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**1. MOVIE MONDAY**

**6:30 Monday Mar 21** HE WON'T GET FAR ON FOOT (26min) & CRUMB (119min)

Documentaries about two notorious cartoonists, John Callahan and Robert Crumb. Both have had difficult lives. Both "outsider artists" have entertained us and challenged us as well. The CRUMB doc is totally engrossing, "not so much due to the extensive parade of Crumb's work that is displayed, but more to the cast of characters inhabiting this strange,

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strange world."Warning: Some politically incorrect and downright disturbing images. R

**6:30 pm Eric Martin Pavilion, Jubilee Hospital (Fort & Richmond)**

by donation

More info - 595-FLIC or <http://www.islandnet.com/mm>

**Mar 28** Easter Monday NAPOLEON DYNAMITEA popular new release that "is highly ironic, self-mocking, merciless run of sight gags and one liners with no apparent purpose other than to get laughs at the expense of its main characters, especially the [the decidedly odd] Napoleon, a fit stand-in for everyone who's ever felt like a socially inept outcast trapped in the hell of high school." Even the cinematography and editing is flat-footed, but if you hang on to the end, and the postscript, you will be amply rewarded. Pg

<http://www2.foxsearchlight.com/napoleondynamite/>

From: Bruce Saunders <bruces@islandnet.com>

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## **2. VICTORIA PEACE COALITION**

The strike is over and we are back to our usual location.

Next Victoria Peace Coalition Meeting

**Monday March 217:30 pm**

**BCGEU, 2994 Douglas Room 3, main floor**

On the agenda is the upcoming visit of unembedded journalist Dahr Jamail who has spent 8 months in Iraq. He will be showing footage of Fallujah. We are planning Roundtable 3: Iraq and the Media as well as a public event. Report on medical aid to Iraq.

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.

Susan Clarke

Ph: 250-478-69062180 Cranleigh Place Victoria V8R 1E2

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

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## **3. EQUINOX AT THE SOLSTICE CAFE**

BC Sustainable Energy Association next meeting is:

**Monday 21 March 2005 Solstice Cafe - 529 Pandora Ave (near Market Square) 7-9pm**

On the Agenda:

An Evening of Politics and Sustainable Energy

A presentation from our very own Bruce Mackenzie on "Peak Oil" and

We have Steve Filipovic, Green Party candidate for Victoria-Hillside, to answer our questions

and have a discussion on sustainable energy and politics. Bring your questions and your

enthusiasm to what will be an evening with an interesting discussion. Come and get to know one of the candidates in the upcoming provincial election and what the Green Party has to say about sustainable energy. Don't miss this great opportunity!

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Naomi Devine Chair - Victoria Chapter BC Sustainable Energy Association [www.bcsea.org/victoria](http://www.bcsea.org/victoria)

From: Naomi Devine <nsdevine@mac.com>

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**4. IMPROV COMEDY** Victoria - Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Productions are proud to present The MILK JUGernauts.

The Milk Juggernauts appear **every Tuesday night from 8:00 - 10:00 pm at the Old Bailey Pub, 777 Courtenay Street.**

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The Milk Juggernauts are a weekly improvised comedy show featuring some of the best talent from Victoria and Vancouver Island. Each week audience ideas help to direct the performance. The cost is FREE but the laughter is PRICELESS!

From: Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Productions <laughs@spiltmilkcomedy.com>

### 5. FROM CHARITY TO JUSTICE

Building a Faith Based Response to Poverty

**Tuesday, March 22, 2005: 3:30 - 5:30 pm University of Victoria: Harry Hickman Building - Room 110 -**

Michael Polanyi, Coordinator of Social Development Program for Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Initiatives will be leading this workshop. Come learn, reflect and share ideas about:

? the current state of poverty in Canada? our calling as people of faith to respond to poverty ? new

opportunities for faith based anti-poverty action

To register call 721-8338 or email chaplain@uvic.ca. For more information please contact Henri Lock, hlock@uvic.ca or 472-4159. Sponsored by University of Victoria Interfaith Chaplains Services.

Interfaith Chaplaincy Services at the University of Victoria (In Liaison with Student and Ancillary Services) Room 151 Campus Services

Building

Email:

chaplain@uvic.ca

Ph

one: 721-8338

Website:

<http://web@uvic.ca/chaplain>

### 6. GENOCIDE OF FIRST NATIONS IN CANADA, YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Presented by The Indigenous Studies Department at the University of Victoria presents:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 7:30 pm David Lam Auditorium, McLaurin Bldg. University of Victoria**

Admission is Free

Speakers include:

Indigenous men and women who survived experiments and torture at Indian residential schools and hospitals on Vancouver Island

Kevin Annett, M.A., M.Div., community educator, author and documenter of genocide in residential schools\*

Vincent Watts, Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Walk

Please notify your networks about this important event, which will serve as an organizing meeting for the **National Aboriginal Holocaust Memorial Day on April 15, 2005.**

For more information leave a message at: 1-888-265-1007 or phone 250-753-3345 or email:

kevinannett@yahoo.ca

or see this website:

[www.hiddenfromhistory.org](http://www.hiddenfromhistory.org)

<http://uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/events.htm#FirstNations>

\* "Hidden from History: The Canadian Holocaust" (2001) and "Love and Death in the Valley"

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(2002) can be found

at these websites:

[www.1stbooks.com/bookview/11639](http://www.1stbooks.com/bookview/11639)<http://canadiangenocide.nativeweb.org>

From: Kevin Annett <[kevinannett@yahoo.ca](mailto:kevinannett@yahoo.ca)>

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## 7. ARCHBISHOP ROMERO

Archbishop Romero - Video and Commemoration

**Date: Thursday, March 24th**

**Place: Room 216 Young Bld. Camosun College Lansdowne Campus** **Time: 7:00pm**

FREE ADMISSION

This year is the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. A new documentary made by a German couple was released in 2003, this documentary provides new information on the ones responsible for this heinous crime.

Come and join the FMLN, CASC, and the other sponsor organizations and the Salvadoran community to remember this Salvadoran martyr.

Impunity is a crime. It is illegal to forget.

From: [dbashaw@telus.net](mailto:dbashaw@telus.net)

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## 8. HOW LANGUAGE IS USED TO FRAME POLITICAL DEBATE

 Discussion-How Language Is Used to Frame Political Debate

**Thursday, March 24th at the View Royal Community Hall 279 The Old Island Highway (opposite View Royal Firehall)**

at

**7:00 p.m.**

Facilitator: May Partridge: "We will then take some time to look at some material used in anti-union workshops by a particular health care corporation. These kinds of uses of language, plus other examples, should provide us with plenty of stimulus to think about how we can construct our own, more positive language to speak for the policies we believe in."

Everyone welcome.

Sponsored by the Esquimalt Juan de Fuca Federal NDP Riding Association  
From: Elizabeth Woods <[elizabethwoods@shaw.ca](mailto:elizabethwoods@shaw.ca)>

*\* editor's note: I get confused when folks say 'the Americans' are doing this or that in Iraq, or 'the Germans' did this or that during WWII. It's not 'the Americans' and 'the Germans', it's 'the American Government' and 'the German Government'. A very important distinction, I think, so as not to be nationalist.*

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## 9. JAMMERS YOUTH COFFEE HOUSE

Cowichan Folk Guild presents the 3rd Jammers Youth Coffee House

**Thursday, March 24 - Duncan Garage Showroom 201 - 330 Duncan St., Duncan**

Open Mic:

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Performance by "freedom toast":

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

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"freedom toast"

Raised in the Cowichan Valley, perhaps standing on the edge of History, freedom toast will be headlining the upcoming Jammers Youth Coffeehouse, under the auspices of the Cowichan Folk Guild, on March 24.

freedom toast has been playing together for two years and is comprised of Cowichan Secondary students Trevor Davies, Delean Ellerbeck, Andrew Kent and David Convery. Their rich and unusual sound has been influenced by The Grateful Dead, Nine Inch Nails, Radiohead, Frank Zappa and Pink Floyd, among others. They describe mainstream music as "an onslaught of pink bubblegum and fizzy soda", yet theirs is sublimely listenable and interesting. Their own music they modestly describe as "life-altering, bubble-popping, cloud-blooming feeling/sound/idea/memory". This amazing sound is expressed on keyboard, guitar, bass and drums, with female and male vocals.

Most of their performing experience has been here in the Cowichan Valley where they have amassed a dedicated following.

You can hear them for yourself at the Duncan Garage Showroom from 8:30 to 9:30.

freedom toast's performance will be preceded by a two-hour Open Stage from 6:30 to 8:30. Young people are welcome to get up and show the world what they can do or just listen, enjoy and maybe find the nerve to try next time.

Who knows? It might be the start of a great career!

Admission is \$5.00, free for Cowichan Folk Guild members.

Phone 748-3975 for more information or visit our website at [www.folkfest.bc.ca](http://www.folkfest.bc.ca)

We respect your privacy. This email has been sent to you because we thought that you might be interested in receiving notices of various Cowichan Folk Guild musical presentations from time to time. We will never release your email address to an outside party. If you do not wish to receive further emails from us, kindly email [info@folkfest.bc.ca](mailto:info@folkfest.bc.ca) and we will remove you from our lists.

Islands Folk Festival

July 22, 23 & 24, 2005

P.O. Box 802

Duncan, BC V9L 3Y1 [www.folkfest.bc.ca](http://www.folkfest.bc.ca)

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### 10. **BUILDING BRIDGES IN CHIAPAS, MEXICO**

We are looking for people who are interested in volunteering as Human Rights Observers in Chiapas or doing equally valuable support work in Canada.

At the session you will learn non-violence skills, conflict de-escalation skills, cultural sensitivity, the role of a human rights observer, political situation/history of Chiapas and get an understanding the Zapatista movement.

**NEXT TRAINING SESSION:**

**When: March 25-28, 2005 Where: A camp near Vancouver (cabins, not tents) - alcohol and drug free camp**

Cost: \$50 - 150 depending on ability to pay - includes accommodation, all meals, training workshops and training manual.

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If you want an application form for the training or more information, please e-mail:

[building@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:building@vcn.bc.ca)

When accepted, the new volunteer observer will receive a letter of recommendation to present to the Fray Bartolome Human Rights Centre and/or Enlace Civil in Chiapas.

If you are interested in any aspect of this project, or for more information, please contact us at:

[building@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:building@vcn.bc.ca)

<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/building/bbinvolve.htm>

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## **11. COMEDY AND KIDS**

VICTORIA - You and your child's ideas, creativity and talent will take flight on the last Sunday of every month when Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre presents their FAMILY FUN SERIES. Our audience driven shows allow your child's ideas to come to life onstage before your eyes. Come on and join in the festival like atmosphere as you share an afternoon of laughter with your family!

**o 2:00 pmo The last Sunday of this month is March 27th @ 2:00 pm ( The next performance is Sunday April 24th @ 2:00 pm, then Sunday May 29th and so on?).**

**o You can find us at the Gibson Auditorium, ( room 216 of the Young Bldg. on Camosun Lansdowne Campus).**

o Book your tickets early by calling GORDON HEAD RECREATION @ 475-7100.? Early registration for a family of 6 is \$25.00 or \$5.00/person by calling Gordon Head Recreation @ 475-7100. ?

Admission at the door is \$8/Adults & \$6.00/children.

? Children 3 and under are free.

For information about other Spilt Milk projects please contact us at 479-3374 or email us at [lahs@spiltmilkcomedy.com](mailto:lahs@spiltmilkcomedy.com)

You will laugh until the cows come home!

Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Productions specialize in interactive theatre: Educational Entertainment for Children

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From: Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Productions <laughs@spiltmilkcomedy.com>

### 12. □ MICHAEL DUNAHEE - KEEP THE HOPE ALIVE

This years event is scheduled to take place this coming Easter Weekend. So if you haven't made any plans and are looking for something to do with your family after the usual Easter egg hunts, then come and join our family at the

#### **Esquimalt Recreation Centre on Sunday March 27, 2005.**

Registration begins at 9am with the 5km run/walk taking off at 10am. The route is through scenic Esquimalt which is in full bloom right now. **For those looking for a little more fun we always have the dance which is on Friday March 25th.**

#### **Where: Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser Street**

Cost: \$10/person Dance to "That 70's Band" Tickets available through me or at the Donair Shop, 1243 Esquimalt Road. Tickets are going fast.

\*\*\*\* Share this with your friends.

Crystal

From: Crystal Dunahee <dunahee@shaw.ca>

### 13. □ AN EVENING OF GLOBAL UPRISING

Black Cat Productions presents "An Evening of Global Uprising"

Black Cat Productions comes back to Vancouver Island next week with the documentary film THE FOURTH WORLD WAR, the latest from award-winning filmmakers Big Noise Films (This Is What Democracy Looks Like, Zapatista).

Narrated by Tony Award winner Suheir Hammad and Singer Michael Franti of Spearhead, it is an inspiring story of hope and human connection in the face of a war that shatters and divides. From the front lines of struggles in Mexico, Argentina, South Africa, Palestine, Korea, Seattle, Genova, New York and Iraq, The Fourth World War is the untold human story of men and women who resist being annihilated in the current global conflict. This film shows dramatic and inspiring footage of people's resistance to tyranny and repression across the globe.

[For more info see <http://www.bignoisefilms.com/4ww/index.htm>]

Opening the evening the film JUNE 18 will be screened. An historic event, the "Carnival Against Capitalism" on June 18, 1999 was the precursor to the WTO protests and police riots in Seattle in Dec. later that same year. It was also the first major international day of action as hundreds of thousands of people turned out to shut down financial centres across the globe in protest of the G8 meeting in Cologne. See <http://bak.spc.org/j18/site/> for more info.

#### **TOUR DETAILS**

March 28 - GABRIOLA ISLAND Gabriola Community Hall Doors at 7:00 PM; Films at 7:30 Admission \$10 (\$8 low-income)

March 29 - NANAIMO Malaspina University Bldg. 356, Room 109 Doors at 6:45 PM; Films at 7:15 Admission \$8 (\$5 students and low-income) \*

Presented in association with Worldbridger Film Series

March 30 - DUNCAN Duncan Garage Showroom 201-330 Duncan St. Doors at 7:00 PM; Films at 7:30 Admission \$10 (\$8

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low-income)

March 31 - VICTORIA Fernwood Community Association 1923 Fernwood Rd. Doors at 7:00 PM;  
Films at 7:30 Admis

sion \$10 (\$8 low-income)

For more information call 604-886-2780 or email blackcat@resist.ca.

From: "black.cat" <blackcat@resist.ca>

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#### 14. SHARING COMMON GROUND

Women's Conference Focuses on Success in a Sustainable Natural Resources Economy  
For Immediate Release:

February 14, 2005 - Campbell River, BC - Women from diverse regions and economic sectors throughout BC will gather in Parksville next month to explore the challenges and successes of working in a sustainable natural resources economy.

The Women of Resource Communities Conference will be an opportunity for women working and living in BC's resource communities to hear from a panel of prominent women in oil and gas, mining, forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, communications and leadership coaching, and to establish networks.

"We really want to focus on the theme *'Sharing Common Ground? Women Exploring the Challenges and Successes of Working with a Sustainable Economy.*

That way, participants will get the chance to discuss common challenges, share in their success stories and learn how natural resource communities are working for a sustainable future? environmentally, socially, economically," said

*First Dollar Alliance*

co-Founder Barb Walker.

"We know through work by Urban Futures Research Group and others that two-thirds of B.C.'s export income is earned by the province's traditional resource sectors of forestry, mining, fishing, energy and agriculture," Walker said.

"We also know that resources play the dominant role in earning the money that ultimately pays for health care, education and social services," Walker said. "So the conference will include discussions on how we can raise the broader population's level of awareness for the key economic role resource communities play for the BC economy -- how we can more effectively communicate the message that we work in a sustainable and crucial resource economy."

The conference is to be held:

**March 31st to April 2nd Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, Spa & Conference Centre Parksville, BC**

Delegates can expect to hear from leaders such as *The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Health Services and Deputy Premier* and  
*Donna Barnett, Mayor of 100 Mile House.*

In addition,

*Tsimshian First Nation Executive Director Teresa Ryan*

will share her views on the resource economy from a First Nations perspective, and  
*Renate Weiler*

, founder of

*Executive Mentors*

, founding Executive Director of

*eWomenNetwork, Canada*

and author of





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**Date:** Tuesday, April 5th, 2005

**Time:** 12:30 ? 2:30 p.m. **Location:** SUB 110B

The UVSP is undertaking some changes to our annual cycle, which will help to match the organization up with the student academic year. One of the key changes will be changing the date of elections from November/December to March/April. We believe this will give people, especially 1st year students, a chance to find out about the UVSP and get to know what the organization is all about, before decided whether or not to run for the board. It will also allow new boards to plan and budget more effectively during the summer, and get started on projects earlier in the fall.

Agenda:

- 1- Special Resolution: 4-month extension of current board term (until March/April 2006).
- 2- By-Elections for Board Vacancies.

Contact: [uvsp@uvic.ca](mailto:uvsp@uvic.ca) - 721-7355 - <http://uvsp.uvic.ca> - SUB B007

From: [uvsp@uvic.ca](mailto:uvsp@uvic.ca)

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**19. OPEN CINEMA, In The Shadow of Gold Mountain and Head Tax**

14/03/05 Victoria, BC - On Tuesday, April 5th, OPEN CINEMA will commemorate the traditional Chinese Ancestors' Spring Renewal Festival, Ching Ming, with the Victoria premiere screening of a new National Film Board documentary, *In The Shadow Of Gold Mountain*, which will be followed by a discussion about the Head Tax Redress Movement with UVic Professor Emeritus and Order of Canada recipient Dr. David Lai, and Victoria City Councillor Charlayne Thornton Joe in attendance.

This moving documentary, directed by Karen Cho, sheds light on an era that shaped the identity of generations of Chinese in Canada. From 1885 until 1947, while Canada encouraged and rewarded immigration from Europe, it imposed laws that singled out the Chinese as unwanted and unwelcome. Cho's film, a rich melding of history, poetry and raw emotion, takes her from Montreal to Vancouver to uncover stories from the last living survivors of the *Chinese Head Tax and Exclusion Act*.

At the centre of the film are personal accounts of extraordinary Chinese Canadians who survived an era that threatened to eradicate their entire community. With deeply moving testimonials, it reveals the profound ways in which this history still casts its shadow.

"Head Tax Redress is still a disputed and divided issue in the Chinese Canadian community." says Dr Lai, who has carried out extensive research on the Head Tax. "*In The Shadow Of Gold Mountain* illustrates

effectively the opinions of those people who want individual compensation but it does not show the opinions of a greater majority of the Chinese Canadians." Dr Lai will be on hand to discuss these issues after the screening, along with Vancouver's Sid Chow Tan, a director of the Chinese Canadian National Council, and a member of its National Redress Committee. For information about the Chinese Canadian Redress Campaign, visit

<http://www.ccnc.ca/>

or

<http://www.redress.ca>

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What: OPEN CINEMA presents *In the Shadow of Gold Mountain*

**When:** 7pm, Tuesday, April 5th, 2005 (Doors open at 5.00pm) **Where:** Hermann's Jazz Club, 753 View Street (for dinner reservations call 388-9166)

Cost: Suggested \$5 donation

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[ corporate privatization doesn't guarantee personal privacy. ] Victoria Street Newz - [ <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org> ]

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"This is the hardest thing I've ever had to deal with ... I will never stop speaking the truth."

*Tre Arrow, March 7th 2005, from the North Fraser Pretrail Centre - a year and a day after being imprisoned without being charged.*

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