy to grow all the tea I need for my family here on Denman. Lemon balm, Jimmy Tait, may she rest in peace, gave me my first lemon balm plants from her garden. I gave some lemon balm plants away to a young woman who grew up on Denman and when I told her they came from Jimmy Tait, she whispered Jimmy's name reverently.

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**Press Release**

By CVRD

**CVRD Apologizes for Damage Caused to K'ómoks Archaeological Sites and Commits to Key Actions for the Protection of Cultural Heritage**

October 29, 2024

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) wishes to publicly apologize for damaging both registered and unregistered K'ómoks Cultural Heritage Sites during construction of the Denman Cross Island Trail. In doing so, the CVRD caused unnecessary harm to the K'ómoks First Nation (K'ómoks) that could have been prevented had the proper procedures been followed.

Since the incident occurred in Fall 2023, the CVRD has been working through a restorative justice process with K'ómoks to investigate the site and identify and complete remedial actions. CVRD has also identified where internal process errors occurred that led to these contraventions. The restorative justice process engages those involved in harmful events in dialogue about harm, reparation, accountability, and supports — while addressing the needs of all parties.

“On behalf of the CVRD board and staff, we deeply regret this incident and are committed to moving forward in a positive way. At the same time, we know that once a site is disturbed the damage is irreparable and that piece of history is lost forever,” said CVRD Chair Will Cole-Hamilton. “That is why we must take all necessary steps to ensure that we are following the correct processes to prevent something like this from happening again. It is important that we share our experience with the community so that we can all understand the importance of undertaking the appropriate permitting before disturbing ground in culturally sensitive areas.”

Through subsequent staff-to-staff engagement about the permitting process, as well as dialogue with the province through a restorative justice process, several steps have been identified to address the harms caused by these errors. These include offsetting K'ómoks First Nation staff costs incurred in relation to this incident, as well as a donation towards the Nation's repatriation priorities. The regional district also commits to improving internal procedures and providing further education for its staff about K'ómoks' Cultural Heritage Policy permitting process through workshops and the CVRD's employee on-boarding program.

These actions to be undertaken by the CVRD will help the regional district and the Nation move forward from this incident together with the goal of ensuring a strong working relationship moving forward.

The K'ómoks Cultural Heritage Investigation Permit (CHIP) is a step towards reconcilia-

tion that gives K'ómoks the ability to further document and protect its Cultural Heritage. The CVRD has applied CHIP to several capital projects, including the Sewer Conveyance Project which will replace the sewer pipe running through IR#1 and impact known culturally sensitive areas.

The CVRD acknowledges the importance of the CHIP, including increasing awareness of K'ómoks Cultural History and preventing damage and destruction to archaeological sites. The permit is a way to move forward in developing pathways to site protection, community stewardship and co-management. Following the CHIP process also reduces potential project shutdowns, delays and costs.

For more information about the K'ómoks First Nation CHIP, visit: [komoks.ca/chip](http://komoks.ca/chip)

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**TIDE TABLE**

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**2024-10-31 (Thu)**

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| 06:50        | 4   | 13.3 |
| 11:48        | 3   | 9.9  |
| 17:18        | 4.4 | 14.4 |

**2024-11-01 (Fri)**

| Time PDT (m) | (m) | (ft) |
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| 07:30        | 4.2 | 13.9 |
| 12:25        | 3.2 | 10.6 |
| 17:35        | 4.4 | 14.3 |

**2024-11-02 (Sat)**

| Time PDT (m) | (m) | (ft) |
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| 00:57        | 1.2 | 3.9  |
| 08:10        | 4.4 | 14.4 |
| 13:03        | 3.4 | 11.2 |
| 17:53        | 4.3 | 14.2 |

**2024-11-03 (Sun)**

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| 01:23        | 1   | 3.4  |
| 08:50        | 4.5 | 14.9 |
| 13:45        | 3.6 | 11.8 |
| 18:14        | 4.3 | 14   |

**2024-11-04 (Mon)**

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| 01:54        | 1   | 3.1  |
| 09:33        | 4.6 | 15.2 |
| 14:32        | 3.7 | 12.2 |
| 18:38        | 4.2 | 13.7 |

**2024-11-05 (Tue)**

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| 10:21        | 4.7 | 15.3 |
| 15:29        | 3.8 | 12.6 |
| 19:03        | 4.1 | 13.4 |

**2024-11-06 (Wed)**

| Time PDT (m) | (m) | (ft) |
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| 16:43        | 3.9 | 12.7 |
| 19:33        | 4   | 13.1 |

**2024-11-07 (Thu)**

| Time PDT (m) | (m) | (ft) |
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| 03:56        | 1.1 | 3.6  |
| 12:09        | 4.7 | 15.3 |
| 18:23        | 3.8 | 12.4 |
| 20:17        | 3.8 | 12.5 |

*...continued from P.2* I doubt Jimmy used lemon balm for tea. Jimmy liked to plant lemon balm by the paths where people would brush against it and release the lovely lemon scent. Jimmy was all about the scented garden. When I first tried lemon balm for tea, I was disappointed as I had hoped for a flavour more reminiscent of lemon grass. Lemon balm does have a nice flavour but it is mostly consumed for its pleasantly calming effect.

I grow heaps of lemon balm for export to family members in the city. I also grow German chamomile which is an annual and looks very nice at the front of the border or lining paths. I rake out the blossoms with my fingers and dry the flower heads which make an excellent, tasty and calming tea. Chamomile tea is also used to make cosmetics to soothe the skin.

Last summer, a lovely friend also gave me some Roman chamomile plants which are very pretty and low-growing and have a lovely scent and flavour. These chamomiles are perennial and the clumps get bigger every year. I look forward to growing a large plantation of these excellent flowers.

Finally, I have a couple of wooden half barrels that I grow chocolate mint and French woolly mint in. I cropped them several times last spring and summer and kept them watered and fertilized. They grew back very strongly and I love the tea I have from them. The chocolate mint and the French woolly mint make a delicious tea with none of the hard edge of spearmint.



By being self-sufficient in tea, I am saving a little money each year but I am also saving my health through avoiding plastic poisoning, avoiding the toxic sprays that contaminate most black tea and I am saving the Living Earth from these toxic burdens. My spent tea leaves go into the compost and make the world a better place. 🍷

SPECIAL INTEREST

## **Shucking Oysters: The Ugly**

*By Alex Allen*

**W**e are living in a very nasty world right now. Especially the political one. Globally, we are seeing an alarming shift towards extreme right-wing parties and more and more intolerance of anything that has a hint of humanity. The sheer ugliness is breathtaking. How have we become so numb to this tribal pack of idiots with as much boundaries as preschoolers high on Cocoa Puffs?

Let's zoom in on the bucolic province of British Columbia. As I write these words, the election recount is still in motion. No matter which party wins, UBC political scientist Max Cameron warns us that the next few years will be divisive, polarizing, and rocky. Cool. It still amazes me how the Conservatives came from nothing to something. And what amazes me more is how cerebral-challenged the candidates are.

Conservative candidate, Bryan Breguet, who ran in the Vancouver-Langara riding asserted that high rates of Indigenous people in prisons could be because they "commit more crimes. Like Black people in the US." Jody Toor, who ran in the Langley-Willowbrook riding, presented herself as an MD despite not having medical credentials. Chris Sankey, the North Coast-Haida Gwaii candidate, allegedly said that COVID-19 vaccines caused AIDS.

The good thing about social media is that you can run but you can't hide. What we are seeing today, however, is that it doesn't matter what they find in your closet. You can say or do anything outrageous. Like a good Christian, all you have to do is apologize and everything will be right again. As a small-a agnostic, sorry, contriteness is not a virtue.

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## Letter to Hornby Island Community Members

28 October 2024

### **Subject: After careful consideration Comox Valley Schools will not re-open Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre**

Dear Hornby Island Community Members,

After a thorough and collaborative review with our partners in the Qualicum School District and BC Parks, Comox Valley Schools' Board of Education has made the difficult decision not to pursue re-opening the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre (TBOEC). We recognize this news will bring disappointment to many who hold deep connections to the centre and its cherished role on Hornby Island and within our school district.

Located on the Traditional Territories of the K'ómoks First Nation, Tribune Bay is a place of profound cultural and historical importance. For nearly four decades, this special site has offered unique and transformative outdoor learning experiences for students from our district and beyond. These experiences would not have been possible without the tireless dedication, efforts, and heart of the Hornby Island community. Your support and commitment have been instrumental in keeping the centre's spirit alive, and for this, we are immensely grateful.

Over the years, the infrastructure at Tribune Bay has unfortunately deteriorated, with significant upgrades now required to meet today's standards for safety, accessibility, and sustainability. This reality, coupled with the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Society's inability to continue operating the Centre and the decision by the Qualicum School District not to renew its permit with BC Parks, has led us to re-evaluate our role in operating the centre. Ultimately, we concluded that the extensive resources needed to re-open the centre are beyond the district's capacity at this time.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to longtime caretaker Gord Campbell and his wife, Allison, for their invaluable dedication. They, along with the support of countless volunteers and community members, have made lasting memories for students, provided critical care for the site, and left a lasting legacy.

Thank you, Hornby Island, for the many years of support, volunteerism, and care. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we are deeply appreciative of all that you have done to make Tribune Bay a treasured place for so many over the years.

We remain hopeful that BC Parks and the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship will soon find a new operator for Tribune Bay. We fully support this process and look forward to a future where the centre can once again serve students and visitors in a way that honours its rich history.

Sincerely,

### **The Board of Education, Comox Valley Schools**

Michelle Waite, Chairperson (Lazo North)

Sarah Jane Howe, Vice Chairperson (Village of Cumberland) Susan L. Leslie (Town of Comox)

Janice Caton (City of Courtenay) Shannon Aldinger (City of Courtenay)

Chelsea McCannel-Keene (Baynes Sound, Hornby & Denman Islands) Cristi

May Sacht (Puntledge, Black Creek)" 

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Brent Chapman, the newly minted Conservative candidate in Surrey South, had to apologize for comments he made about Palestinians. “They are all little inbred walking, talking, breathing time bombs,” he wrote on Facebook in 2015. After this nugget was shared in the news, “born-again” Chapman said, “The language I used and the sentiments I expressed at that time towards Palestinians and members of the Islamic faith were completely unacceptable. They do not reflect who I am today or the respect and admiration I hold for the Palestinian and Muslim communities.”

Instead of asking Chapman to step down, Rustad glibly said: “People sometimes make mistakes. However, I think what is important is actions. So we’ll see. Brent has already reached out, like I say, to the candidates, to people on our team, and apologized. They’ve accepted that apology.” It doesn’t hurt that Chapman is married to Kerry-Lynne Findlay, the federal Conservative MP for South Surrey-White Rock.

Then there’s Rustad. During the television debate, as an example of “the British Columbia that David Eby has created,” he shared solemnly: “I was on my way over here, and on the corner of Robson and Hornby, there was an individual who died, and there were emergency people rushing [around]. This person died from an overdose.” Unfortunately, there was no record of any drug overdose in that neighbourhood. Whoops. A day later, he changed his story to say that he saw an overdose at a different downtown location, and the person survived. Right.

And wait there’s more. In an interview, Marina Sapozhnikov, the Conservative candidate for Juan de Fuca-Malahat, said that before Europeans came to North America, First Nations Peoples “didn’t have any sophisticated laws. They were savages. They fought each other all the time.” When the VIU student challenged the candidate, she replied: “Not 100 per cent savages, maybe 90 per cent savages.” In another interview that day, Sapozhnikov spoke about her concerns with Indigenous history courses taught in BC universities as being one-sided and said that “90 per cent of Indigenous people use drugs.” This woman is a former family doctor.

Rustad said he was “appalled and deeply saddened” by Sapozhnikov’s comments. But once again, he made no indication to have her removed from the party. It’s not about morals, it’s about winning. Thankfully, Sapozhnikov, who has yet to apologize, did not get elected.

So what does it take to get booted out? Rachael Weber, the Conservative candidate for Prince George-Mackenzie, was replaced during the United merger. Her faux-pas? She was caught online sharing her theories that 5G wireless networks are “genocidal weapons” and spread the coronavirus. Prior to that, Rustad fired Denman Islander, Dr. Malthouse, the candidate for Ladysmith-Oceanside, for claiming COVID-19 vaccines give you magnetism, an Esquimalt nurse for claiming vaccines spread COVID-19 and Damon Scrase, a Courtenay candidate for calling LGBTQ people “degenerates.”

“If I have MLAs that promote and support hate, certainly that is not something that I would support as a Conservative party at all,” said Rustad. “I find that quite frankly unacceptable.” Who the hell is doing the vetting? It’s not about their words, it’s about their actions, Rustad tells us. I can’t wait.

A recent study by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln explored how political ideology drives our moral values and choices, not the other way around. One of the authors, Kevin Smith said, “And that’s what we found. It’s not like politics makes bastards of the left or the right, or the young or the old, or the rich or the poor. Politics seems to make bastards of us all.” 

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## **Aging & Dying for Beginners: What You Should Know**

By Will Thomas

**A**ttention! All ancient and infirm passengers in the Departure Lounge, this is your Last Call to make end-of-life arrangements before boarding Reaper Airline's nonstop service direct to Whatever Comes Next.

*"Following Hornby's 'Choices in Aging and Dying' workshop sponsored by Hornby Denman Health on 25 October, be advised that takeoff times are subject to change without notice — usually when you least expect it! So please complete your will and off-planet declarations before final departure. Make sure you've prepared your kids for your infinite absence. And asked friends and loved ones to let you go. If not, don't worry. It's too late."*

Bedlam ensues as panicked passengers attempt to buck a queue growing at the rate of 170,790 per day. Some seem resigned as they collapse into their assigned seats without bothering to buckle in. Others appear relieved.

"Excuse me, miss!"

"Sir, please take your seat until the captain turns off the 'You're Still Alive' sign."

"There's been a terrible mistake! As someone totally opposed to dying, I planned on living to age 200. And judging by the faces around me, I'm not the only one."

"Sir, you were asked to jettison a lifetime's excess baggage prior to boarding. But you kept putting it off. So you'll just have to deal with it the next time around. If there is a next time around."

"But I'm not done with this one!"

"Please calm down and review the Aging and Exits cards in your seat pocket. On it you will find the business-hours number for Jane Waite, manager, Senior Services at 250-335-9112 ([jane@hornbydenmanhealth.com](mailto:jane@hornbydenmanhealth.com)) to learn what pre-checkout services are available. You can also call Home & Community Care at 250-338-5453.

"Additionally, the Hospice Society provides phone counseling and hospice for those at the end of life who are no longer seeking treatment. If you're over the hill but not yet around that final bend, Home Support offers free rides to town, grocery shopping or deliveries, friendly visits, phone conversations and more. There's also Personal Care assistance to help with meal preparation, paying bills, dressing yourself, taking showers or pills — and getting stuff down from the overhead bins."

"I had no idea."

"Cancer Clinics, Grief Clinics, On Our Way, Good To Go, the Elephant In The Room and Mourning cafes — the list of local agencies and volunteer organisations is more extensive than many realize. Green Burials may also be available to those who don't wish to go up in smoke. Or turn their graves into hazardous waste sites."

"That's a lot of services."

"Only 15% of British Columbians access Assisted Living and Longterm Care. Depending on urgency and availability, those who qualify for live-in care through Island Health will need a Case Manager to get rolling.

"There's also Home Improvement Assistance to undertake safety renovations, such as wheelchair ramps and grab rails in the shower. Just be sure you do *not* begin work until you've been approved for those subsidies. There are no reimbursements for eager beavers."

"My wife was pretty upset. She found my body last Tuesday and didn't know what to do with it. The recycling depot doesn't open till Friday."

"Better to have provided your family with the Memorial Society's popular free pamphlet, *What To Do If Someone Dies In Your Home*. Ask Friends & Neighbours or your physician for the Denman number to arrange removal of the deceased from either island."

"Why am I learning this now?"

"You never made inquiries while you still had time. Now your beloveds get to experience the consequences of your procrastination and death denial."

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## **Letter to the War System (Part 2)**

By Sally Campbell

**I**t is truly instructive to ponder the many ways that you operate. So much of it is hidden – beneath the radar as you might say. In fact you hide in plain sight.

Here are a few more of your ways that I’ve noticed, simply as an average person, making observations:

You fund research projects that increase the state’s powers of surveillance over the population because it’s critically important to your survival. How can you keep going without finding and watching enemies, without danger all around? Of course, you need to marginalize and vilify the people who name what you’re doing – Assange, Manning, Snowden – ostracize & silence them! And now *Electronic Intifada’s* Associate Editor Asa Winstanley has been targeted - his home raided, his computers seized - because he criticizes UK complicity with Israeli war crimes. (Jonathan Cook, 17 October, 2024) You are so great with academia as well – get those smartypants students and their professors to just shut up with their calls for ceasefire and diplomacy – call them antisemitic, call in the police, get them removed, suspended, fired, get their work ostracized, whatever it takes. You are really on it!

And your use of sanctions is brilliant! To think that the US (4% of world’s population) and to a lesser extent the EU, are now “sanctioning” more than 1/4 of the world’s countries, and nearly 1/3 of the world’s economy, wow! (**Center for Economic & Policy Research**, *The Human Consequences of Economic Sanctions*, 2024.) This detailed report reviews 32 cross-national studies that assess impacts of economic sanctions on living standards. 30 of those studies found “significant declines in living standards in sanctions-targeted countries, including Afghanistan, Iran & Venezuela.” Venezuela, for example, has seen the exodus of 25% of their population since 2017. How much of that is due to the War System’s crippling sanctions? As Congressman Jim McGovern, Chair of US House Rules Committee, stated in a letter to Biden (May, 2021): “Economic pain is the means by which the sanctions are supposed to work....it is not the Venezuelan officials who suffer the costs. It is the people. Credible sources have consistently found that sanctions have worsened the humanitarian crisis in the country.” (CEPR report, above.) Sanctioning may well create an “immigrant problem”, but hopefully you’ll get the toadying government you want there soon. In any event, it’s never bad for the War System.

Having this huge “immigrant problem” means more work for police and border patrols, more gun sales, more border fences to build and buses to run those pesky immigrants up to the northern cities where they can be unceremoniously dumped – problem solved!

As the War System, you have to be constantly on alert. So much to do, so many avenues to pursue right now. There’s Ukraine War, war in Sudan, Israel’s War on Gaza and now Lebanon, Syria too, Iran the latest hit, Russia the great villain again, and with China’s economy a growing “threat”, your “Pivot to China” makes good sense. That will call for endless new arms, more manoeuvres in their territory, more focus on their “foreign interference”, yes! Lots of potential there. Enemies galore. Forget the war-weary populace, just keep changing the focus, there’ll always be a villain somewhere.

And all this threat from everywhere makes nuclear arms build-up just seem so normal and necessary, right? What with the interoperability you’ve got going within NATO and its many “partners”, all locked into your plans, way to go! It can’t look as if it’s one empire only that’s at constant threat from its enemies, far better if the whole Western world thinks that way.

Ukraine - a great example of how to get the Russians back on the arch enemy list. Russia and the rest of Europe were cooperating so well economically, prior to 2022. A bit of a problem for US empire, but easily solved it would seem. “Support” the ouster of Ukraine President Yanukovich in 2014, get “our man” in there as US Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland put it, station NATO troops on Russia’s borders, blow up Russia’s *Nordstream* pipeline to Germany, (see *Seymour Hersh’s* Substack) and generally provoke to the point that Russia invades Ukraine illegally and now everyone’s dependent on you again! And get the media to

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call it an “unprovoked” invasion, even better. Always defend by attacking.

Israel is a bit more complicated because you’re conducting a genocide there; it’s much more visible, uglier than Ukraine. People don’t like it. And it seems as if you have some doubts about Israel’s ability/desire to keep these wars “contained”. Oh well, you are a well-oiled machine; you’ll survive as long as the people stay passive and buy the narrative.

But I’m wondering: what would the world be like if you decided to retire? What *could* it be like? As you love the work so much, maybe it would have to be a case of mandatory retirement. You would be paid an enormous amount in “retirement benefits”, and it would all be worth it for the rest of us because of the now *trillions* we would save every year which could go to facing our climate crisis, housing shortages, poverty reduction, education, health care and reconciliation work. Oh my, just Imagine. 🌸

CALL TO ACTION

### **Petition to the B.C. Ombudsperson to Investigate the B.C. Ferry Commissioner**

**D**enman Island resident, Sharon Small, has drafted a petition that can be accessed and filled out online at:

<https://theislandsgrapevine.com/petition/>

Your name and address is all that is required to add your voice to the growing list of islanders seeking accountability from the BC Ferry Commissioner over the Baynes Sound Connector’s service record and its impact on our islands.

The petition can also be found at **Abraxas Books** and the **General Store**.

We, the ferry-dependent residents of Denman Island, urge the B.C. Ombudsperson to investigate the B.C. Ferry Commissioner for the following breaches of her mandate that is encoded in the Coastal Ferry Act. Specifically, the Commissioner has yet

- 1) to resolve islander’s eight years of complaints that the Baynes Sound Connector cable ferry is unreliable because of unresolved mechanical failures and excessive service cancellations;
- 2) to hold B.C. Ferries Accountable for underreporting service cancellations and for accepting B.C. Ferries’ claim, despite a preponderance of contradictory evidence, that the cable ferry has exceeded corporate expectations by saving tax money on fuel and staff;
- 3) to compel BCF to involve residents and the Denman Island Ferry Advisory Committee in cable ferry decision-making beyond the gathering and reporting stage of the community engagement policy;
- 4) to balance the needs of ALL stakeholders.

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...continued from P.7 "That hurts."

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"Very funny. In case you haven't noticed, death is the ultimate black hole. It's sooo scary. Because it's so... *unknown!*"

"Why worry about it? You'll be dead."

"That's what I'm talkin' about!"

"Speaking from personal experience, sir, my two out-of-body experiences were quite pleasant. Besides the fascinating vantage of *looking down* on your body, stepping outside of it feels as liberating as taking off a tight pair of shoes."

"Why can't I just wear sandals?"

"If you require further assistance with your footwear or preferred accommodation on the Other Side, please dial 9-1-1-G-O-D on your cell. Or simply tune into Infinite Consciousness before returning your defibrillator to its upright and stowed position. Remember, always follow the light. Whether your guides are embodied or not, you will never be alone during your return to Source."

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## **Yeah, Yeah, UNRWA is Hamas. Everyone Israel Hates Is Hamas**

*By Caitlin Johnstone*

*October 30th, 2024*

**T**he Israeli Knesset has banned UNRWA, an absolutely critical agency for getting humanitarian aid into Gaza, with the architect of the bill saying this was happening because “UNRWA equals Hamas”.

In addition to everything else this genocide has been, it's been a colossal insult to our intelligence. UNRWA is Hamas. Hospitals are Hamas. Journalists are Hamas. Civilian infrastructure is Hamas. Ambulances, schools and mosques are Hamas. The women and babies—okay maybe they're not *technically* Hamas, but Hamas is definitely hiding behind them and using them as human shields. We are asked to believe self-evidently idiotic things, and if we don't, we get called Nazi Jew-haters. We are being asked to turn ourselves into empty-headed morons to advance the information interests of a foreign state that's allied with our government. Stupidity is being framed as a sign of patriotism. Gullibility is being framed as a sign of rejecting antisemitism. In this morally bankrupt and perverse civilization, the noblest thing you can be is a blithering imbecile.

Axios and its Israeli intelligence insider Barak Ravid have penned yet another White House press release disguised as a news story about how “concerned” the Biden administration is about Israel's actions in Gaza. “The Biden administration is ‘deeply concerned’ that two bills passed by the Israeli Knesset on Monday will exacerbate the already dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza and harm Palestinians in East Jerusalem and the West Bank,” Ravid writes.

Oh shit you guys the Biden administration is deeply concerned that Israel is doing something bad in Gaza! You're in trouble now, Bibi!

Like I said. Just one nonstop insult to our intelligence.

CNN has issued an apology after its panelist Ryan Girdusky told fellow panelist Mehdi Hasan “I hope your pager doesn't go off” after Hasan said he supports Palestinians. Israel supporters have been directing this “hurr hurr you should be murdered with an explosive pager” wisecrack at Israel's critics for weeks, and apparently Girdusky just forgot where he was in the heat of the moment.

CNN was like, This network is shocked and appalled that our panelist joked about murdering a British Muslim journalist with an explosive beeper. That kind of language is only appropriate when directed at Muslims who live in the middle east.

Per the rules of the western empire you are a religious extremist if you want to fight against an occupying force who has been abusing you your entire life, but you are not a religious extremist if you want to carpet bomb the middle east to help fulfill a Biblical prophecy.

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow is back to pushing her “Russians are interfering in the US election” narrative, so we know what we'll be hearing again if Kamala loses. No matter who wins we can expect a bunch of outraged shrieking from the other side that the election was unfairly stolen from them.

The US presidential race is very openly a contest between two oligarch-owned Zionist war whores, and yet after the results are announced next week you're still going to hear half the country going “OMG election interference! The election was stolen from us!”

It already was, you dopes. It was stolen before the race even started. The rest is just narrative.

I sure hope all the US progressives who obediently stopped talking about Gaza these last couple of months remember to start that thing up again after the election is over.

I'm just gonna say this ahead of time so it's out there: you don't get to campaign on continuing a genocide and then blame other people when you lose. That is not a thing.

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"Trump will be worse on Gaza" is such an obnoxiously dishonest argument. It's completely unfalsifiable and can't even be tested after the election since abuses keep getting worse in Gaza anyway, and it's based on nothing but the claim that very vague statements made by Trump prove he'll facilitate Israeli atrocities more than the current administration already has been. It's completely empty narrative fluff with no basis on the facts in evidence. There are all kinds of legitimate cases to be made that Harris would be a little bit better than Trump on some aspects of domestic policy and the environment, but there is no case whatsoever to be made that he'll be worse on Gaza than the administration that's already committing genocide there. He could be worse, he could be a bit better, or he could be exactly the same. There's no way to know, and there won't be any way to know in a universe where we can't observe alternate realities to compare what each presidential candidate would have done if they'd won. It's an entirely unanswerable question that people are just pretending to know the answer to.

Harris and the Democrats have repeatedly attacked Trump for not starting a war with Iran when he was president. She criticized him for making John Bolton sad when he refused to bomb Iran. How is *that* less insanely pro-Israel than anything Trump has said?

If you want to argue that Harris will be better on reproductive rights or something then go ahead, but when it comes to Gaza don't piss on my leg and tell me it's raining. 🍷

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Did you give them the right to destroy your livelihood  
Did you give them the right to interfere with your elections  
Did you agree to global control by unelected billionaires  
Did you give them the right to take your earnings  
Did you give them the right to support war criminals  
Did you give them the right to defend terrorists  
Did you give them the right to sell your country out  
Did you give them the right to destroy the economy  
Did you give them the right to commit treason  
Did you give them the right to steal your community  
Did you give them the right to poison you  
Did you give them the right to buy off the media  
Did you give them the right to use force  
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When leaders fail to demonstrate integrity  
And they do it over and over  
And they lie with impunity  
And cheat and steal  
And commit fraud  
You finally lose trust  
You have no choice  
There is no where to go  
All you can do is say no  
To deranged and unethical actors  
Who insist they have authority over you  
While flaunting the rules that don't apply to them  
They are everywhere in our midst

They are the 4%  
Working for the 1%  
We are the 95%  
And we are not their prey.

Helen Grond

## Cowboy Corner: Halloween 1969

By Conrad Campbell

I have fond memories of Halloween from my childhood, but one year in particular stands out more than any other. It was 1969, and I was at a point in my life when I didn't want to be a little kid anymore and have my Mum dress me up as an adorable ladybug as she had done in previous years. I wanted something a little more grown up. Something cool. Something a bit scary. Living in a predominantly conservative prairie farming community didn't really afford me a very wide array of off the rack choices, and that's when I came up with the idea for my favorite Halloween costume ever. It was basically combat fatigues and I wore a dark colored balaclava and carried a plastic machine gun. I also stole some road flares from my Dad's truck and wrapped them around my chest. When the people opened the door instead of saying trick or treat I would pump my little fist in the air and shout, "Death to the Infidels! Death to the Infidels!". I didn't get too much candy that year. 🍷

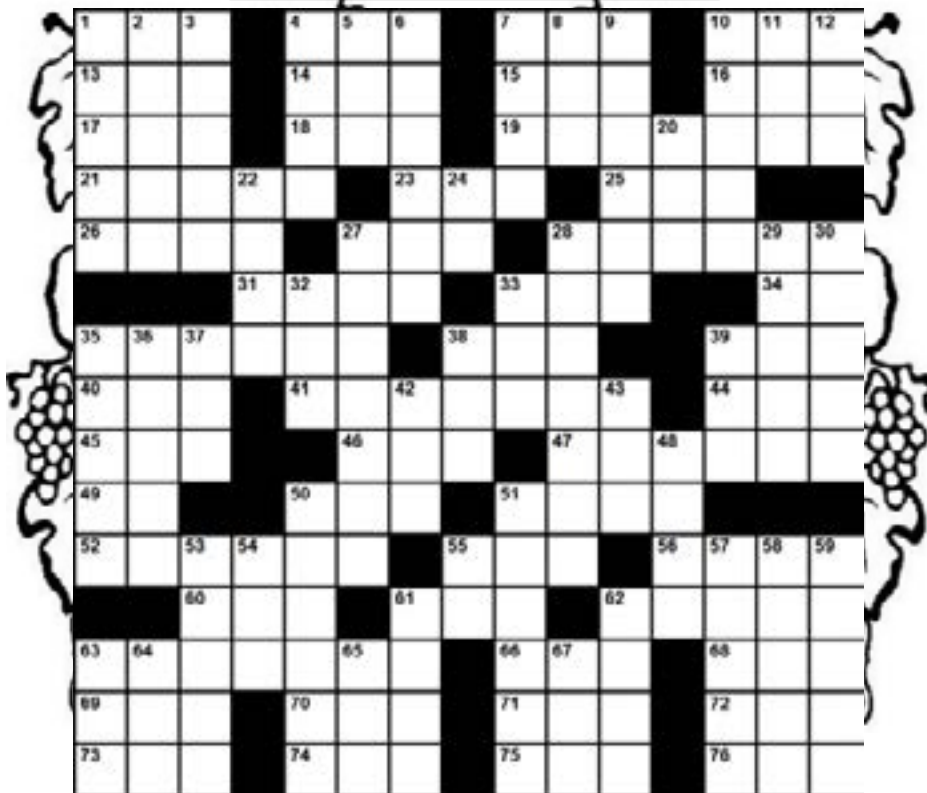


### Otto of the beach

By Alan Black



• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Be a stage star
4. Brisk energy
7. Before beginning
10. Just short
13. Craggy peak
14. Luau wear
15. Caravansary
16. Carolina river, --- Dee
17. Andean tuber
18. Mil. rank
19. Coming into existence
21. Coffee type
23. Child's game
25. Cineraria
26. Wine served warm
27. Vigor's partner
28. Work hard
31. Feed a fire
33. Behold
34. Only
35. Fairylike
38. Cloth edge
39. Eviscerate
40. And also not
41. Representational
44. Aquarius, e.g.
45. Antiquity
46. Corvine sound
47. Rainwater trough
49. Gift tag word
50. Go by jet
51. Ear flap
52. Give power to

55. Beauty pack stuff
56. Caustic chemicals
60. Anti anti
61. Boxlike vehicle
62. Alpaca kin
63. Smallest Great Lake
66. According to
68. A rival of ABC
69. Actor Kilmer
70. Afflict
71. Edible mushroom
72. All of the guys

• DOWN •

1. Accelerator items
2. Cold-weather drink
3. Tout's milieu
4. Arraignment offering
5. Still, in verse
6. Flower part
7. Half a table game
8. Code letters
9. Lock up
10. Fork out
11. Brooding individual
12. At this time
20. Grade of wine
22. Stereo setup
24. Be
27. Car, e.g.
28. Partly divine being
29. Pressure device
30. ATM button
32. Avail oneself of
33. Arrange type
35. Akin on mom's side
36. Access the net
37. Partner of to
38. Cut with an ax
39. Gangster's weapon
42. 24 hours
43. Kind of scout
48. Be a rat
50. Kind of display
51. Madness

53. In a fitting way
54. Bandeau, for short
55. A Kettle
57. America's cup contender
58. Barbecue minutia
59. Like minxes
61. A bit of shock
62. Arctic native
63. Aves, once
64. A Darling dog
65. Grandson, perhaps
67. Actress Salonga

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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• Last Week's Answers •

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GRUMPISM

“ Ghosts are terrible liars. You can see right through them.”



• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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THURSDAY 31

FRIDAY 1

SATURDAY 2

SUNDAY 3

MONDAY 4

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THURSDAY 7

FRIDAY 8

SATURDAY 9

SUNDAY 10

MONDAY 11

TUESDAY 12

WEDNESDAY 13

THURSDAY 14

• 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  
• Contemporary Dance Class 5:30-6:30pm D.A.C  
• HALLOWEEN

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm  
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm  
• FACEHEATER: Halloween Dance 7pm the Hall

• 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

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• Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC

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• BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm  
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• Gyrokinesis 9:30-10:30am D.I. Arts Centre

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• Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:40am DAC

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