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contributions, considerations, concerns:

* Are you interested in International Development? Do you think "outside-the-box"? Are you intrigued by non-traditional models? If so, contact john@humanhorizons.net.

* From: "johannes deviet"

Please visit our Web site: <http://www.gamblingwatch.ca>

* From: "Susan Stroud"

Star Wars petition

<http://douglas.ndp.ca/starwars/epetition.php>

* From: "oldgrowth@ran.org" , www.ran.org

Weyerhaeuser continues to log in the Walbran and in other endangered forests. Weyerhaeuser will not change its destructive business practices until it begins to lose customers. We need to tell Weyerhaeuser's biggest customers that we don't want them to support Weyerhaeuser.

Wild Oats, an environmentally-minded grocery store with about 100 store locations in North

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America, uses Weyerhaeuser paper bags in some of its stores. Wild Oats should not be affiliated with a company that is notorious for logging national and old growth forests, destroying the habitat of endangered species, such as the northern spotted owl and woodland caribou, and converting native forests into tree plantations.

Contact Wild Oats today - CEO, Mr. Perry Odak - 720-562-4725! Let us know you've made the call by emailing grassroots@ran.org. Find your local Wild Oats at <http://www.wildoats.com/>

If there's no Wild Oats in your town, find another grocery store that uses Weyerhaeuser paper bags - or set up an informational table on your campus or in your community square, and encourage people to call and write Wild Oats.

* From: Nadhia Sutara

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mejn/election/> interesting perspective of the election results

* From: david

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black cat distro
p.o. box 229
roberts creek, bc
v0n 2w0 canada

* From: Reuben Garbanzo

GUSH SHALOM - pob 3322, Tel-Aviv 61033

<http://www.gush-shalom.org>

* Ingmar Lee has an alternate plan for Cathedral Grove, posted at <http://cathedralgrove.com> and <http://cathedralgrove.se>

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* From: glen

This site might be of interest to you. I found it when I was doing research for an article I intend to send to Street Newz.

<http://www.wsws.org/sections/category/about/about.shtml>

* From: "MOMS ON THE MOVE"

There are only a few weeks left to claim past Disability Tax Credits before they expire forever. The Income Tax Act has allowed people with disabilities or their caregivers who have not claimed the Disability Tax Credit to reassess their income tax returns back to 1985. But on December 31 the new 2004 federal budget will cut off back filing beyond 10 years. This means that people with disabilities will lose up to 9 years of past tax credits. Those who have not claimed the Disability Tax Credit should claim it now. For more information, contact John Dowson of LifeTRUST Planning, at 1-800-638-7256 or <mailto:dowson@rogers.com>

* From: angela bischoff

Cycle and Recycle Calendar dedicated to Tooker Gomberg. This calendar celebrates the beautiful bicycle as an everyday transportation vehicle, in every season, throughout the world. Proceeds will go to the Tooker Gomberg Activist Fund (<http://www.greenspiration.org>)

In keeping with its title, the calendar can save trees and paper -- it is reusable again in 2011 and 2022 when the 2005 calendar "recycles".

You can purchase your calendar in Canada from one of the following locations.

- Toronto: Grassroots Environmental Products, 408 Bloor West (at Bathurst) or 372 Danforth (at Chester)
- Montreal: Bicycletterie JR, 151 Rachel East
- Edmonton: Earth's General Store, 2nd floor, 10832-82 Ave.
- Halifax: Ecology Action Centre, 31 Argyle Street (corner of Blowers)
- Nelson: Still Eagle, 557 Ward Street

If you'd like your calendar mailed to you, please send a cheque for \$18 Cdn (includes \$3 postage) or \$15 US (includes postage) to:

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Tooker Gomberg Activist Fund, 2A Harbour Drive, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 3N9

For more information or to help distribute bulk quantities, contact Angela at greenspi@web.ca

* From: "Su Everts"

To simplify the search for good local food, the non-profit LifeCycles Project Society, proponent of urban agriculture and local food security, announces it's Good Food Directory is now available online. Featuring producers and suppliers on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, the Good Food Directory has over 400 listings of everything from soup makings to nuts, and a lot in between. Check it out and use it often: LifeCycles' Good Food Directory, www.lifecyclesproject.ca/food_directory

* From: "Bob Wilson"

As part of our campaign to protect Canada's Boreal Forest, Greenpeace has launched a campaign against the maker of Kleenex brand tissue products - and we are asking you to get involved!

The campaign is intended to convince Kimberly-Clark, the company that makes Kleenex and other tissue products - to stop destroying ancient forests. They can easily do this by getting the fibre that goes into their products from recycled sources.

Currently, the Texas-based paper giant is responsible for cutting down large areas of Canada's Boreal forest: last year alone it used 2,550,000 metric tonnes of virgin fiber to produce its tissue products. Greenpeace has been asking the company to improve it's practices and so far the company has refused.

We think it's time to let people know how Kimberly-Clark - and Kleenex - are contributing to the destruction of Canada's forests. We have launched a website, www.kleercut.net, that will keep you informed about this campaign, encourage you to get involved and let you tell Kimberly-Clark what you think of their forest destruction.

* From: "Bob Wilson"

On the 15th anniversary of the House of Commons' resolution to end child poverty, more than one million children remain in poverty in Canada. Tell our political leaders it's time to act. Take

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two minutes to log on to Campaign 2000 (www.campaign2000.ca) where you can click-on and send a message to the Prime Minister, leaders of the Opposition and your MP letting them know that it's time to deliver on their promise to Canada's children and families.

* From: "Julius Fisher"

Women in the Cuban Revolution with Alicia Gonzalez
Federation of Cuban Women
<http://www.workingtv.com/womeninthecubanrevolution.html>

* From: Dave Olsen

2005 freedom for Political Prisoners & Prisoners of War Calendar

You can check out the images and the motives at
<http://www.twelvemonths.org>

It costs \$15 and is a fundraiser for Co-op Radio, 102.7 FM and
<http://www.coopradio.org>

To get yours, simply reply to the email and let me know how many you'd like and where we can meet so I can deliver it to you by bike.

* From: Pat Barclay

My son has just informed me that the first 15 minutes of the National at 6 p.m. tonight was devoted to Pierre Berton, who died today. As a firm believer in the notion that the awakened soul may choose the hour of its own death, I am convinced that this was no coincidence.

Who else could bump George Bush off the prime spot on tonight's news?
Please join me in celebrating the life and death of Piere Berton,
Patriot to the Last.

* From: "Joy Kogawa"

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We're writing to ask your help in defending an inspiring and courageous workers' struggle in Argentina. The Zanon ceramic tile factory, a democratic, worker-run factory in Patagonia, is facing a serious threat of eviction, and the workers have asked us to gather international support for their struggle.

To sign the petition, please click here:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/zanon/petition.html>

Para firmar la petici?n, por favor hagan clic aqu?:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/zanon/petition.html>

Les pedimos que por favor firmen el petitorio

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/zanon/petition.html>

Firma la petizione

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/zanon/petition.html>

Invitiamo tutte e tutti a firmare la petizione

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/zanon/petition.html>

* From: "Susan Stroud"

Has a countdown clock, dirty deeds calendar, voter registration form and much more

<http://www.cupe.bc.ca/index.php4?id=2054>

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### 1. BILL BARISOFF ON RADIO

Hello clean air people,

Tomorrow [December 9th] morning at 9 Bill Barisoff, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, will appear on To The Point, a daily news show on CJFW-FM Radio in Terrace. He will in part respond to remarks made by me and Tim Howard of

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Sierra Legal in an interview last week in which we criticized the Province's record in shutting down beehive burners.

I encourage people to listen to what the Minister has to say and to call in at the toll-free number 1-866-811-9453.

Dave

As for the future, your task is not to forsee it, but to enable it.  
- Antoine de Saint-Exupery, in The Wisdom of the Sands

check out <http://www.cdbaby.com/choked>

From: Dave Stevens

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## 2. A WHISTLEBLOWER'S TALE

Vancouver Public Library presents:

Kevin Annett  
author of "Love and Death in the Valley" (2002)  
([www.1stbooks.com/bookview/11639](http://www.1stbooks.com/bookview/11639))

Thursday, December 9  
7:30 pm  
Peter Kaye Room, Lower Level  
Central Library, 350 west Georgia St., Vancouver

Admission is Free  
Info: 1-888-265-1007

"Love and Death in the Valley" is Reverend Kevin Annett's personal account of his efforts against insurmountable odds to document hidden crimes among west coast native people after he began a ministry among them in Port Alberni, BC in 1992. His struggle has borne fruit, as Canada's churches and governments have been forced to acknowledge their role in the deliberate genocide of aboriginal people, and as a result may face possible criminal charges before United Nations bodies.

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Kevin Annett has worked with aboriginal communities for many years. He hosts a public affairs program on Vancouver Co-op radio and is the Secretary of The Truth Commission into Genocide in Canada. ([www.hiddenfromhistory.org](http://www.hiddenfromhistory.org))

Sponsored by the Vancouver Public Library as part of its It Happened in BC lectures.

From: Kevin Annett

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### 3. DECADE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

This year, 2004, marks the end of the Decade of Indigenous peoples of the World. Lets go out with a bang, by marking this December 10, 2004, international human rights day, as the day we end the decade of indigenous peoples. In British Columbia alone, this decade of indigenous people, has marked an era of endless vicious cycles, of abuse toward our indigenous people (especially indigenous women) of this only unceded province in Canada.

My family of the Bear Clan families of Maxan Lake has suffered tremendously, throughout these past ten years. We have so many scars to our bodys, our brains have been bashed in numerous times, yet we still stand to this very day. Our voices are muffled at every turn, when we try to speak up or to hold rallys, or stand up in the justice system. Our human rights are violated, right from the day we are born into this world.

This December 10, 2004, we will be standing tall outside the Supreme Courthouse in downtown Vancouver on Smithe Street, at 9:30 AM. Bring as many hand drums as you can, so we can make our drums beat to the heartbeat of our nations, as we are all one. One Earth, One Nation, One Color, One Chance, One Justice. On this day, we will be beating our drums to help John Graham regain his FREEDOM. In the past, we all stood to protect our sacred mother earth, into the future, we still stand to protect our sacred mother the earth.

From: "helen michell"

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#### 4. MILITARY REFUGEE CASES ON CFX RADIO

CFAX 1070 AM Victoria Canada Terry Moore Talk Show is hosting Canadian lawyer Ed Corrigan as a guest on Friday, December 10, 2004 4:00 pm BC Time (7:00 pm EST) to discuss US military refugee cases in Canada. It is reportedly the top ranked British Columbia News Talk programme.

If you are the BC Vancouver/ Seattle USA area you might want to listen and call in.

Informed callers about US policy and US military action in Iraq are most welcome. If you are set up for it you can hear the show on the Internet. The CFX site is <http://www.cfax1070.com>

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#### 5. STOP THE EXECUTION OF A TIBETAN MONK

Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, a highly respected Buddhist monk from Eastern Tibet, was sentenced to death on December 2nd, 2002 on unproven bombing charges. His co-defendant, Lobsang Dhondup, was executed shortly thereafter. Human rights organizations around the world believe both men were framed because Tenzin Delek Rinpoche is viewed

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by the Chinese (PRC) government as a threat to their control over Eastern Tibet. Tenzin Delek could be executed anytime after December 2nd, 2004. By participating in the actions below, you can help save Tenzin Delek's life.

1. A rally and candlelight vigil on Thurs 2 Dec 2004, from 3 pm-dark at the Chinese Consulate (Granville and 16th - South East side )

2. A silent rally and street theatre on Fri 10 Dec 2004 (International Human Rights Day) from 10am-noon, also at the Chinese Consulate. Please bring a message of support for Tenzin Delek to be delivered to the Chinese Consulate (Granville and 16th - South East side )

Similar events will be taking place all over the world on these dates !

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Other actions you can take!

write to: Pierre Pettigrew  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
125 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2  
mina@dfait-maeci.gc.ca

\* sample letter at:

<http://www.studentsforafreetibet.org/downloads/govletter.doc>

Find contact info for other Members of Parliament (Canada) at:

[http://canada.gc.ca/directories/direct\\_e.html](http://canada.gc.ca/directories/direct_e.html)

more ways to help at:

<http://www.studentsforafreetibet.org/article.php?list=type&type=35>

background on SFT:

Since 1994, Students for a Free Tibet has been working in solidarity with the Tibetan people in their non-violent struggle to regain their independence. We understand the important role students and youth have played in social justice movements throughout history and are committed to making the same happen for Tibet.

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<http://www.studentsforafreetibet.org/>

From: kate woznow

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## 6. POST GENOCIDE PEACEBUILDING

A Public Policy Forum hosted by:

The Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia

International Criminal Courts:

Help or Hindrance in

Post-genocide Peacebuilding?

The Vancouver Dialogue Public Panel Symposium will feature the following distinguished guests. They will explain how they see the role of such international justice institutions in the larger context of post conflict peace building:

1. ? Mr. Bruno Cathala, Registrar, The International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands
2. ? Mr. Robin Vincent, Registrar, Sierra Leone Special Court, Freetown, Sierra Leone
3. ? Mr. Alan Kessel, Director General, Legal Affairs Bureau, Foreign Affairs Canada

Some of the most important questions being asked today involve the role and importance of justice institutions such as the International Criminal Court (ICC) in post conflict peace-building.

Is it more important to bring perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity to justice to bring "closure" to a conflict and for its deterrent effect? Or is it better to use any means to end a conflict, even an amnesty? Is seeing justice done more likely to help the healing process and enable a society to recover, or does it re-open wounds and prolong social divisions? Should the notion of international justice institutions be restricted to courts and tribunals, or also include alternative mechanisms, such as truth-finding commissions and traditional remedies? Could the resources spent on bringing justice to a post conflict society be better spent on other reconstruction efforts such as, rebuilding the country's legal institutions?

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There is no one answer to these questions. Yet the international community has spent a great deal of effort to create international justice institutions with the specific purpose of assisting countries in ending impunity for mass crimes.

The Vancouver Dialogues merge the experience, expertise and resources of experts from institutions, governments, civil society and funding organizations involved in international justice as part of an ongoing, off-the-record forum to discuss the most pressing international justice issues.

Friday, December 10, 2004  
6:00 p.m. ? 7:30 p.m.  
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver  
900 W Georgia Street  
Saturna Room  
Vancouver, BC

Please RSVP to Georgia Dahle ([georgia.dahle@ubc.ca](mailto:georgia.dahle@ubc.ca))

From: Liu Institute

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**7. CANADA WIDE DAY OF ACTION AGAINST SECURITY CERTIFICATES**

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IN VANCOUVER:

DECEMBER 10 FRIDAY  
AT 4 PM- 6 PM  
CIC OFFICES 300 WEST GEORGIA

Contact No One is Illegal  
[noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca)  
(604)682-3269 x 7149

please bring banners and placards

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and noisemakers.

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No One is Illegal Vancouver, along with other defenders of immigrant and refugee rights, will be continuing the fight to repeal the racist Security Certificates process.

This measure has been used to indefinitely detain, without charge, 5 Muslim men in the post 9/11 climate. They remain detained without charge or bail on secret evidence neither they nor their lawyers are allowed to see, in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. They have been behind bars anywhere from 18 months to over four years, denied a fair trial, and are at risk of deportation to torture.

The families of these men and their supporters are calling for a CROSS-CANADA DAY OF ACTION on FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER to demand FOUR things:

1. That the five men be released immediately; or, if any case against them actually exists, that they be allowed to defend themselves in open, fair and independent trials with full disclosure of the case against them.
2. That they not be deported.
3. That the federal government abolish the secret trial security certificate process.
4. That CSIS, RCMP, and CIC end its ongoing harassment and intimidation of individuals and communities of Arab, Middle Eastern, and South Asian heritage and/or Muslim faith.

On International Human Rights Day, December 10, which is also the second anniversary of the detention of one of the Secret Trial Five, protests will be happening in about ten cities in Canada.

The attacks on the dignity and rights of these men is part of a much broader attack on refugees and immigrants, and very specifically Muslim, Arab, and South Asian communities.

And many of those immigrants and refugees who courageously fight back against the government policies of repression have been swiftly detained, deported, viciously beaten, consistently intimidated and threatened: the deportations of Operation Threadbare victims, the brutal beatings of

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non-status Algerians and supporters, and the string of deportations of immigrants and refugees who have been fighting back. Supporters such as Justin Goodman in Vancouver have been prosecuted and sentenced, while others around the country face pending trials. But we will continue to fight.

**STOP THE ATTACKS ON IMMIGRANTS NOW!  
NO ONE IS ILLEGAL!**

More background information is available at

Campaign to Stop Secret Trials in Canada (Toronto)  
[www.homesnotbombs.ca](http://www.homesnotbombs.ca)

Coalition for Justice for Adil (Montreal)  
[www.adilinfo.org](http://www.adilinfo.org)

Committee for Justice for Mohamed Harkat (Ottawa)  
[www.zerra.net/freemohamed](http://www.zerra.net/freemohamed)

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To subscribe to our low-traffic email announcement list, please email  
[noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca)

No One is Illegal- Vancouver  
[noii-van@resist.ca](mailto:noii-van@resist.ca)  
(604)682-3269 x 7149

The No One is Illegal campaign is in full confrontation with Canadian colonial border policies, denouncing and taking action to combat racial profiling of immigrants and refugees, detention and deportation policies, and wage-slave conditions of migrant workers and non-status people.

We struggle for the right for our communities to maintain their livelihoods and resist war, occupation and displacement, while building alliances and supporting indigenous sisters and brothers also fighting theft of land and displacement.

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From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver"

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8. UBCIC OPEN HOUSE

<http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/welcome.htm>  
[research@ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:research@ubcic.bc.ca)

Happy Holidays from the Union of BC Indian Chiefs

Annual Open House

Join us for tours of our Resource Centre and enjoy food and beverages.

December 15th  
11 am-3 pm  
5th Floor, 342 Water St.  
Vancouver

RSVP: 604-684-0231 or [research@ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:research@ubcic.bc.ca)

From: UBCIC Media List

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9. THE SUBJUGATION OF WOMEN UNDER CAPITALISM

We hope you can make it to a Grassroots Women study on the second part of an article: "The Subjugation of WOMen under Capitalism."

The focus is on Capitalism and Sexuality.

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The study will be at our office (#304 - 207 West Hastings Street)  
on Dec. 16 at 6:30.

Please let us know if you can make it!  
Rachel

Grassroots Women  
#304 - 207 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7  
grassrootswomen@telus.net  
(604) 682-4451

From: "Grassroots Women"

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**10. ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE**

Latin cultural production presents: Caf? Concert, " Other world is possible.. and another song is necessary.."

With:

Maria Tejada, Jair Machado and Jason, Amahete Luna, Pablo Oyarzo, Rafael Tejada, Leoncio Ventura, Sandro, Beto and Rolo, Javier and Eduardo, special appearance of Antu.

Plus

Community Speakers

Dec. 17, 04. at 8:00 pm  
Caf? Deux Soleil  
2096 Commercial Drive

Donation: \$5.00



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Organized by: Latin Vision Production,  
more info. 604 322 1764

From: kiko@resist.ca

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11. FARMER'S MARKET UPDATE

Hello and welcome to the December edition of your Local Farmers Market e-news! Scroll on down for:

Upcoming Winter Market

Not to be confused with any other holiday market at Heritage Hall, you can attend our Winter Market on Saturday & Sunday, December 11 & 12, 10 am - 5 pm, Heritage Hall, East 15th & Main Street. Come on out to Vancouver's "best of the best" holiday market. This is THE place to buy gifts and yummy food for holiday parties. Now in its 9th year, our Winter Market is known around town as the vendors and shoppers first choice. Don't let the line-ups scare you away - the offerings inside are worth it! Tune in to our website to see exactly which vendors are there and on which days: http://www.eatlocal.org/winter_intro04.html

Volunteers needed for our Winter Market

Looking for a very fun place to spend half a day? Look no further than our Winter Market. Volunteers assist staffing the raffle table or the door. Depending on the shift, we may also need help with set-up or tear-down. If you care to offer a helping hand, and have FUN at the same time, send us an e-mail. We'll get back to you asap.

Farewell to Devorah Kahn - the "Final Founder" Moves On.

After 10 years of developing and advocating for Farmers Markets in Vancouver, Devorah Kahn, the last Farmers Market founder still directly involved in the markets, will be stepping down as Executive Director and Manager of Operations of Your Local Farmers Market Society. In 1995, Devorah worked with 7 others to start the East Vancouver Farmers Market. Despite the numerous hurdles they encountered, Devorah refused to let anything stop her. Her attitude and efforts continued to make a difference when dealing with the health department and the planners at City Hall and eventually led to the establishment of 3 markets in Vancouver and several others in the Lower Mainland. With this type of background, its no surprise that Devorah was chosen to be the City of Vancouver's first Food Policy Coordinator. Best wishes to Devorah in her new position. We can't wait to see what else she'll be able to do for Farmers

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Markets from the "inside"!

Jay Springs Lamb

Just in time for the holiday season, that lovely lamb you bought at our markets will be in Vancouver this week. To place an order, contact Jennifer Cunningham at [asap!!](mailto:jenn@eatlocal.org)

Thanks for reading, and thanks for your support of our Markets. Feel free to forward this to a friend. Better yet, forward your friend to the Markets!

You can always visit us on the web at <http://www.eatlocal.org> or on Saturdays and Wednesdays during market season rain or shine.

To subscribe to this newsletter reply to: maillist@sfu.ca and in the subject line, enter SUBSCRIBE VANCOUVER-FARMERSMARKETS

To unsubscribe to this newsletter reply to: maillist@sfu.ca and in the subject line, enter SUBSCRIBE VANCOUVER-FARMERSMARKETS

From: Your Local Farmers Market

12. JUSTIN GOODMAN SENTENCED TO 90 DAYS

This morning, in B.C. Supreme Court, Justin Goodman was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his role in an anti-deportation action at Vancouver Airport almost 2 years ago. Previously, Justin had been convicted of "assault on a peace officer" and "assisting escape from 'lawful' (sic) custody" (an additional charge of "obstruction" was stayed).

In sentencing Justin to the full 90 days recommended by the Crown Prosecutor, the Judge cited the "deterrence" & "denunciation" principles of the Criminal Code: in other words, acts of solidarity and sympathy must be "denounced" and "deterred" through the imposition of criminal sanctions serious enough to cause others to think twice before engaging in similar acts of decency. The Judge also said, with a straight face,

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that violations of the "rule of law" undermine "legitimate social protest."

At the adjournment of court, most people remained sitting when the Sheriffs ordered everyone to stand. A few of Justin's comrades shouted messages of support as he was led away.

Many people went to the Airport that day to try to prevent the deportation of Iranian refugee Kobra Nateghi and her young adult son, Hassan (whose anxiety attack on board the airplane deporting him was referred to as a "violent outburst" by the Crown!). Justin is paying the price for an action that, although ultimately unsuccessful in preventing Kobra and Hassan from being deported, inspired many of us by demonstrating that when poor and marginalized people are under attack by the state, we have a responsibility to defend them (according to a recent article in "The Only" magazine, members of the Iranian community in Vancouver have not heard from Kobra in over a year).

Please support Justin in any of the following ways:

1. Write Justin a letter or, even better, visit him in prison (according to Courthouse staff, prisoners are taken to the "Pre-Trial Centre" in Port Coquitlam before "Corrections" staff decide the provincial jail where they will be sent - I will attempt to find out his location and contact details within the next few days).
2. If you have any spare \$\$\$, please donate whatever you can to help Justin cope with his time in jail: prisoners need money for phonecards, extra food, personal items, etc. (again, I am looking into the easiest and most efficient way to get the money to Justin and will report back in a few days).
3. Don't stop organizing and fighting back! - As our resistance intensifies, so will the repression; if we let our (completely understandable) fear stop us from acting, our enemies win!
4. Support groups such as "No One is Illegal - Vancouver" & the "Land, Freedom and Decolonization Coalition" which are fighting against deportations, racial profiling, and for the rights of immigrants,

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refugees, Indigenous communities and other poor and marginalized people.

5. Finally, support other comrades and members of our community who are under attack - attend court appearances, donate to legal defence, organize fundraisers, do legal defence or other support work, educate yourself and others about the real nature of our "criminal (in)justice" system; do not publically denounce or attack other militants and activists as this only plays into the hands of our enemies (although constructive "in-house" debates help our movement to grow).

For background information, please go to the following links:

- <http://resist.ca/story/2003/1/22/8492/09639>
- <http://resist.ca/story/2003/1/23/95848/2978>
- <http://resist.ca/story/2004/11/2/18449/1907>
- <http://resist.ca/story/2004/11/15/202152/24>

To subscribe to our low-traffic email announcement list, please email noii-van@resist.ca

From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver"

13. DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE

re-circulated by the Vancouver and District Labour Council
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

Wish List

For those that may not know, the DEWC is a drop-in centre for women and children living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. They provide a safe, comfortable space for approximately 250 women and children, seven days a week. Unfortunately many women in the neighbourhood battle poverty, violence, addiction, racism, classism, and homelessness, DEWC helps to alleviate the impact of socio-economic disadvantage by providing basic needs and services in conjunction with long term supports.

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With Christmas approaching the DEWC has a donation drive to provide for a Christmas celebration for approximately 650 women and children. They depend on donations to provide each woman and child with dinner, a food hamper and gift. All donations welcome (list below of requests), any new items with invoice, or cash can be provided with tax receipt.

For information contact Alice Kendall at 604-681-8480, ext. 223.

Wish List:

New Items: (for gifts)

Women:

gloves/scarves/hats

socks/slippers

toiletries/make-up/bath kits

bedding

towels, robes

candles

umbrellas

jewellery

gift certificates

Children:

all age toys

gift certificates for pre-teens/teens
(ie. music, movies)

mitts/gloves/hats

socks/slippers

Food Hamper:

non-perishable food items

tea/coffee/sugar

cereals/pasta/rice

root vegetables

plastic grocery bags

Wrapping Day: (volunteers needed too)

wrapping paper/gift boxes/gift bags

tape

ribbons/gift tags

Card Day:

unused Christmas cards

stamps (\$0.49)

Christmas Dinner (Dec15th):

turkeys

potatoes

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brussel sprouts
carrots
cranberry sauce
stuffing & gravy mix
pies (apple)

Volunteer dinner and gifts:

sponsor a woman for a meal out
gift certificate (ie. Safeway, London Drugs, Army&Navy)

There is a core group of volunteers at DEWC who are mainly women from the Community. Their support enables the centre to provide the services that it does. At Christmas the Centre takes those volunteers out for dinner and presents them with a gift certificate.

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From: VDLC

14. MOMS AND KIDS LOOKING FOR HELP

Hi Everyone,

This is an urgent appeal for help with our annual UsMoms Christmas Party. We have 103 children and 62 parents attending. As usual we are serving a full turkey dinner and providing a gift for each child and parent.

This year we are facing a real shortage of gifts. For a majority of these families, this will be the only gift they will receive. Most of the families are in transition from domestic violence and therefore cannot connect with their extended family members to celebrate the season. If you can't afford to help us, please forward our attachment to anyone you can think of who might be willing to help these deserving families. Monetary donations over \$20 will receive tax receipts if requested. Our party is December 18th. In past times we have received all we need long before now, so we are getting quite concerned. So we hope you can find the time in your busy schedules to

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lend a helping hand for us.

Thank you for listening!

Karen Sabourin

SUCCESS STORIES

WORDS FROM THE PARENTS WHO ATTENDED THE SELF-RELIANCE COURSES:

"Karen makes you believe. I realized I didn't fail. I just didn't have the foundation to make my dreams possible. The food is the beginning. Learning to appreciate how to learn is the road out of my painful past."

"I know I had never been loved. I just didn't know why not. Karen loves. She is strong. She us hard to please. But when you make an honest effort, she is so quick to show you how wonderful you really are. She makes me want to succeed for me."

"Watching Karen with all of our children makes you want to be her. They love her. They listen to her. They try to be their best for her. And she makes them so proud of who they are. I want to be that kind of mother. Karen tells me I am -underneath all my fears and anger. She is teaching me to see it as saving me so I can save my kids from the same fear and anger."

"In Karen's classes you wake up. I have the answers to all the questions that made no sense to me. I know if I eat right and learn to be taught, I will make it. Not only that, my kids will make it. It's exciting."

"I have quit yelling at my kids. I know now they weren't bad, they were hungry for nutrients. It is amazing to see how well they are doing. Now I am teaching them how to learn to learn. They are loving it."

"Appreciation. That's it. I couldn't appreciate anything or anyone. I didn't know how. I didn't know that was wrong. It has changed my whole life! Show appreciation guys. Show appreciation if you want doors to open to you. I truly appreciate nutrition, UsMoms and learning. Thank you B.C. Thank You Canada. Thank you Karen. I am working my way out of poverty with my head held high in appreciation of how far I have come."

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" I have never met anyone like Karen before outside of a book or at the movies. I wrote a letter to my mom trying to explain about her. It best describes my view of her, so I am copying it down for you too. A true teacher. A patient mentor. An affectionate mother. An endless source of wisdom. All this is bundled up in laughing ease, that is forging a solution that will feed and build lives for generations to come."

" When my wife left me with our kids to raise, I was suddenly alone with no way to feed my kids very much food. I watched as they did worse and worse. I thought it was all because of losing their mother. After months of getting good food they are doing great."

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Given UsMoms' important contribution to the community, Frog Hollow nominated UsMoms for two prestigious awards. Even though UsMoms was a really young project, their track record impressed the selection committees.

On January 30, 2002, UsMoms Community Projects won The Outstanding Community Spirit Award sponsored by Scotiabank and the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

On June 11, 2002 UsMoms Community Projects received Volunteer Vancouver's Volunteer Recognition Award for Innovation, sponsored by VanCity Savings & Credit Union.

Knowledge Network featured short vignettes highlighting UsMoms volunteer contributions within our community as a result of this award.

Since then, The Province carried a feature article, as did Business In Vancouver Magazine and both the Westside and Eastside Courier Newspapers.

In December, 2002, UsMoms will be featured in The MLA, Lorne Maincourt's Newsletter as the Local Heroes presentation and again in the Vancouver Board Of Trade Quarterly in January 2003.

The overwhelming community response to the UsMoms Community Projects has resulted in the growth of both the demands for the services and the response by businesses to support this exciting project.

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From: UsMoms/K.Sabourin

15. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT ACT

ACT ? Autism Community Training is a not-for-profit society that was founded in 2003. We are expanding our mandate to provide information, parent training and telephone support to British Columbian families who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. If you have the qualifications and experience that we require, we urge you to apply. We are offering competitive salaries and benefits. Join our team for an exciting opportunity to build an energetic new organization committed to providing innovative supports to families as they meet the needs of their children with ASD. ACT?s office will be in Burnaby, on Boundary Road and will open in January 2005.

Applicants must be available for training at the beginning of January for an immediate start.

ACT requires:

? A full-time experienced administrative assistant/receptionist. Must have strong organizational skills, a good telephone manner, an ability to multitask, as well as excellent verbal and written communication skills. Empathy with families as well as a professional attitude a must. See a full job description at www.actbc.ca . Apply by email with resume and cover letter to info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca Deadline Dec. 9th. No telephone calls please.

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? Part-time accountant/senior bookkeeper to perform all accounting functions. Self starter with excellent communication skills. Previous experience required. Proficient in MS Office, spreadsheet and data base applications. Experience with Quicken preferred. Full job description at www.actbc.ca. Apply by email with resume, cover letter and salary expectations to info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca. Deadline Dec. 9th. No telephone calls please.

? Full-time information officers (2). Wide-range of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders necessary in order to respond to inquiries from families and community members across BC. Excellent communication skills in English necessary. Second language a significant asset esp. Mandarin/Cantonese or Punjabi. Full job description at www.actbc.ca. Apply by email with resume, cover letter to info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca . Deadline Dec. 9th. No telephone calls please.

? Website/information officer. 30 hrs per week. Wide-range of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders necessary in order to respond to inquiries from families and community members across BC. Excellent communication skills in English necessary. Second language a significant asset esp. Mandarin/Cantonese or Punjabi. Must maintain and update organization?s website. Full job description at www.actbc.ca. Apply by email with resume and cover letter to info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca. Deadline Dec. 9th. No telephone calls please.

From: Autism Community Training British Columbia ACT-BC

16. AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A HOUSING CAMPAIGN

Your invited to partake in a housing campaign that will work towards making Evictions Illegal. The campain already exists we just need to enhance it. Scotland has a Homelessness Act that fellow concerned citizens should look into. 2010 is on the way and corporate evictions are following thru on thier action plan. This is what happening right now at Vancouver 1880 E Pender.

Some residents of 1880 E Pender given myself the heads up that 22 eviction notices from thier new landlord(s) Royal Providence Management(RPM) Inc & Vancouver Eviction Services.(what a contradiction eh? "eviction services" for a landlord). RPM staff include Lorenzo Aquilini & Mother Bianca Aquilini & Franco (Frank) Aquilini.The Vancouver Canucks know Frank

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as Francesco Aquilini.

Pay close attention sport fans. The new owners are slumlords. I wouldn't be surprise if they evict the Canucks from the GM Place. Would that be a first for Olympic strategies?

Prior to Oct 2004 the landlord was 637018 BC.Ltd. Tenants were informed by word of mouth that there was a new landlord. The only paper documentation the Providence Management provided to the neglected suites was 1) an invitation to be connected to the intercom system with thier letterhead on it & 2) Notice to End Tenancy for various reasons. The list of reasons include: having dogs,renovation,non payment of rent. (Even though MHR administered the cheque within the time frame, yet RPM cashed it outside the 5 day period)(please also note new landlords are suppose to give 3 months notice of renovation.)

Is there any available housing advocates outthere.(?) My knowledge is only general. I only know my long term goal. 1) Stop the Evictions. 2)House the homeless 3) Social Housing Now...and they better include more than 2 family units to every 150 built.

Interested? Drop me a line so we can co organise something.

From: "moms on the drive"

17. ABOUT JOHN GRAHAM

Hello all,

As many of you may know, December 6 was the first day of extradition hearings for John Graham. In the morning prior to court, John was feeling some stress, but was also very positive to be walking the path of truth. He was surrounded my many friends and family members, some from the local area and others who flew in to Vancouver to observe the hearings and offer their support.

During this first day, John's lawyers reviewed the details of his arrest, about how he was first detained for a false accusation of harassment. While in police custody on this charge, John was allowed to contact a lawyer -- which he did. After this call however, John was then informed of a new charge relating to the US indictment for the murder of Anna Mae Aquash. The original complaint evaporated, and was replaced solely by this new charge. After being informed of the new charge, John was not

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allowed to contact legal counsel -- an apparent violation of his rights -- and was further interrogated.

One witness which the defence called to testify was a woman employed at the local police detachment where John is required to check in on a daily basis. Not only has John checked in consistently and reliably, but he had also made friends of the staff and has sold one of his hand-crafted willow chairs to an employee. John has been crafting such items to subsidize his income, since the restrictions of house arrest make it nearly impossible to find other employment.

Another development recently was the issuing of a statement by Leonard Peltier (included below) about the matter of John Graham, which is included below.

More news stories and other information is being updated regularly on the John Graham Defense Committee website. Please visit often in the coming days, and take the time to mail a letter to Canada's Justice Minister Irwin Cotler.

We thank you all for your continued support, and will do our best to keep you informed as these hearings continue.

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Peltier Statement on Graham Extradition Hearing
December 6, 2004

Today, the U.S. government will seek John Graham's extradition to stand trial in South Dakota for the murder of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash. I urge all of you to closely monitor the proceedings and ensure that Canadian authorities thoroughly examine all the evidence presented by the U.S. government in this case.

Never forget the role of U.S. law enforcement officials in incidents that took place in the 1970s on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) tirelessly tried to prejudice the fair trial rights of American Indian Movement leaders charged with serious crimes during that turbulent period and knowingly presented false evidence to illegally obtain my extraction from Canada in December 1976.

You may be thinking "That was then, this is now." Yes, many things have

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changed since the 1970s, but one thing has not changed, I assure you: Indians in the U.S. continue to struggle against the most dangerous, well-funded, strongest military and political organization in the world. I know the behavior of the FBI and other government officials has not changed. I fear that Graham will not receive a fair hearing in Canada or a fair trial in the U.S., anymore than I did.

To the Canadian officials I say, justice cannot be achieved if a full investigation into the FBI's role in Annie Mae's death is not included in the inquiry. Annie Mae's death was the direct result of the FBI's activities on Pine Ridge. The FBI told Anna Mae that they would see her dead within a year if she did not cooperate with them, used their puppets to spread rumors that Annie Mae was an informant when she refused to cooperate, and mishandled the investigation of her death. Your investigation must consider the fact that the FBI's pathologist listed the cause of her death as exposure, despite the obvious bullet hole in her head, and Annie Mae's quick burial before a positive identification could be made.

Your investigation also must include examination of FBI Special Agent David Price who was very familiar with Annie Mae's appearance and saw her body after it was first recovered, yet failed to identify her. I believe he attempted to cover up her murder. When this was no longer possible, due to the findings of an independent pathologist, the FBI issued a false press release implying that some of her own people murdered Annie Mae because they believed she was an informant. Look for and find the truth. In so doing, remember that officials of the U.S. violated your sovereignty in 1976 by deceiving your courts and using you to wrongfully convict an innocent man. Remember. And be vigilant. The First Nations of the U.S. and Canada want justice for Anna Mae, but also do not want an injustice done in her name.

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18. ABOUT THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE

Removing Abbotsford farmland from Land Reserve mistaken, says SPEC.

?The ALR (Agricultural Land Reserve) is not meant as a reserve to compensate for poor land-use planning,? said SPEC Director Carole Christopher. ?If land is taken out of the ALR and used for development, there is no incentive for smart growth. Giving agricultural land over to development invites poor land-use decisions and very shortly will re-create the same need for more exclusions on a grander scale. ?

Christopher?s comments are part of a SPEC submission to ALR head Kirk Miller who is overseeing an application by the City of Abbotsford to remove 900 acres of prime farmland from the ALR over the next two decades, and use it for industrial development..

The parcels under consideration in the current application include Class 1 land; almost all of it prime farmland. The general region around Abbotsford is special in its soil conditions and provide excellent drainage and good topsoil. It is one of the three best areas for growing raspberries in the world. As well, these soils are suitable for growing a wide range of crops with high production levels.

According to a study by SmartGrowth BC, only 17 per cent of industrial floor space in Abbotsford is currently being used. By comparison the average of industrial use in the GVRD is 50 per cent. If Abbotsford approached the levels of use in the GVRD, it could almost triple its industrial lands without removing more farmland from the ALR.

The ALR was formed in 1973 to preserve scarce agricultural land in BC. Since then it has become a model for other jurisdictions. But it has also come under intense pressure from developers and municipalities eager to expand their residential and industrial base. While Abbotsford farm land fetches about \$25,000 per acre, a landowner could sell the same piece for up to \$300,000 as an industrial site.

?It was a wise decision to put land aside in the ALR,? said Christopher. ? Given the potential for food insecurity in the future, the ALR is a precious reserve and the precautionary principle should be first and foremost in the minds of commissioners.?

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From: Ivan Bulic

19. WATERSHED PEACE PATHWAYS

Fraser Basin Council receives IHTEC's Watershed Peace Pathways Award for Sustainability Education.

On November 27th 2004, the Fraser Basin Council's Executive Director, David Marshall, received, on the Council's behalf, the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre - IHTEC's "Watershed Peace Pathways Award", for the outstanding achievement in advancing 'Sustainability' in the Fraser River Basin. BC, Canada. The success has been a team effort by many individuals.

The IHTEC WPP Award was presented by Desmond Berghofer, from the IHTEC Advisory Board. The presentation occurred at the 2004 State of the Fraser Basin "Sustainability Works" Conference held in Vancouver, BC on November 26 & 27, 2004.

IHTEC's President Julia Morton-Marr said "The children of the International School Peace Gardens who are focused on their Watershed Peace Pathways program are delighted with the example of the work achieved by the Fraser Basin Council and hope that the Fraser Basin Council's achievements will occur in every river basin around the world."

Mike Greco, Program Manager, Watershed Peace Pathways said, "If your school or community would like to become involved in the Watershed Peace Pathways Program, please visit IHTEC's website at <http://www.ihtec.org/index.php?id=17>. Watershed Peace Pathways is one of IHTEC's many programs focused on Global Sustainability Education (GSE) curriculum. IHTEC has developed many GSE modules around the International School Peace Gardens program, for teachers. These programs are to encourage students to become volunteers for community service, and to improving community sustainability."

IHTEC would also like to encourage all students and schools within the Fraser Basin to become involved in our programs and to achieve the school Watershed Peace Pathway Award and logo pin and certificate. All worthy schools, students and individuals who have worked through any of the IHTEC

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programs will have earned the right to such gratifying and motivational recognition.

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From: Fraser Basin Council

20. COMMUNITY LIVING BC BOARD LOOKING FOR DIRECTORS

From BC FamilyNet - Please share with families and individuals:

A request for applications for the two self-advocate positions on the Community Living B. C. board of directors is now posted on the BC government website. We have copied the posting below in plain text for quick reference. Further details are available by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/oop/brdo/adverts.htm> (click first on the link "Advertised Vacancies" and then click on "Board of Community Living BC").

Self-Advocate Board Positions
Community Living British Columbia

Applications are being sought from self- advocates to serve on the Board of Community Living British Columbia. The Board will be made up of eleven members who have diverse skills, abilities and experience, including two people who have developmental disabilities.

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The Self-Advocate individual(s) must:

- ? have a developmental disability,
- ? understand the supports needed by people with disabilities;
- ? be able to identify and discuss issues affecting people receiving community living services, and;
- ? have a commitment to building a strong community based governance and service delivery system .

Self-Advocate candidates will have knowledge of issues faced by other people with developmental disabilities in the province. Self-Advocate board members will be provided with assistance at board meetings and will take an active part in discussions and decision-making.

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, a resident of BC and have no real or perceived conflicts of interest contrary to the conflict of interest guidelines.

Applicants should have the ability to spend up to three days per month on CLBC business and be able to travel to Vancouver as required. Board members will be paid a per diem allowance and travel expenses will be covered.

If you have any constituents who may be interested in submitting their names for these positions, please have them forward their resume plus a cover letter no later than January 15th, 2005 to:

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For more information on the CLBC, please visit
<http://www.interimauthorityclbc.ca>

For information on the ministry's transformation to governance models, please visit
<http://www.gov.bc.ca/mcf/>

The Ministry of Children and Family Development thanks all applicants for their submissions. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

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They criminalize poverty. We provide solutions.
Victoria Street Newz - <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>

"Society is like a stew. If you don't keep it stirred up, you get a lot of scum on top."

Edward Abbey, 1927-1989

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