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**1. MOVIE MONDAY Special Event**

**Monday November 14th 6:30pm**

**WAL-MART: The High Cost of Low Price**

A new documentary on the world's largest retailer. The film shows the corporate giant's inner-workings and communities and individuals struggles against the world's wealthiest company. Our screening is one part of a large and innovative grassroots strategy that includes

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thousands of community screenings during this premiere week. From the makers of *Outfoxed*. Movie Monday is a weekly, community film program. All events are always by donation and everybody is welcome. **Located at the Eric Martin Pavilion Theatre in the 1900 Block of Fort Street.**

For more information visit the website at [www.islandnet.com/mm](http://www.islandnet.com/mm) or call the info line at 595-FLIC.

From: "Bruce Wallace" <bwvipirg@uvic.ca>

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## 2. Next Victoria Peace Coalition Meeting

**Monday November 14:30 pm BCGEU, 2994 Douglas**

The Peace Coalition usually meets every other Monday. If you arrive and find the door locked, ring the buzzer on the wall to your right. You can park in the lot in front of Lifestyles Market.

From: Victoria Peace Coalition <dolcla@islandnet.com>

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## 3. CATHEDRAL GROVE'S FATE

### STILL HANGING IN THE BALANCE

by

**Richard Boyce**

I have been privileged to walk in one of the most rare and sensitive ecosystems on the planet, an ancient wetland forest growing on the active floodplain of a meandering river. This Douglas Fir/Sword Fern plant community is red listed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and is made even more rare because these giant trees grow in a wetland that is flooded by seasonal rains.

The fact is, Douglas Fir trees do not like their roots to be wet and require drainage in order to survive. Yet some of these trees have been able to survive for over 800 years despite frequent flooding of the entire area. Walking through the forest of Cathedral Grove along the Cameron River, I was impressed by Douglas Fir trees, 6-8 feet across at the butt, perched on mounds and ridges that kept them out of the numerous channels washed out by flood waters.

I first became aware of the latest attempt by the BC Liberal Government to push a 5 acre parking lot into the sensitive floodplain of the Cameron River when I met a civil and landscape engineer surveying the area in January 2004. He explained that the plan included a 1 km long trail that would connect the proposed parking lot with the viewing area where the largest and tallest trees stand which is visited by 850,000 people every year. The plan required an excavator and chain saws to clear and scrape a swath through the wetland forest which would then be covered by thick landscape fabric and gravel. The trails would be mounded to stay out of the swampy water and would create a series of loops to access most of the untouched portion of the provincial park.

Since then I have given tours of this wetland forest to biologists, forest technicians, silviculturalists, BC Minister of WLAP, and BC Parks managers. All but the bureaucrats agreed that disturbing the ground water with gravel, roadways, and dikes might kill these trees that are growing so delicately through out the wetland forest.

I have counted seven species of ferns growing amongst Salmon Berry, Cascara, Thimble berry, and Nootka Rose. The occasional thicket of Devil's Club grows out of the rich black soil of the bottom lands surrounded by fragrant Stink Current and Red Elderberry. Lichens and mosses hang from the lower branches and trunks of most trees. The thick fluted bark of the dominant trees, ancient Douglas Fir, provides nesting for small birds such as Winter Wren and Pacific Flycatchers. The variety of tree species, age, thickness, and height creates a forest that is truly diverse and is abundant with life and death.

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Many standing dead trees provide life to thousands of organisms from fungi and insects to birds. Massive trees, leveled by the Qualicum Wind of New Year's Day 1997, lie with their rootballs exposed and covered with a thick forest of seedling trees, Bog Cranberry, Huckleberry, and Trailing Blackberry. Beneath these fallen giants is a reservoir of moisture that endures the drought of summer and provides sanctuary for newts, salamanders, frogs, and many insects that help to transform wood into soil.

I am happy to report that I have seen a remnant herd of Roosevelt Elk, endangered on Vancouver Island, wintering in the wetland portion of Cathedral Grove. Red-Legged frogs, red-listed by COSEWIC, live in a pond directly adjacent to the proposed parking lot area. I have also encountered owls, hawks, bear, bats, rough bellied newts, trout, and many song birds in the wetland forest proposed for the parking lot and trail system.

Concerned citizens put a stop to this plan and as a result of public protest the park has been doubled in size. However, to date the public has not been given an opportunity to provide input into the proposed plans for a parking lot. The BC Liberal government is holding open houses to show their latest plans for Cathedral Grove.

**Port Alberni - Nov. 15, Best Western Barclay, 4277 Stamp Ave.**

**Parksville - Nov. 22, Community and Convention Centre, 132 E. Jensen**

You may be wondering why there are no meetings being held in Victoria or Vancouver regarding this provincial issue.

For more information phone: **(250) 387-1187**

**DON'T LET THIS BE A PRESENTATION WHERE THE BC LIBERALS TELL THE PUBLIC HOW IT WILL BE IN THIS PUBLIC PARK.** Let the BC Minister of Environment know what you think: E-mail: [barry.penner.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:barry.penner.mla@leg.bc.ca)

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Chris Kissinger - BC Parks Recreation Section Head Vancouver Island Region Ministry of Environmentph. 250.337.2415 e-mail: Chris.Kissinger@gov.bc.ca

*These photos weretaken directly adjacent to the proposed parking lot area where gravel roads andtrails will alter the flow of water.*

From: Richard Boyce [mailto:richardboyce@shaw.ca]

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**4. Time for Action on Haiti: Letter-writing session**

**Tuesday November 152:00 - 5:00 pmUVic SUBMichel Pujol**

Drop in anytime. We will have information and paper and envelopes.

From: Victoria Peace Coalition <dolcla@islandnet.com>

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**5. Investing In A Better World -**

**Matching Your Money To Your Values**

Victoria, BC--What is a grasssroots non-profit working on sustainable, local control of land doing co-hosting an event with a Berkshire Securities financial planner? Come and find out, and learn how you can transform your finances and transform the world.

On November 15, 2005 at lunchtime, Dogwood Initiative and Berkshire Securities will co-host the first in a series of free educational seminars about using your money to change the world and save tax. Bob Walker of Ethical Funds will be the first guest speaker. Ethical Funds offer a range of socially responsible mutual funds.

"Many people feel powerless and don't understand that they can use their investments to influence the way resource development takes place on public and aboriginal land in BC ,"said Will Horter, Executive Director of Dogwood Initiative. "We plan to help people align their environmental, social, and human rights values with their investments. And create leverage for

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change while doing it," said Horter

Dogwood Initiative is a non-profit group that helps people in BC change the balance of power to create healthy, prosperous communities. Dogwood Initiative is currently working with:

- the people of Smithers and Bulkley Valley as they struggle for the right to protect their homes and water from coalbed methane development.
- the Tahltan Elders as they fight to preserve their traditional territories from an overwhelming number of mining and coalbed methane developments.
- the Wet'suwet'en as they prepare to engage with pipeline developers who plan to build through their lands.

Time/Location:

**15 November 2005 at 12:15 PM at Zambri's Restaurant, 110-911 Yates.**

Food will be served to those who have reserved their seat by pre-registering.

Registration:

Pre-registration required. Call 250 405 3550.

For more information contact:

Will Horter, Executive Director, Dogwood Initiative  
250-882-9930

email: [whorter@dogwoodinitiative.org](mailto:whorter@dogwoodinitiative.org)

Stephen Whipp, Certified Financial Planner, Berkshire Securities  
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## 6. **OPEN CINEMA Expansion Brings SACRED SOUNDS To James Bay**

Victoria, BC - On Wednesday November 16th OPEN CINEMA (OC) will add a second Victoria venue to its growing reach into the community with a screening of the documentary *Sacred Sounds*

(2005 USA), which will be accompanied by an evening of music and discussion. The event will take place at The Superior Caf? (106 Superior St), which recently opened in James Bay to great critical acclaim.

*Sacred Sounds: Music of the World, Songs of the Soul* (2001 USA) is set in Fez, Morocco during the World Sacred Music Festival in 1999. Weaving together dynamic musical performances and interviews with artists and religious figures, this mesmerizing film explores how sacred music is used as a universal language that transcends cultural and political differences. By focussing on the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths, this award-winning film celebrates our similarities and diversities. The screening will be followed by music and discussion with Nancy Watters, local educator, psychologist and sacred sound musician ([www.nancywatters.com](http://www.nancywatters.com))

), and live Sitar music will accompany the pre-screening dinner hour. Diners are encouraged to arrive by 6pm.

The success and popularity of OC 's innovative community programming has made expansion a logical move. OC recently launched in Vancouver, and is working local organizations, such as

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the Restorative Justice Coalition at William Head Institution. In addition to OC's events at Hermann's Jazz Club on the first Tuesday of the month, The Superior's warm ambiance will provide an ideal home for screenings with a predominantly uplifting artistic and musical theme. Please visit [www.opencinema.ca](http://www.opencinema.ca) for schedule info.

"I was honoured when OPEN CINEMA approached the Caf?!" remarks The Superior owner Lisa Boehme "As a firm supporter of the Arts, The Superior will host all kinds of artistic endeavours. OPEN CINEMA is an exciting Intellectual organization that is as dedicated to its community building events, as I am to the creative aspects of the Caf?." The exquisitely renovated church turned funky elegant restaurant features an abundance of locally produced delicacies, including organic produce, micro-brewed beer and BC wine - all values OC wishes to support. The Superior Caf? is open from 11.30am to 10.30pm Tuesday through Sunday. For full menu details, please visit [www.thesuperior.ca](http://www.thesuperior.ca).

**What:** **Sacred Sounds (2001 USA) with music & discussion led by Nancy Waters**  
**When:** **7pm Wednesday November 16th 2005 (Please arrive by 6pm for dinner)**

**Where:** **The Superior Caf?, 106 Superior Street (Tel: 380-9515)**

**Cost:** **\$5 donation**

Contact: Mandy Leith [opencinema@shaw.ca](mailto:opencinema@shaw.ca) (250) 882-7441

From: Mandy Leith <[mleith@islandnet.com](mailto:mleith@islandnet.com)>

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### 7. **Help Camosun build a well in Zambia**

Speaker: Colin Glassco Title: "Eradicating Trachoma from Zambia: The role of Drilling Water Wells"

**Wednesday November 16, 2005 Wilna Thomas Cultural**

**Centre, Room 234**

**Camosun**

**College, Lansdowne Campus**

**Lecture: 12:30 to 1:30**

**Reception: 1:30 to 2:30**

Admission Free; Donations Gladly Accepted Trachoma is the leading cause of blindness worldwide and currently afflicts over 400 million people. It can be treated with antibiotics and prevented with adequate hygiene and education.

Local Committee, University of Victoria World University Service of Canada (WUSC) [wuscuvic@hotmail.com](mailto:wuscuvic@hotmail.com)

<http://www.geocities.com/wuscuvic>

WUSC is a Canadian non-profit, non-governmental organization who believes that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. Our mission is to foster human development and global understanding through education and training. From: "wuscuvic wuscuvic" <[wuscuvic@hotmail.com](mailto:wuscuvic@hotmail.com)>

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### 8. **UVIC OFFERS SNEAK PEEK AT NEW SEAFLOOR OBSERVATORY** *VENUS heralds a new way of studying the oceans*

The Victoria Experimental Network Under the Sea (VENUS) is getting its feet wet! Installation of the first leg of one of the world's most advanced cabled seafloor observatories takes place later this month in Saanich Inlet north of Victoria, British Columbia-and the news media is invited to learn more about it.

A media briefing will take place at 9:30 a.m. (Pacific) on Nov. 16 on the *Wave Venture*, a marine cable installation and repair vessel docked at Ogden Point in Victoria's outer harbour. Reporters will have the opportunity to interview scientists involved with VENUS, see some of

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the VENUS equipment and instruments before they're submerged in Saanich Inlet, and take tours of the cable installation equipment aboard the *Wave Venture*

. A reception with speakers will follow at 10:30 a.m.

The \$10.3-million Victoria Experimental Network Under the Sea (VENUS) facility will give scientists, educators, decision-makers, the marine technology industry, and the general public the freedom to "enter" and interact with the ocean environment-anytime and from anywhere-via the Internet. The Saanich Inlet array, and a Strait of Georgia array to be installed in late 2007, offer scientists the technology to observe and experiment so that we can increase our understanding of ocean change.

The industrial partners for the project are Global Marine Systems Ltd., operators of the *Wave Venture*

and OceanWorks International Corp., a North Vancouver-based supplier of specialized subsea work systems. The facility features technologies developed in British Columbia.

**WHAT:** **VENUS Media Briefing****WHEN:** **November 16, 9:30 a.m. (Pacific)****WHERE:** **Wave Venture, Ogden Point, Pier A-South**

Due to security concerns, registration for the media briefing is required at the dock gate.

Advance notice of your attendance would be appreciated. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress warmly.

For more information, contact: Patty Pitts, manager, media relations, at (250) 721-7656 or

ppitts@uvic.ca or

Val Shore, research communications officer, at

(250) 721-7641 or vshore@uvic.ca

For more background on VENUS visit: [www.venus.uvic.ca](http://www.venus.uvic.ca)

From: uvicnews <uvicnews@uvic.ca>

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### **9. Amnesty International 4th Annual Film Festival Victoria**

**When: Nov 18-20, 2005 doors open 6:30 pm****Where: David Lam Auditorium, UVIC.**

Cost: by donation For more information: [www.amnestyfilmsvictoria.ca](http://www.amnestyfilmsvictoria.ca) Or contact: Mariko Miller (250) 858-1235

From: "Values-Based Business Network" <vbn@telus.net>

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### **10. House of Usher rises again in support of Metro Studio**

Giggling Iguana Productions Presents A Fundraiser for the METRO STUDIO,

**November 18 & 19 at 8 pm**

After years of sold-out runs at Craigdarroch Castle, Giggling Iguana Productions presents a two-performance only fundraiser for Intrepid Theatre and the new Metro Studio - November 18 & 19 at 8 pm.

The Fall of the House of Usher tells the unfolding drama of the Usher household - the mental deterioration of Roderick, the physical failing of its Mistress, Madelaine, the machinations of the evil family Doctor, and the growing horror of the intrepid Narrator.

Tickets are \$15. Performances take place at the Metro Studio, 1411 Quadra Street. No Latecomers Please!

Tickets & Info: (250) 383-2663 or

Visit us on the web at <<http://www.intrepidtheatre.com>>

For Media contact, please contact Ian Case via Intrepid Theatre at 383-2663 or

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(gm@intrepidtheatre.com) Photos are available.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=118801419644> Follow this link to Intrepid Theatre's quick and easy venue survey.

We are

gathering feedback from artists, event planners, producers, teachers and others to help make our new Metro Studio all things to all people in Victoria.

From: Giggling Iguana Productions <[gigglingiguanaprods@shaw.ca](mailto:gigglingiguanaprods@shaw.ca)>

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### 11. SIERRA CLUB NATURE OUTING!

**Mushroom Miracles** at Metchosin Wilderness Park on **Sunday, November 20 at 10am**. Mushroom experts extraordinaire Oluna and Adolf Ceska get down on their knees to showcase some fabulous forest fungi. Observe a plethora of mushrooms within the different forest layers.

**Meet at the wooden entrance sign to Metchosin Wilderness Park off Clapham Drive.**

Bring hats, mitts, warm layers, rain gear and sturdy walking shoes. \$5 recommended donation.

For more information visit [www.sierraclub.ca/bc](http://www.sierraclub.ca/bc) or call 386-5255 ext. 241.

Wildly interactive events! Every second Sunday. Everyone welcome!

*Sponsored by the Nature Canada Parks and People Program*

Nikko Snow, Outings Coordinator Sierra Club of Canada, BC Chapter #302-733 Johnson St. Victoria BC V8W 3C7

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### 12. Social Justice Film Series & Public Dialogues

Why are 8,000 people dying every day of a preventable disease?

Social Justice Film Series & Public Dialogues ? Everyone Welcome!

**When: Monday November 21, 2005 Time: Candlelight vigil begins at 6 pm Film begins at 7 pm**

**Where:**

**University of Victoria**

**~ Vigil will take place behind the Elliot Building inside the Ring Road, at the public art installation on HIV/AIDS**

**~ Film screening in the David Lam Auditorium, MacLaurin Bldg ? Wheelchair Accessible ? Park in Lot E**

*\*\* Note new location for film screening \*\**

Format: Half-hour candlelight vigil to open the ?Day of AIDS? public art installation, followed by a 45-minute film with guest speakers and audience dialogue

Film: The Power Is the People (2005): A new film by Gary McNutt that chronicles the partnership between SOLID on Salt Spring Island and two South African communities

Speakers: Garry McNutt, Minneh Bushby and Heidi Exner

Information will also be available from VIDEO's Global Youth, WUSC, RESULTS Canada and the Victoria AIDS Resource & Community Service Society.

ADMISSION BY DONATION

(EVERYONE WELCOME ? NO MINIMUM DONATION REQUIRED)

Proceeds will be divided between the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID)

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The Social Justice Film Series is hosted by the Faculty of Education's Department of Leadership Studies and CACE Programme, in partnership with the Graduate Student Society, with generous door-prize donations from Elite Earth-Friendly Dry Cleaners and SPUD Organic Food Delivery.

From: "Roderick Taylor" <roddie@telus.net>

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**13. Balanced Progress - from Concept to Action**

Join Real Living Solutions' CEO and award winning innovator Colin Grant to learn how leading organizations accelerate planning, engagement and action to achieve balanced social, environmental and economic progress, with simplicity.

**When: Nov 23, 8:00 ? 10:00AM Where: Coast Capital Savings, Suite 400 - 645 Tye Road**

Cost: Free, Limited Seating

Contact: Travis Dodds at 604 733 6040 or by email ( [travisdodds@real-livingsolutions.com](mailto:travisdodds@real-livingsolutions.com) ) to reserve a spot. To learn more visit: [www.real-livingsolutions.com](http://www.real-livingsolutions.com)

Sponsor: Coast Capital Savings

From: "Values-Based Business Network" <vbn@telus.net>

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**14. PUENTE's Dance Mosaic: See the Dance and then Be the Dance**

Get Into the Action at PUENTE's Dance Mosaic: See the Dance and then Be the Dance, Live Performances then Dancing to Discs spun by DJ, Hinga Gatari.

Proceeds support PUENTE Theatre's programming for 2006.

**Thurs, Nov 24, 7pm, The Fairfield Arts Cluster, Lower Hall, Fairfield United Church, 1303 Fairfield Road (at Moss St),**

Tickets \$15, Students \$10, Available at the door.

Doors open 7 PM, Performance at 7:30PM, Dancing 8-10 PM.

Finger Food of various ethnicities included.

Info contact: Paulina Grainger, 721- 5828, [rpgrainger@shaw.ca](mailto:rpgrainger@shaw.ca) [www.puentetheatre.ca](http://www.puentetheatre.ca)

From: Rod & Paulina Grainger <rpgrainger@shaw.ca>

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**15. Why Haiti? The Ottawa Initiative or Canada's First Coup d'Etat**

**Saturday, November 26 7:30 pm Location TBA**

Why Haiti? The Ottawa Initiative or Canada's First Coup d'Etat

Speaker Jean St Vil Haitian-Canadian journalist, broadcaster, and political activist will present Nicolas Rossier's Documentary *Aristide and the Endless Revolution*.

Organized by the Victoria Peace Coalition

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About the film:

A complex historical truth emerges in Nicolas Rossier's intelligent examination revealing the oft-suppressed story of the 2004 coup d'etat in Haiti, as well as the systemic violence and human rights violations that erupted under the interim government. An interview with the deposed president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Pretoria, South Africa, is juxtaposed with the views of a wide range of supporters and critics, including US Assistant Secretary of State Roger Noriega. It is not Aristide and the Lavalas supporters who emerge looking like thugs but international interests concerned with suppressing popular democracy and ending the reforms Aristide was capable of making - despite embargoes and the need to service a debt for loans Haiti never received.

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History repeated itself in Haiti in 2004 in that the former parish priest had already been deposed as president in 1991 with CIA support. His kidnapping marked the fourth American intervention into Haiti in 90 years. This was also not the first intervention by France. In 1801, Napoleon had the leader of free Haiti, Toussant L'Ouverture, seized and deported to prison in France where he died. While faced with the strangulation of aid, Aristide had begun a campaign for reparations. This provocative investigation draws out the central place of international history in the historical poverty of Haiti.

More info on the film at [www.aristidethefilm.com](http://www.aristidethefilm.com)

Background On the Ottawa Initiative:

"Canadian Officials Initiate Planning for Military Ouster of Aristide":<http://www.haiti-progres.com/2003/sm030305/eng03-05.html>

Counterspin. Haiti in Perspective can be viewed online at:<http://counterspin.tv/article.pl?sid=04/02/27/2235249&mode=thread>

For general background information regarding the crisis, see:<http://www.dominionpaper.ca/haiti>  
<http://www.zmag.org/weluser.htm>

<http://www.coha.org>

--Susan Clarke

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From: Victoria Peace Coalition <[dolcla@islandnet.com](mailto:dolcla@islandnet.com)>

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## **16. OPEN CINEMA Partners With Restorative Justice Symposium At William Head Institution.**

November 7, 2005, Victoria, BC - The Restorative Justice Coalition will partner with OPEN CINEMA to present the 8th Annual Symposium on Restorative Justice on Saturday, November 26th. This popular groundbreaking event will take place at William Head Institution (WHI), 6000 William Head Road, in Metchosin from 9.30am until 4pm. The theme of this year's symposium is "Many Hands Make Lighter Work", which will focus on the need for community involvement helping people in prison or on parole, and assisting the professionals who are working with inmates and ex-offenders.

The symposium will kick off with a screening of the award-winning documentary *A Hard Straight* (USA 2004) followed by a facilitated open forum discussion involving all of the attendees at the symposium, including inmates. This powerful film offers an unflinching look at the temptations and frustrations faced by three parolees as they grapple with the challenges of life on the outside after long prison terms, and examines the personal and community-based resources needed to assist in the transition back into mainstream society. This thought-provoking film will provide a springboard for discussion and inquiry.

Projection equipment and expertise will be provided by local filmmaking Co-op MediaNet, who will also be providing a job-shadowing opportunity for selected inmates. MediaNet is an ongoing sponsor of OPEN CINEMA events.

Those wishing to attend the Symposium must submit a completed security clearance form to WHI (contact info below) by November 18, 2005. Attendees must be 19 years of age or older to enter the Institution without a parent or legal guardian. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.

**What:** Restorative Justice Symposium: "Many Hands Make Lighter Work" **When:** 9.30am-4pm, Sat. November 26th 2005 (Registration at 8.45am)

**Where:** William Head Institution, 6000 William Head Road, Metchosin

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**Cost: \$10 (food and refreshments provided)**

To register for the symposium, or for RJC info please contact:

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**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COALITION Background**

The purpose of the Restorative Justice Coalition at William Head Institute is to promote restorative justice dialogue that leads to better understanding, healing, and hope. Restorative Justice (RJ) is an alternative philosophical and practical framework for seeing crime and our responses to crime, and asks how the community, the offenders and the harms to victims can be healed. RJ also asks how offenders can take responsibility for the harm of their crimes. Developed in the 1970s, the popularity and application of RJ has grown rapidly in Canada and the United States and several other countries during the last decade.

The Restorative Justice Coalition is driven by inmate members and outside volunteer members and has held regular weekly meetings since 1998 and has organized an annual symposium at William Head Institution in Metchosin. The Coalition is inclusive of anyone wishing to attend, including members of the police, criminal justice, and correctional systems. The circle process is used and each meeting has a member facilitator who has learned the role by experiencing several meetings. The Coalition has one main unwritten rule for its meetings and activities:

"Always show respect for others in your presence and for yourself, even in the face of disrespect."

The Coalition is probably the first group of its kind to come into existence anywhere in the world. One of the Coalition's challenges is to develop support for people who have left their home at William Head Institution to return to the outside community of Greater Victoria.

For more information, please contact:

David Hough, Founding and Active member (250) 479-2774 houghdd@telus.net

From: Mandy Leith <mleith@islandnet.com>

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**17. Car Share Coop AGM**

VICTORIA CAR SHARE COOPERATIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th, 2pm at the DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE 75 5 PANDORA STREET**

Join other Car Share Co-op members and your dedicated board of directors for our Annual General Meeting!

We welcome you to find out more about the organization, ask questions and in particular - give us your ideas.

This will be a child-friendly event, with treats and refreshments - door prizes!

The agenda will include reports from the Board and (our new) Operations Manager, election of

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officers, and discussion and voting on resolutions.

Three spots will be opening up on the board of directors. Here's your chance to make a difference and help guide the organization through what promises to be exciting times ahead.

From: "VCSC Manager" <manager@victoriacarshare.ca>

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**18. Socially Responsible Business Practices: Positive Changes Driven by Spiritual Values**

Values-driven companies are emerging as trend setters in balancing concern for the environment and for the health of communities where they operate. The world of business is experiencing a spiritual renaissance unparalleled in recent history.

Presented by Roger Colwill co-founder of the Victoria Values-based Business Network, a mentor, guide, and coach to 6 local businesses, whose vision and goals go far beyond yesterday's maxim "Business is Business."

**When: 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, November 29 Where: UVic's Interfaith Chapel**

Contact: Henri Lock, 472-4159 [hlock@uvic.ca](mailto:hlock@uvic.ca) Part of the ongoing "Sessions in Spirituality".

For more information visit: <http://web.uvic.ca/chaplain/united/sessions.htm>

From: "Values-Based Business Network" <vbn@telus.net>

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**19. Sacred Circle Dance towards Solstice WHEN: Thursday, December 1 from 7-9 PM**

WHERE:

**Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone Avenue in Victoria**

HOW:

**Admission by donation**

. All ages welcome. No experience required.

WHY:

to celebrate the changing seasons and the cycles of our lives and wild nature, to remind us of the strength and unity of circles in nature, in our lives, families and communities

WHO: for more info contact Betsy Nuse (592-2848) or Maureen Wild (642-3546)

From: "Betsy Nuse" <bnuse@islandnet.com>

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**20. ACTIONS for an OIL FREE COAST in BC**

1. Help Maintain the Moratorium on Oil and Gas Development off Canada's Pacific Coast!

The WCWC's campaign to maintain the thirty year-old federal moratorium on coastal oil and gas development in B.C. is entering into an extremely

crucial period. The federal government could make a decision before the soon-coming federal election. Please take part in the following:

**a) AERIAL ART PROTEST, NOVEMBER 22:** The WCWC Club at the University of Victoria will be hosting an aerial art event by the fountain in front of

the campus library. A hundred people are needed to stand in formation of the words "Oil Free Coast" while a photo is taken overhead. There will

be speakers, music, and food. If you want to become a part of this awesome activity please contact Ziya He of the UVIC WCWC Club at

[sincerehzy@hotmail.com](mailto:sincerehzy@hotmail.com)

**b) NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION, NOVEMBER 23 (NOTE: Previously Nov.24):**

APOLOGIES for changing the date. The Wilderness Committee is organizing

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a National Day of Action for an Oil Free Pacific Coast. We need groups of people outside federal Liberal offices across Canada giving out information on offshore oil and gas development, getting people to write letters to their federal Member of Parliament (MP), and gathering signatures on petitions. You don't have to have a federal Liberal MP in your area to participate, any public location will do! The point is to speak with as many people as possible about how offshore oil and gas development will impact the BC coast. If you want to get more information on how you can help with the National Day of Action, contact Jen Mackay, WCWC Campaign Intern at the Victoria office (250) 388-9292 or email [jen@wildernesscommitteevictoria.org](mailto:jen@wildernesscommitteevictoria.org)

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2.  
**LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN FOR OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT - PLEASE TAKE PART!**

In addition to the outreach activities mentioned above, it is vital that we flood federal government offices with letters from the public encouraging them to make the right decision on offshore oil and gas development. Please send a quick email to the following government officials and let them know whether or not they should ban oil and gas development off the coast of BC. Your letters make an incredible difference to the success of our campaigns!

**WRITE TO:**

a) David Emerson, Minister of Industry: [Emerson.D@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Emerson.D@parl.gc.ca) b) Prime Minister Paul Martin: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca) c) Stephane Dion,

Minister of Environment: [Dion.S@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Dion.S@parl.gc.ca)

d) Geoff Regan, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans: [Regan.G@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Regan.G@parl.gc.ca)

Or, better yet, send them all a hardcopy letter at: House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6 {no postage required if mailed in Canada}.

**Thursday, Nov.17:New Volunteer Meeting for Forest Activists and Marine Activists!**

Are you interested in helping the WCWC's campaigns to protect our ancient forests and our coastal marine ecosystems? Please come to a presentation about the WCWC as an organization, on the ecology and politics of BC's forests and marine waters, and about what you can do to help protect Wild BC! We need researchers, office staff, and outreach volunteers. Meet the WCWC staff members Ken Wu, Cassbreea Dewis, Alex Watson, Jen Mackay, and other volunteers!

**Thursday, Nov.17, 7-9 pm, WCWC office, 651 Johnson St., Victoria**

From: "WCWC Vic" <[wc2vic@island.net](mailto:wc2vic@island.net)>

~~~~~ 21. **MONEY MONEY MONEY**

We need to know more about Money - who creates it - who controls it. The manipulation of the form and power of money - it's various forms from the primary concept of a standard unit of exchange to ease barter and trade in goods - to the philosophical definition as a currency or scrip issued by a government for the common good, based on trust and confidence, and

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acceptable at par for the payment of taxes - to the present day
bastardised commodity bought and sold in its own right, - is a subject
deliberately concealed and obfuscated through false economic doctrines by
those who profit from peoples ignorance. It is time to take the covers
off and shine some light on the critically important and darkly hidden
secret life of Money.

Come hear international authority and speaker Bill Krehm, Editor of the COMER Journal, speak
on this vital subject. Bring your questions.

- Why do we pay some 26% of Federal Tax revenue as interest to the private banks and
agencies when we could be using our own Government
owned Bank of Canada to hold our federal debt virtually interest free?

- Who is controlling or even looking at the gambling in derivatives by the banks, trust
companies, mutual funds and stock market operators which then create massive debts and
losses which we have to bail out by taxes?

- Is your pension secure?

- Do you know that the cure lies sleeping, in the Bank of Canada Act?

VENUES FOR JOINT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Nov 15/05- Tuesday : Ottawa, Ont- Public Meeting.

Tuesday November 15, 2005 384 Bank Street Ottawa 7pm - doors open at 6:30pm.

Organizer: Robert Cooper, candidate , Ottawa Centre mail: info@adhd.foundation.ca phone:
613-233-3226

toll free 1-866-919-0063

Nov 23/05 - Wednesday: Prince George, B.C. Public Meeting

U.N.B.C. Canfor Theatre 7:00 PM

Organizer : Bev Collins, Candidate Prince George E mail : "bev collins" <bev_collins@hotmail.com> Tel: 250 962 8695

Nov 25- Fri: Vancouver , BC Public Meeting

Mount Pleasant Community Centre 800 East Broadway Vancouver BC 7:30 pm

Organizer : Isabel Minty , member 604 266 5153

Nov 26/05- Saturday : Surrey, BC Public Meeting Guildford Library 15105 -105th Ave. Surrey BC

2:00 pm

Organizer : Pat Meloy, CAP member and organizer pmeloy@shaw.ca pager 604 623 0687

Nov 27/05 Sunday, Victoria Fisher Building, Room 100 Camosun College Foul Bay Road and Lansdown

:00 pm. to 5:00 pm

Admission by donation to cover room rental, insurance and P.A. system (suggested \$5, students \$1.)

Organizer: Derek Skinner , COMER member, and former CAP candidate, email:
dj76is@shaw.ca tel: 250 381 7553

Nov 28, 2005, Monday evening , Gabriola Island

LEFT COAST EVENTS - Victoria & Islands - Nov 14th 05

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Connie Fogal and Bill Krehm will present immediately following a short Film produced by Paul Grignon and United Financial Consumers, ufc.ca, Money As Debt

tentative details : AGI Hall or Community Centre or Women's Institute 7:00 pm

Organizers: Paul Grignon, videographer and internet reporter, Tel: 250247 8350; Jeff Warr, candidate Nanaimo Cowichan , CAP/PAC, e-mail:

jeffwarr1@hotmail.com, mobile tel: 250 739 8863; and Marc Bombois, CAP

Vice President, former candidate.

Nov 29/05 Tuesday Port Alberni BCHansen Hall 3940 Johnston St. 7-9pm

Organizers: Stephen Bradley and Jen Bradley, mayoralty candidate, Port Alberni, e mail:

Jen and Stephen Bradley <valjean@shaw.ca>

Nov 30/05 Wednesday Nanaimo BC

Connie Fogal and Bill Krehm will present immediately following a short film produced by Paul Grignon and United Financial Consumers, ufc.ca, Money As Debt

St. Pauls Church 100 Chapel St. 7-9 pm.

Organizer: Jeff Warr CAP candidate, Nanaimo- Cowichan, e mail :jeffwarr1@hotmail.com, mobile tel: 250 739 8863

Dec 01 /05 Thursday , Duncan ,B.C.

Connie Fogal and Bill Krehm will present immediately following a short film produced by Paul Grignon and United Financial Consumers, ufc.ca, Money As Debt

Venue and time to be determined

Organizers: Bill and Celia Abrams, COMER , E mail: wmabram@uniserve.com, Tel: (250) 748-8992

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS, PLEASE CALL OR E MAIL THE ORGANIZERS IN EACH VENUE. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TELEPHONE HEAD OFFICE OR TELEPHONE OR E MAIL CONNIE FOR THAT INFORMATION.

MEDIA MAY REACH CONNIE AND/OR BILL KREHM VIA CONNIE'S CELL PHONE :(778)891-4919 OR VIA THE ORGANIZERS IN EACH VENUE

Canadian Action Party/ Parti Action Canadienne

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www.canadianactionparty.ca

Connie Fogal, leader of CAP writes:

Did you know we are losing our capacity to utilize our own Bank of Canada as a result of a trilateral arrangement in process that will strip

Canada, USA ,and Mexico of their respective sovereign capacities over their money supply?

"Did you know our three levels of government in Canada are facilitating the creation of a North American Union of Canada, USA, and Mexico

Under the Direction of 150 of Canada's leading Corporations, the CCCE?"

"Did you know: That the enforcement mechanism for the North American Union is a police state? That its tools are "anti-terrorist" laws?

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That anti terrorist laws strip the citizens of civil liberties?

Do you know why? Did you know it is to prevent dissent against the new regime?

Did you know that the camouflage is 'security', 'safety'?"

I would like to talk to you about these matters. I would like to discuss the facts of how our own government is facilitating the metamorphosis of

Canada into a North American Union which sabotages the independence and sovereignty of Canada, and tears asunder the core of our constitutional protections and rights. I would like to present to you information that shows that the chief executive officers of 150 of the largest corporations of Canada pull the strings in Ottawa from which dangle all the representative parties, and especially the Liberals and the Conservatives.

On the website of the the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, the CCCE, posted or updated November 2, 2005 as News and Information, there is a

discussion paper released April 2004. There you can see that the chief executives of the 150 leading corporations of Canada are the puppet-masters manipulating the strings of the politicians to dance to the tune of the corporations. The choice of words of the puppet-masters discloses their attitude that corporations do indeed rule the continent, and certainly that the 150 from the CCCE are shaping and directing the decisions for Canada - not in the people's interest, but in the interest of the corporations.

The CCCE spearheaded the FTA and NAFTA. Their current project is called The North American Security and Prosperity Initiative (NASPI). They are developing a strategy for shaping Canada's future within North America and Beyond. They announced the project in January 2003.

See: http://www.ceocouncil.ca/en/view/?document_id=365&area_id=7

In April of 2004 the CCCE disclosed that both the Martin Liberals and the Harper Conservatives support the CCCE initiative for a North American

structure that will serve the corporate agenda. . The CCCE paper states:

"While 2004 will bring elections in both Canada and the United States, political interest in new approaches to North America crosses partisan

boundaries. Prime Minister Paul Martin has made clear his intention to reinvigorate Canada's relationship with the United States as part of a broader strategy for strengthening Canada's influence in the world. Stephen Harper, the new leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, has called for a continental "strategic partnership", one that would link freer flows of goods, services, labour, capital and technology with improvements in continental security."

Martin (Canada) , Bush (USA) and Fox (Mexico) signed The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America in March 2005.

In June 2005 the top ministers of the three countries reported to their leaders in a document called The Report of Ministers to the Leaders -SPP-

North America June 2005

See: <http://www.fac-aec.gc.ca/SPP-report.PDF>

It is signed by three ministers from each of Canada USA and Mexico. For Canada they are :

Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; David Emerson, Minister of

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Industry; and Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs. They begin their report by saying that the leaders on March 23, 2005 asked their Ministers to create an architecture to enhance the security of North America. This report shows how these Ministers are emasculating Canada to make it a gravy train for corporations and a sweat shop for the people. Every single discontent you have about the loss of benefits for Canadians and the erosion of our way of life is rooted here- from the dismantling and de-funding of our Medicare and hospitalization to the funding of a war economy . It is not true that we have no money for our cherished way of life and social programs. The truth is the Liberals and the Conservatives have the will to dismantle it, not to protect, preserve and deliver it. The NDP have some will, but have no spirit, no fire in the belly. The Bloc Quebecois appears to welcome any movement that would facilitate Quebec's separation from Canada.

All of them refuse to utilize our hidden jewel, our own Bank of Canada. Why? Because to do so would be to emasculate the corporate agenda.

I would like to share with you my conviction that contrary to the corporate view, it does not have to be that way. Ignorance is our enemy. The path out of this mess is not just knowledge and information; not just more exposure of the lies and deception of our reigning political parties . The route out is via a legitimate political vehicle- an action plan- The Canadian Action Party.

From: Connie Fogal <conniefogal@telus.net> (by way of Alan Rycroft <rycroft@SunshineCommunications.ca>)

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From: Derek Skinner <dj76is@shaw.ca>

*regarding the upcoming talks on Money and North American Union, by Bill Krehm and Connie Fogal on Nov.27th -2.00-5.00pm at Camosun College, Fisher Bldg, Room 100 (these are confirmed date and location - flyers to follow), we need a few angels in theatrical terminology. The cost of room, insurance, P.A. system will be in the order of \$500 and it is quite possible that donations at the door will not cover that. We need a few people to pledge \$20 or \$50 by cheque (payable to me .) or by cash at the door. Unfortunately I, as organiser, cannot give receipts for tax purposes. If we manage to get an excess we can partially refund to donors or pass on to Bill and Connie to cover their personal expenses for travel, accomodation etc.*

*What do you think, ? D.J. Skinner phone 381-7553 103-920 Park Blvd. Victoria, V8V 2T3*

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It is impossible to simultaneously protect, and print on, ancient forests. Victoria Street Newz - <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>

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**"Mercy to animals means mercy to [hu]mankind."**

**Henry Bergh, 1866 - founder, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

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