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7. Venezuelan Dr. speaks in Victoria - Feb 22, Feb 25th
8. The Great Climate Challenge: February 23rd
9. 'The Vagina Monologues' - Feb 26 & 27th
10. NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER TO SPEAK ON WOMEN'S EQUALITY IN ISLAM - March 3rd
11. CIVIL LIBERTIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY: THE MAHER ARAR PANEL - Mar 11th
12. MARCH 15th WORLD AGAINST WAR DAY
13. NEW dates for "Sharing Food and Knowledge" - March 26th
14. March 1st No Olympics On Stolen Land- In Honour of Harriet Nahanee
15. PANGEA EVENT ON SALT SPRING ISLAND! - March 1st
16. Intrepid Theatre is Moving! - March 1st
17. March 4 - POLIS Discussion Series: BC Hydro's Site C
18. 2nd Pacific Festival of the Book -March 10-20th
19. OPEN CINEMA News and Next Screening: Arts Double Bill on March 11th
20. Students Against War - Make Art Not War - March 19-26th
21. Cuba Caravan 2008 - June/July

1. Shoes for Peace - to Feb 27th

This extraordinary collaboration between Stella Meades and hundreds of artists has resulted in an amazing collection of handcrafted shoes, which will be sold by donation with money raised to go towards children in countries affected by war. The Victoria show is the second of four shows where the shoes will be shown and sold.

The opening of the Victoria show will take place Friday, Feb. 15, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Community Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, G6-1001 Douglas St. The shoes will be sold by donation at the Gallery from Feb. 15 to 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Below is a poster about the show, which I hope you can open. My shoe is the one like a racing car.

If you want to preview the shoes, you can see them on the website: [www.globalshoeproject.pa.ge.tl](http://www.globalshoeproject.pa.ge.tl)

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2. How to get involved to reclaim democracy in Langford - Feb 19  
WITNESS AND RESIST  
7am till Sunset MONDAY and TUESDAY

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Trans-Canada Highway at the proposed Interchange site  
(300 metres west of Spencer Road Shell Station, before Goldstream Park.)

Citizens are asked to witness a possible attempt by Langford to resume land-clearing for the proposed Interchange. There are opportunities for support activities and also more active forms of peaceful resistance.

Bring snacks, water, sturdy footwear, warm clothing, and raingear.

Gather for one hour or a whole day -- 7am till sunset Monday and Tuesday.

**PACK LANGFORD CITY HALL**

Gather at 6:30pm MONDAY; Council Meeting starts at 7:00pm sharp.

Langford City Hall, 877 Goldstream Avenue

(between Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Jacklin)

(accessed on BC Transit #50 bus).

Langford residents ask people to join them and stand up to Stew Young's bullying.

Bring a folded sheet of paper with the simple message "SHAME."

Together, we rejuvenate democracy and end the rule of Stew Young and Bear Mountain's other cronies!

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### 3. Burnside Gorge Community Association Community Meeting about Street Housing - Feb 18th

The Burnside Gorge Community Association has set a Community Meeting for Feb. 18 to allow residents to hear from City of Victoria and Cool Aid representatives about supportive housing proposals for the City of Victoria, including the proposed relocation of the Streetlink Emergency Shelter to the Burnside Gorge community. The meeting will be held at

7 p.m.

at the gym

in the old Burnside Elementary School

located at 3130 Jutland Road.

The association recognizes that homelessness is a pressing region-wide issue and that all communities have a role to play in the solutions. Burnside Gorge would welcome permanent housing for the hard to house and looks forward to working in cooperation with the City of Victoria, Cool Aid and BC Housing towards this end.

"We are having difficulty understanding why, with money being critically short for housing, that a large portion of the \$34 million committed to Victoria from BC Housing is being used to relocate the Streetlink Shelter, which is about managing homelessness," says Paul Gerrard, President of the Burnside Gorge Community Association. "We believe that permanent housing is the more efficient and effective way to proceed."

The recently released Mayor's Task Force on Breaking the Cycle of Mental Illness, Addictions and

Homelessness - A Victoria Model advocates a "Housing First" Policy. The Calgary Plan to End Homelessness

also advocates a "housing first" policy, which is about eliminating homelessness through permanent housing

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solutions.

"Homelessness initiatives are very important and should be planned in consultation with communities," commented Kate Forster, BGCA Board of Director. "The Burnside Gorge Community Association has worked hard to provide a stable environment for residents including homeless families. We believe that permanent housing would not have the destabilizing effect on our community that we would face with an 80 plus bed transient shelter."

Burnside Gorge looks forward to working with all parties to bring forth the best solution for the street community, the Burnside Gorge community, the City of Victoria, and the region.

When: Monday, Feb. 18, 2008

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Burnside Campus Gym, 3130 Jutland Rd.

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#### 4. Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable (CR-FAIR) - Feb 19th

The Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable (CR-FAIR) would like to invite community members and groups who are working on, or have an interest in local food security issues to attend the "Roundtable". This is a monthly forum for exchange of information on issues and projects related to food security and sustainable food systems in the CRD. The Roundtable part of the meeting will be about 1