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Our Mission

The Boundary Peace Initiative represents a growing number of area residents of diverse backgrounds brought together over the Iraqi crisis.

We support multilateral action for non-violent conflict resolution, human rights, ecological integrity for the planet and international law, through education and dialogue locally and globally.

We encourage everyone's participation as we strive for peace and justice to build a better world for future generations.

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Boundary Peace Initiative meets @ 7 pm on the 2nd & 4th Thursday @ the Slavonic Seniors Center on 72nd Ave.

To Do

**Hiroshima Day
Zuckerburg
Island** in Castlegar
**Aug. 6th @
6 pm:** Info:250-442-8252

**Nagasaki Day
Aug. 11th @ 1
pm in Gyro
Park, Grand
Forks.**
Speakers,
Entertainers &
Silent Auction.

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Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters,

At 1 pm August 11th in Grand Forks Gyro Park the BPI invites you to commemorate the victims of the 1945 first use of Nuclear Weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The effects continue today since radioactive poisoning resides in the genetic code to affect the offspring of those who lived through this horrific genocide. The victims' roster grows as uranium is used on bullets, missiles and tanks spreading radioactive dust on the wind, the rain, water and soil. Accidents at nuclear power plants infect in much the same way. The Nuclear industry tries to convince us that this is clean energy. Is it? From exploration to mining to processing the gift of radiation just keeps on giving for billions of years.

We join thousands world wide, to honor the past and present victims and send a message that we refuse to accept this gift of radiation.

We have a great list of speakers and entertainers along with a Silent Auction.

The speakers are: Derrick O'Keefe, author, editor of Rabble.Ca, co-chair of Vancouver Stop War and of the Canadian Peace Alliance: Kendra Cooper from Occupy Nelson: Alex Atamanenko, MP: JJ Verigin of the USCC and KRUNA; Marji Basso Boundary Similkameen NDP candidate. The entertainers are: The Hip Sisters of Grand Forks: Perry Best of Rock Creek: Rosemary Phillips of Christina Lake: Ellen Tolson of Rock Creek: Plectrum & Fender of Grand Forks; Lisa from Christina Lake.

Come, learn and enjoy the speakers, performers and participants. Make bids on Silent Auction items donated by local businesses. And, if you have something you would like to donate towards the auction either give me a call or bring it with you to Gyro Park. See you there!

In Universal Kinship and Loving Peace,
Laura Savinkoff (contact info in To Do column)

The F Word

By: Rev. Yme Woensdregt

I stumbled across a wonderful website called "The Forgiveness Project" (www.theforgivenessproject.com). Launched in the UK in 2004 by journalist and artist Marina Cantacuzino, "the Forgiveness Project is a charitable organization which explores forgiveness, reconciliation and conflict resolution through real-life human experience."

The website tells stories of forgiveness and healing to promote understanding of a different way than the way of revenge. They have a powerful touring exhibition of photographs and stories, entitled "The F Word", whose purpose it is to open up a dialogue. "Many of those whose voices are celebrated on this website, also share their stories in person. We work in prisons, schools, faith communities, and with any group who want to explore the nature of forgiveness whether in the wider political context or within their own lives."

They have three goals — Awareness, Education and Inspiration. They want to open the debate about the legitimate place of reconciliation by collecting and sharing personal stories and images. By opening the debate, they hope to "encourage and empower people to explore the nature of forgiveness and alternatives to conflict and revenge." Finally, they are working to inspire people and society, transforming the hearts and minds of people around the world to seek a healthier, more peaceful way.

Forgiveness is not a soft option, an easy way. The exhibition tells some extraordinary stories — stories of victims who have become friends with perpetrators, murderers who have turned their mind to peace building. One story is that of Mariane Pearl, wife of murdered journalist Daniel Pearl.

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She says that “The only way to oppose them [who have taken someone from you] is by demonstrating the strength that they think they have taken.”

Cantacuzina writes on the website, “As I talked to friends, colleagues and strangers about this exhibition, I began to notice two very different reactions. There are those who see forgiveness as an immensely noble and humbling response to atrocity — and those who simply laugh it out of court. For the first group, forgiveness is a value strong enough to put an end to the tit-for-tat settling of scores that has wreaked havoc over generations. But for the second group, forgiveness is just a copout, a weak gesture, which lets the violator off the hook and encourages only further violence. This is why we called the exhibition The F Word. For some people forgiveness is a very dirty word indeed.”

Indeed. Reconciliation often is the harder way. It’s much easier to seek vengeance. It certainly seems to be the natural approach for many. Walking in the way of reconciliation and forgiveness is more difficult. As you do so, you become vulnerable, which is a scary prospect to many.

It is also the way of healing in our world. We need that healing in our world, and stories such as these hold much promise for the future.



Rev. Yme Woensdregt

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The planet does need more “successful” people. But it does need more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of every shape and form. It needs people who live well in their places. It needs people of moral courage willing to join the fight to make the world habitable and humane. And these needs have little to do with success as our culture had defined it.

David Orr

Yokohama Declaration for a Nuclear Power Free World

The 11 March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and related melt down at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant has led to great suffering for the people of Japan and has increased radioactive contamination across the globe. It has also sounded a warning bell throughout the world about the long-term health, environmental and economic risks of nuclear power.

As with Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, the accident at Fukushima has reminded us once again that nuclear technology is unforgiving and accidents cannot be contained. The situation is not under control as declared by the Japanese Government. The nuclear power plant is still unstable and workers continue to work under life-threatening conditions.

Radioactive contamination is spreading. This is a regional and global emergency. People are either forced to flee with their children or live with unacceptable health dangers and prolonged radiation exposure. In Fukushima prefecture, evidence of radioactive material has been found in the breast milk of mothers and the urine of children. Lives are threatened, including those of future generations. The regional economy has been destroyed.

Every step in the nuclear fuel chain has created Hibakusha, a term initially used to describe survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs, but now used for all victims of radiation exposure. Uranium mining, nuclear weapons testing, accidents at nuclear power plants, and the storage and transport of nuclear waste have all created Hibakusha.

The experience of these Hibakusha around the world is one of secrecy, shame and silence. The right to information, health records, treatment and compensation has been inadequate or denied with excuses of “national security” or due to cost. This lack of accountability is not limited to Japan, but is a problem fundamentally present in the nuclear industry everywhere due to the corrupt relationship between governments and the nuclear industry.

We now stand at a crossroads. We have the choice to break out of the nuclear fuel chain and move towards efficient, renewable and sustainable energy that does not threaten health or environment. For the sake of future generations, it is our responsibility to do so. Turning away from nuclear energy goes hand in hand with nuclear weapons abolition, and will contribute to lasting world peace.

The global solidarity shown towards the people of Fukushima and the spirit of those gathered at the Yokohama Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World demonstrates that connections between people are truly what will create the foundations for our future.

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We call for:

1. The protection of the rights of those affected by the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident; including the right to evacuation, health care, decontamination, compensation and the right to enjoy the same standard of living as before 11 March 2011;
2. Full transparency, accountability and responsibility of the Japanese Government and the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and the establishment of an independent body to disseminate information to the public to reverse the history of concealing information from the public and releasing contradictory information.
3. Ongoing comprehensive data collection and radiation measurement of humans, food, water, soil and air to inform the urgent and necessary measures to minimize the populations exposure to radiation. Data collection will be necessary for generations and inter-agency governmental undertakings and the support of the international community are required. Corporations that have profited from the nuclear industry should carry their share of the costs.
4. A global road map for the phase out of the nuclear fuel chain – from uranium mining to waste – and the decommissioning of all nuclear power plants. The 'safety myth' has been destroyed. Nuclear technology has never been safe and has never survived without massive public subsidies. Renewable energy is proven and ready to be deployed on a decentralized and local scale if only policies to promote it were advanced to support local economies, such as Feed-in-Tariffs.
5. Currently closed Japanese nuclear power plants to not be reopened. Japan's energy needs can be met by implementation of policies including the Feed-in-Tariff law that has been adopted and the structural separation of ownership of transmission and production of energy.
6. The prohibition of export of nuclear power plants and components, especially to industrializing nations in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Europe.
7. Support for local and municipal authorities that play an important role in creating a society not dependent on nuclear power. We encourage solidarity between local municipal leaders, regional parliamentarians and civil society to promote strong communities, decentralization, bottom up approaches and an end to economic, racial and gender discrimination.
8. Actions, demonstrations, seminars and media events to be held throughout the world on 11 March 2012 to protest the treatment of the citizens of Fukushima and call for a nuclear power free world.

Based on the above principles, the participants of the Global Conference have launched the “Forest of Action for a Nuclear Power Free World”, containing concrete plans for action. These many recommendations will be submitted as appropriate to the Japanese Government, governments of other nations, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and so on.

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(From last column) **Yokohama Declaration**

10,000 people came to the Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World in Yokohama, and 30,000 watched online. We, the participants are determined to maintain an international network to support Fukushima, cooperation among those affected by radiation through the Global Hibakusha Network, the establishment of the East Asia Non Nuclear Power Declaration Movement, and a network of local municipal leaders and mayors.

15 January 2012

Declared at the Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World
Yokohama, Japan

This Declaration was drafted by the Organizing Committee of the Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World, and is supported by participants from around the world.

Book & Film Recommendations

Michael Ignatieff The Lesser Evil?

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Writer: Derrick O’Keefe

Publisher: Verso Counterblasts

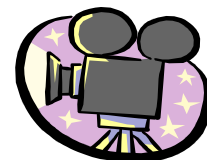
To be perfectly, and vulgarly, blunt, when you’ve read as much of his writings as I have, it’s hard not to be left with the impression that Ignatieff is a man simply incapable of turning off the bullshit. (Derrick O’Keefe)

Ed. Note: Hear Derrick speak at Gyro Park, Aug. 11th. Check page 1 for details.

Films donated by the No Boundaries Film Club to the Grand Forks Public Library.

{Ed note: I am sorry I do not have a description of the below films but they are worth the effort to view}

The Power of Community—How Cuba Survived Peak Oil
War Made Easy
The Cats of Mirikitani
King Corn
War/Dance



CPA Convention: Oct. 14-16 2012

Sunday Oct. 16th:

As delegates took a much-needed break the New SC met to elect our new executive. This did not take much time. Chris Jones and Derrick O'Keefe were willing to stay on as Co-Chairs with no other nominations so, no election. As well Kim Kerridge was affirmed as the Treasurer by acclamation. It was decided that the Administration Committee would get chosen/elected at an upcoming SC conference call. *(Sadly, to date, this has been delayed because we have been dealing with major financial shortfalls by appealing to our traditional donors and others for funds in order to pay our lone employee and other bills incurred to run campaigns and actions, the rent and office expenses. The donations to the CPA have steadily dwindled as the Government suppression of unions and funding cuts to social programs increases, job cuts, and the rising cost of living, etc make it more difficult for people to meet their own daily needs and donating to a cause, no matter how vital and important they feel it is, is not their primary concern—feeding and sheltering your children takes precedence. And so it should but this, I would suggest, makes our work even more vital. The CPA relies totally on donations to function and appeals to all who can to be generous and contribute whatever you can towards the work of this national group representing all regions of our country, all walks of life and all who wish to be part of the solution to a peaceful life. Go on-line and find out how you can help out or contact me for information.)*

The next set of workshops began but my body and mind felt overloaded and exhausted so decided to sit this round out. Judith Beryln and myself took this opportunity to catch up on each other's lives and share some of the things we are involved with in our communities. The time passed quickly and before we knew it the time had arrived for the next plenary.

We began by introducing the new CPA executive as noted above. A resounding show of approval was evidenced in hearty applause.

There were a few Resolutions that needed to be further discussed and voted on. Over the last two days Act for The Earth consulted with other groups who had agreed to roll their resolutions into this one document and re-wrote this major document that will help guide CPA activities for the next two years. Resolution 2011-01 passed as amended. After a lengthy and lively discussion motion 2011-08 to oppose Sanctions and War on Iran was incorporated into the emergency statement on Iran brought forward by the Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War and deferred by a 2/3 majority to the SC for incorporation into our policy and actions surrounding Iran. Two motions, 2011-17 and 2011-18 seeking the de-listing of Hezbollah and Hamas as terrorist organizations by the Canadian Government were defeated since the sponsoring group had not agreed to incorporate them into 2011-01 but the majority agreed this was referenced in 2011-01 in the last paragraph of the section entitled Background.

We moved right into the last session of our Convention. Many had to leave in order to catch flights but there were still many remaining to take in and contribute to the discussion. Derrick stated he felt we had accomplished much and with great cooperation and consensus building that boded well for our future built on 26 years of devotion and action by many. One of the longest serving SC member is among us and is still serving on the SC with great insight and activism. He asked Judith Beryln to step forward and say a few words. Judith explained that she became part of the CPA in 1988 and still considers it a viable and vital movement that will continue to grow (Continued next column)

The Boundary Peace Initiative (BPI) welcomes articles, which are the sole responsibility of the authors and may not be common consensus. To contribute please contact **Laura** at **250-442-0434** or **l4peace@telus.net**. The BPI is a member of: Southern Interior Peace Coalition, Canadian Peace Alliance, Abolition 2000, Lawyers Against the War, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation as well as other local and global groups.

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as long as we continue to be inclusive and active. All rose in acclamation to Judith's continued involvement. It was also noted that another long-serving member on the SC is Brian Barton of Trois Reviere who was also present. The continuity of these two elders is important to all of us as teachers and guiders for the youth stepping forward to move us ever forward.

Jessica summed up the accomplishments of this beautiful October weekend. Although the majority of member groups, of which there are 140, did not send delegates we did have reps from 27 and a good turn out of interested participants. There are many reasons member groups are unable to send delegates but many of the groups combine their work with other similar groups. Funding and time for travel can be a factor and we encourage those who value Peace and Social Justice to find ways to donate funds and time to your local groups in order to help fund delegates or donating towards the CPA so that we are able to offer a more comprehensive travel subsidy for delegates. At this time the SC representatives were introduced although there were some no longer present their names were read out and acknowledged. Derrick, Kim and Jessica invited all to honor Sid Lacombe and thank him for his many hours of dedication to the CPA as our coordinator and going far beyond an employee's responsibilities by donating many, many volunteer hours and personal funds to ensure that campaigns are well coordinated as well as attempting to keep up with office work that is not part of his job description but because there are no funds for another, even part-time, employee, he does it. Thank you Sid, was loudly expressed by all present.

And so came to an end another wonderful experience of learning, sharing with old friends and new ones and committing to building onto what already exists. There is always room for improvement, always ways to help each other and move forward. Some of us stayed to dismantle display tables, gather the left over information, fold up banners and ensure all rooms were clean. It always amazes me that when folks who value peace and social justice and environmental integrity leave the places we gather clean of debris—no paper on the floors, no junk on tables, etc. as much a humanly possible. Is there a message in that? Could be. Our value systems must push us to honor and respect others so that others will not have to clean up our messes? Something to think about.

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Well, the SUB was clean and the sun had set and we were hungry. A 10 or 15 of us decided to walk down the street to a pub that serves food. Over food and drink we visited and joked but as always the talk returned to what we saw happening in the world and what we thought, felt, we could contribute to change the scenes of death and destruction so rampant around the globe. After about an hour or so the weekend caught up to me and I felt it necessary to leave. My lap top case had increased in weight as I stuffed it with Peace and Prosperity Not War and Austerity postcards as well as other information. I knew there was no way I would be able to lug this case to and through the subway system so once again decided to take a taxi. The ride home was once again informative as I engaged in conversation with a foreign born cab-driver who thought life in Canada would yield him and his family much better wages and life-style but sadly, this is not the case for most immigrants, despite what Government says or for those who come here with money and privilege already. There is also information that gets circulated that immigrants come here for free and then collect Welfare—well, that is not totally true. I think that before we make judgments and condemn others we should be very sure of our facts and not only go by media reports or some email that cannot be verified. Each situation is different and each situation deserves to be evaluated on its own merits, don't you think?

Monday morning arrived and as my hosts were expected back in the afternoon, I decided to walk to Bloor Street and explore a bit. As I drank a much needed coffee I took the time to observe street as people came and went, hurried along or took time to visit with each other—nothing different really than anywhere else. I did find a great shop and spent an hour exploring its African produce and even wound up doing half my Christmas shopping. I made my way back to the house in time to welcome home my hosts. We had a hurried dinner and prepared to get to the Roy Thompson/ Massey Hall for the Flamenco Dancers concert. It was very kind of Jean and John to buy a ticket for me. Wow what a performance by these dancers who hailed from Spain with original compositions and choreography. I truly enjoyed the live concert of a dance I had only seen on TV or in movies. Thank you! Tuesday came and it was time to leave for home and the taxi ride was quicker, therefore cheaper, since the afternoon rush was a few hours away yet. All went well and I arrived in Kelowna tired but inspired, with a drive still ahead to get into my own bed. I do savor the experience of the CPA conventions as an opportunity to learn and absorb information but more importantly to reconnect with people I work with but get to physically see only every 2-3 years and the opportunity to meet new activists and begin relationships that build communication and through that be influenced and to influence a movement that steadily grows and expands to be more and more inclusive of cultures, faith groups, and ways of life. And that is the beauty of our movement; there is room for all who care, all who are willing to act, all who are ready to dedicate their lives to a world of peace and love for all Creation.

I thank you, members of the BPI and the Southern Interior Peace Coalition for your continued support and encouragement, your confidence in my ability to represent you. It is an honor to serve you my sisters and brothers. It is also an honor to work with people who put their hearts, spirits, voices and bodies forward towards our mutual goal, locally, nationally and internationally.

In Universal Kinship and Loving Peace,
Laura Savinkoff



Radioactive Medicine Can Be Made Without Nuclear Reactors, Scientists Show

BY Margaret Munro, POSTMEDIA NEWS,
February 20, 2012: <http://tinyurl.com/7ky8cxc>

VANCOUVER Canadian scientists have shown they can make radioactive medicine without the headache of using aged nuclear reactors.

The new process, which could go a long way toward solving the world's shortage of medical isotopes, uses hospital cyclotrons to make the compounds and bypasses the need for reactors.

"It's essentially a win-win scenario for health care," Dr. Francois Benard of the BC Cancer Agency told a news conference Monday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. "We have found a practical, simple solution that can use existing infrastructure."

The team, led by the TRIUMF nuclear lab based at the University of B.C., has produced technetium-99m in cyclotrons in Ontario and B.C. The scientists describe it as a "major milestone" in the international race to come up with new ways to make the critically important isotope.

Technetium-99m is used to help detect cancers, blocked arteries and heart disease in millions of people around the world each year. The supply is, however, often disrupted because 75 per cent of the technetium-99m is now made at the trouble-prone Chalk River reactor near Ottawa and another aging reactor in the Netherlands.

Canada, which pioneered nuclear medicine, is seen as largely responsible for the precarious state of the global supply. New MAPLE reactors built at Chalk River were to supply the world with medical isotopes, but were mothballed, at a cost of over \$500 million to Canadian taxpayers, because of technical flaws.

Several countries are now looking for new ways to make the isotope, and the Harper government last year handed the country's nuclear medicine whizzes \$35 million. It challenged them to produce the isotope without using a reactor or weapons-grade uranium, which is now imported from the U.S. to make isotopes in the Chalk River reactor.

It's a friendly competition," Benard said of the competing Canadian teams.

One of the big advantages of his team's approach is that they can use existing cyclotrons—there are 12 across Canada regardless of brand or type of machine.

"The goal was to develop a technical solution that would work for many people, not just one machine or one brand of machine," said Benard.

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HIROSHIMA '08

WHAT DID WE DO? THE PATH TO PEACE

What did we do in World War Two?
We followed Caesars orders;
The other side had Caesar too;
We crossed each others borders.
With Tanks and Planes and Submarines,
We killed and maimed each other.
We paid the bill for war machines,
That Caesar's need for power.
The violence ends; the peace returns;
To happy populations,
But Caesar rules and Caesar burns,
With rule the world ambitions.
What did we do since World War Two,
To end the war dependence?
We asked United Nations to,
Make peace to save descendants.
And what did Global Nations do,
To save war weary people?
They sold their soul to Caesar's crew,
And armed the deadly devil.
And what did peaceful people do,?
Support United Nations?
They joined the arms race business to
"Be part of competition"

Disarm and trust democracy.
Demand co-operation,
Destroy the world Plutocracy,
Don't kill for competition!
To honor Veterans war no more.
That's what the freedom fight was for!

By: Robert Young rhyoung@nbnet.nb.ca
August 01, 2008



Our modern states are preparing for war without even
knowing the future enemy.
Alfred Adler

(From page 5) Radioactive medicine

Cyclotrons are essentially large electromagnets that accelerate streams of charged particles to incredibly high speed.

The technetium-99m was made in the cyclotrons from molybdenum-100, a naturally occurring compound mined in many parts of the world. Small discs of molybdenum-100 were strategically placed in the cyclotrons and the beams of energy stripped off subatomic particles, transforming the molybdenum-100 into technetium-99m.

It has been known since 1971 that it was possible in principle, but the idea was shelved. "A lot of people were saying this cannot be done, there were too many obstacles," said Benard.

Paul Schaffer, head of TRIUMF's nuclear medicine division, said it was quite a technical challenge. The team had to figure out how to package molybdenum-100 to withstand the intense irradiation and devise a way to automatically extract the radioactive disc and move it so it could be clinically processed.

The researchers don't see scaling up production as a problem.

"One of these cyclotrons can supply a metro area such as Vancouver and there are more than a dozen of these cyclotrons in hospitals across Canada," said Tom Ruth, a senior scientist at both TRIUMF and the BC Cancer Agency and the team's principal investigator.

Discussions are underway with several industrial partners and regional health authorities about ramping up isotope production, said Ruth. "The science and the technology are essentially ready."

The technetium-99m from the cyclotrons appears to be identical to isotopes made from enriched uranium in nuclear reactors, Benard said, but he expects Health Canada will require clinical trials. The trials could start within a few months, he said, and commercial production could begin in a few years.

He said Canada might need a few new cyclotrons if the technique is embraced in a big way. Cyclotrons are not cheap, at \$1.5 to \$3 million a piece. "But that's a far cry from the \$1-billion price tag of a new nuclear reactor," Benard said.

[At that rate, you could build 330 to 670 new cyclotrons for the cost of one new isotope-producing reactor. - Gordon Edwards]

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History teaches us that men and nations behave
wisely once they have exhausted all other
alternatives.

Abba Eban