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* From: "Jane P. Brett" <jbrett@shaw.ca>

Just say "No" to War every Wednesday at noon with the Wednesday Peace Vigil. We are opposed to the idea that war solves anything. We know that war kills kids. Please come take a stand with us for any part of the hour at the Cenotaph at the Legislature some Wednesday soon (Belleville & Government). Meeting weekly since October 2001 when Canadian forces joined in support of the "humanitarian bombing" of Afghanistan. (Note: We no longer meet at 7:00 pm.)
Jane Brett <jbrett@shaw.ca> 477-1944

* From: "Bob Wilson" <BWilson@heu.org>

Attention all community members - We have some critical issues to talk about at Community to End All Homelessness meetings - Wednesdays at 7pm at Silver Threads/1740 Douglas St (at Herald St).

* From: Open Dharma <opendharmabc@yahoo.com>

Open Dharma weekly deep relaxation and meditation sessions continue on Wednesdays at 7 pm (sharp!) at the James Bay New Horizons Senior Centre, 234 Menzies (between Simcoe and Michigan). Mats are provided, but please bring a pillow and light blanket. Admission fee \$5. For more information, contact OpenDharmaBC@yahoo.com

* Falun Dafa (meditation) at Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone, Wednesdays, 5-7 pm. Also, Saturdays and Sundays, 10-noon, across from Beacon Hill petting zoo - all winter. Free, everyone welcome. 995-1494, faluninfo.net

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* From: colleen deroache <cderoache@hotmail.com>

Parents of Apprehended Children support group meets every Friday from 1pm to 3pm at the Blanshard Community Center. Contact Colleen Deroache at 250-857-7404.

* The Victoria Folk Music Society offers live music every Sunday night at 7:30 pm, 1110 Hillside. Info: <http://victoriafolkmusic.ca/>

* Victoria's Food Not Bombs is searching for volunteers to help prepare, cook, and clean-up on Sundays. Serve your community, and eat good food. 383-5144 extension 1940.

* From: "Volunteer Coordinator" <vol4cfuv@uvic.ca>

CFUV has a table at the Rebel Rebel X-mas Craft Fair which takes place at the Events Centre on Broad, November 27th, 28th, and 29th.

* From: naomi simpson <nijomisimpsoni@yahoo.ca>

New Orleans Jazz

<http://www.bastionjazzband.com/>

Every Sunday night from 6pm - 9pm @ The Blethering Place Oak Bay Ave & Monteray. near Theatre Alley

* From: James Christian <medicalherbalist@yahoo.ca>

The website for that father and daughter that are biking across Canada is www.anasia.ca They have their email address there. They might be worth contacting to see if anyone can help them through your network?

* From: andy sinats <andy@sinats.ca>

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Here is an interview by Chomsky where he relates an interesting history of independent newspapers in England and the US:

<http://www.venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/2659>

* From: derek skinner <dj76is@shaw.ca>

Interview with Aaron Russo, Fighting Cancer and the New World Order

<http://www.freedomtofascism.com/interviews/interviews.html>

* From: lee hamer <bluesharpca@yahoo.ca>

I AM OFFERING A SPECIAL RATE OF ONLY \$20.00 PER HOUR FOR GUITAR AND OR HARMONICA LESSONS. THIS IS A SPECIAL OFFER FOR YOUR READERS. (my normal rate is \$30.00, and this rate will be going up to \$40.00 in the new year.) I HOPE THERE ARE SOME READERS OF STREETNEWZ WHO WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER! I HAVE A FEW OPENINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS only. ANYONE INTERESTED CAN EMAIL ME AT bluesharpca@yahoo.ca . MY SPECIAL RATE OF ONLY \$20.00 PER HOUR ENDS DECEMBER 20TH, 2007. THEN MY REGULAR LOW RATE OF \$30.00 PER HOUR KICKS IN. THE CURRENT RATE IN THE GREATER VIC AREA FOR SUCH LESSONS IS \$45.00 AND UP.

* From: derek skinner <dj76is@shaw.ca>

This is one of the most chilling lines of thought I have read lately.

http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=103x318837

* From: "Brasscheck TV" <news@brasschecktv.com>

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Over the weekend, over 20,000 people protested at Ft. Benning, the home of the School of the Americas. Anyone who thinks torture is a "new" US policy is misinformed.

<http://www.brasschecktv.com/page/204.html>

* from: coolwater4animals@yahoo.ca

<http://4thtime.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.geocities.com/coolwater4animals/>

<http://www.rabble.ca/rpn/podcast.php?id=cool>

* From: "No One is Illegal-Vancouver" <noii-van@resist.ca>

People's History of Kanada Posters are now available *

\$10 at the People's Co-op Bookstore, 1391 Commercial Drive, near Kitchener.
Information: (604)-253-6442 or www.peoplescoopbookstore.com

We are also working out details with other local bookstores; in addition, if you would like posters and aren't near the People's Co-op, please call 604 875-8455 or email noii-van@resist.ca to see what we can arrange. We also sell the posters at our events.

*** Check out our website: <http://noii-van.resist.ca> for frequent news updates.

* From: stephena@sfu.ca [mailto:stephena@sfu.ca]

Attached and linked below is the press release for the upcoming CRTC protest, please distribute widely.

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Groups urge CRTC to protect Canadian media from foreign takeover:

<http://democraticmedia.ca/news-item/groups-urge-crtc-protect-canadian-media-from-foreign-takeover>

Keep it Canadian action page:

<http://democraticmedia.ca/canadian>

* From: Karin Scarth <kscarth@icavictoria.org>

We now have the 2008 Multifaith Calendars for sale. At \$18 for members, \$20 for non-members, they are a great way to support ICA's programs. For more information, please check our website:

<http://www.icavictoria.org/multifaith.htm>

And here is a message from the Royal BC Museum: Today we launched the website for our upcoming BC 150 exhibit called Free Spirit: Stories of You, Me & BC. To learn more about this upcoming exhibit that we have been talking about, please visit our website at <http://www.freespiritbc.ca/index.asp>

Have a look at "The People's History" which allows you to put up your own story, video, pictures on-line! Please also have a look at the list of events for the exhibit and let me know if you are interested in participating in any of them - or if you have a suggestion for something you would like to do other than what is listed.

kgough@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

* From: "Women's Centre" <wcentre@uvss.uvic.ca>

Submit to Thirdspace, a radical, anti-racist, feminist magazine put out by the University of Victoria's Women's Centre. Our upcoming theme is : HEALTH - physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual

Send your work to : Thirdspace#1 - 302 Vancouver St.Coast Salish Territories Victoria, B.C. V8V3T1

To submit electronically, email thirdspace.zine@gmail.com DEADLINE : JANUARY 1st, 2008

* From: theUFOstore

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* From: "Leslie Wallace" <law@saltspring.com>

I am driving to New Mexico soon with a planned arrival date of November 30.

Am looking for someone to share the driving and gas. Non-smoker only.

Interested? Call Leslie at 653-9631 and leave your name and some good times to reach you.

* From: Phil Lyons <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

On nov. 17, the Greater Victoria Water Watch Coalition ran an all-day conference " Water-Ours to Protect" , the first such major undertaking of its kind in Victoria. Eminent keynote speakers such as Dr. Ron Dobell, Roger Corman and Vicky Husband, shared their insights, respectively, on water conservation, cross-jurisdictional water governance complexities and privatization of public water services from global and local perspectives. Afternoon workshops focussed on the sacred nature of water, community action and governance, water for people and nature, groundwater, watersheds, and turning waste into gold " Modern Alchemy" . Over 200 people participated in this busy event and many went away committing to local action on these issues. they thanked the organizers for their efforts and for enhancing their awareness of water issues. The GVWWC commitment does not stop there , and we will continue to be very active to put pressure on all levels of government leading up to World Water day on March 22, 2008. The proceedings of this conference are available on our website www.greatervictoriawaterwatchcoalition.ca for more detail on the presentations and workshop outcomes. For more information , contact Dorothy Clippingdale at 595-1701

* From: Orion Carrier <orioncarrier@hotmail.com>

Taxes beat red tape - Carbon tax propelled Norway to global leadership

Mark Jaccard, Nic Rivers and David Keith,

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<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/financialpost/story.html?id=adf77c24-3a4e-43f8-938f-71a8303e6b6b&k=48159>

* From: Marisa Herrera <lovenature@shaw.ca>

Associated Press recently noted the U.S. government's prediction that 36 states will have a water shortage within five years. The good news is that scientists have found an area of water inefficiency, where a basic change in our habits would free up huge quantities of water. The change? Stop eating meat and other animal products. While wheat requires 117 gallons of water to produce a pound of food, beef requires 5,165 gallons a pound--a ratio of nearly 50 to 1.

http://www.philly.com/dailynews/opinion/20071116_Water_we_waiting_for_.html

* From: "Sol Kinnis" <solbcics@uvic.ca>

The latest edition of the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies' newsletter is now available online. The Fall 2007 issue contains more stories about our research, information on upcoming events, and much more. Download the Anthill:

http://www.bcics.org/files/u1/vol7_iss2_FINAL_ForWeb.pdf The Deadline is 10th, 2007, however, if you or someone you know is keen to submit an article or story, please contact Robin Puga at youthco@uvic.ca

* From: mhlist@vivelecanada.ca

Mel Hurtig thought you would be interested in this well done presentation:

[http://www.vivelecanada.ca/downloads/Wake_up_Canada\(REV\).pdf](http://www.vivelecanada.ca/downloads/Wake_up_Canada(REV).pdf)

* From: "Rosa Mertens" <mertens.rosa@skynet.be>

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The European legislation governing EU animal experiments (Directive 86/609/EEC), is now some 20 years old, desperately out of date and in urgent need of review. The European Commission has recognised this and a review is now underway. The Commission has also launched an 'Action Plan' that explicitly states "The final aim is to replace animal experiments with methods not entailing the use of an animal." Please sign the petition now - it is vital that we can demonstrate that EU citizens are united in wanting to replace animal experiments in Europe. Replacements have the potential to save millions of laboratory animals and improve the quality of research and testing. <http://www.endeuanimaltests.org/languages.php>

* From: Joan <jq3@shaw.ca>

Covering up slaughter, with a little help from the CBC

<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/issuesideas/story.html?id=c889531e-53c7-4825-9933-0d8cc1b81d2f&k=99422>

* From: Susan Stroud <sue_stroud@hotmail.com>

Petition against tasers - Please sign

<http://www.petitiononline.com/notasers/petition.html>

* From: janine bandcroft <eternity@islandnet.com>

short video/audio documentaries i've created recently:

remembering robert dziekanski - vancouver - nov 24 07

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8V8hBcy68x0>

vancouver's downtown eastside and the 2010 olympics

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppTlxef-AJY>

thanks to gordon, anonymous, and jeffrey (<http://4thtime.blogspot.com>) for donating to relativenewz.ca

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<http://www.givemeaning.com/project/Newz>

1. Bear Mountain Interchange to proceed without Archeological Impact Assessment

Last week, the City of Langford and the Ministry of Transportation announced that they are about to proceed with their \$32,000,000 Bear Mountain Interchange project. They are slated to start cutting trees in December. We believe that government machinations about what to do with the treesit blockade are currently underway. Last week I met with MOT -Partnership and Project Development Manager Ed Storm and asked him for information about these machinations. I explained to him that we needed to know if they were planning to arrest people under the ample existing laws, or if they they will be trying to get a court injunction. I won't be surprised if the judiciary is having injunction-fatigue of late, thanks to the work of Betty Krawczyk, but if they have to arrest us through non-injunction means, then all their collusion, deception and lack of consultation will be elaborated in court. This terrifies governments apparently. There is a precedent at Cathedral Grove, -when the judge refused to grant an injunction, they refused to just arrest people, which resulted in the 2 year stand-off. The Campbell government was too chickenshit to hear the truth in court because it would have cost them big-time.

The Bear Mountain treesit is now preparing for a more robust direct action, non-violent civil-disobedient defence of the forest. A spectacular new platform was raised last week and people are busy expanding other aspects of the forest defense infrastructure. The camp has been winterized, platforms are being stocked, and traverse lines are being rigged throughout the forest. Recently, someone leaked us a copy of the top-secret Golder "Environmental Assessment" (EA) (it hasn't been made public since it was released in 2006 -whats the secret?)and as suspected, it is a totally inadequate greenwash stamp of approval. The report is nothing but a list, gleaned from internet research, of all the potential species, at risk or otherwise, which could inhabit that sort of BGZ. There has been no examination of the environmental consequences of the Interchange project, and more

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disturbing, -no mention of the very significant cultural and speleological resources that will be destroyed. One expects that an EA will examine ALL the prominent features of an area which will be destroyed by a development. Public money was spent on the Golder EA, but they have ignored all the culturally modified trees, and the significant karst features of the area. These features are so obvious that I believe the lack of examination can be construed as "criminal negligence" by either the people who defined the parameters of the EA, and by Golder, whose name is all over the document.

Although the 4-lane Bear Mountain Interchange route was "realigned" by 20 metres to avoid the most obvious karst cave adit which is widely known, there are more than 20 other major depressions in the forest floor in the vicinity of the cave which are indicative of a significant subterranean karst feature. These adit depressions may well contain archeological resources, but to date, they have been unopened, unexamined. Given the emergency, -I repeat that they have announced that they will commence cutting the trees in December, -we have proceeded to conduct a preliminary probing of these adits, and some very interesting material has already been unearthed. We are demanding an immediate and credible Archeological Impact Assessment of the area prior to any further threats of construction. We believe that because Denise Blackwell, who is an outspoken proponent of the Bear Mountain development and who sits on Langford City Council, but whose day job is at the BC Archaeological Branch, might be interfering with a proper AIA. We do not understand why they are trying to start this project, in an area with already proven archaeological significance, without any AIA.

Right now, the direct-action, non-violent, civil-disobedient Bear Mountain treesit requires a lot of support. We are appealing for:

people who are willing to risk arrest,
people who will come out to bear witness to those potential arrests.
people who would like to sit in the trees
to join our communications list, PROTECT GOLDSTREAM.
I am, as usual, appealing for a very basis, but essential video surveillance system. I want a camera in the trees, which uploads 24 hour video to a website. If we're going to get tasered there, we want that covered (I have repeatedly appealed for such equipment for past

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treesits, which is certain to provide very interesting and essential coverage
rope of any sort, but especially full length static climbing rope
climbing harnesses
tents
down-filled jackets
solid, closeable totes
general heavy-duty clothing for harsh weather We are very delighted with the political convergences which have been lining up recently as we approach this stand-off. The treesit has been very successful in keeping the Bear Mountain atrocity before the media and damaging its reputation. There is widespread disgust in the CRD about Bear Mountain, and citizens are mobilizing against it on many fronts. The Bear Mountain development was also enabled by a sleazy land-transaction between the Campbell government and Western Forest Products, and there's a huge current amount of media attention on these deals.

We are ready for action now, and we ask all of you, -please get involved and start helping us! You are welcome to be as peripherally, or as centrally involved as you like!

Please contact me immediately if you'd like to help!

Cheers, Ingmar
721-1386

From: Ingmar Lee <ingmarz@gmail.com>

2. community calendar

The Council of Canadians has created a calendar for the activist/environmental groups in

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Victoria to post their events. This will prevent having two important events on the same day and will also allow the community to know what is happening where and when.

Anyone can go to the web site to read the calendar. (www.google.com/calendar/render)

To post events, someone in each organization needs to have a gmail email account (THEY ARE FREE). Email your gmail address to Robert Cory at rcory@shaw.ca . He will then email you an invitation to join the calendar, thus giving you access to post your events. He can also explain further how to use the calendar if this is needed.

Hope you join and can find this useful.

Fran Thoburn

fran.thoburn@gmail.com

From: Fran Thoburn <fran.thoburn@gmail.com>

3. final push for BC's carbon tax -- your support needed

We have an incredible opportunity, if we all act now, to achieve a significant carbon tax in next year's BC budget. Your support is crucial to making it happen.

The province's Finance Minister, Carol Taylor, has asked her staff to report to her on the topic of a carbon tax by the end of this month, and she will likely decide before Christmas whether or not to proceed with a tax in the 2008 provincial budget. She has already indicated in front of the media that the option of a carbon tax is on the table. It is clear that Ms. Taylor has floated the idea to gauge public response, and she needs to know that there is broad public support if she is to move forward. There is no doubt that those opposed are urging her to avoid introducing a tax, or to bring forward a measure with no real substance as a nod to public concern. Please take the time today to send a message to Minister Taylor telling her that you want our province to take a leadership role on this issue. Here's what to do:

Go to our web site at www.vtacc.org and click on the link to our Carbon Tax Campaign; if you

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are on facebook, you can also go to our group BC Needs A Carbon Tax! at <http://tinyurl.com/24o6yw>

In both places you'll find all you need to know to quickly send off your message -- contact information, key points to make in your letter, a sample letter for inspiration, and background information if you want to learn more.

Together, our actions are moving the carbon tax initiative forward -- during its recent public consultations the finance committee received an unprecedented 500 submissions in support of a carbon tax. You can read the committee's response to this input here: <http://tinyurl.com/2e4qpu>. In a short time, citizen input in this province has shifted a tax on carbon emissions from a political non-starter to a clear possibility, and everyone who took the time to write to the committee should be congratulated. However, we're not done yet.

Our time is short, and we are at a pivotal point in this process -- please take a moment now to help deliver an important Christmas present for BC, the planet and our children's future.

Andrea, David, Kevin, and Tom for VTACC.

<http://www.vtacc.org>

From: "Dave Thompson" <davidthompson@telus.net>

4. letter from the Victoria 9/11 Truth Society to Members of Parliament

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If you know of people in Victoria who may be interested in signing the letter, pls. forward it to them and ask them to contact me by email to arrange for signature. the more the better of course!

Regards,
Tracey

Victoria 9/11 Truth
#506, 3252 Glasgow Avenue
Victoria, BC V8X 1M2

<http://vic911truth.org>

[Date]

To [insert MP name here]
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re:

Call for a New Investigation into the Events of September 11, 2001

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There is an overwhelming amount of evidence surrounding the horrific events of September 11, 2001 which contradicts the official story of the Bush administration and suggests that it was a false flag operation. In light of this evidence, a summary of which follows, we are writing this letter because this alleged War on Terror launched by the Bush administration and Canada's participation in it in Afghanistan is not only fomenting more violence resulting in the deaths of innocent civilians but it is also costing taxpayers in this country over \$100 million per month. Further, based on this fraudulent attack, we are seeing the erosion of civil liberties in Canada and around the world via anti-terrorism laws; detention without trial; no-fly lists; militarization of the police forces; open use or the complicity in the use of torture; police state biometric tracking IDs; the use of agent provocateurs; regional integration without the consent of the people; and many others.

There are countless numbers of citizens from all walks of life including hundreds of engineers, professors, architects, military officers, lawyers, law enforcement and government officials, entertainment and media professionals, 9/11 survivors and family members who are now aware of the numerous errors and omissions of The 9/11 Commission Report. It is a severe injustice, not only to the thousands of victims of that event, but also to the hundreds of thousands of victims of subsequent wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan to ignore this evidence.

Evidence

Dr. Steven E. Jones, Former Professor of Physics, of Brigham Young University, has written an extensive analysis of the collapse of the World Trade Centre (WTC) Buildings 1, 2 and 7. He has come to the conclusion that explosives were used in the destruction of both the WTC Twin Towers and WTC7. Here is a summary of his evidence:

WTC7 which was not hit by an airplane and had only a few small scattered fires collapsed rapidly and nearly-straight-down symmetrically into its own footprint on September 11, 2001.

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There were twenty-four huge steel support columns inside WTC 7 as well as huge trusses, arranged non-symmetrically, along with some fifty-seven perimeter columns.

In the history of architecture, there is no modern, steel-reinforced high-rise building that has ever collapsed because of an uncontrolled fire.

The temperature required to melt steel is 2750