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1. Resist the Olympic Police State! - Feb 4, 6th
2. "Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad" - film - Feb 4th
3. CAIA-Victoria PRESENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK, Feb 5th
4. Valentines and Tea for Old Growth - UVic - Feb 5th, 14th
5. Oneness Wednesdays - February 6, 13, 20, 27
6. About Water - films - Feb 7th
7. The BC Institute for Co-operative Studies Speakers Series - Feb 7th, Mar 6th
8. Working with nomads in Mongolia - Feb 8th
9. Friday potlucks return to the Tree Sit!
10. Wanted: ArtSpring Artists - Feb 8th
11. Rhythm Prayers Drum Workshop in Victoria Feb 9, with Navaro
12. Winter Vegetable Garden Tour, Salt Spring Island - Sunday, Feb. 10
13. Reel Revolutionary Film Festival - Victoria - Feb. 9 - 10 - 14 - 17
14. SHUTDOWN the CORPORATE OLYMPIC COUNTDOWN! Rally, Vancouver- FEB 11th
15. Protecting the Wild - Wolves and Bears of the Pacific Arc - February, 27th 2008
16. Are you interested in economic justice & sustainability? - Nanaimo - Feb 17th
17. David Wolfe - Chocolate, Raw Food Nutrition, Superfoods, and Herbal Healing - Feb 20th & 21st
18. NPSG presents Climate Change: Our Native Flora and Ecosystems - Feb 21st
19. The Vagina Monologues 2008 - Feb 26 & 27th

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1. Resist the Olympic Police State! - Feb 4, 6th

With Guest Speaker Kristian Williams:

Monday Feb 4th

5pm

in Vertigo

of the Uvic Student Union Building

Wednesday Feb 6th

7pm

Camas Bookstore (Quadra + Kings)

Williams, a Portland based activist and author of 'American Methods: Torture and the Logic of Domination' and 'Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America' will be speaking to the counter insurgency wars being fought in Afghanistan and Iraq and their correlation to the militarization of the police at home.

The state has honed its devices and expanded its covert operations but has not publicly presented itself in its totality until now- in the lead up to the 2010 Olympic Games - The Integrated Security Unit (ISU) is the public face of the police state. It was formed in 2003 to act as the all-seeing and all-knowing policing apparatus. Bringing together all levels of government, police, surveillance agencies and the armed forces, the ISU is arguably the most sophisticated police state Canada has ever been

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subject to since the earlier wars of colonial conquest.

Here it is important to note that the first two targets for the Integrated

National Security Enforcement Teams (INSET) following September 11 2001,

was the West Coast Warriors Society and Animal Liberation activists.

According to their last year's annual review, the ISU 'has grown substantially, adding personnel from the RCMP, VPD, West Van Police, Department of Defense and VANOC. Leading the pack is the RCMP, which has

total control and oversight 'in planning and managing policing and security operations'.

All police, surveillance and military institutions are lining up like pigs at a trough for a bonanza of free and new equipment and funding. By complaining that the technology 'in place at the time of its writing (the Olympic bid book) is no longer state-of-the-art,' all agencies can share in the loot obtained.

Close Circuited Surveillance that will be needed to keep a constant watch on the 150 kilometers that fall under the 'Olympic theater of operations' and the 102 (up from the original 21) Olympic venues and other 'sensitive areas'. Already warehouses are being bought up and command centers, operational and logistical staging areas, helipads, command trailers, tents for screening areas and observation Posts are being built for use before, during and after the Games. Miles of electric fencing and 'alternative methods of intrusion detection and prevention' along with support materials and computers 'for dispatching of security units' are also being purchased and distributed to different enforcement agencies.

The question is where does all this go after the Games? What happens to the police state? As according to the deal made between Her Majesty the Queen and the Province of BC 'this agreement that the integration of federal and provincial policing services into a single policing and security operation' will not end until December 31, 2011.

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2. "Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad" - film - Feb 4th  
(A Little Bit of So Much Truth)

Monday, February 4th

7:30pm

Human & Social Development Building (HSD) A240

University of Victoria

Entrance by Donation

About the Film:

In the summer of 2006, a broad-based, non-violent, popular uprising exploded in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca. Some compared it to the Paris Commune, while others called it the first Latin American revolution

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of the 21st century. But it was the people