

LEFT COAST EVENTS - Victoria & Islands - May 10th, 2004 (Part I)

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1. Privatization & Dissent - Colombian speaker - May 10th 2. On to Ottawa - tour launch - May 11th 3. Gospel Choir - rehearsal - May 11th 4. CEDCO Update & Workshop Info 5. Emissions Inspection Clinic - May 11-13th 6. Salt Spring Writes - readings - May 12th 7. Offshore Oil & Gas - speakers workshop - May 12th 8. Voluntary Simplicity - sign-up - May 13th 9. Gypsy Moth - spraying - May 13th 10. NDP office opens - May 14th 11. Oil & Gas - public input - May 12. Citizens Assembly - pro rep - May 15th 13. Manning Park Campout - May 22 & 23rd contributions, considerations, concerns: *? Wednesday Night Peace Vigils at the Legislature - 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Everyone Welcome!?

* My Uncle and Aunt have recently returned to BC. and they're looking to rent a furnished suite. Please call Stan or Val at 655-4654 if you can help. * Are you an organic farmer looking for land, or a person with some extra land that could be farmed organically? Check out Linking Land and Future Farmers - LLAFF - <http://www.llaff.org>, llaff@islandnet.com or 361-1747 ext 1 or 995-2496 * CARTS folk distribute food to street folk, leaving every Friday around 7:00 pm from the parking lot at the Capital 6 theatre. For information - 250-595-2038 after 6:00 pm or carts victoria@yahoo.ca. *

If you care about democratic reform, consider having your opinions heard. You can set up an appointment for the May 15th or June 10th public hearings by calling 1-866-667-1232 to register. They'll provide 10 minutes, and will ask for a short summary or title. The meetings take place from 6:30 - 9:30 in the Harbour Towers Hotel, Room B, 345 Quebec Street. For more information: <http://www.citizensassembly.com> or <http://www.freeyourvote.bc.ca>. Adriane Carr is distributing newspapers with comprehensive information about various forms of Pro-Rep - she can be contacted at 604-740-1321 or info@freeyourvote.bc.ca * Mature female available to care for your pets and/or home - excellent references - 250-383-5144 ext 3007 or email yesheyeshe@hotmail.com * From: Karin Scarth any news, pictures, announcements, updates, opinions for the next edition of Tapestry? please send whatever you have along by May 12, for the May 15th edition. * From: "workingtv" this week on working TV Mayday 2004 "Voices for Justice" march and rally <http://www.workingtv.com/mainp11.html>

* Vegan Dentist - Dr. Deanna Geddo, DDS, focuses on sensitive patients employing relaxation techniques. Located downtown you can call her at 389-0669 or email doctor_dg@yahoo.com. * From: Engineers Without Borders <http://uvic.ewb.ca> * From: "punditman" Punditman guest columnist Mike Whitney on the "Iraqi torture scandal": Systemic; one word tells the whole story and savages the nonsense being spewed from the Oval Office PR team... <http://www.punditman.com> Click here for Bush's Loaded Deck <http://www.punditman.com/donate/> * Victoria's Granola Groovy "eco emporium" presentations and demonstrations: <http://www.granolagroovy.com> * From: Peter Carter PROPOSAL FOR A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF PEACE Prepared by the Victoria Working Group for a Federal Department of Peace <http://www.departmentofpeacecanada.com/profile.htm>

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----- 3. GOSPEL CHOIR The next choir rehearsal is this Tuesday, May 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 at the Afro-Heritage Centre 2713 Quadra St.? Our numbers have dropped dramatically and we would like to see a resurgence this week so we can keep Checo's services. We have been kindly provided with an overhead projector to help with lyrics and new members/ guests are always welcome, so please come join us.

Me-Kon From: Me-Kon Hayes ----- 4. COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE Please find this month's CEDCO Newz attached, now sent to over 100 CEDCO members as well as interested community members. In this month's Newz you will learn about our most recent activities, new resources and upcoming events and workshops. Enjoy * To receive a PDF copy of their newsletter, write to resources@cedco.bc.ca Please remember to RSVP for the Learning Communities Working Group Meeting May 10, 3:00 pm as seen on the cover of the Newz. Also, our members brown bag lunches are open to the community for a \$5.00 donation. Join us next week, Tuesday and Thursday for the following: Building on Social Capital Dr. Frances Ricks, University of Victoria

This presentation is about building social capital or social capacity. Social capital enhances the capacity of the community, of an organization, or of a department within an organization. We will examine what it takes to build social capital and how the basic principles can be applied within work settings. If there is time we will look at what could be done within this organization and what inhibits or gets in the way of social capital and social enhancement. Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2004 Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 Location: CEDCO Victoria, 201-531 Yates Street

Reframing Your Organization ? Are You Working Well? Dr. Lara Lauzon, University of Victoria Multi-frame thinking and decision making can help managers, administrators, supervisors, and leaders discover how they view their organization and take steps toward a strategic planning process for sifting options and solving problems when an organization is ready for change. This workshop is of value for anyone who has a vision or plan for renewal within their organization ? a plan to help their organization, department or section to ?work well?. Date: Thursday, May 13, 2004 Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 Location: CEDCO Victoria, 201-531 Yates Street Over 100 members enjoy benefits including business and organizational supports and services, as well as workshops, lectures, events, and other opportunities free or at low cost. Members support an organization that supports community development and creates community capacity. Inquire about membership by reply. If you have problems with this email please contact Lucy Porter, Net Admin for CEDCO non profits, 360-0852.

<http://www.cedco.bc.ca> opening economic doors for everyone From: "Tara Tompkins"

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and its objectives, hands out literature, explains what will happen and gives necessary instruction, asks the driver to fill out a survey and collect completed survey. Position Title: Data Logger Description: Records vehicle specific info, age odometer, ensures that the data sheet is passed on to tailpipe tester. Position Title: Gas Cap Tester Description: Checks the condition of the gas cap and seal, verifies the presence of a fuel inlet restrictor, performs pressure test on gas cap, reports results to data logger. Position Title: Debriefer: Description: Explains results to motorists, thanks the participant Position Title: Floater Description: Helps out where needed most, makes sure motorist follow instructions and remain in their vehicles To Volunteer Please Contact Burnside Gorge Community Association at 388-5251

From: Dean Fortin ~~~~~ 6. SALT SPRING WRITES Fourth and last reading of successful series featuring Salt Spring writers May 12th, Wednesday night, 8 pm at ArtSpring. Doors open at 7:30 pm \$5 at the door Proceeds go towards the Salt Spring Writers & Friends Scholarship Fund for a graduating GISS Student who wants to become a writer and the Clark Little Book Prize for Poetry. This series is presented by Salt Spring Writers & Friends with support by The Salt Spring Public Library Association and The Canada Council For The Arts. The last reading of the series, May 12th, will feature Joanne Bealy, Maureen Moore and Kathy Page. Authors will have their books for sale afterwards. HOST: Peter Levitt received the Lannan Foundation Literary Award in Poetry. For more than thirty years, he has published poetry, fiction, translations from Chinese, Japanese and Spanish and taught writing workshops privately and at univesities since 1976. He lives on Salt Spring Island. Joanne Bealy is a freelance writer and poet who has lived on Salt Spring Island for the past 3 years. Her essays on film and cultural critiques have appeared most recently in Bright Lights Film Journal and in the anthologies Unveiling AIDS and Salt in our Blood. Her poetry has appeared in various journals in Canada and the United States. A chapbook of her poetry, Crooked Love, was published in the spring of 1999 and a collection of poems, At the Mercy of Gravity, was published in April 2003. She is currently working on a series of poems in different voices and, of all things, a novel. Maureen Moore is a novelist who grew up as a book-obsessed child in Montreal where she dropped out of high school before moving to Vancouver. After working as a waitress and shop assistant, she entered university as a mature student. Her latest novel, Not the Orient, (Oberon) tells the story of an immigrant family lost in Canada's underclass. Her previous novel, The Illumination of Alice Mallory, (HarperCollins) was short-listed for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. Kathy Page was born and lived much of her life in London, England. She has taught fiction writing in universities in the UK, Finland and Estonia, and held residencies in schools and a variety of other institutions and communities, including a fishing village and a high security men's prison. In 2001, she and her family moved to Salt Spring Island. Kathy has written for radio and television and her short fiction is widely anthologised in the UK. Her fifth novel, The Story of My Face, was short-listed for the 2002 Orange Prize. Her themes are loss, survival, transformation: the magic by which a bad hand becomes a good chance. Her next novel, Alphabet is due out in July 200 www.candisgraham.com From: "CJ Graham"

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wc2vic@island.net or 250-388-9292. Free.

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campaign headquarters in a prominent location, at 2353 Douglas Street, just south of Bay Street and across from the Dairy Queen. The official opening celebration will take place on Friday May 14, from 4 to 7 pm. Pizza and other refreshments will be available. Everyone is invited to come and meet candidate David Turner and his team. "We are looking forward to Paul Martin summoning his courage to call the election, and to face the verdict of Canadian voters on his five months of dithering leadership," Turner said. "We know the election is coming soon because David Anderson is actually spending time in Victoria." Information: <http://DavidTurner.ca> David Turner, (250) 385-7585 Alan Rycroft, (250) 592-8307 or 208-8307 From: Alan Rycroft ~~~~~ 11.

PUBLIC INPUT INTO OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT Defend our Wild Coast from the Oil Slicksters! Right now the federal Liberal government is collecting public input to decide whether to lift the federal offshore oil and gas moratorium on BC's Pacific Coast (the Queen Charlotte Basin area, to be precise). In YOUR OWN words, email or fax the Public Review Panel whether you want the government to 'maintain the moratorium' on offshore oil and gas development, or even to implement a permanent, legislated ban, at: Scott Gedak - Project Manager, Public Review Panel sgedak@nrcan.gc.ca Deadline is now May 18th for letters (previously it was May 15). In addition, it is very important that you SPEAK UP at the Public Hearings coming very soon to Victoria and Vancouver. It takes courage - but it's worth it. Remember, you may not be an expert on this issue, but it's NOT an Expert Panel - it's a PUBLIC Input Panel. If questioned about particular scientific details, you can simply remind them this. The future of BC's wild coast needs your courage to stand up and speak out. You will be among hundreds of allies. In Victoria, the public hearings will be at (note the added times on Saturday): Coast Harbourside Hotel, 146 Kingston St.? Thursday, May 13: 7-9pm Friday, May 14: 9am-12noon, 2-5pm, 7-9pm Saturday, May 15: 9am-12noon, 2-5pm, and 7-9pm See the posting down below if you're interested in a going to a workshop on May 12 in Victoria for speaking at the public hearings, and about the issue. In Vancouver, the hearings will be at: Sheraton Wall Centre, North Tower, 1088 Burrard St. Tuesday, May 11: 7-9 pm Wednesday, May 12: 9am-12noon, 2-5pm, 7-9pm Thursday, May 13: 9am-12noon Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard St. Monday, May 17: 9am-12noon, 2-5pm, 7-9pm Tuesday, May 18: 9am-12noon, 2-5pm, 7-9pm We recommend that if possible, you register before you speak, though it's not required. You can demand that the hearings be extended if there is no guaranteed space for you. Register under the "How to Participate" section of the government's website: <http://www.moratoriumpublicreview.ca> NOTE: Foxes in Charge of the Hen House? The federal Paul Martin Liberal government hand-picked three panelists for the Public Review, including Roland Priddle (Panel Chair) and Don Scott. Until last Tuesday, Roland Priddle was a Director of Talisman Energy, which is currently expanding its offshore oil and gas assets by \$137 million (US) in the North Sea in Europe. Don Scott is the former mayor of Prince Rupert and was one of the first and most active lobbyists to have the federal moratorium lifted. Not exactly an unbiased panel! All the more reason that the public must hold them to high, democratic standards during the public review process so that open, non-intimidating, and adequate public participation is allowed, with a subsequent normal tally of the number of submissions in favour of maintaining the moratorium and those against the moratorium. No sneaky tricks to skew the results will be allowed. Some key concerns about coastal oil and gas development: - The Queen Charlotte Islands region is the most earthquake prone area in Canada. Besides shifting the ocean bottom, earthquakes also generate enormous tidal waves. Thus, there would be a good chance of a major oil spill or oil well blow-out (where oil gushes

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out of the well head) sooner or later. - Daily chronic pollution comes part and parcel with offshore oil development, including regular oil leakages and small spills (that add up substantially over time), toxic drilling fluids, ?produced waters? (byproducts) laced with poisonous hydrocarbons, and toxic drill cuttings that accumulate on the ocean bottom, poisoning the marine life. - Extensive seismic testing is necessary to locate oil and gas deposits, using high volume air gun blasts through the water column that transmit loudly over hundreds of kilometres. These blasts kill marine larvae (crabs, fish, bivalves, etc.), explode the air bladders of nearby adult fish, deafen whales, and drive whales and fish away for long distances, for long periods of time, from their living and migration areas. - Coastal oil and gas development runs precisely counter to Canada?s Kyoto Protocol commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Much energy (oil and gas) is needed to extract oil and gas from the ocean, not to mention that the extracted oil and gas will also be burned up into the atmosphere. - Most employment in the offshore oil and gas industry is specialized and therefore will not go to unemployed BC fishermen and loggers, but rather to crews brought in from elsewhere in Canada and around the world. Meanwhile, coastal commercial and sport fishing jobs would be destroyed, as well as potential jobs in the tourism industry (eg. Whale watching). - Newfoundland?s Hibernia Project is 315 km offshore, while in BC oil and gas developments would be as close as 20 km from the shore, often in between the Queen Charlotte Islands and the Mainland. In Newfoundland, ocean currents carry spilled oil away from the land. In BC, currents would carry spilled oil onto our coastline, into the sensitive intertidal and subtidal zones. - Many conservationists consider this to be an important federal election issue. For more information about the impacts of Offshore Oil go to:

<http://www.oilfreecoast.org> For more information on the hearings call the Review Panel's toll free number: 1 866 386 1323 or go to their website: <http://www.moratoriumpublicreview.ca> -

Ken Wu, Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Victoria ----- A Few More Facts

- On Offshore Oil
1. Oil Rig Jobs are Very Limited For Local People -Oil companies hire experts who bring work crews with them -Oil rigs are built where factories exist and costs are low. ie: Korea
 2. Offshore Oil Development Damages Marine Life Before any Oil is Extracted. -Seismic testing kills and damages fish and other sealife -During seismic testing, fish catch rates drop by 50% -One exploratory well dumps approximately 25,000 pounds of toxic metals into the ocean
 3. Oil Spills Do Happen -In 1997 alone there were 351 oils spills worldwide. -On average, only 15% of an oil spill can be cleaned up. -Oil spills will harm the tourism and fishing industries in B.C.
 4. Oil Rigs Pollute -A single oil platform discharges over 90,000 metric tons of toxic drilling fluid and metal cuttings into the ocean. -An offshore oil rig emits the same quantity of air pollution as 7000 cars driving 50 miles a day. -Once oil is found, chronic leaks, drilling muds, toxic produced waters and air pollution are part of everyday business.

From: wc2vic@island.net www.wildernesscommitteevictoria.org www.workingforest.org

~~~~~ 12. CITIZENS ASSEMBLY ON ELECTORAL REFORM As it turns out, The Citizen's Assembly will also be in Victoria on Saturday, May 15, at the Holiday Inn, 3020 Blanshard, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. It would be great if some UVIC students could also attend this first meeting to speak about some of the problems youth have with the current electoral system. To be sure to get on the agenda, you need to register one week in advance (i.e. by this Friday). Registration can be done at the Assembly's website: <http://www.citizensassembly.bc.ca> Otherwise, it may be worth attending just ot hear the presenters, or to try and speak after the scheduled presentations! From:

dsimon ~~~~~ 13. MANNING PARK

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**CAMPOUT AND STUMP RACE** Manning Provincial Park east of Hope is a provincial park in big trouble. A giant unprotected "doughnut hole" lies within the park. The previous government committed to including these lands in the park once mining leases in the area expired. However, the BC Liberal government, once in power, instead granted logging rights to the area and HUGE clearcuts have ensued which are now visible to the millions of travelers who pass through the park along Highway 3. See the recent images of these new atrocious clearcuts at: <http://media.wildernesscommittee.org/news/2004/05/760.php> The clearcuts are also in the habitat of the Spotted Owl, one of the world's rarest birds, with an estimated 25 pairs remaining in Canada. In addition, the BC government is planning to allow commercial logging on the east side of Manning Provincial Park - within park boundaries - under the guise of controlling pine beetles and fire hazards. Join the Wilderness Committee for an informative weekend by the Cayuse Flats off Highway 3 at Manning Park during the Victoria Day Weekend May 22-23. There will be guided tours, presentations about the issues, and a "Stump Race" through the clearcuts (don't worry, it'll be on the logging road - we wouldn't want to impale the contestants on the wood slash...). Weekend, May 22-23 Cayuse Flats Watch for more details and check out press releases on the Vancouver WCWC website at [www.wildernesscommittee.org](http://www.wildernesscommittee.org) For more info contact the Vancouver WCWC office at (604) 683-8220 ----- WCWC Victoria Office and Rainforest Store 651 Johnson St. Victoria, BC V8W 1M7 250-388-9292 [wc2vic@island.net](mailto:wc2vic@island.net) [www.wildernesscommitteevictoria.org](http://www.wildernesscommitteevictoria.org) [www.workingforest.org](http://www.workingforest.org) From: "WCWC Vic" ~~~~~