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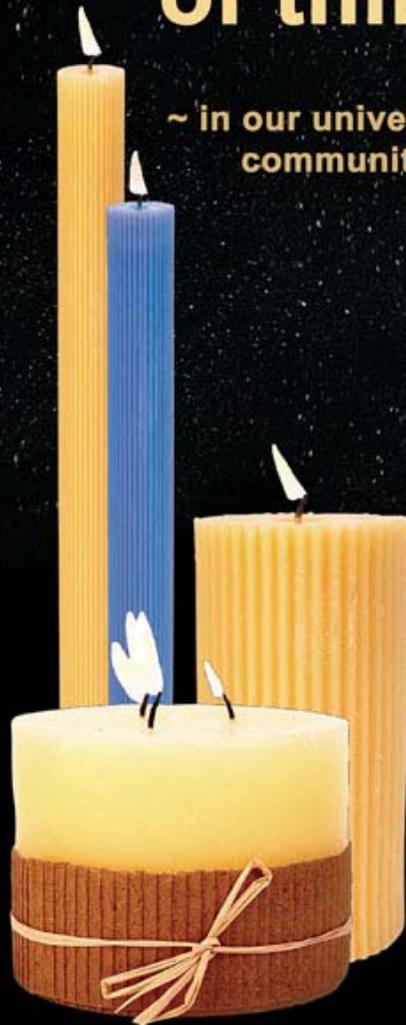
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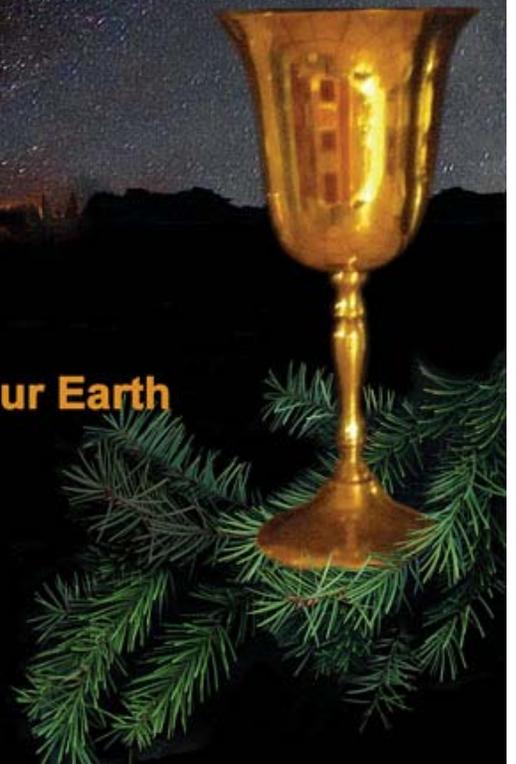
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~ in our universe, nature,
communities, families



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and to restore
Beauty and Balance
to Love and Life



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"The Wolves Within"

A Cherokee Legend

An old Grandfather said to his grandson, who came to him with anger at a friend who had done him an injustice, "Let me tell you a story. I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have taken so much, with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me. One is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him, and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight when it is right to do so, and in the right way. But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is helpless anger, for his anger will change nothing. Sometimes, it is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit." The boy looked intently into his Grandfather's eyes and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?"

The Grandfather smiled and quietly said, "The one I feed."

[Story forwarded by Sue Hicks, Rockburn QC]

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A word from the publisher and editor...



Our cover this month asks us to contemplate the roles we play in the big picture... and in our everyday lives. There is much in this edition to help us. As we look back over the events and issues of the past year, they don't paint a very rosy picture of the state of our globe, especially with respect to political and economic scheming – and their offspring, wars and genocide.

For the latest international scandals, see stories listed under **Global** on P.2, including Copenhagen (P.18), Palestine (P.50), and the global oil scam (P.54). And many **Canadian** concerns are discussed, including Jeremy Arney on Bill C-6 (P.8); and banking/finance/the CPP (P.12-14). Chris Shaw continues his exposé of the fast-approaching Vancouver Olympics (P.16-18). And Roberta Histed addresses H1N1 hysteria (on P.23).

On the other hand, this year has also brought us news of many holistic and innovative initiatives that are having proven success in their communities. We heard about Spain's **Mondragón** in the last issue and now we are hearing about two North American projects inspired by Mondragón (P. 27,28). Richard Moore writes from Ireland about his idea for "Harmonization Circles" (P.51). And, closer to home... a unique form of community currency, **Salt Spring Island Dollars**, is working very successfully on the largest island adjacent to Vancouver Island, BC (P.26). *Dialogue* is pleased to support this initiative by accepting Salt Spring Island Dollars (\$\$) for subscriptions and donations!

There are many articles in this issue that offer inspiration and positive ways forward in our human adventure (listed under **Inspiration** on P.2). If you are prone to feeling hopeless... read Glenn's story (P.28). And don't miss the important articles on **Health**: Holism, fevers, mammograms, cancer (P.36-38).

A special thank you to Marie Gaudet (P.32) for sharing her Christmas photos that became part of the collage on P.59. And thank you to Tinkerbelle Smith of Brampton for agreeing to 'sit beside' the Christmas Tree!

This edition, of course, is the **Christmas Gift Subscription issue** – that will be sent with a decorative letter (including your personal message) to everyone lucky enough to receive a *Gift subscription to Dialogue from you!* As Gifts purchased in December have become an invaluable part of keeping the magazine viable, we are happy to offer a **SPECIAL PRICE of \$25 for Gift Subscriptions purchased this month. [You can also send a 6-month Gift for \$15 – or a single issue for \$6 ("stocking stuffer"?!)] DETAILS ON P.58**

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Maurice, volunteer publisher *Janet*, volunteer editor/layout
...and Penny, of course!

One of our readers has asked...

With so much hatred and violence in the world, why should we believe in love and brotherhood as the path to peace?

Here's what *we* would say... Divide and conquer has long been a very effective method used by those who would take power over others. (Read Richard's essay on partisan politics, P.5) Awareness of our common humanity is the greatest threat to those who seek to control the world. "An 'eye for an eye' makes the whole world blind" - attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader (1869 - 1948)*

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From Near and Far

Anglophone/Francophone? Stop lumping me into either one of these two groups! Just call me a Canadian.

Jurgen Vollrath, Embrun ON

I am sick and tired of the bickering and animosity that has befallen my country. Millions of us are neither of these two groups and we want peace.

Canadians who have made this country their own through hard work, loyalty, perseverance, tolerance and faith in the democratic process have been totally deceived. We are not English. We are not French. We are Canadians who left their countries of birth and decided that their best opportunities for a good life lay in the cradle of Canada.

We are the forgotten ones in the whole English/French debate. We are the Germans, the Greeks, the Italians and Chinese (along with countless other immigrants) who do not belong to either of these two groups.

Anglophones and Francophones. Who even decided on these monikers? Who decided that we are all either one or the other? Get over yourselves and stop branding me and

others like me with your brush of either being one or the other, for we are neither. We are Canadians. There is no hyphen in our names and we are the silent ones that are lumped into your categories that defy any logic to the current state of the world and particularly our country.

Alexander the Great stole my ancestors' property. Who cares!! It has nothing to do with me, my family and my current lot in life.

Quebec has been declared a nation and for all practical purposes should be set free. Not by a vote from within the province but by natural selection of a people who wish their own identity. Be free and prosper and let the most of Canada decide their own fate. You may carry on as Quebecers and we can still proudly call ourselves Canadians.

No hyphens and certainly no definitive anglophone or francophone moniker required. Just call me a Canadian. PLEASE. ♣

'Free trade' with Columbia?

**From Jeremy Arney, Victoria BC
To Mr. John Cannis, MP**

I watched you this afternoon (17th Nov 2009) on CPAC during the debate on this stupid Free Trade Agreement with Colombia and I was wondering who paid you to say the things you said? One thing I am for sure it was NOT your constituents, so I assume it was the Liberal Party.

If you were to take the time to examine all the so called free trade deals we have made with any country other than the USA, you would know that in every case these deals have been made to assist our mining, oil and/or banking interests and have absolutely nothing to do with either the people of Canada or the other country or even free trade.

We have raped the natural resources of so many countries around the world that it makes me sick with shame, and our so-called peace keeping military has been used time and again to ensure that this destruction takes place. Now here you are standing up in the House of Commons telling everyone that the Liberal party is in favour of the raping of Colombia.

I excluded the USA as they have successfully raped *us*, thanks to Mulroney and Chrétien through FTA and NAFTA, and are planning to do so again under the NAU.

Do the people of Canada want this deal with Colombia? I will bet you have no idea and I have to wonder if you even care. Do the big Canadian international mining, oil and banking corporations want this deal? Yes, you bet they do. You stand there in the House of Commons and say "let us show them how we do it in Canada" Do what? Deny our own aboriginal peoples their rights as well as all aboriginal people around the world? Show them democracy? How can we?

We are as far from a democracy here in Canada as is China. Come on Mr. Cannis, if you want respect from the watchers of CPAC and the debates in the House of Commons, start to earn it by telling your employers and fellow MPs the truth.

I have said it before and I will say it again, the party which consistently stands up for Canada and the Canadian people (with the occasional help of the NDP) is the BLOC. That is a constant and pleasant surprise to me and I thank Monsieur Duceppe.

In some considerable disgust with both you and the Liberal party (we all expect it of Mr Harper), *Jeremy Arney*. ♣

Wake people up: don't vote!

Melvin Smith, Fredericton NB

One may as well *stick your right thumb in your left ear and whistle Dixie* as write a letter to a politician in Ottawa or a Province. Don't get me wrong, a lot of letters written are on the mark. Do they get results?

The problem is, Federal Politicians and also Provincial ones think they are 'know it alls.' They are in it for the money, pay and pensions, and large sums of money for friends' companies to help them out of a make-believe hole.

Isn't there anyone in this Country that knows that Canada belongs to God? It does not belong to the so-called First Nations, the English, French, etc. It belongs to God and we are supposed to operate governments according to God's laws. This is the only way out of this mess of language, Quebec domination, etc.

To wake people up, do not vote in the next Federal or Provincial Election. Wake people up or... form a government that will put us on the right road. ♣

From Near and Far

Euthanasia – a naïve approach

By Peter Goldring, MP, Edmonton East AB

A Bloc Quebecois MP's Private Members' Bill, C-384, on the right to die with dignity, is frighteningly naïve, and should not be supported.

The proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to allow a medical practitioner to aid a person who is experiencing severe physical or mental pain, or is suffering from a terminal illness, to die with dignity once the person has given his or her consent to die.

It sounds noble: ending pain and suffering and supposedly giving the right of a person to decide themselves to die with dignity. The reality is, once society starts deciding who is to live and who is to die, compassionate reasons can readily be replaced with criminal greed. Such poorly defined euthanasia legislation (how do you define mental pain?) is an assault on the elderly, sick and infirm who have entrusted decision making to others for their compassionate care. In fact the bill will make the elderly even more of a target by the greedy, impatient opportunists, some of whom are their very own children.

Shamefully, elder abuse, physical, mental and financial is a rapidly growing concern in Canada. Were this legislation to pass, it is not difficult to imagine the death of elderly Canadians who otherwise would have no desire for premature death – but whose close family members made the decision to encourage an early inheritance.

Many elderly people, on medications or not, have difficulty deciding on issues, have times of depression and are susceptible to being influenced by others. This poorly worded

legislation does not take into account the subtle and not so subtle abusive coercion that could cause a proud senior to ask for euthanasia as an escape from the abuse, rather than face the shame of reporting close family members' abuses. I think C-384 is an evil piece of legislation that must be defeated. We need better, stronger laws to protect the elderly, not laws that put the elderly at greater risk. I will be voting to defeat this bill and I encourage others to do so too. ♣

First Nations in the North...

From: Patricia White, Chase BC <pwhite@airspeedwireless.ca>
To: Chuck Strahl, M.P. <Strahl.C@parl.gc.ca> Nov. 10, 09

Pardon me, I thought this was Canada. Just watched a horrifying documentary about how Shell Oil has promised Nigeria, the most oil rich nation on Earth, schools, medical care, housing, clean water, so on and so forth, in return for the millions upon millions of dollars they are stealing from the Nigerian people. They have given back nothing. This 3rd world (some could say richest) country suffers some of the most horrendous social, health, education, SURVIVAL conditions in the world.

But what about Canada? Mr. Strahl; What about Canada? Are the First Nations Attawapiskat still on Canada's list for genocide? The alcohol, smallpox, wipeout of the buffalo, residential schools, destruction of language, family, community, culture still not quite enough? Now they need to face a northern Canadian winter in – did I read that correctly? TENTS? When priceless diamonds are being mined in their traditional lands?

Please help me get this right. What is the truth? ♣

Partisan Politics... It's all "theatre" – *to divide & conquer* "Left" and "Right" are being played off against each other, in a grand "psy-op"

Richard K. Moore, Wexford, Ireland

The right-wing is being hyped up with all sorts of nonsense about Obama being a socialist, along with other disinformation, and so we have one segment of society that hates Obama, and opposes his programs, for all the wrong reasons. Simultaneously, we have what appears to be a strong conservative resistance in Congress to Obama's legislative agendas.

Meanwhile the left, those at whom the mainstream propaganda is aimed, are presented with an ongoing snow job regarding Obama, portraying him as a modern saint, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, spreading reconciliation and sober wisdom everywhere he goes. Those on the left look at the right, and they see a reactionary force, *a popular constituency plus conservative representatives who are together preventing Obama from realizing his visions*. They see a battle between good and evil, between wisdom and ignorance... 'Obama may not be perfect, and his agendas may be flawed, but he is clearly our standard bearer in this battle. Without him on the

front lines, we'd be deluged by a conservative backlash.'

Reality, on the other hand, is quite different than either of the propaganda lines. For example, there is no battle happening on Capital Hill over healthcare. The bill was finalized long ago by the insurance and pharmaceutical companies, and we're simply being presented with theatre...

More generally, the perceived battle between good and evil, *a perception created by the effect of the psy-op campaigns aimed at left and right*, is itself just theater, the final act of which will be outright fascism, and whose purpose is to distract us from the real course of events. To the extent those on the left blame the right, or those on the right blame the left, they are participating in that theatre, and thereby being herded like sheep toward fascism.

Obama has been groomed over the years for one particular job, he has embraced that job, and he is carrying it out with enthusiasm and skill. That job is to be the point man for ⇒

ushering in global fascism, to play a key role in the transition to a world government controlled by the global financial mafia, the same folks who funded Hitler and Mussolini. His role is to project a persona of global leadership, a wise, friendly face that can make the establishment of global tyranny

appear to be the onset of global harmony and reconciliation. A bit like Woodrow Wilson, whose job was to usher in the Federal Reserve, and make it appear to be to be the onset of financial stability. – **R.K. Moore** – **For an alternative, visit:** <http://www.governourselves.org/> ♣

CANADA'S ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN

Are our soldiers there to help the Afghan people or 'Big Oil'?

Dennis Peacock, Clearwater BC

In common with Lewis Lapham, former editor of Harper's who now publishes Lapham's Quarterly, I have a deep suspicion of great conspiracy theories.

As Mr. Lapham commented, and here I have to paraphrase him – The incapacity of mankind to get even the simplest of things right precludes the success of any 'great conspiracy.' In other words, we'd screw up royally before any plot to control the world ever got off the ground!

As for such conspiratorial, supposedly sinister organizations, as say the Bilderbergers, well, theirs is so upfront that only someone who exists on a steady intellectual diet of Survivor, ET and People Magazine (which far too many people do) could possibly miss it. This organization, consisting of the likes of David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger and Conrad Black, has a basic philosophy of 'get rich, stay rich' and exert a lot of influence while doing so. (One can see what it did for Conrad Black!)

While in Edmonton on family business, I picked up a copy of Vue Weekly, a local Edmonton publication dealing with 'independent' news and entertainment weekly. On page 5, there's an article "The Maple Leaf Needs to Be There" by a certain Anthony Fenton. Although the stated purpose of Canada's military (in Afghanistan) is to improve the lot of the people of that benighted land, a noble purpose indeed! Anthony Fenton paints a somewhat different portrait. He writes that an oil pipeline from Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India is slated to be built, starting in 2010, on the very soil now occupied by Canadian and U.S. troops.

Actually, this rather dubious venture began in the 1990s, involving Calgary-based Nations Petroleum, with negotiations going on with the Taliban before 9/11.

The insanity of constructing a pipeline through such hostile territory should be obvious to anyone, but the oil industry promotes a special type of insanity – just look at the super pollution of the Alberta Tar Sands!!

In this modern version of the 'Great Game,' where over 130 Canadian soldiers (and many more American soldiers and others) have died, are these deaths happening because of 'Big Oil' or are they "trying to do something for the Afghan people"?

Can someone ever call this a conspiracy? Rob Sobhani, president of Caspian Energy, is up front when he describes 'the region's vast resources,' with all the opportunities for Canadian Big Oil. Stockwell Day has travelled to Kazakhstan to bolster economic ties with president-for-life, Nursultan Nazarbayev (and total megalomaniac) – anything for Canadian (read Alberta) oil companies.

As Todd Gordon, professor of political science at York University, states, "Wherever Canadian companies go, especially in the resource sector, they leave a trail of economic and human rights disasters behind them."

But don't depend on our corporate media to enlighten us. The main purpose of this mainly right-wing bunch is to reelect Stephen Harper (with a majority, no less!!). No negative publicity for this bunch! Stephen Harper has just stated that there will be a Canadian presence in Afghanistan after 2011, when supposedly Canadian soldiers are slated to be withdrawn.

I've already stated that I believe no more Canadian soldiers should die, no more widows should weep or children should be orphaned for what appears to be a losing cause in Afghanistan. If they are dying for Big Oil, this makes it even more imperative that our soldiers be brought home! ♣

Canadians are killing and dying in Afghanistan for more than just that pipeline

From S. McDowall

Re: "Afghanistan sitting on a gold mine"

According to a Feb. 2008 report, 'Afghanistan sitting on a gold mine,' the impoverished country has "significant deposits of copper, iron, gold, oil and gas, and coal - as well as precious gems such as emeralds and rubies."

It is most likely that these resources will be developed by the Corporations, Afghanistan govt. officials will be generously bribed and little will go to improving the lives of the impoverished people of Afghanistan. Between their own

government officials and the Corporations little will be left. Our Canadian troops will die to enrich a small number of corrupt men. What country's people have ended up 'rich' when the corporations and foreign powers have stolen its resources? What is left... toxic waste, water troubles, disease... and Canada's mining companies are notoriously active - we are not what we claim to be and it is high time the people were told all the activities carried out in our name and with our tax support. ♣

Canadian Justice Issues

Canadian Court will review Government decision to bar British MP George Galloway from Canada

Minister Jason Kenney's original decision was a terrible violation of Mr. Galloway's rights but also of every Canadian who was interested in hearing him. Wonder why this Government is so afraid of people like Mr. Galloway? It isn't as if they have to worry much about the corporate media reporting much of what he has to say. – *S. McDowall*

From: Lawyers Against The War

George Galloway wins leave for judicial review

November 2, 2009 (Toronto) - British MP George Galloway scored an important legal victory on October 30 when the Federal Court of Canada agreed to hear a judicial review of the government decision to ban his entry from Canada. On March 20, 2009, the office of Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney announced that Galloway would not be allowed to enter Canada, just days before his arrival for a four-city speaking tour.

Galloway had been invited by the Toronto Coalition to Stop the War and other Canadian peace organizations to speak in Toronto, Mississauga, Montreal and Ottawa in

March and April 2009 about his humanitarian aid convoy to Gaza and his opposition to the war in Afghanistan. The government ban kept Galloway out of Canada.

"I am delighted by the decision of the Federal Court of Canada," said Mr. Galloway. "Jason Kenney may oppose my views, but he has no right to prevent Canadians themselves from hearing what I have to say. I look forward to challenging in court Mr. Kenney's attack on free speech." The case is expected to be heard in Federal Court in January 2010.

George Galloway has been a Member of Parliament in the British House of Commons since 1987, and currently represents Bethnal Green and Bow in London for the Respect Party.

The **Toronto Coalition to Stop the War** is Toronto's leading peace coalition; represents over 70 labour, student, faith and community groups; and is a member of the Canadian Peace Alliance.

You can read the March 2009 decision at:

www.canlii.org/en/ca/fct/doc/2009/2009fc326/2009fc326.html ♣

Something seriously wrong with Canadian prison system

The family of a teenager, originally jailed for throwing crabapples at a postman, is suing the federal government for \$11 million, alleging inhumane conduct led to Ashley Smith's death in a dark segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont. [Oct. 8 '09] "The justice system let my daughter down," Coralee Smith told the Star...

[Read the story at: <http://tinyurl.com/ybqyzqt>]

A Comment regarding this story from **Stephanie McDowall, Nanaimo BC**

I am never going to be able to understand how we can live in a country with such a barbaric prison/jail system. This young girl, with a mental illness, was treated like Americans treat their Middle Eastern prisoners. What kind of people are these who were all directly involved with her? Surely there was one amongst them who must have been disturbed at how she was being treated? Was there not one with a grain of kindness? Not one with the courage to speak out and do something? Is this how important people's jobs have become? We are now afraid to right a wrong.

What is wrong with all levels of Government in Canada.... country wide... that we have a system that makes this kind of treatment possible?

I am sick at heart over what has happened to Ashley Smith. I hope the Canadian media will rip the faces off the various governments involved in this torturous

treatment of Ashley and anyone else. She will not be the only prisoner being treated in this fashion. Our governments murdered Ashley. Canadians must demand prison reform otherwise we are all guilty. ♣

Legality of legislation no longer a priority for governments?

Gerry Masuda, Duncan BC

When I worked in Ottawa, I learned that, at that time, all draft bills were sent to the Dept. of Justice or the Attorney General's office to be checked to ensure that the draft did not contravene any current regulation.

Each draft was then circulated among all departments and agencies, with the instruction to determine the impact it would have on that dept/agency.

It appears that this very practical practice is no longer being followed. In BC, the Campbell government has passed legislation, which, even to the average citizen, appears to contravene some basic laws/rights. This is a political action taken knowing that it would take years and a great deal of money to challenge these laws in the courts.

It seems that the procedure of circulating draft bills through the government's legal department and those ministries most affected should once again be implemented before any bill is presented to the legislatures. ♣

Bill C-6 and CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

CODEX requires antibiotics, growth stimulants & irradiation

Brief comments on the article that follows:

From Chris Bowers, Gabriola:

Hi Folks, This does not look to me as if either the SPP or the negative impacts of Codex have been dealt with at all.

From Stephanie McDowall:

We are betrayed. CODEX requires antibiotics, growth stimulants & irradiation of our food. As stupid or ridiculous as this may sound, this looks to me like a deliberate attempt to shorten people's life spans. What do the NDP say now regarding all their assurances that this Codex had been dealt with when we were expressing concern re Bill C-6? This calls for a revolt of some kind but what?

Reports: **[with Referenced links at the end of this article]**

Canada will be harmonized via the Trans-Tasman Agreement. Penalties for non-compliance via trade mechanisms of WTO. **[1]** Codex requires that all conventionally farmed livestock must be treated with antibiotics, veterinary drugs, hormones, and growth stimulants. No exceptions...

Veterinary drugs are permitted without limit or penalty even if overused regardless of how harmful they may be ...

9 - ORGANIC FOODS

... The standards and definitions of "organic food" will be changed. Under Codex, a farmer or rancher will be able to call his products "organic" when they are full of toxic poisons. The Codex definition of "organic food" includes as little as 70% organic contents but without saying that on the label. (The other 30% can consist of poisons or contaminants.)

Organic, free range and biodynamic farming (both crops and livestock), while technically permitted, are defined so loosely that antibiotics, toxins like Rotenone, fish and dairy products for livestock feed, and veterinary drugs (including antimicrobials) may be used at the discretion of the certifying agent or farmer...

Both plants and animals can be given poisons of various kinds only a little time before harvesting, milking, or butchering. Farmers need only switch to "organic," no-chemical methods just before harvesting. Ranchers can move livestock to "organic" fields just prior to going to market.

10 - IRRADIATION OF FOOD [1]

Codex Alimentarius fully legalizes and requires irradiation of food at the time of harvesting or butchering. Yet irradiation is widely opposed by food safety advocates... Codex has weakened the international food irradiation rule, by allowing any food to be irradiated at any dose, regardless of how high it may be. The new standard lists no maximum radiation dose... The decision to do this was made by the chairman of Codex, over the objections of more than 10 countries (including Austria, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and Spain)...

The irradiation of food produces immense, free-radical populations in that food. The higher the ionizing dose, the higher the free-radical production. Under Codex, food components may be irradiated and then, as they are combined with other components, they may be irradiated again. And again, and again!

Each time, the free-radical population is increased. The only protection against their pervasive damage is high doses of anti-oxidants like Vitamin C, beta carotene, glutathione, etc., which would be illegal under Codex.

An introduction to Codex - In Canada it is linked to Bill C-6, video presentation by Constitutional Lawyer Shawn Buckley, on C-6 **[3]**

Article on the Battle against C-6, Shawn Buckley, Helke Ferrie, Vitality Magazine (Toronto) **[4]** (C-6 held up by Senate. Status at the moment unclear.)

Alberta Senator Elaine McCoy's blog: re C-6 & more **[5]**
C-6 Update in mid-October: **[6]**

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Health Canada: "The most corrupt federal government agency in Canada"

There are three short videos here that feature Dr. Andrew Moulden, BA, MA, M.D., Ph.D.

There is very important information here regarding vaccinations but particularly the HINI vaccine. Dr. Moulden is convinced, based on his studies and experience working with patients, that not only is autism caused by vaccinations but so is schizophrenia and many other neurological & physical disorders that so much of the population now experiences. Too bad politicians and most doctors do not have the time to learn or pay attention to information like this. This information is too important to our own welfare and those of our families not to take the time to inform ourselves. Watch Dr. Moulden: "**Tolerance lost**"

Watch at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrrIFGDJHBE ♣

More Canadian Political Stories

Judicial Inquiry on the demise of the Fraser Sockeye

Alexandra Morton, BC [wildorca@island.net]

Now the work begins

The Terms of the Judicial Inquiry called by Prime Minister Stephen Harper into the demise of the Fraser sockeye are both sweeping and specific enough to get to the bottom of what happened to the Fraser sockeye and recommend the changes to how Fisheries and Oceans Canada is run to benefit all wild fish in Canada. We have made HUGE progress! I posted a link to the Terms on my blog: <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

This means we are no longer on the outside but we cannot abandon this process, we cannot rest assured it will do what we want if we don't stay with it. Please make your concerns known to me and the Inquiry.

This Inquiry will take 2 years and in the meantime we still need to push as hard as we can to get the Fisheries Act applied to the fish farms right now. The recent revelations around the farm salmon escape at Port Elizabeth highlight

the importance of this (see most recent blog post).

So I have embedded a flyer on my blog that you can download and post. We need to see the Fisheries Act applied ASAP. I will continue to lay charges under the Fisheries Act with your financial help, but this is a stop gap effort. The government should be doing this not us! We need 100,000 signatures on our letter at www.adopt-a-fry.org/ [Mid-November was] a Global Week of Action on salmon farms. Please view the film trailer on YouTube: <http://tinyurl.com/yhaaqqz>

The entire film will be posted in a week. If you would like to get a CD of this film to set up a viewing please contact the filmmaker Damien Gillis:

damien@slingshotcommunications.com

For more information on the global issues with salmon farms: www.farmedsalmonexposed.org/

Thank you all for staying with this...

We are in the homestretch! – Alexandra Morton ♣

"Prévoyance"

Letter to the Minister of Finance

From Erik Andersen, Gabriola Island BC

To The Honourable James M. Flaherty
Minister of Finance
140 O'Connor St., Ottawa K1A 0G5



Erik Andersen

Dear Minister,
During your recent appearance before the Standing Committee on Finance you suggested that the economic and financial reversals of 2008 came as a surprise to you

and presumably your Department and fellow Cabinet Ministers. It almost sounded as if you were "blind sided".

Maybe that is an indicator that you are using the wrong people. For example, Brooksley Born, Chair of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission from 1996 to 1999 made it very apparent that the derivatives market was out of control and as a consequence, in a very dangerous condition. Of course the rogues of Wall Street would not let her spoil their party so they hounded her out of office. Those doing the hounding were Chairman Greenspan, Mr. Rubin and Mr. Summers.

Six weeks after her resignation the US authorities were trying to save the global financial system brought on by the collapse of Long Term Capital Management. Numerous lessons were there to be learned by those who you are now taking advice from. Another example from the many I could site is a chart dated July 2007 titled "Phase 2 of the Great Credit Crunch: ABX Mortgage Indexes". This chart depicted a 50% crash in values over a six month period (I have enclosed the chart).

You may also remember my many expressions of concern about the investment practices at the CPP Fund. Despite several assurances from yourself and former Minister Goodale I remain anxious. Let me illustrate the reason for this concern by showing you examples of the handiwork of the CPP IB.

First off is the takeover of Macquarie Communication Group. I know you already have the half year financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2008 so there is no further need to point out the loss position and the enormous debt load at the company. What I have included is a commentary written by Stephen Bartholomeusz and published in the "Business Spectator" on June 16, 2009. Please note the words "despite being priced at a massive premium to MCIG's pre-offer trading". The pre-offer trading stock price was about 80 cents; the first offering price by the CPP IB was at \$2.50; the subsequent post "green mail" price was at \$3.00. That translates into a takeover premium paid by the beneficiaries of the CPP Fund of about \$ 1.5 billion.

Second example is the takeover of Livingston International Income Fund. This time I am enclosing some of the financial statements dated June 30, 2009. This stock traded at a pre-offer price of about \$5. The CPP IB offer of \$8 means the takeover premium of about \$100 million.

Third example is IMS Health Inc. Based upon the preliminary information the takeover premium appears to be at almost 100% over the pre-offer price for the stock (I have =>

enclosed some financial statements from a recent filing). This recent investment record by the CPP IB shows a pattern of overpaying for investments at a time when corporate de-levering still has a long way to go. In my opinion this demonstrates why the design of the investment strategy used by the CPP IB is wrong and why CPP Fund beneficiaries have reason to be anxious.

Please intervene by prohibiting new equity investments until a review of the general investment strategy can be conducted.

Sincerely, Erik Andersen

Cc. Standing Committee on Finance

Jean Crowder, MP, Robert Oliphant, MP

[More from Erik on P.22] ♣

Using the Bank of Canada to carry public debt!

Richard Priestman (COMER), Kingston ON

An NDP federal candidate asked for a statement to explain how the Bank of Canada could be used. Here is the reply.

The concept is very simple. If you owned a bakery, why would you buy bread at a higher price from someone else? (*Don Rogers at a COMER meeting in Kingston, 18/10/09*)

The government owns a bank, the Bank of Canada, which can create money (credit) the same way that commercial banks do. When a bank makes a loan it enters the amount of the loan (credit) in the borrower's account. Before the entry is made, that credit did not exist. After the entry is made the borrower can write cheques on the account and withdraw cash. The same applies when the government of Canada borrows from the Bank of Canada (the Bank).

Some people find it hard to believe how simple the process of creating credit/money is. As John Kenneth Galbraith (a well known Canadian-American economist) said, "The process by which money is created is so simple that the mind is repelled." It seems that it should be more complicated for something so important, but it is not. Banks have created credit on their books for hundreds of years – and charged interest on the easily created credit.

When the government borrows from the Bank of Canada, any interest paid to the Bank is returned as dividend minus a tiny amount for administration. It's a virtually interest-free loan. So why does the government of Canada borrow from the private sector and pay interest instead of borrowing from its own bank? Besides the cost of the interest, borrowing privately leaves the government vulnerable to the demands of its creditors. Mackenzie King, Canada's longest sitting prime minister, understood the danger in this and stated in the 1935 election campaign:

"Once a nation parts with the control of its currency and credit, it matters not who makes that nation's laws. Usury, once in control, will wreck any nation. Until the control of the issue of currency and credit is restored to government and recognized as its most conspicuous and sacred responsibility, all talk of the sovereignty of Parliament and of democracy is idle and futile."

After the election he proceeded to nationalize the Bank of Canada, which had been established in 1934 as a private corporation, completing the process by 1938. For the next 35 years the Bank controlled the amount of money in circu-

lation mainly by lending to the government significant amounts of new money as needed while at the same time controlling the amount of money created by the commercial banks through the statutory reserve system. It also encouraged commercial banks to keep their interest rates low. During this period we had the best economic times ever and inflation never got out of control.

For years the banking industry lobbied for looser regulations. After 1974 the government began borrowing more from the private sector while reducing its use of the statutory reserve system and its use of the Bank of Canada to carry public debt. As a result, control over the issue of credit was lost. Then, when interest rates went sky high in the early 1980's so too did the federal debt, increasing over 3000% from \$18-billion in 1974 to \$588-billion in 1997. (Statutory reserves in Canada were completely abolished by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1991-92.)

Total debt owing from all levels of government rose to over \$900-billion. While it was reduced for a time by the federal government's surpluses it will climb again due to the deficits being incurred. The interest being paid is huge. The cost in 2008, which of course is out of date, was \$62.3-billion. That figure is so big it is meaningless without being compared to something else. For example, it is 623 times bigger than the \$100-million sponsorship scandal and amounts to more than \$170-million per day. The cost of interest is reflected in the price of everything we buy.

So why does the government of Canada borrow from the private sector and pay interest instead of borrowing from its own bank interest free? As far as I can see it is because of the influence of those who control money. The government is in debt up to its eyeballs. It is afraid to do anything which might result in higher interest rates so it bows down to the money interests. It slashes existing programs such as health care and education, refuses to bring in day care services or adequately support infrastructure improvements. To regain control over the issue of credit requires politicians who will talk openly about the situation and promote use of the Bank of Canada to carry public debt as well as reinstatement of the statutory reserves. Until this happens we will continue to be controlled by those who control money.

Richard Priestman, [rdpriestman@gmail.com]

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"Politics From The Far Side"

Who are the real Olympic disrupters?



Chris Shaw, Vancouver BC

Much has been made in the mainstream media (i.e., the large scale commercial media) about the "disgraceful" disruption of the opening of the 2010 Olympic torch relay by a motley collage of anarchist low life "professional protesters". Calls for jail sentences bounced around the pages

of Canwestglobal like so many ping pong balls gone wild. Reporters were unable to refrain from seizing the anticipated rhetorical high ground to condemn how the same nihilist rabble crushed the dreams of a 17-year old torch bearer with cerebral palsy and cruelly disappointed small children happily waiting for their heroes to triumphantly run past. Not least, the potty-mouthed demonstrators used the f-bomb to shock Victorian grandmothers and toddlers alike... and heavens, even did so more than once!

Does this perfidy ever end? No, it appears not, since the same Goths and Vandals were willing to kill police horses with the surreptitious placement of marbles on the streets, thus endangering both the beasts and their masters.

In the aftermath of Victoria, one provincial Liberal party MLA was moved enough by the potential mayhem to use the word "terrorist" to describe the perpetrators of the alleged outrage. Lions and tigers and bears (and anarchists), oh my!

Where, or where, to start dismantling this wheelbarrow of horse manure?

We can begin with the marbles since this got a significant portion of the media scrutiny. Did it happen? Yes. Who did it? **No one knows.** But we do know this: It was the protesters on the scene who were picking the marbles up, some of whom may have been on the receiving end of a horse-borne riot squad charge, not one of the most pleasant experiences in the world. I saw one such charge, up close and personal, in Seattle 10 years ago and had to dodge down an alley with my nine-year-old son to keep from being run over. Not fun. Next, yes, the f-word was said – repeatedly – but one has to assume the good burghers of Victoria, young and old alike, had heard it before. The kid with the disorder who couldn't run? He ran the next day in Nanaimo; hence, no permanent psychic scars.

Finally, what on earth is a 'professional' protester and how would one know one? Where does their illusory funding come from now that the Soviet Union is gone (or even before for that matter)? Can there really, truly be anyone out there who believes that there exist protesters who go from

city to city just to demonstrate as some sort of lunatic day job? The idea is just outright dumb... and rapidly heading for dumber. (But there is a caveat to this, as I will show below).

Clearly some people will believe anything. After all, 64% of those voting in the 2003 Vancouver Olympic plebiscite believed the late Jack Poole in his wildly imaginative assertion that hosting the 2010 Games would make money for the city and province. Scroll forward to last week's Price, Waterhouse, Coopers report on the economic impact of the 2010 Games to see just how badly informed that subpopulation of Vancouverites actually were.

As the above suggests, much of the media hype was not only juvenile, it also managed to miss the main point: The true disrupters were not those out on the streets in Victoria protesting the torch, rather those who brought the Circus' torch to town in the first place.

Think about it: The torch – originally a Nazi symbol for the 1936 Olympic Games – ran through much of downtown Victoria on a work day, closing streets left and right, interfering with people going to work or getting their kids to school, and blocking deliveries (and customers) for businesses. And all for what? So that the Olympic circus would have a happy send off as it made its way out of town to disrupt people across the country. I wonder if anyone has calculated the lost wages and productivity of a 106 day relay of disruption.

Or how about this: During the period from mid January to the end of March 2010, that is between the beginning of the transportation/security street closures in Vancouver to the end of the Paralympics, all of the above –and more- will occur solely to enable those who want the unfettered "**right to party**" to celebrate the Games.

Vast areas of downtown Vancouver will be closed to any traffic at all; other routes will have "Olympic lanes" dedicated to the "Olympic family", athletes, and the omnipresent security forces. What we will get with our party is a **two month-long fun zone of absolute gridlock** for those just trying to go about their daily lives. Do you own a small business that can't afford a two-month closure at all, let alone during a recession? Are you a salaried worker near a closed area and can't afford to take vacation and fly away to warmer climes? Do you need to get your children to school or the doctor?

For all of you, tough beans, the Circus is coming to town and your only response is to party. Or maybe you can just sulk quietly at home; God forbid you should go out and protest. ⇒

What's the difference between the disruptions caused by Olympic protesters and those caused by the Olympics?

So what's the difference between the disruptions...

So what's the difference between the disruptions caused by Olympic protesters and those caused by the Olympics?

How about this: One kind of disruption is sanctioned – even welcomed – by the government, the other not; one is designed to contest the utter infringement on our collective rights, the other to celebrate an event that has tried to put those same rights in the garbage; one creates a few hours of messy street democracy; the other creates two months of lost revenues and missed opportunities.

The real disrupters are the masters of the Olympic circus itself

The real disrupters, the ones who do get paid to travel around the globe messing with peoples' lives, are not those out on the streets trying to reclaim a small piece of the commons for the rest of us, but rather the masters of the Olympic circus itself. If you want to put Olympic disrupters in jail, start with the real criminals.

Christopher A. Shaw, Ph.D

UBC: Ophthalmology & Neurological Research

For a report of an interview with Dr. Shaw regarding the H1N1 vaccine, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/y978jkc>

Five-Ring Circus...

Chris Shaw is the author of a book about the modern Olympics, including Vancouver's 2010 Winter Games:

Five Ring Circus (New Society Press), which exposes the corporate culture behind the Games (real estate and privatization for local developers; and television broadcast rights for the IOC)♣

Chris Shaw sues City over civil rights

by **Ivan Doumenc, Vancouver BC**

I was planning to spend Vancouver's long Olympic Winter hiding under a rock.

Indeed, I didn't see the point of picking a hopeless fight against the mighty Olympics. How does one even start doing that? So I resigned myself. Calendar cleared, TV unplugged, mind set to zen, heavy books stockpiled: I was ready to kill some Olympic time.

My plans have been upset. The BC Government and Vancouver City Council have turned over my rock. The brats. Against my will and my better judgment, they have thrown me back into service as an anti-Olympic activist.

Here's what happened. The Campbell government is about to pass Bill 13 which will allow three cities – Vancouver, Whistler, Richmond – to enact repressive bylaws designed to quash public protest during the Olympics. Last July, Vancouver City Council preemptively voted a bylaw precisely to that effect. All they are waiting for now is the Provincial nod to bring that monster to life.

This past Friday, I sat down for lunch with someone who has actually decided to pick a fight head on with the authorities: UBC professor and Olympics watchdog Chris

Shaw, who is suing the City of Vancouver with fellow activist Alissa Westergard-Thorpe over its anti-protest bylaw. I wanted him to explain what he was up to.

Shaw obliged gracefully. The Canadian Charter of Rights – particularly its section 2 – is an insufferably boring irrelevant old rag, he explained, if this bylaw ever comes to be. Among other things, the bylaw orders that, under penalty of heavy fines and prison time (yes I know: what?!), there will be:

a. no signs on a stick

b. no blocking of someone's view with that sign

c. no voice amplification device

d. no interfering with another person's enjoyment of the pro-Games celebrations (whatever that is supposed to mean)

e. no material that does not celebrate the Games

Obviously, this has ceased to be about the Olympic games. Whether you are a personal fan of the 5 rings or not, you've got to hate this bylaw. The blow that this legislation strikes to our most basic civil liberties is mind expanding.

So much for the image of Vancouver's City Council as being a progressive bunch. **The cat is out of the bag. Vision Vancouver has obamized itself. It has sold out to the transnational corporate agenda and neoliberal shock doctrine, like so many other leftists before them.**

As I ponder the number of true progressives sitting on this Council (some of which I know personally and whose good intentions I can vouch for), I measure the massive pressure that they have been submitted to, as they approached the iron core of the corporate planet. Nobody, left or right, can resist such crushing forces.

While I am sitting across the restaurant table from Chris Shaw, I realize the relevance of his legal action and the supreme intelligence of it. If he wins, Bill 13 is killed in its tracks, the Charter of Rights is strengthened as it builds precedent against such laws in the future. If he loses, he fully exposes the crowd control agenda of the corporate-government complex, and lays the ground for a public backlash against this bill. Brilliant.

The Olympics? They are a mere distraction.

They are so totally... 2010. In Shaw's analysis, the corporate elites and their political sycophants are already many years down the road actively planning their next strategic moves. A legal framework allowing swift and decisive use of force against public discontent is one of such strategic moves which deserves careful advance planning, as it may deliver a stunning checkmate against the public in the event that things went south for the elite class.

Shaw has figured it all out since day one, while the rest of us were still happily waving our Canadian flags and cheering about this “*Our Time to Shine*” nonsense.

What a towering figure, I thought, as Shaw was paying his bill and on his way out to his next appointment. When do I get to see that guy sitting on City Council representing my interests? *Shaw for Mayor!* ⇒

Another tall giant also living in our remote regions, **Rafe Mair**, recently paid a vibrant tribute to Chris Shaw in a Tree editorial soberly called **Chris Shaw Was Right**. -- <http://rafeonline.com/2009/10/chris-shaw-was-right/> -- I'll let you read his splendid column, but here is one quote that stood out for me:

"The IOC has been given the right to decide where Canadians can exercise their rights and where they cannot – and what form their protests may take!"

No way I am going back under that rock now. Not after hearing the voices of Chris Shaw and Rafe Mair. I have already offered my services to Shaw in any capacity that he sees fit, and I encourage everyone of you to do so too (he's at cashawlab@gmail.com). I mean, hello – those are your freedoms! And if that brings the under-cover agents of the ISU breathing down my neck and checking my daily whereabouts (Shaw calls them the "Incredibly Stupid Unit"), so be it. The supreme irony is this. Had government not drew first blood by voting this barbarian law that was

supposed to deter me from taking action, I'd still be busy setting my comfy retreat under my rock. And they would not have heard of me.

-- Ivan Doumenc, Vancouver BC

www.grassstruggle.blogspot.com ♣

Dominion Magazine launches Olympics Special Issue

The Dominion, with The Media Co-op, is pleased to announce the publication of its latest special issue

"Vancouver 2010: A Special Report on the Winter Olympics".

Launches are now being organized across the country.

To learn about a launch near you, please check at:

www.mediacoop.ca/events

Event details are being added daily.

Dates to be announced: Nanaimo, Kamloops, BC; Calgary, Edmonton AB; Winnipeg, MB; Hamilton, Ottawa, Peterborough, Thunder Bay, London, ON; Fredericton, NB ♣

Lord Monckton exposes treacheries within the December UN Copenhagen Climate Treaty Conference

Information from Ken Palmer, Erik Andersen, S. McDowall, RDB:

A former science adviser to British PM Margaret Thatcher says the real purpose of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen on Dec. 7-18 is to use global warming hype as a pretext to lay the foundation for a one-world government.

You have probably heard about this British Lord Christopher Monckton. The Copenhagen Treaty, according to him, is the final straw towards bringing in the "one world order"

This is vital information for Canadians. Listen to what the UN Climate Change conference in Copenhagen is really about. Many, many people are being deceived, thinking that supporting this Climate Change Treaty is for the good of all humanity and the environment.

Listen to the interview of Lord Monckton and you will see that under what *appears* such an important direction for the planet, there is an agenda so treacherous, yet so few realize this because it has been so craftily put together. (Sounds a little like Canada's Bill C-6 which has some very threatening clauses within a seemingly useful bill.)

People, on the whole, want to trust. We all know that we must change our ways of treating the Planet; however, we all know that there are technologies and science, available, yet many have not been allowed to be used to help this Planet over the past Century. If they had been allowed in, they would have prevented reliance on an oil-based energy source... the most destructive one for the Planet.

"At the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this December, weeks away, a treaty will be signed," Lord Christopher Monckton told a Minnesota Free Market Institute audience on Oct. 14 09. "Your president will sign it. Most of the Third World countries will sign it,

because they think they're going to get money out of it. Most of the left-wing regimes from the European Union will rubber stamp it. Virtually nobody won't sign it," he told the audience of some 700 attendees. "I read that treaty and what it says is this: that a world government is going to be created. The word 'government' actually appears as the first of three purposes of the new entity.

"The second purpose is the transfer of wealth from the countries of the West to Third World countries, in satisfaction of what is called, coyly, 'climate debt' – because we've been burning CO2 and they haven't. We've been screwing up the climate and they haven't. And the third purpose of this new entity, this government, is enforcement."

Most supporting the climate change aspects of the Copenhagen conference support the need for a carbon tax; however, listening to this presentation gives another perspective to consider. Shouldn't the blame for this mess be redirected to the source of the problem, rather than to Humanity who has been largely, carefully manipulated into this? The source of the problem is often the huge corporations which refused Tesla's great work in free energy and the myriad of other sources to provide clean energy for this Planet.

Listen to Lord Monckton's report and learn how many, who have taken our environmental challenges seriously, are being led sadly down the wrong path regarding the carbon tax. Listen carefully. Lord Monckton explains. This courageous man is showing us that the sovereignty of 193 countries could be gone forever in several weeks time, unless people realize that there is far more at stake with this conference. *RDB*

The speech: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stij8sUybx0>

The interview (Nov. 11): <http://tinyurl.com/ykcnzag> ♣

Canadian Politics – Language Issues

The Official Languages Act – 40 years later

From: Jim S. Allan, Toronto

To: Mr. Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, 344 Slater St., Ottawa, ON K1A 0T8

Re: Official Languages Act still needs work 40 years later

Enclosed (below) is a copy of my September 25, 2009 email letter sent to The Hill Times, Ottawa, responding to an article there by Cynthia Munster referring to your comments on the above, and my responses to those of your purported claims which I consider to be outlandish. Also enclosed is a copy of my referred to Dec. 18, '07, INFORMATION RECENTLY RELEASED BY STATISTICS CANADA IN DECEMBER 2007. It would be informative and educational, if you would be kind enough to have the blank spaces in the right margin of this filled in and returned back to me to answer the question: **“What Has Canada got In Return For This Huge Cost?”** Incidentally, for your information, my latest figure for “This Huge Cost”, to March 31, 2008, is \$1.15 trillion, increasing at the rate of something in excess of \$19 billion, per year.

These two figures are my estimates for total costs: Federal, plus Provincial, plus Private Sector.

Others, who have attempted to estimate these costs, to my knowledge, are: Scott Reid, MP, Canadian Taxpayer Federation, and The Fraser Institute. In all three cases their estimates for federal costs only, are higher than my own federal costs, and in the case of The Fraser Institute, substantially so. What would happen to their figures, if provincial and private sector costs are added to theirs for total costs!

Bearing in mind that private sector costs have been estimated to be about 20 X government costs, if the factors I used for provincial costs are reasonable and applied, all three would produce total costs higher than mine, and The Fraser Institute’s astronomically so! ...

Responses to outlandish claims made by Graham Fraser

To: The Hill Times, Ottawa

From: Jim S. Allan, Toronto

Re: “Official Languages Act still needs work 40 years later,” by Cynthia Munster, quoting Graham Fraser, the Commissioner of Official Languages

Yes! Canadians should indeed feel ‘both languages belong to them’. But they don’t! Not even close!

The system, especially this **Official Languages Act**, is contributing to making it so. French-speaking Canadians, through distortions of our history, feel they have been short changed by the English-speaking Canadians; and the English-speaking Canadians feel, especially due to this Official Languages Act, that French-speaking Canadians (less than 25% of Canadians) now control Canada, thus subverting our former democracy.

Canadians indeed do not have a sense of ownership of both official languages. Not surprisingly, bilinguals (17% of Canadians), with their vested control of the country, do have such a sense, federally, but they are only 17% of the population! Provincially, Quebec is officially unilingual French, New Brunswick is officially bilingual, Ontario (why?) is creeping towards unofficial bilingualism, and the Rest of Canada, is mainly unilingual English.

For the large majority, the other language is anything but “inherent” (in born) in what Canada is about! On the contrary! It is a curse!

The other language does not distinguish us from other countries. Other countries, such as Switzerland and Belgium, for example, also have “other” languages.

The other language is not (quoting the Commissioner) “*as central an identifier for a Canadian event as the Canadian flag*” because, for one reason, the Canadian flag is conspicuously not flown in most of the province of Quebec! And nor is the other language as much an identifier as “*the metric system*”, because feet and inches, for example, are still used, unofficially, in Canada, and, of course, in our biggest and very influential trading partner, the US.

Canada cannot celebrate four decades of official bilingualism by laughing. At an estimated cost of over \$1 trillion for the 40 years since its inception, with hardly any increase in bilingual ability and much more pressing needs neglected through lack of funds, weeping would be more accurate. Please see my INFORMATION RELEASED BY STATISTICS CANADA IN DECEMBER 2007, attached. If you need further confirming evidence, please advise.

The **still needed work required 40 years later** mentioned above, is simply – **to call a nation-wide referendum on the subject, and if the majority is opposed to the Act, repeal the “nightmare”!** – *Jim Allan ♣*

Congratulations to the Ottawa Citizen **Kim McConnell**, Canadians for Language Fairness, Ottawa

The Ottawa Citizen has to be congratulated for giving the oppressed English-speakers the opportunity to vent our anger and frustration. The comments are just beautiful & expresses exactly how the majority of Canadians feel. All politicians should take note – the English-speaking majority want their politicians to shed their politically correct coat and start taking notice that the worm is turning!!!

Read comments online: <http://tinyurl.com/yle9f79>

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MORE ON LANGUAGE IN CANADA

In regard to the validity of Graham Fraser having the OLA post

Ernest Semple, Dollard-des-Ormeaux QC

The health of Quebec politics is improving at breathtaking speed! Open discussion of political concepts has long been the *bête noir* of the press, the politicians, the judges of the lower courts, and now the Supreme Court of Canada that is being forced to face judgement of itself.

Not the most courageous of all the supports for a free democracy, namely the local press, is discovering finally they are not the most attractive source of real information.

Advertising is only granted to media that will display the product in a convincing and excitement-producing light. Even Pravda during the time of Stalin had Krokodil cartoons to remind citizens to think for themselves. Not so regarding the cartoons in any Anglo news media in Quebec, except possibly Napoleon in the Suburban.

So, with little fanfare, but much satisfaction, I had a request from the West Island Chronicle Editor to submit a letter to the editor on the occasion of the recent publicity stimulated by the Ottawa Citizen's public questioning **if the doctrine of the Official Languages Act was indeed valid, or should be scrapped.**

The loud response in Ottawa was apparently deafening. That was enough to release a torrent of communications, sponsored by Kim Lian McConnell, and I'm sure, quite a few other internet users that somehow inspired at least one local Quebec editor to realize another deadline was almost kaput, (or in Quebec they would say the next issue has "had the biscuit"), and the new material was not very tasty compared with what the Ottawa Citizen had chosen to give a remarkable (for Canadians) level of publicity.

The result of Albert Kramberger's courageous request to me was a letter I had published in the Globe and Mail, sometime at the beginning of the year. I presented it to

some others in the media, but was surprised to find there was zero criticism and zero praise. It is the basis I think for making the Official Languages Act another zero in the sequence. Anyway, I have sent the letter to Mr. Kramberger's judicial care with the imprecation that he had better bloody not tamper with it.

The letter is hereby attached (below) for your known superior judgement in these editorial matters, along with the artistic verisimilitude provided by Mr. Kramberger's valiant request to get something sensible on the Chronicle's miserly letters-cum editorial page (no longer in broadsheet form) that rarely shows opinion above the level of criticizing a next door neighbour.

Canada lacks moral integrity on the world stage.

Canada's international reputation has suffered because for three or more decades it has pitted groups of Canadians against other groups of Canadians.

Canada's international reputation has suffered because of its legislated suppression of the rights of individuals in favour of the benefit of one group of Canadians.

Canada's lack of legal integrity in its laws varying from one province to the next depending on ethnicity, parenthood, and language is unique and unjust in the western world.

Canada's human rights abuse at home flies in the face of its vaunted authorship of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Our hypocrisy is well known abroad, and limits the effectiveness of Canada's authority over human rights abuses in countries such as Afghanistan.

It will take much courage on the part of Canada's government to face up to the injustices it has put into law in the past three decades, and to take measures to repair our legal system.

– *Ernest Semple, Montreal* ♣

City of Ottawa's Bilingualism Policy

Rob Brown, Ottawa ON

Currently, City of Ottawa's policy states "effective immediately, all external candidates considered for Level 1 to 3 management positions be bilingual."

This can be seen at the following website:

http://ottawa.ca/city_hall/policies/bilingualism_policy/index_en.html

Why does the city have this policy? It is so that staff can speak both languages on the job, even though this has nothing to do with serving the public. Effectively, this excludes 80% of the population of Ottawa from ever holding management positions in their own city government. Recent correspondence with city council about this policy resulted in replies such as "this is a job requirement" and "if people

are too lazy to become bilingual..."

This is a serious problem. When a policy excludes the majority of citizens, we know there is something wrong with the policy, NOT something wrong with the citizens, as these councilors would have us believe.

But the answer is simple. Eliminate the policy. City staff should conform to the needs of the citizens. Not the other way round.

(And besides, the cash-strapped City of Ottawa can hardly afford the almost \$200 million this policy costs annually. Why are we paying for city staff to work in the language of their choice? God knows, they already get enough perks without this.)

Rob Brown, CAB [robin123@storm.ca] ♣

"The Fifth Columnist"

2b or not 2b?



Michael Neilly, Dunrobin ON

Picture a young William Shatner with the dramatic mail box slit of light across his eyes, reading these lines:

"Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: ... thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other means of communication."

These lofty words are from Canada's Constitution Act, 1982. Okay, with this picture in your mind, ask yourself when "everyone" isn't really everyone.

Now I know that talking about the Constitution is guaranteed to put most Canadians to sleep, but it's time to wake up! There's been a tacit agreement in Ottawa that since Anglos are in the majority in Canada, even though they are a minority in Quebec, they're not REALLY a minority and therefore can be discriminated against with French Canada's hateful, paranoid language laws.

It was former Prime Minister Paul Martin, at the beginning of the same-sex marriage debate, who said that you can't cherry-pick rights, meaning that you can't pick the rights you happen to agree with. There was some irony in this statement, because Martin, whose power base was in Quebec, consistently failed to defend the rights of minority English speakers violated by Law 101, a 30-year old crime against humanity that persists to this day.

During this very same debate, Martin actually praised the Liberal's support for Official Bilingualism. What is the purpose of Quebec's Law 101 and Canada's Official Bilingualism, the happy face Ottawa sticks on the Official Languages Act and a number of offensive, discriminatory hiring policies? Both impose the French language, on other groups. Law 101 imposes the French language on non-French speaking minority groups in Quebec. Official Bilingualism imposes the French language on the majority outside of Quebec.

It was only a matter of time before French Canada's paranoia over "assimilation" was enacted outside of Quebec. In Eastern Ontario it has already begun. The mayor of the Township of Russell, one Ken Hill, a unilingual English speaker, took it upon himself to make Russell officially bilingual by mandating bilingual signage for businesses in Russell.

Howard Galganov, a human rights crusader (hailing from Montreal, now living in Eastern Ontario), has legally served the mayor of Russell, charging that the mayor and his morally-impaired councillors have violated the constitutional rights, specifically section 2b, of business owners, a class of people who apparently have no rights. Basically,

the town mayor has imposed a culture and a language on another class of people. This was a terrible crime when Canada did it to the natives, and for which, by the way, Canada has apologized, and yet for English speakers in Quebec and now business owners and their employees in Russell, you must do as you're told.

Galganov asks this simple question: "Does the supposed right of any cultural group, regardless of their size and standing in Canada, have the right to abrogate Section 2b of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms for the purpose of promoting and/or protecting their culture at the expense of others who pose no wilful threat to that culture?"

Section 2b is very clear and states unequivocally that EVERYONE (every individual) has these rights. To be told that your signs must be bilingual or face heavy fines means that your government is telling you what language to speak. It's not just about the signs! After all, if you put out a bilingual sign, you are saying you speak both languages! If you are unilingual, you obviously have to hire a bilingual person. In effect, the state is telling you who to hire or not hire and how to communicate with others. The state is saying that they have the right, not you, in determining how you will communicate and express yourself in the conduct of your business, *because of your political class*.

While section 15.(1) of our charter says that "Every individual is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law with discrimination..." the problem, my friends, is another section of this "constitution", section 15, subsection 2, which states (cue Bill Shatner), "Subsection (1) does not preclude any *law*, program or activity that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of disadvantaged individuals or *groups* (my italics) including those that are disadvantaged because of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability."

So, even though discrimination by individuals is loathsome, it is *okay* for the Canadian government to discriminate to "right" a "wrong". The minority just has to claim its victim status to Canada, and Canada will gleefully strip individuals of their fundamental human rights to make it "right". Do the words in section 2b mean anything at all? Or is our constitution a fraud? Howard Galganov may end up taking his case to the Supreme Court. On this great day, Canadians will finally see whether these lofty words really apply to "everyone".

Do we live in a Potemkin village, a Liberal façade and a fraud, a case of 2b or not 2b? That is the question.

- Mike Neilly, Dunrobin ON

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More on the Flu & Vaccines

Re H1N1 Virus

Roberta Histed, L'Original ON



The medical establishment and the mainstream media are working industriously to try to convince us that we all need a certain flu shot. I even heard the statement that those who resist them are giving in to fear.

Come again!?

With all the hype and fear-mongering about the terrible consequences of *not* getting shot, those who resist are the fearful ones? It's hard to keep your head when all those around you are losing theirs!

The H1N1 virus was artificially engineered. Was it released deliberately? We can only speculate on the answer to that question but, given the reputation of the pharmaceutical industry for using humans as guinea pigs plus the fact that healthy, well people don't serve their interests, one can be excused for being suspicious.

Everyone must get the shot, we are told, even those who have already had the illness. Anyone not shot can infect even the vaccinated ones – an admission that the shots do not provide immunity and are therefore mis-labelled as immunization. Then what is all this about?

It is interesting to note that, in this period of deep recession, governments are shelling out billions to the drug companies. What is it that we are being told about terrific burdens on future taxpayers due to government spending? Are we to believe that this government feels the need to go further into debt over H1N1 for the sake of our well-being?

We could only believe this if we have other evidence of government caring. *If they want us to be healthy there could be strong support for those who serve wellness, like chiropractors, naturopaths and homeopaths.* There could be subsidies to help farmers convert to organic production and for food supplements for those less able to afford them. There could be tax relief for the ordinary worker by being strict with the wealthy who park their money off-shore and there could be international cooperation to ban the products from corporations that establish in places where they get away with treating their employees disgracefully and avoiding their fair share of taxes – the only possible way to take back control over corporate irresponsibility.

Canada's dismal record on these matters plus its support for corporations that steal land from aboriginal owners and then proceed to pollute and destroy their way of life hardly gives us encouragement to believe in our government's ability to care.

What then is the motivation behind the government mouthpieces pushing these shots?

It seems to be a desire to keep the economy buzzing along. Full-scale interruptions might cause more fiscal problems than the burden of this vaccine cost. Also, serious support for wellness methods could counter the development of a malleable, easily manipulated populace. We have had much evidence in the past few years of how much the politicians rely on easily manipulated voters.

Canadians seem to readily fall for slogans and show reluctance to question something if doing so might bring discomfort. We do not live in a democracy and haven't for some time. Yet how many of us recognize how seriously this affects us?

Back to the flu shots. Flu season is just that – the season when sunshine is in short supply. How can we replace the sun's protection? Not by flu shots! Flu is not caused by an absence of vaccine. Vitamin D3 is the key ingredient that is missing when the sun is not available. If the government really cared about us they would be subsidizing the cost of D3 for those who need the help. One drop of D3 a day provides 1000 International Units (IU) and is an amazing cold and flu deterrent (D2 is not as effective). Up to 5 drops could be used if cold symptoms appear. Cod liver oil is an alternative. And don't believe those who say that hand washing doesn't help!

Maybe we are being provided with an opportunity here. If we could resolve to take charge of our health, keep learning and growing and exercising responsibility, we could change our lives and our country. ♣

Questions about the H1N1 vaccination

Peter Whitebone, Saint John NB

As a grandfather of Autistic children, I have a lot of concerns about the H1N1 vaccine. The effects have not been thoroughly tested and it has been rushed to market. If the side effects are minimal why has our government and the US government passed laws to protect the manufacture from lawsuits? Do healthy people die from swine flu? Are the effects mild for most people? The H1N1 vaccine of 1976 caused Guillain-Barré syndrome, a paralyzing neuromuscular disorder among people who were vaccinated! Does the vaccine have adjuvants? i.e. additives to make it more effective. Additives such as Mercury that is highly implicated in Autism. Autism is not reported among Amish children who do not get vaccinated! Will one vaccination be enough? Does it just provide temporary immunity? Do those over 60 have immunity antibodies from the 70's H1N1 outbreak? Is H1N1 losing its virulence? Has it mutated? I am not saying don't get yourself and your children vaccinated, just check the facts beforehand! ♣

The Story of a Community Currency

Salt Spring Island Dollars ~ A unique island – unique people – a unique currency

Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

Salt Spring Dollars are a community currency issued by the *Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation*... It has nearly universal acceptance so tourists and locals can all enjoy using this novel and beautiful money.

About Salt Spring Dollars (\$\$)

First of all, let us get one thing out in the open: Yes, Salt Spring Dollars are legal. We're not breaking any laws by issuing an alternative currency and you aren't breaking any laws by owning or using them. Everyone asks that question so we thought we'd start there.

Legally, Salt Spring Dollars are gift certificates, which is how they're treated (See the Canada Revenue Agency website for more information.) When you buy a Salt Spring bill (one dollar, two dollar, five, ten, twenty, fifty, or one hundred dollar bill) you're buying a gift certificate, from the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation, which we will honor if you ever choose to redeem it with us. In the meantime you can redeem it for goods and services.

Banks and businesses can redeem the Salt Spring Dollars for Canadian cash through special trust accounts set up by the SS IMF at the three financial institutions on the island. If you think about it, that's basically the definition of national currencies like Canadian dollars – except they don't keep a trust fund.

The next thing everyone wants to know is why Salt Spring Dollars exist. Simply put, Salt Spring Dollars reflect our pride and love of this island and its community. The Salt

~ <http://saltspringdollars.com> ~

Spring Island Monetary Foundation keeps an investment trust fund (to back the currency) and the investment's returns are re-invested on the island. Accumulated funds are available for community proposals on the basis of no-interest loans. This philosophy of "no usury" loans is fundamental to the concept of true community currency.

Salt Spring Dollars are beautiful currency with a community link, wide acceptance, excellent press, and unique designs. Whether you're a tourist using our money for the first time or an islander using it on a daily basis for your financial transactions, using Salt Spring Dollars is convenient and fun and good for the community.

About Salt Spring Island

Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, is the largest and most populated of the Southern Gulf Islands situated between the massive Vancouver Island and the southern west coast of Canada. We're a 2-3 hour ferry ride from Vancouver on the mainland or from Victoria to the west. The population focuses much of its attention on art, farming, natural health, fitness, and our community. With a permanent population of around 10,000 and annual tourists topping 300,000, Salt Spring Island is a vibrant community indeed.

Explore the website: <http://saltspringdollars.com>

NOTE: Dialogue accepts Salt Spring Island Dollars for subscriptions, Gift Subscriptions and Donations.♣

Hooray! Mondragon comes to USA!

Finally, change you can believe in! -RKM Moore

Oct. 27, 2009--The United Steel Workers Union, North America's largest industrial trade union, announced a new collaboration with the world's largest worker-owned cooperative, Mondragon International, based in the Basque region of Spain.

"We have lots of experience with ESOPs (Employee Share Ownership Plans)," said Gerard, "but we have found that it doesn't take long for the Wall Street types to push workers aside and take back control. We see Mondragon's cooperative model with 'one worker, one vote' ownership as a means to re-empower workers and make business accountable to Main Street instead of Wall Street."

The USW, however, will insist on at least one modification of the Mondragon model: the worker-owners will be organized into trade unions, and will sign collective bargaining agreements with the management team. This sets up a unique situation whereby unionized workers reach an agreement with themselves as a workers' assembly and

with the management team they hire.

What's in the partnership for Mondragon? Josu Ugarte, President of Mondragon Internacional declared: "What we are announcing today represents a historic first--combining the world's largest industrial worker cooperative with one of the world's most progressive and forward-thinking manufacturing unions to work together so that our combined know-how and complimentary visions can transform manufacturing practices in North America. We feel inspired to take this step based on our common set of values with the Steelworkers who have proved time and again that the future belongs to those who connect vision and values to people and put all three first."

Read more online at: <http://tinyurl.com/yf2ju89> ♣

Evergreen Cooperatives: a new model of economic development.

Watch the video!

Introductory video: <http://blip.tv/file/2749165>

The Evergreen website: www.evergreencoop.com/ ♣

"Ramblings"

A Christmas Thought



by Randy Vancourt, Toronto ON

My father once wrote, "When I was a child I counted the years of my life not in birthdays, but in Christmases." There's a wonderful logic to that idea; birthdays are a solitary concept, whereas Christmas is meant to be shared with everyone. It's a

much more inclusive celebration and lasts far longer than just one day. In fact I've always maintained that it's proper to celebrate the entire 12 Days of Christmas, and I have a real problem with friends who insist on taking down their tree on the 26th because, "Christmas is over." I am proud of the fact that, should a friend of the Eastern Orthodox faith ever drop by my house in early January, my tree will still be there.

My parents both grew up on farms during the Depression. Neither of them ever mentioned anything about only receiving "a pencil and an orange" in their Christmas stocking, but I've heard others tell that story often enough over the years that I know Christmas was a bit different back then. Of course as the annual orgy of holiday spending seems to grow exponentially each year, telling today's kids that for my generation the biggest Christmas decision was whether to ask Santa for Hot Wheels or a GI Joe with Kung Fu grip probably sounds rather quaint.

When I was a kid it always felt like Christmas couldn't come soon enough. The annual ritual of selecting a tree, participating in the Christmas pageant, carolling; it was my favourite time of the entire year. The arrival of Santa at our local mall was always a memorable experience, because for some reason our Santa eschewed the traditional sleigh in favour of flying in by helicopter, which I always found odd. I suppose it could have been stranger – I have since seen him arrive, over the years, by parachute and surfboard. Growing up in Quebec added an additional element to the Santa paradox, because I never quite understood why Santa always spoke with a heavy French accent. Of course no kid is going to worry about such inconsistencies very long when the guy's handing out candy canes.

Each year the decorating of our home was a major undertaking. The job of stringing the lights on our tree always fell to the older members of our family. As we grew up, each of us would eventually take on part of the merciless task of untangling that mess of lights; but oh, the wonder of colours when they were plugged in! At some point far back, and for a reason I cannot remember, I began the annual custom of lying underneath our tree and looking up through the branches. The mixture of the wonderful evergreen fragrance and twinkling colours was intoxicating;

I wanted to live in that magical world completely surrounded by branches, tinsel and decorations.

Back then Christmas lights glowed at a temperature that could actually burn your fingers. And our lights didn't flash on and off in a long string; oh no, they twinkled, each one separately – some even bubbled. Today's new LED versions just don't seem to provide the same experience, although they no doubt create less of a fire hazard.

Each Christmas I try to do one thing that will make the holiday memorable; something that I can look back on and say, "That was the Christmas of..." For many years while growing up I read Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" every December. As a teenager I dressed up in a Santa suit and visited younger kids in my neighbourhood. In my 20's I recorded a selection of Christmas songs.

Then in 1993 I was hired to compose the score for a huge Christmas stage extravaganza in Toronto. Modelled on New York's Radio City Christmas Spectacular, it was meant to be the first of an annual tradition. Unfortunately it went on to become an enormous financial disaster. I recall sitting in the theatre's balcony with my brother, waiting to enjoy a matinee, when the entire orchestra suddenly walked out because their paycheques hadn't arrived. Somehow the wonder of Christmas was a little less evident to me that day, even less so the next day when we had to sneak back into the theatre and rescue my sheet music from the orchestra pit. Memorable does not always equal good.

This year I will be enjoying Toronto's wonderful Santa Claus parade from the comfort of a second story window in a 19th century mansion along the parade route, then watching a Christmas pageant complete with live camels and donkeys. Quite a distance from the farmhouses of my parents' youth.

Each year my father gave the same toast at Christmas dinner; he was thankful that we were all able to celebrate one more holiday together. He was blessed to enjoy 85 Christmases, all of them (with the exception of his time overseas during the war) with family. In over two decades he only ever missed writing his Christmas column for these pages once, when I filled in for him.

As we all raise a glass and toast Christmas this year, I'll be taking the opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months. Hopefully I've lived them well but just to be sure I'm doing it right, from now on I vow to measure my life not in birthdays, but in Christmases.

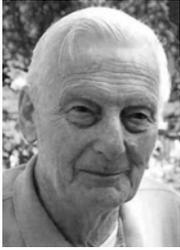
If you'd like to enjoy some of my father's past Christmas columns and poems, you can find them on our website's Christmas page at:

www.vancourt.homestead.com/christmas.html

Merry Christmas! ♣

"Mountain Murmur"

Just a few words



Denny Z. Petrik, Clearwater BC

Sometimes sitting down and trying to put some thoughts on a piece of paper becomes very difficult, for various reasons. Well, that is my predicament today.

My wife passed away recently and

the wound is still very much open. But as I retrace the painful path to her death I cannot help but notice a small but very important piece of silver lining. And it is this lining that needs to be mentioned and complimented.

It consists of the many health care people we met along the journey. At the start we encountered splendid personnel at the cancer clinic in Kelowna. The doctors, nurses and technicians, even the volunteers who frequently offered coffee and cookies exhibited great humanity.

That scene repeated itself at the chemo therapy unit in Kamloops. Again, all the staff, medical or otherwise dealt with us with great understanding and compassion.

The end played itself out at the Dr. Helmcken Hospital in Clearwater. And I find myself short of right words with which to describe the wonderful way in which all personnel treated us there. Perhaps my wife summed it up best, two days before her passing. She spoke of the

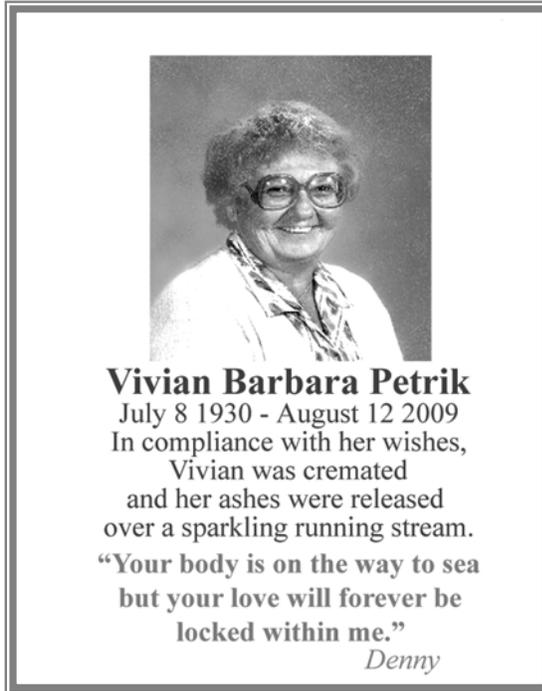
nurses, "The nurses here are wonderful, they are angels."

Clearwater may be a small town, but there appear to be many people with large hearts here.

When one meets with quality folks, one should let them know of his/her appreciation, and one should tell others about their existence. And that is what I am trying to do.

The people we met along the sad way are the true pillars of our, frequently maligned health care system. And all I can to say to them all, very sincerely, "thank you - you are wonderful!"

– Denny Petrik ♣



Vivian Barbara Petrik

July 8 1930 - August 12 2009

In compliance with her wishes, Vivian was cremated and her ashes were released over a sparkling running stream.

"Your body is on the way to sea but your love will forever be locked within me."

Denny

Perfection

Nothing in our world is perfect

The shiny sphere of a bearing ball,
the engineers tell us,
is out of round by a tenth or two –
of a thou.

The splendid rose – as we all know –
carries ugly, hurtful thorns.

And the sun, giver of life,
entwines death in its rays.

Even love, true proclaimed,
at times will frown and gloom,
and burning grief, hovering above grave,

may shimmer ever so slightly
with thought of inheritance.

Then – what is perfection?

When two imperfect people
engage to do the work called life,
when love, laughter and understanding
become their oils to prevent mar and fray,
when they realize that without one another
their life's work could not be rightly done –

That is perfection,
or as close to it as I did get.

Denny Z. Petrik

Written on the occasion of his

50th Wedding Anniversary ♣

Poetry & Memories From Don

REVERIES

by Don Parker, Georgetown ON
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My darling, sit beside me,
And let me speak with you,
I've got some things to tell you,
Before this day is through.

How fragrantly your hair smells,
How soft your hand in mine,
My love for you forever wells
To heights that are divine.

I love to watch you working
And singing some sweet song.
Your hands are never idle;
You never rest for long.

But, darling, times are changing,
And you must bide a wee;
Our lives have drawn near
that shore,
We're now 'most in the lee.

Let's take some time to visit
Some lands we've never seen.
Let's travel back to Scotland,
On this I know you're keen.

We'll visit with dear Annie.
We'll chat with Rob and all;
And you, my sweet, will tarry,
And never care at all.

Or maybe you would rather
We went to see our bairn,
And you can leave with Marg'ret,
Your own dear mother's cairn.

Now, darling, please don't fidget
And fuss about the cost,
For it is time we set off,
Before this time is lost.

You're smiling eyes, they tell me,
You'd really like to go.
Then let us do our planning,
Before the falling snow.

We'll polish up our Lizzie,
And change her oil, too.
We'll load the back with
goodies,
So we can have a chew.

(2)

We'll have a really grand time,
As down the road we drive.
We'll sing our favourite songs
and vow:

It's great to be alive!

We'll stop before the sun sets,
To rest our weary bones.
We'll have a really grand feast
Of dairy cream and scones.

Then early in the morning,
With grass all wet with dew,
We'll set our course to sunrise,
While I sing, "I love you."

Hey, Cat! What are you doing?
Your claws are sharp, you know!
You're looking for your supper?
I guess I'll have to go.

This house is mighty lonely,
Since she's been called to rest.
But Cat and I must bear it,
And try to do our best.

August 1994

HEALING

by Don Parker

People see me laughing, and hear me joking, too.
But they don't know just how much I am missing you.
Out upon the dance floor, and doing *dos sa dos*,
A sound, a word, a gesture, send my spirits low.

Thoughts of you are with me at every step and turn;
To hold you once again? Ah, 'tis my greatest yearn.
"Honey, how's it going?" you often asked of me.
Your voice was so melodic; it contented me.

Open up a cupboard, and there upon a shelf,
A dish you used to love, reminds me of yourself,
Baking bread or cookies, or maybe apple pie,
Aromas fill my memories, and then I cry.

People say, "Come on, now! She's gone, but you
are here!

Life is for the living, with zest instead of fear!"
Truly, they all mean well, when giving their advice,
But words and best well-wishes simply won't suffice.

Upper lip may stiffen, a smile may plastered be,
But deep inside my heart I yearn for only thee.

Logic whispers, "Nonsense! It's time to let her go!"
But that is nigh impossible! I love her so!

What then is the solution? Is there really one?
Am I to say? "Good-bye, my sweet. Rest well, my hon."
Logic, always ready, with greater force replies,
"Yes! And truly mean it! There is no other wise!

"Life is still ahead for you! Seize it! Stake your claim!
To do aught else assuredly would shame her name!"
Within my soul are promptings, nodding in assent,
That indicate that one day my heart will relent.

On I continue with my roller coaster ride,
Midst clouds and storms, and sunbeams trying to hide
Heartache deep within me that time is meant to cure,
'Til, again, my spirits rise to life with grand allure.

When that day comes dawning and skies are clear
once more,
Deep within the heart of me, at it's very core;
You will live forever, for all eternity;
I'll continue dreaming of being there with thee.

October 1994 ♣

"Your Health Matters"

ABOUT HOLISM

Derrick Lonsdale, M.D., Strongsville OH



Dialogue seems to have an increasingly interesting medical section. Since authors are free to provide their own opinions, it is mandatory to write from evidence on this subject. This is required by any medical journal where statements must be either referenced or supported from observation. I would like, therefore, to call into question some of the statements

made in "Looking at Health from a Holistic Perspective" (*Dialogue* Oct-Nov 2009).

First, I must say that I totally agree with the emergence and slow development of so-called holistic medicine. It is the medicine of Hippocrates. Edison, however brilliant he was, was a latecomer and so are we modern practitioners. It has excellent scientific backing but in order to integrate with or replace the present medical system it requires a lot more research and development.

To say that autism is a "systemic body-wide problem that affects the brain" is undoubtedly true but may be "putting the cart before the horse". It is just as true to say that it is a sick brain that affects the body. Depression and other emotional representation is a function of the limbic system, the part of the brain that computes input data for organizing adaptive reactions to environmental influences and deals with our emotional reactions. Depression is a normal biochemical reaction to the stimuli that trigger it. It is only when this reaction is fired without the appropriate stimulus that it becomes abnormal. It is not, strictly speaking, a thought process. Neither can it be ignored as an important brain response.

The evidence is that the automatic part of the brain "talks" to the body and the body, through a complex of messengers, "talks" to itself and "talks back" to the brain. It is a three way street. For example, we now have evidence that for every signal that goes to the bowel, there are 9 signals that go from the bowel to the brain. The best analogy that we have for an organism as complex as homo sapiens is the computer. The dominant opinion is that the body does the bidding of the computer in the skull, not the other way round. It is absolutely true that physical stimuli to the body affect brain function, but to deny that brain function affects the body is a reduction to absurdity.

Holistic medicine (the term is derived from an ancient language where holos was a hill from the side of which the people gathered herbs) is not a modern "breakthrough" at all. Its history is long and tenuous. Modern pharmaceutical therapy is the "newcomer" and its development resulted from the relatively narrow basis that came from the work of

Pasteur. But even he admitted that the body defenses were more important than the attack of the microorganisms.

The point that I want to make, as I have said many times in these pages, is that the body defenses require a "command post" and the evidence is strongly in favor of that being in the head. We know that brain tissue has the highest requirement for oxygen and if it dies, the body dies with it. This surely suggests that the brain is working very hard to maintain all the required adaptive processes required for bodily survival.

We should remember the mythology of Ondine, a water nymph who was jilted by her human lover. Ondine cursed him with the loss of all automatic functions and he had to remain awake to control them. He became tired and fell asleep. Hence he "forgot to breathe" and died in his sleep. This story has recurred through the ages and suggests that it was an explanation for sudden death observed from time to time that defied explanation. Mythology has always been the invention of people in explaining phenomena that defy rational explanation.

There is a well recognized disease known as "Ondine's Curse" where the automatic computer functions of the brainstem fail for biochemical reasons and death follows. The patient usually dies during sleep, something that is familiar to many as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Oxygen is the primary nutrient and its deficiency affects every cell in the body, as everyone knows. Oxygen has no value whatsoever unless it is consumed. That requires protein, fat and carbohydrate as fuel and a huge series of vitamins and minerals to "ignite the fuel". Failure of oxidative metabolism is a common cause of disease and it is not too hard to guess that the maximum rate of consumption is in the brain. Mental or physical work requires more cellular energy to meet the stress demand and it does not need to be emphasized that mental work is more tiring than physical work, although the body may not be functioning very hard at the time.

Hans Selye spent his professional life studying the effect of stress in animals. As a medical student, he recognized that all the patients that were introduced to the students had the same facial expression, irrespective of the nature of the disease. That is why he decided to study stress as the defining mechanism of this characteristic facial expression. We all know that the fight-or-flight reflex is caused by a massive stimulation of the sympathetic nervous system, a system designed for short-term action and ultimate survival. It demands a huge consumption of energy by both the body and the brain. Selye's experiments were cruel to the thousands of rats that he sacrificed and the work must be extrapolated to human disease. He developed the General Adaptation Syndrome, an extraordinarily complicated analysis that has ⇒

unfortunately been largely forgotten. It is very clear that he was studying a brain/body function and he concluded that human diseases were the "diseases of adaptation".

I have read his work over and over, because the biochemical changes that he recorded are highly relevant to what we see daily in the laboratory studies seen in patients. This is precisely why the nature of the "fuel" is so vital to our normal physiology. It enables us to provide the energy required to meet the stresses of life and I do not need to emphasize how great that is in the modern world. I believe that Selye was dead right in his emphasis on the mental compo-

nents of our adaptive strategies. Today I see even young people who feel cold when they should feel hot and vice versa. Their "physical" symptoms are obvious functions of maladaptive sensory input that engender chaotic maladaptive body responses mediated through the central control mechanisms of the automatic brain. The brain is indeed the "command post" of the body fortress.

– **Derrick Lonsdale, M.D.**

Everything is connected to everything else.

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Are you in the habit of popping an aspirin for a fever...?? **READ THIS!**

Dr. Lonsdale's comment regarding "Murder in the Medicine Cabinet"

[an extract of which follows, with link (below)]

There is much truth in this article. Fever is indeed part of the body's defensive process, though it does not apply uniquely to virus replication. Attacking microorganisms have their maximum effect at normal body temperature, 37 degrees C/98.6F. The "thermostat" lodged in the automatic centers of the brain, recognizes the "attack" and causes the rise in body temperature to render the biology of the microorganism less efficient. It has always been a mystery to me why doctors used antipyretics, of which aspirin is certainly the best known. It reveals our basic ignorance of the "attack/defense" natural logic of our existence on Earth.

Some people will remember that a few years ago there were recurrent outbreaks of a lethal disease in children called Reye's syndrome. It was thought originally to be caused by a flu virus since it occurred in association with flu epidemics. It was found after several years of frustrating deaths that its cause was aspirin, given to the children, often by their mothers, "to bring the fever down".

The great importance of understanding this is that Reye's syndrome was expressed clinically as a gradually increasing loss of brainstem mechanisms that control automatic body functions such as breathing, so many of these children wound up in hospitals on life support. I treated one 18-month old child with massive doses of a thiamin (vitamin B1) derivative that had its effect in overcoming her "brain-death" state and she recovered. This vitamin has important effects in the metabolism that enables these brain mechanisms to function. When the word about aspirin got out, Reye's syndrome disappeared! ***Everything is connected to everything else.*** ♣

MURDER IN THE MEDICINE CABINET: EXTRACTS & SUMMARY BY MARSHALL SMITH:

In 1918, a virulent, never seen before, form of influenza seemed to suddenly appear. It seemed to kill within hours, and spread around the world within days. It seemed to appear simultaneously all around the world...

The source of the "1918 Flu" which is also incorrectly

called the "Spanish Flu" has been a medical mystery. But the mystery is solved. The beginning of the 1918 flu season started in November 1918. This also was the end of WWI marked by Armistice Day November 11, 1918. Thus millions of soldiers from the trenches in Europe all were sent home. What they took with them was normal flu from China, which occurs each year, and they also took with them the newly marketed aspirin. [...]

WHAT THE ARTICLE SAYS ABOUT HOW VIRUSES MULTIPLY AND THE ROLE OF A FEVER AS A DEFENSE MECHANISM

The primary defense which the human body has, to stop the spread of viral infections is to produce a fever. The fever is not a symptom of disease, but is actually the body's primary anti-viral immune system... The fever stops the flu virus from dividing and spreading. It is an immune system response which only mammals have developed to prevent the spread of viral flu infections.... The doctors in the early 1900's didn't know about that, and even today few if any doctors are aware that fever is not a symptom of disease, but is the primary and only way for the human body to stop viral infections. If you stop or reduce the fever, viruses are allowed to divide and spread uncontrolled throughout the body. [...]

Marshall Smith, Editor, BROTHER JONATHAN GAZETTE

To read the entire interesting story online:

www.brojon.org:80/frontpage/murdermedicine1.html

[at "The Brother Jonathan Gazette"] ♣

Prescription Pain Killers:

Deadlier than Cocaine, Heroin, and the Swine Flu?

Posted by Dr. Mercola. Read this important article at: **<http://tinyurl.com/ye3hcef>**

Addiction to prescription painkillers - which kill thousands of Americans a year - has become a largely unrecognized epidemic, experts say. In fact, prescription drugs cause most of the more than 26,000 fatal overdoses each year, says Leonard Paulozzi of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The number of overdose deaths from opioid painkillers - opium-like drugs that include morphine and codeine - more than tripled from 1999 to 2006, to 13,800 deaths [...]

MURDER IN THE X-RAY CLINIC?

Cancer industry needs mammograms, but do you?

Mike Adams, www.NaturalNews.com

Following the recommendation by a US government task force that mammograms cause more harm than good in women under 50 years of age (a message that sounds familiar, as we've been saying this for years), the cancer industry has gone berserk! They need women to get *more* mammograms. But not for the reasons you think. It's not about saving lives, it's about generating repeat business. Read why in today's unusually blunt article that exposes the mammography scam: **Mammograms, you see, are the bread and butter of the for-profit cancer industry. They serve two very important purposes:**

Purpose #1: RECRUIT patients. Mammograms are a clever tool for recruiting patients into a highly-profitable regimen of chemotherapy drugs, radiation and surgery that, nine times out of ten, isn't even medically justified. How's that? Because the detection technology behind mammograms is now so advanced it can detect tiny tumors present in virtually everyone, whether they're dangerous or not. This has led to a huge increase in "false positives" and dangerous over-treatment of cancers that would be better off just left alone (or treated with anti-cancer nutrients and superfoods). But mammograms are a great way to scare women into unnecessary cancer treatments. So they're pure genius when it comes to recruiting new patients using the fear tactics the cancer industry has come to rely on.

Purpose #2: CAUSE more cancer. The second purpose of mammograms is to cause cancer by exposing women's

breasts (and heart tissues) to ionizing radiation. When subjected to repeated exposure of such radiation, the human body will undergo DNA mutations and inevitably be afflicted with cancer. This is how the cancer industry can make predictions like "one out of every three women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime..." -- they know this to be true because they are the ones causing the cancer in the first place!

If you took your car to a mechanic to have the oil changed, and that mechanic poured corrosive bits of metal into your car's engine that caused long-term engine damage, would you continue to take your car to that same mechanic year after year? And if so, would you PAY that mechanic to repair the damage he actually caused?

That's what women are essentially doing when they receive mammograms. Each year, as they dutifully get their mammograms, they are exposing themselves to the very kind of radiation that causes cancer, practically guaranteeing they will eventually be diagnosed with cancer. (At which point the oncologist will say something like, "See? Good thing we do these mammograms every year, or we wouldn't have caught this tumor!")

The false cancer slogan that "early detection saves lives" would be more accurately modified to read: Repeated exposure to radiation causes cancer. **Read more online:** www.naturalnews.com/027537_mammograms_cancer_industry.html ♣

THE CANCER CONSPIRACY: a book by John J. Moelaert

[From Vera Gottlieb/S.McDowall]

By John J. Moelaert, Vancouver Island, BC

Instead of the long-promised cancer cure we now have a cancer epidemic: Cancer kills an average of 187 Canadians and some 1,600 Americans EVERY DAY! Globally it kills six million people per year. Since at least 80 per cent of all cancer can be prevented, why isn't it? Because as two-time Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling put it: "The war on cancer is largely a fraud." Here is the book that exposes the cancer war hoax:

QUOTED FROM THE INTRODUCTION:

If all the years of cancer research had been as effective as claimed and if all the so-called medical breakthroughs had been real, obviously fewer and fewer people would get and die of cancer instead of more and more. The reality is that the public is being misled on a massive scale. Or as two-time Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling put it: "**The war on cancer is largely a fraud.**"

In 1971 President Richard Nixon declared "war against cancer." A cure was widely expected in five to 10 years. Today instead of a cancer cure we have a cancer epidemic. Cancer now kills more Canadians and Americans in a sin-

gle year than all of World War II did. In fact, more than twice as many people get and die of cancer today than was the case in the early seventies. Cancer rates in Canada and the US have increased far beyond population growth. The latest statistics show that about 40 per cent of Canadians and Americans get cancer and most of them die of it.

Countless millions of dollars have been spent worldwide on cancer research (More than \$30 billion in the US alone). Announcements about alleged medical breakthroughs in cancer research often coincide with the start of fundraising drives by cancer organizations.... In the meantime our environment is becoming more and more carcinogenic. The air we breathe, the water we drink and the foods we eat are increasingly exposing us to cancer-causing agents.

According to the World Health Organization at least 80 per cent of all cancer is environmentally caused and therefore preventable. But cancer organizations, research institutions, governments and corporations direct most of their funds at treatment instead of prevention. Treatment often causes more misery than the disease itself and in most cases is unsuccessful. **MORE:** <http://members.shaw.ca/cancerconspiracy> ♣

NEWS FROM QUEBEC ~ "The Quebec Notebook"

Supreme Court schools-ruling backs PQ leader's claim

Canada is 'another nation' in Quebec, says Pauline Marois

By Peter Sauvé, Montreal QC

MONTREAL – Ironically, the Supreme Court of Canada's latest attempt to balance fundamental rights with Quebec nationalism's opposition to them has served only to bring confederation's credibility into question once again.

And before dismissing Parti Québécois leader Pauline Marois's disdain for the October 22 decision as so much separatist rhetoric, you might want to re-assess your anger over her summation of the SCC as being a court "appointed by another nation." You just might be a victim of your own misplaced anger.

That's because it has become almost impossible, even for die-hard federalists in Quebec, to pretend that the cumulative effect of so many court rulings and federal policies since the 1970s hasn't led to de facto Quebec separation -- where Canadians foot the bill for a province whose people really don't live here anymore.

In Quebec, Canada is indeed "another nation" because its language-law values, among others, don't apply here. That's the obvious conclusion after the SCC appealingly ruled against Quebec's Bill 104, a sister-law to Bill 101 that was created in 2002 to suppress parents' right to choose the language of their children's education.

Briefly, the court said Bill 104 violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms – but granted Quebec one full year to find a way around it, to dress it up, so that access to English schools will become impossible for all francophones, anglophones and immigrants who don't meet Bill 101's strict admissions criteria. The relatively few children helped by the court's recent ruling will also be shut out, and presently remain in a state of legal suspended animation.

Christine St. Pierre, Minister of Culture in Premier Jean Charest's Liberal government, said she was "shocked and disappointed" by the court ruling – and not because it failed to assert Canadian charter rights unequivocally here. Predictably, the PQ is calling upon Charest to override the SCC ruling by invoking the Canadian constitution's "notwithstanding" clause to preclude endless court battles.

Earlier, parents of kids ineligible for English schools – by Quebec's definition – hoped to gain access by paying tuition at unsubsidized English schools, staying enrolled long enough to attain the necessary amount of time such that they could meet the government's requirement that the "major part" of one's schooling be in English, then transfer to an English public school.

Through Bill 104, Quebec tried to block this path by disqualifying time spent in these unsubsidized "transition" English schools that aren't covered by Bill 101 – a step the SCC called "overly drastic," though it stated that Quebec's overall goal was justifiable.

The SCC also condemned the transition-school practice: "When schools are established primarily to bring about the transfer of ineligible students to the publicly-funded English-language system, and the instruction they give in fact serves that end, it cannot be said that the resulting educational pathway is genuine." Further, "The short period of attendance at a minority language school is not indicative of a genuine commitment and cannot on its own be enough for a child's parent to obtain the status of a rights holder under the Canadian Charter," it said.

Non-genuine educational pathways, indications of genuine commitment to God-knows-what, even teaching in English to ensure eligibility under the discriminatory Bill 101 – hey, whatever happened to real Canadian rights and freedoms? And values like equality before the law?

You know, rights and values that weren't about double-talk, self-serving legalese and walking silly semantic tightropes to appease that gang in Quebec? Whatever happened to that other nation – the one that was worth defending simply because it defended rights?

So how about this: If the only way to restore Canada's

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genuine pathway to rights-holding under the Canadian charter is through the indication of a genuine commitment to Quebec separation on referendum day, so be it.

After all, what's a little geo-political transition between friends?

Lawyer Brent Tyler... was the driving force behind the Bill 104 fight in the Supreme Court, and deserves supreme thanks from Canadians who believe in equality before the law. Unlike his counterparts on the Quebec and Canadian governments' side, Tyler isn't getting rich from his ongoing and thankless efforts.

Canada's top court will always act to extend French-language rights and privileges in Canada. Yet in 2002, it refused even to hear a case brought by Tyler involving forbidden English on signs in Quebec. (Ironically, the Quebec Court that first heard this case decided against the Quebec government sign law – and the judge, Danielle Cote, was a Parti Québécois appointee.) ⇒

As Tyler said then, "What the Supreme Court is telling the Canadian people is that you can be a Canadian citizen living in Quebec, have Canada's official languages on your sign and be prosecuted for doing so."

(The SCC also refused to hear a case brought by many English Quebecers opposed to the Parti Québécois government's plan to amalgamate their cities and towns in greater Montreal with the cash-strapped City of Montreal. Fearing many of their communities would lose their bilingual status, the plaintiffs sought protection as an official-language minority community.)

Arguing the schools-access case in Quebec Superior Court in 2000, Tyler landed a judicial knockout-punch, arguing Quebec has signed many international treaties upholding childrens' rights, yet bans francophone and immigrant kids from attending English schools based solely on who their parents are.

That is, Quebec's language law also violates the province's own rights charter because it removes benefits, rights or privileges based on a factual characteristic – that of a parent's being a francophone.

Canada's a signatory to many such treaties, including the UN's Recommendations Against Discrimination in Education, and is thus in violation of them because it permits such clear discrimination within its national borders, Tyler said earlier.

Just like Canada, Quebec continues to promote itself through noble-sounding pretense on the world stage, while doing the exact opposite in its domestic policy. Just like South Africa and its former practice of apartheid, Quebec

assigns civil rights based on who your parents are – effectively, based on blood-lines. And Canada approves.

The Suburban... is Quebec's second-largest English-language newspaper. On the Bill 104 ruling, it said the Supreme Court compromised not only freedom of choice, "it compromised its own integrity...by delaying the executability of its own judgement for a year in order to give the Quebec government time to find a palatable method of breaching those self-same rights," politicizing itself "to the point of self-abnegation."

The SCC unanimously recognized an injustice, and unanimously allowed the injustice to continue, a decision "driven by political expediency. It sought to uphold principle and pander to power at the same time.

"If the SCC can prejudice a right through legal machinations, how much less legitimate is it for [violent Quebec nationalists] to prejudice that right – as well as that of free expression – through physical menace? It is only a question of degree. It is the Court itself that has cheapened Canadian conscience and constitutional consequence and left the door open for thugs."

The year delay it gave Quebec "sustained the general Quebec objective of social and political marginalization of minorities and the language rights that adhere to them." It thus failed in its Charter duty to protect minorities. "The Court did not act justly."

Peter Sauvé, Montreal

Comments?... All replies and queries are welcome at quebecnotebook@hotmail.com ♣

Decision finds police at Montebello incited violence

[Recd from S. McDowall, Nanaimo]

OTTAWA, Oct. 22 /CNW Telbec/ - More than two years after they posed as protestors at a demonstration against the North American Leaders' Summit in Montebello, three Quebec police officers were found to have "failed to respect the authority of the law by inciting persons to violence."

The ruling by the "Comité à la déontologie policière"*, released yesterday, also found that the officers were disrespectful or impolite, used obscene, blasphemous or abusive language, and refused to produce identification when asked.

"This is a victory for democracy and for the democratic right to peaceful protests, but I have the same question I had two years ago," says Dave Coles, the man who unmasked the protestors.

"Who ordered them to do it? We need an independent judicial inquiry into the whole cover-up. When people show up to protest because they are concerned about an issue - and they are attacked by those who are supposed to be defending them... there is something wrong with the system."

Mr. Coles, President of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, made news headlines, when his at-

tempts to stop three burly men, dressed in black, one armed with a rock, from infiltrating the peaceful protest, were caught on video and posted on YouTube. He called for a public inquiry immediately following the Aug. 20, 2007 incident.

"These officers did not make the decision on their own to pose as demonstrators and incite violence. Police were used to try to turn a peaceful protest into a violent one. The public should be very concerned."

The three police officers must now appear before the committee investigating their behaviour within the next two weeks.

Paul Manley, the independent filmmaker who caught the Montebello incident on video has included it in his recently-released documentary exposing the secretive, anti-democratic corporate agenda behind the Security and Prosperity Partnership. Screenings are underway in cities across Canada. <http://www.youmespp.com/screenings/> .

A copy of the decision in French is available at www.cep.ca . The English translation has not yet been released. For further information: Dave Coles, (613) 299-5628; Gaétan Ménard, (819) 775-6980; Michelle Walsh, (613) 230-5800, ext. 222 ♣

B.C. POLITICS

SFU Profs Slam Campbell's Energy Plan

Hobbling BC Hydro so private firms can profit big is bad public policy.

By Rafe Mair, Today, <http://TheTyee.ca>

Two Simon Fraser University professors, both experts in power issues, have written scathing critiques of the Campbell government's energy policy.

First, they affirm the argument I've been making for over a year -- that BC Hydro is being forced to buy private power at up to double its market value, sell it at a huge loss, and then, assuming that this idiotic government tubes Burrard Thermal as our backup power, it has buy back that power at high import prices!

Here's how Professor Douglas McArthur confirms that opinion on his blog **PolicyCentre.ca**:

"Private hydro produces most of its power in the spring and summer when B.C. already has a surplus of power from BC Hydro's already established plants. It doesn't need more power in the spring and summer when the runoff is high. But the government is making BC Hydro buy the power from these producers at inflated prices, even though

it will have to turn around and sell it into export markets at much lower spring and summer market prices. Then, in the winter, BC Hydro will have to buy very expensive power from producers in the U.S. The private hydro producers will make a lot of money, Hydro will lose huge amounts of money on the whole complicated deal, and BC Hydro customers will make up the difference in higher rates... [The] government explanations just don't add up when subjected to scrutiny. If this was happening in India or Pakistan we would be raising no end of questions." [...]

In a nutshell, then, Campbell forces BC Hydro to buy all the private power produced on a "take or pay basis" at up to twice its value at a time when its not needed, meaning Hydro must sell it at half price into the export market and buy it back at much, much higher prices if they do need power. How do they get away with it? [...]

Read in full online (<http://TheTyee.ca>)

Direct link: <http://tinyurl.com/ylijh3w> ♣

The Gordon Campbell Government of BC: A "Criminal Gang"?

Robin Mathews, Victoria BC

If the title of this piece seems an adventure in humour – then it must be Black Humour. For the condition of government in British Columbia is almost beyond belief in its massing of wealth for private interests, its stripping of support for social uses and programs, its hell-bent awarding of dubious contracts, its digging the province into a debt load of surrealist size, and its almost unopposed anaesthetizing of police forces, press and media, and political Opposition. To add to that, the province has a premier who is (always in a whisper) alleged to have elevated his mistress to a position of enormous power and to a salary that would make the heads of ordinary British Columbians spin in dizziness. A Central American dictatorship? No. The Province of British Columbia.

We think of 'criminal gangs' as unruly adolescents massing at street corners or (one step up) operating brutal organizations to traffic drugs or stolen commodities. We rarely take the concept further to include the rotten administrations that suck the blood from their societies in what are called often 'Banana Republics'. Those are places where the ruling group enriches its friends as primary activity, has the support of the police, and is portrayed in its own press and media as colourful, eccentric, occasionally wayward – but the only sensible option for those who want a government which can "manage the people's affairs responsibly".

Those are places – like B.C. – where the political Opposition is a decoration, almost never hitting the most egregious sins, but forever glancing off critical issues in

flashes like the light that flashes off diamonds making them appear more attractive. Those are places where members of the political Opposition (a) seem to make the a profession of getting elected (not of opposing), (b) have lost all ideology and so are incapable of presenting platforms with any meaning (c) are 'managed' by apolitical appointees who hug teaspoonsful of power (d) and – most importantly – swell and bulge to fill every opposition space so that the development of real opposition is a huge and daunting task. **In British Columbia, the shadowy spending and back-room contracting for the 2010 Winter Olympics** is paralleled by proposals to outlaw opposition signage anywhere within a wide radius of the games – to outlaw, that is, Freedom of Expression. Vancouver Sun columnist Ian Mulgrew writes of "the draconian Olympic sign bylaws". Conversation about that proposal is almost conducted in normal voices! And just below the border, a warehouse full of U.S. 'experts' is helping to design the incredibly costly "security" apparatus to assure "terrorists" won't use the ten days or so of Olympiad to 'destabilize' B.C.'s law-abiding community (or to spill over into Obama Paradise with demon-like intentions). As the costs of those madneses unfolds over 2011, 12, and onwards, British Columbians will be appalled.

Helicopters will patrol, ships (even perhaps submarines) will scour the coastline, security experts will coordinate masterful (?) police forces, special autoroutes will paralyze normal traffic. Totalitarian rule will be almost absolute.

Does anyone really pretend that will be about top-level athletics? The nature of Olympic contracts that will drag

British Columbians through trenches of debt for decades go almost unexamined, except by individuals trying to shout through the smoke and mirrors. The same may be said about “expansionist” contracts that parallel “the games”. To my knowledge, one lady is attempting to track the almost lunatic structure in “Sea to Sky Highway” contracts that reek of cronism and gigantic expenditures programmed into the far future. Laila Yuile is also trying to unpick Fraser Valley bridge contracts, expenses, networks. To my knowledge, she is doing it almost alone while the “protective” institutions of the province: media, police, political Opposition, focus attention almost anywhere else (as if by carefully scripted design).

Tearing apart any semblance of fiduciary duty – that is, responsibility to meet the promises to and the reasonable expectations of the electorate – the Gordon Campbell group has castrated, shredded, and privatized (partially in secret) BC Hydro – formerly a major dollar getter for provincial expenditures. I believe there is strong possibility of serious malfeasance involved. [Malfeasance: official misconduct; violation of a public trust or duty.]

The Gordon Campbell group is alienating the revenue gathering power of ALL B.C. rivers and passing it to private (often U.S.) interests. The action over decades will involve billions of dollars of lost government revenue and escalating energy costs to all British Columbians. Power to direct and control the exploitation of water energy will reside outside Canada. I believe there is strong possibility of serious malfeasance involved in the changes to BC Hydro and the new “rivers policy”.

BC Ferries, a spectacular dive into fake private corporate ownership in which flagrant debt is held completely by taxpayers, has a U.S.-imported CEO who recently was reported to be making a million dollars a year. Routes are trimmed. Carrying is down. Fares climb. Competence and morale sink. Bonus structures for the elect are “fantasy”. Created early in his premiership, BC Ferries is ‘a Gordon Campbell special’. The gigantic spending in having new ships built offshore seems nowhere to be recorded as part of the public debt.

Then there is the BC Rail Scandal – the transfer of

BC Rail, a key economic, community lifeline and dollar-getter for provincial revenues, to the now-Texas-headquartered CN Rail. BC Rail was the brilliant possession of the people of B.C., with a far-stretching future of use, in almost every way, to the security and well-being of British Columbians. It was not only shabbily and stupidly alienated. I believe it was done so with serious – as yet untabbed – malfeasance.

I have written to the top RCMP officer in British Columbia, Gary Bass, asking for full RCMP investigation – on a brilliantly prepared basis. Deputy Commissioner Bass appears to be hiding (perhaps in Gordon Campbell’s basement?). He will not so much as acknowledge my detailed request to him. His refusal even to acknowledge my letter, I insist – if it continues – is, in itself, a declaration of incompetence or of a wilful refusal of duty.

“On a brilliantly prepared basis” I write of the condition for investigation of what I believe is major malfeasance in the transfer of BC Rail to CN. How so?

Out of the so-called “sale” of BC Rail – its transfer to the private corporate ownership of CN Rail – came a strange set of charges against three top cabinet aides (in the employ of Gordon Campbell who placed them in ministries). They – it is alleged – engaged (variously) in 14 counts of fraud, breach of trust, and money laundering. And they did so, allegedly, in specific relation to the “sale” of BC Rail, leaking confidential government information, accepting favours in reward, etcetera. How the men were chosen for ‘charges’, and how the specific charges were worked out becomes more and more and more difficult for an ordinary Canadian to comprehend. And that is because of new information that floods in on the matter with every “application” by the Defence counsel for evidentiary material necessary to the defence of the accused men. The new information appears to implicate, in improper behaviour, major actors in the transfer, up to and including Gordon Campbell, premier of the province. [...] [Read in full in the print edition]

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The HST and Direct Democracy Block-Vote Pledge

Gerry Masuda, Duncan BC

HST, like all the other disgusting legislation by the Campbell government seems now to be ‘accepted’ by the apathetic public. I am amazed at how Gordon Campbell could get re-elected, based on his legislative record. Unless we are able to organize the public’s anger, HST will go down in history as another Campbell initiative which seriously hurt the public but which he got away with.

Just an update on my idea of the “Negative Block-Vote Pledge” [mentioned in earlier issues of Dialogue]. I have decided to rename it. I had received so much feedback that

the original name was negative and turned people off. It is now the **Direct Democracy Block-Vote Pledge**.

The term Direct Democracy is also more descriptive of what this is all about. And the HST would be a very good example to try it out on. [...] I believe the **Direct Democracy Block-Vote Pledge** could help to overcome the public’s apathy to the abuse that Gordon Campbell has subjected them to. I believe that, if we give the public a tool to boot the government in the behind, they will use it. [...]

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FROM THE MARITIMES – NEW BRUNSWICK

The proposed sale of NB Power to Hydro Quebec

Matthew Glenn, Minto NB

What have our elected representatives been smoking? Remember the power deal made with Newfoundland where Quebec has generated \$21 billion of revenue while NFLD nets only one \$billion?

There is a great deal more to be concerned about when signing on to this deal than present or future power rates, and that is the very future of this province.

Anyone with a pea for a brain could visualize what Quebec's long term goals are. Firstly, N.B. will become Quebec's branch office and N.B. power will become another make work project for Quebecers. Eventually all English speaking employees will be forced to become bilingual or be replaced. We must remember that Quebec is a unilingual French province "COUNTRY" where the English language is all but outlawed, enforced by language police. Don't think for a minute that it won't apply to any business owned by Quebec regardless of what province it is situated, therefore qualified English speaking New Brunswickers will be shut out and many will be forced to leave the province for meaningful employment elsewhere.

As French speakers move from Quebec to N.B they will be demanding more French schools, cultural centers medical clinics, etc. with the majority taxpayer paying the lion's share of the bill, at least until our population reaches their desired goal of 50% plus one French. Then will come Quebec's Bill.101 outlawing the English language province wide.

Remember, Jean Chrétien was one of the authors of Trudeau's 1982 constitutional changes and had a specific goal in mind when he convinced Jean Charest to become premier of Quebec. That being to push French as deeply as possible into other parts of Canada using the billions of tax dollars in equalization payments sent to Ottawa mostly by Alberta. For those who are not aware Quebec receives 45% of these \$ billions.

The next step will be to freeze out the other Maritime provinces and Newfoundland until they eventually succumb to a similar Quebec buyout of their major resources.

One might imagine that our English politicians have already sworn allegiance to separatist Quebec.

"Hello Quebec Good Bye New Brunswick".

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Global Stories

The Global Land Grab

Farmers organisations and social movements converge on Rome: 13-17 November
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Global Research, November 16, 2009

ROME: Last year's elephant in the room at the FAO's World Summit on Food Security was the outrageous profits corporate agribusiness were amassing during the peak of the global food crisis, while over a billion people went hungry. This year it is the global farmland grab. Investors are colluding with governments to take control of tens of millions of hectares of prime farmland in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Governments pushing these deals, such as Saudi Arabia or South Korea, see outsourced food production as a new strategy to feed their own people without relying on international trade. Private investors see agricultural land in emerging economies as a new source of guaranteed returns in light of ongoing high food prices.

Either way, this farmland grab is turning the food crisis into an opportunity for even more profits as the expansion of export-oriented agribusiness is at the heart of it. More than \$100 billion is on the table, and over 40 million hectares have already been acquired from Ethiopia to Indonesia. Small scale farmers are losing critical access to land and water, and local communities will be further cut off from access

to food. Yet they are usually kept completely in the dark about these deals, without any involvement in the decisions that affect lands they have cultivated for generations. The implications for the global food system are dramatic.

For farmers organisations and social movements converging in Rome, this global land grab is unacceptable. It has nothing to do with strengthening family farming and local markets, which in our view is the only way forward to achieve food systems that actually feed people. It must be stopped. The "win-win" land grab scenarios that will be proposed to governments at the official FAO Summit are dangerous and unrealistic. Of course we need investment. But investment in food sovereignty, in a million local markets and in the four billion rural people who currently produce most of the food that our societies rely on -- not in a few mega-farms controlled by a few mega-landlords. From 13-17 Nov. 09, representatives from peasant organisations and social movements that have been directly involved in struggles against this new wave of global land grabbing will be in Rome. NGOs and activist groups that have conducted extensive research and analysis of the issue will also be present. This is an excellent opportunity for media to speak with people directly involved in this fight.

For more information, visit:

www.grain.org and <http://farmlandgrab.org> ♣

WHERE IS THE JUSTICE FOR THE PALESTINIANS?

From Genesis to Genocide in Palestine: The Golem Is Not Jewish!

TRANSCRIPT: Project Humanbeingsfirst.org, Nov. 18, 2009

"I am Anna Baltzer."

My first reaction when I heard these things by the way was complete disbelief. I thought there is no way, there is no way that Israel is anything different from what I believe it to be, and what I know it to be. When I met people who told me anything different, I thought well these are perfectly nice people, but they have been brain washed. They have been told propaganda. And I set out to sort of try and prove them wrong. To show them that I knew what I was talking about. And as soon as I began to do some research, I realized very quickly that I was the one who is missing a lot of information on this issue. And not knowing sort of who to believe anymore, decided to go there and see with my own two eyes what was happening in Palestine.

So what I travel around the country, telling people about, is what I found there. I hope I can offer people a combination of sort of some of the basics of what's going on there, and then also some ways of going a little bit deeper into the history, and most importantly, where we can go from here.

I like to start out by clarifying a few different categories that can be very confusing to people in addressing this issue. I'd like to distinguish between what it means to be Jewish: so I am Jewish what does that mean. Somebody who is Jewish is somebody either of the Jewish religion, obviously, or the Jewish lineage. My mother is Jewish, her mother is Jewish, etceteras. It's a bloodline.

And that to be Jewish is different from what it means to be Israeli: an Israeli is a citizenship, and Israeli is a citizen of the state of Israel. And that to be Israeli is different from what it means to be a Zionist: Zionism is the political ideology that supports the idea of a Jewish state in historic Palestine, sometimes no matter what that means in reality, and no matter what it does.

Anyway, these are different categories, Jewish, Israeli, Zionist. And sometimes they overlap in the same person, but they are not the same thing. There are Jews who are not Israeli, like myself. There are Israelis who aren't Jewish, about 20 percent of the Israeli population is Palestinian.

There are Jews who are anti-Zionist, who say this land should be for anybody who's been living there for generations regardless of what their religion or their ethnicity is. And then there are Zionists who aren't Jewish. The increasingly influential Christian Zionist movement, largely based in this country that talks about fueling this conflict to bring about the Armageddon, the return of the Messiah. Again, not at all pro-Jewish, right? You know what happens to Jews in the Armageddon is not about preserving Judaism, it is Zionism. So we see this distinction and it's very important that we see that distinction and that we express it when we are talking about this issue. First of all, because there is no reason to associate anything that Israel is doing in terms of occupation, oppression, segregation, things that were pretty sobering that I found when I was over there. These things have nothing to do with Judaism.

And likewise, to speak out when we see people's rights being violated is not anti-Jewish. It's not anti-Semitic. In fact, it's in line with the tradition of social justice that has been the pride of Jewish people, as well as many other communities, for a very long time. So I want to start out with that, especially because I know that people talking about this issue are often, sort of, these names are called at you, and it's absolutely absurd. There is nothing Jewish about what Israel's doing, nothing anti-Jewish about speaking out when we see it happening.'

[End of Transcript] VIDEO AT: <http://tinyurl.com/y9celvk>
Anna Baltzer: Life In Occupied Palestine, And Where Does That Still Leave The Silent Spectators?*

The Global Oil Scam: 50 Times Bigger than Madoff

\$2.5 Trillion - That's the size of the global oil scam. How we are being massively ripped off...

by: Philip Davis November 11, 2009

Where is the outrage? The investigations? Goldman Sachs (GS), Morgan Stanley (MS), BP (BP), Total (TOT), Shell (RDS.A), Deutsche Bank (DB) and Societe Generale (SCGLY.PK) founded the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) in 2000... an online commodities and futures marketplace... outside the US and free from the constraints of US laws. The exchange was set up to facilitate "dark pool" trading in the commodities markets. Billions of dollars are being placed on oil futures contracts at the ICE and the beauty of this scam is that they NEVER take delivery, per se. They just ratchet up the price with leveraged speculation using your TARP money. This year alone they ratch-

eted up the global cost of oil from \$40 to \$80 per barrel. A Congressional investigation into energy trading in 2003 discovered that ICE was being used to facilitate "round-trip" trades. "Round-trip" trades occur when one firm sells energy to another and then the second firm simultaneously sells the same amount of energy back to the first company at exactly the same price. No commodity ever changes hands. But when done on an exchange, these transactions send a price signal to the market and they artificially boost revenue for the company. This is nothing more than a massive fraud, pure and simple. [...]

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