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more peace, earth, and justice events and related news - what a busy activist community it is!

1. **Goods for Cuba - potluck - Feb 27th**
2. **Black Pioneers - church service - Feb 27th**
3. **Community Potluck - Denman Island - Feb 27th**
4. **Liberating Tibet - rally - March 5th**
5. **Int'l Women's Day - rally - March 5th**
6. **CBC Radio - Tapestry - Sundays**
7. **Spilt Milk Comedy Update - various**
8. **Voices in Wartime - screening - March 1st**
9. **Romero - Death of an Archbishop - film - Malaspina - March 3rd**
10. **Land Titles - rally - March 3rd**
11. **Our Island, Our World - film fest - March 4th & 5th**
12. **Art of Falun Gong - March 5th**
13. **Juggling Festival - March 11-13th**
14. **Nanaimo Radio - fundraiser - March 27th**
15. **Bike to Work Week - May 30 - June 5th**
16. **Sustainable Learning - Shawnigan Lake - May 16-Sept 2nd**
17. **Natural Building - Shawnigan Lake - June-August**

* Mask Removal Productions' first screening of their film - "**Hide and Go Homeless**," about poverty in our city, filled the UVic Student Society's Vertigo lounge to capacity, and raised over \$1000 for the Open Door. They're looking to offer a second screening, sharing proceeds with the Victoria Street Newz, and are in search of a venue. Contact Rod at 360-2913

or

maskremovalproductions@telus.net if you have any ideas or recommendations or offerings.

* From: "marisa herrera" <lovenature@pacificcoast.net>

Subject: Fw: The McLibel Case - A new victory <http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=611488>

* From: "HEU List Moderator" <moderator@lists.heu.org>

Liberal politicians acknowledge broken promises on expanded gambling and the sale of BC Rail
<http://www.deceivebc.ca>

1. **GOODS FOR CUBA**

Our Goods for Cuba Committee invites all our friends and supporters to come together and get an update on Cuba, our projects for the present year and hear some live music.

We'll start with a potluck dinner.

Sunday, February 27 5:30pm @ 1923 Fernwood.

Free admission.

For more info: 384-1608

In solidarity, Goods for Cuba

From: judy & randy <vicc@telus.net>

2. **BLACK PIONEERS**

On Sunday, February 27th, 2005 at 10:00 am, there will be a special commemorative church service honouring the Black pioneers of this country. This service will be at Shady Creek United Church on East Saanich Road in Saanichton.

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here will be lots of music, with me performing with 2 different groups, doing a solo with one group. My special guest will be Louise Rose.

Come early. Stay after for refreshments and a look at the display of items celebrating Black History Awareness month.

From: Karen <hoshal@pacificcoast.net>

3. DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, FEB. 27th, Denman Island

This month's Denman Island **Community Vegan Potluck** features a guest speaker from **Valley Green**

- a new coalition of Comox Valley moms united by concern about the health risks of pesticides to their children and the environment. Hard to believe that over forty years after Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring', even the cosmetic use of chemicals is still widespread, but this dynamic group of local women is determined to see that change. They've been addressing various groups and lobbying local councils with their important petition drive, so please come on out to hear what they have to say, and show your support!

Food lovers of every persuasion are always welcome and encouraged to participate in our fabulous monthly feasts. Please bring a vegan potluck dish that all may share -100% vegetarian and free of eggs, dairy, gelatin and honey- along with ingredient list. Salads and very simple fare are appreciated, so no need to worry about coming up with a fancy recipe, unless of course you are inspired to do so! Attending community events can be difficult, and sometimes intolerable for folks with chemical sensitivities, so in the spirit of inclusivity, thanks in advance for remembering to refrain from the wearing of perfume or other scented body care products. By donation towards expenses, Denman Island Community Back Hall 6:30 pm Off-islanders park in Buckley Bay and board 6:00 pm ferry Info: 335-1209

From: Fireweedbc@aol.com

4. LIBERATING TIBET

On March 10, 1959 the Tibetan people rose up against their oppressors, however the revolt was brutally put down, with thousands of Tibetans being killed and thousands more, including the Dalai Lama, being forced to flee in exile to India. This day is known as the Tibetan International Day of Uprising and is commemorated every year.

Show your support!

MARCH 5 We will meet at Centennial square at 12:00 where we will welcome the runners of compassion, we will then march to the legislature for a 1:00 rally, with an opening prayer, lots of propaganda and some amazing speeches.

If anyone has questions you can contact Sinead at submissivelyouth@hotmail.com, or call 380-3792.

From: "Sinead Charbonneau" <submissivelyouth@hotmail.com>

5. HOLIDAY DECLARED FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Women's Anti-Slavery Committee has declared **March 8** to be a holiday in honour of International Women's Day. Why? Because women are overtired, overworked, underpaid and unpaid, ignored and invisible even though our work is essential to the economy and to society.

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On Saturday March 5, 05 we will gather at Bastion Square at 2 pm for speakers & music. At 8 pm same day there will be a SWAG fundraiser with live music. Details to be announced.

Email: swag@pacificcoast.net for more info. **A brief herstory of International Women's Day**

On Feb. 28, 1909 the first National Woman's Day was observed across the U.S. In 1910, the Socialist International at a meeting in Copenhagen established an international Women's Day that was greeted with unanimous approval by over 100 women from 17 countries at the conference.

On Mar. 19th, 1911 International Women's Day was marked in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland with more than one million women & their allies attending rallies.

A few days later, on March 25, the tragic Triangle Fire in New York took the lives of more than 140 working girls. This loss has been observed on IWD's since. March 19, 1917 thousands of Russian women went on strike for "Bread & Roses"; 4 days later the Czar abdicated and women were granted the right to vote.

In 1977, 2 years after International Women's Year, the United Nations adopted a resolution inviting countries to dedicate one day to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. March 8 became the date of recognition in many countries. In the year 2000 women in 64 countries initiated the Global Women's Strike. In the following years there have been strikes and actions in over 100 countries.

See: <http://www.globalwomenstrike.net/> *IWD Herstory compiled by the 2002 IWD Victoria committee chair Robin Cryderman.*

See the report on the Womyn's Walkout in 2003/4 <http://pacificcoast.net/~swag/womyn2003.htm>

Women's Day

[nts/iwd/iwd.html](http://www.nts/iwd/iwd.html)

[.wikipedia.org/wiki/International Women's Day](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women's_Day)

<http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/women/womday97.htm>

<http://www.isis.aust.com/iwd/stevens/contents.htm>

more on the herstory of International

<http://www.nwhp.org/eve>

<http://en>

Women Facts:

56% of single mother families are poor (compared to 24% for men).

http://www.criaw-icref.ca/factSheets/Poverty_fact_sheet_e.htm

57% of all persons living in low-income situations in Canada were women.

http://www.fafia-afai.org/Bplus5/altrep_e.htm

Women and youth account for 83% of Canada's minimum wage workers. Thirty-seven percent of lone mothers with paid employment must raise a family on less than \$10 per hour.

http://www.criaw-icref.ca/factSheets/Poverty_fact_sheet_e.htm

A Statistics Canada study found that the major factor in the wage gap is the presence of children, rather than age, marriage or education. Women are still expected to perform the majority of household chores and child care.

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69 women were killed in Canada in 2001 by their male partners (Statistics Canada data).

There are 500 missing aboriginal women in Canada and in BC 32 First Nations women have gone missing in northern BC since the early 1980's (Sisters in Spirit Campaign:

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

)

Women earn 73 cents for every dollar a man earns. Many women have the high stress doing both paid and unpaid work and women are often forced into dangerous or exploitive relationships or work situations due to poverty. (Jan. 05 newsletter of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective)

Sexist bias favouring men is entrenched in the Canadian medical system from research that focuses on the health of men over women, to the fact there are still so few women doctors and specialists in the current system. (Jan. 05 newsletter of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective)

As money for long-term care and home services leaves the public system, the burden shifts to women. (Jan. 05 newsletter of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective)

<http://womenshealthcollective.ca/>

Nearly a third of all adults living with HIV/AIDS are under the age of 25 and two thirds of them are women.

from:

http://www.unicef.org/gender/index_factsandfigures.html

Data shows that at least one in every three woman is a survivor of some form of gender-based violence, most often by some one in her own family. [1999 Johns Hopkins global report] from: [h](http://www.unicef.org/gender/index_factsandfigures.html)

http://www.unicef.org/gender/index_factsandfigures.html

It is estimated that around 500,000 girls below 18 are victims of sex trafficking each year. from:

http://www.unicef.org/gender/index_factsandfigures.html

***** Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG) swag@pacificcoast.net

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Is Victoria ready to host a World Wide Anti-Racism Conference?

From: rose henry <phoenixstar20032003@yahoo.com>

6. CBC RADIO 1 - TAPESTRY

Tapestry is a weekly exploration of spirituality, religion and the search for meaning.

Sunday, February 20 [God's Green Earth: Religion and Ecology](#)

Note: For listeners in the Atlantic time zone this program will be heard on Sunday, February 27.

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Broadcast time: Sundays at 2:05 p.m. ET, AT, CT, 2:35 NT, 3:05 PT, and 4:05 MT on CBC Radio One

"You take hydrogen gas, you leave it alone for 14 billion years - and it turns into rosebuds, giraffes and humans." - Cosmologist, Brian Swimme

An exploration of the emerging field of religion and ecology, which has been largely inspired by Thomas Berry, the Catholic monk who has spent his life exploring the human relationship with the natural world and its implications for religion.

Mary Hynes talks with two of the leading scholars in the field; Professor Mary Evelyn Tucker, founder of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Harvard University and professor of religion at Bucknell University; and Professor Heather Eaton, theologian at St. Paul's University in Ottawa and co-founder of the Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology.

We'll also hear about the "Green Nuns" - Catholic sisters who are turning their convents into ecology centres - complete with organic gardens out back.

From: "Patricia Fitzgerald" <grandmas@saltspring.com>

7. SPILT MILK COMEDY UPDATE

The auditions for placements at the Canadian College of Performing Arts for September are coming your way in a few days. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! CCPA has been training the most outstanding talent in Canada and the results have been extraordinary with graduates getting contracts in the most exciting shows and films across Canada and around the world. Someone you know may want the opportunity to study ACTING, VOICE, DANCE AND CAREER MANAGEMENT at the extraordinary college. Will you please forward this email to your address book or talk to friends about this opportunity. Thank you!

? Jacques Lemay, Managing Artistic Director

HALIFAX Tuesday, March 1st 9:00am Halifax Dance The Brewery Market 1496 Lower Water St.

MONTREAL Wednesday, March 2nd 2:00pm StudioBizz 551, avenue du Mont-Royal Est

TORONTO Thursday, March 3rd 1:00pm Maddison Studios 190 Richmond St. East, 2nd Floor - Enter Northwest corner of George St & Richmond St.

WINNIPEG Friday, March 4th 1:00pm Royal Winnipeg Ballet 380 Graham St

SASKATOON Saturday, March 5th 1:00pm DSI Centre, located at 205A Pacific Avenue, Saskatoon

REGINA Saturday, March 5th 7:00pm Class Act Performing Arts Studios 2300 7th Ave.

CALGARY Sunday, March 6th 10:00am The EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts - Jack Singer Rehearsal Hall 229-9th Ave. SE, Stage Door

EDMONTON Sunday, March 6th 7:00pm TransAlta Arts Barns 10330 84th Ave.

VANCOUVER Saturday, March 12th 3:00pm Scotiabank Dance Centre 677 Davie St.

VICTORIA Sunday, March 13th 1:00pm Canadian College of Performing Arts 1701 Elgin Rd.

FOR AUDITION POSTERS AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.ccpacanada.com

Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Production's next FAMILY FUN SERIES performance will be at 2:00 pm Sunday February 28th, 2005 at the Gibson Auditorium (room 216 of the Young Bldg on Camosun's Lansdowne Campus).

THE MILK JUGnauts are a group of Vancouver Island comedians. When left in their own

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environment, they initially appear quiet and polite yet are able to deliver some strangely compelling comedy on Tuesday nights from 8:00 - 10:00 pm at The OLD BAILEY Pub, located at 777 Courtenay Street. There is laughter but no cover charge!

Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Productions specialize in interactive theatre:

You will laugh until the cows come home!

Educational Entertainment for Children - Singing & Character Telegrams - Improvisational Theatre - Murder Mysteries - Sketch Comedy - Adult Improv & Sketch Comedy Classes - Children's Drama Classes - Children's birthday parties - Summer Drama Camps - School drama programs and AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAMS - FUNDRAISING - Film - Television - Radio - Practical and not so practical JOKES! - Soap Operas - Corporate Training and Edutainment - Masters of Ceremony and Special Event speakers - Stand up Comedy - anything interactive?

We can create a unique performance suited to your budget, location and event! From: Spilt Milk Comedy Theatre Productions <laughs@spiltmilkcomedy.com>

8. VOICES IN WARTIME

OPEN CINEMA presents *Voices In Wartime* Special Advance Screening

15/02/05 Victoria, BC - On Tuesday, March 1st, 2005, OPEN CINEMA is honoured to present a Special Advance screening of the powerful new feature-length documentary *Voices in Wartime*, with Seattle filmmaker Andrew Himes and Victoria poet Linda Rogers in attendance.

This moving film, which officially launches in April 2005, chronicles the experience of war through powerful images and the words of poets, both unknown and world-famous. Poetry and war have been intertwined since the beginning of recorded history, from ancient Babylonia and the fields of Troy to the current war in Iraq. The film features poets from all over the world, including the US, Iraq, Colombia, Britain, Nigeria and India, while soldiers, journalists and historians add their diverse perspectives on the effects of war.

Executive producer Andrew Himes, who will be in town specially for the screening, and writer-director Rick King initially set out to make a short film about anti-war poets before realizing that the larger dynamic relationship between poetry and war was a more compelling story. The film, distributed by Cinema Libre Studio, will play in a limited number of theatres in the US beginning April 2005. Starting today, February 15th, House Party Kits designed to raise awareness about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are available online at www.voicesinwartime.org. The kits contain a special DVD which includes a 12-minute trailer of the film and a 20-minute piece called "Beyond Wartime", and a discussion guide designed to bring more awareness to the issue of PTSD.

"The message of *Voices in Wartime* is that nobody escapes war unchanged," says Himes.

"War has profound consequences for everyone, whether soldiers or civilians in a battle zone, or the families, friends, and communities of those returning from war."

"Just as sons cry for their mothers on the battlefield," says Victoria poet, novelist and teacher Linda Rogers "this exquisite film calls on poets to comfort and redeem our wounded civilisation." Rogers is a member of the United Nations Poets for Peace Movement, and her work has been translated into Welsh, French, Hebrew, German, Spanish and Hindi. It is her belief that "artists of the spoken word can and should be advocating for the peaceful evolution of humanity."

What: OPEN CINEMA presents *Voices in Wartime* When: 7pm, Tuesday, March 1st, 2005 (Doors at 5.00pm) Where:

Hermann's Jazz Club, 753 View Street (for dinner reservations call 388-9166)

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Cost: \$5 donation

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**9. ROMERO: THE DEATH OF AN ARCHBISHOP** Thank you to everyone who was able to come to hear Alfredo Porras speak about Coca-Cola. Alfredo was encouraged by your interest and moved by your standing ovation! It helps a little to compensate for the difficulties of living in exile, away from extended family and friends and away from direct involvement in the struggle for justice in Colombia. Alfredo was given the collection of \$229 to cover his travel costs and to continue his work.

Victoria has joined the global boycott of Coca-Cola to have Coca-Cola machines removed from schools, public buildings, hospitals, etc. For more info see <killercoke@telus.net>

Those of you who could not come to the event in Nanaimo might want to invite Alfredo to speak in your community.

I hope you can come to hear Ronald Chavez and Isidro Salaverria introduce the following film  
Romero: the Death of an Archbishop

A new German documentary by Rena and Thomas Giefer

**at Malaspina, University College, Bldg 355, Rm 203 (Nanaimo) on Thursday, March 3rd 2005 Doors open at 6:30 p.m film at 7 p.m.**

Admission Free: Donation to URGENT ACTION Network appreciated

The film will be presented by: Ronald Chavez and Isidro Salaverria . Ronald Chavez is a member of the FMLN Vancouver Committee, of CELSAN (Canada - El Salvador Action Network). and is host of America Latina Al Dia (weekly political and news Radio Show on Vancouver's Co-Op Radio CFRO 102.7 FM ) He is a Latin American Community Worker. Chavez was an International Electoral Observer Guide last March in El Salvador ( for the presidential elections.)

Isidro Salaverria is a Vancouver high school teacher working on a Master's through the University of Madrid. He is on the board of the Task Force for Justice in the Americas and a member of the Romero Community of Vancouver. Isidro came to Canada as a refugee in 1991 Archbishop Romero spoke out against human rights violations, social injustice, militarism and war in El Salvador, .but his prophetic voice extended far beyond the borders of El Salvador. Today, 25 years after his death, his message is still relevant to all who are concerned about peace and justice issues. Romero received death threats but this did not deter him from denouncing the atrocities committed by the military regime financed by the USA.

In English and Spanish with subtitles, this documentary includes archival footage of Romero, and an in depth interview with the sister of Roberto Dabuison, (founder of the death squads and responsible for the assassination of Romero) and an interview with Robert White the USA ambassador to El Salvador during the 1980's. The documentary exposes the USA interventionist policy in Central America and the issue of impunity perpetrated by the Salvadorian ruling class.

For more information, call Eva Manly (250) 758-0966 ejmanly@islandnet.com

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10. GIVE YOUR PAST A FUTURE COALITION RALLY

Please mark your calendars for

Thursday March 3rd at noon to come to a Rally in Victoria, at the Legislature.

I should be grateful if you would send out the attached Rally Notice below, as soon as possible, to as many folk as you can, so that we have an even larger number of people attending than at last year's Rally. The more notice we can give perhaps the more we can expect to attend.

The disrespecting of the Saanich Chiefs at the launching of the Land Title and Survey Authority of BC on January 21st 2005 : the recently discovered hampering of the ability of First Nations to identify grave sites as a result of the changes in the ALR maps available throughout the Province (an issue all the more topical since the the desecration of gave sites at Poet's Cove on South Pender Island is currently before the Courts) and the Government's complete failure to address any of the issues which First Nations, historians and many others have raised (for two years now) about the proper cataloging and conservation of maps and other documentation in the Province's Land Title Offices in Victoria, New Westminster and Kamloops, and at the Lands Branch, has persuaded me that its time for another Rally to trumpet our concerns about these matters - and heritage issues generally - into the ears of Government from the steps of the Legislature. Letters of concerns and closed door meeting with Minister Abbott just don't seem to cut it. I think that it is timely with an Election approaching, a Budget surplus announced, and an administration busily engaged in handing out pre-Election goodies.

The Rally will just be for one hour. I am endeavouring to line up some very "heavyweight" speakers from across the Province and elsewhere in the country. Some are already confirmed. I will have more news on that as the date approaches.

Please thank Dr John Lutz for the catchy title for this year's Rally. I am hoping to have the Rally well covered by the media and by the NFB or a private documentary film maker. Navigator Consulting.ca is a Victoria based group providing expertise in intergovernmental relations and research and the navigating of bureaucratic pathways municipally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

RegardsKevin

From: Hans Kratz <hkratz@shaw.ca>

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**11. OUR ISLAND, OUR WORLD FILM FESTIVAL**

From making Biodiesel to "making media matter," Our Island, OurWorld Film Festival brings a wide range of issues to light and then helps you get involved. Documentaries focused on social justice and corresponding workshops take place on Salt Spring Island

**March 4,5**

**and 6,**

with local content and award winning selections including Velcrow Ripper's Scared Sacred.

Complete film listings and show times at <http://www.savesaltspring.com/filmfest.html> **Look for program guides after February 23 at Cinema Central, Island Star Video, Volume II Books, Salt Spring Books & Watermark Books on Salt Spring.**

For more information, call 537-4406.

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12. THE ART OF FALUN GONG

For 63 year old artist Kunlun Zhang, the showing of the 'Uncompromising Courage' art exhibition has special meaning. Much of the anguish, hope and valour depicted in the art have been experienced first-hand by Zhang.

Zhang, a Canadian citizen and an art professor at Mc Gill University in Ontario, was a prisoner of conscience in China where he was imprisoned and tortured for his practice of Falun Gong. Zhang was crippled for months as a result of repeated beatings and high-voltage electric shocks inflicted by prison guards.

Falun Gong is a traditional exercise and meditation practice that has been viciously persecuted in China since 1999. The practice had more followers than the communist party and it is widely believed that then-president Jiang Zemin saw it as a threat to his power or to the atheistic ideology of the state.

After international pressure won his early release, Zhang joined forces with 22 other artists to give artistic expression to the terror and suffering many face in China. The artists created more than 40 pieces that depict not only the suppression of Falun Gong but also the peaceful defiance of those who practice it and the spiritual depths of their journey. The works convey both the beauty of the practice and the horror of the persecution. Some of the artists are still illegally imprisoned in China.

The pieces comprise a travelling art show that has been displayed in Toronto, Washington D.C., New York and Korea.

'There is an incredible courage and resolve captured in these works,' said Julia Xu, a coordinator of the New York exhibit. 'It's hard not to be moved by what these people have faced and endured. It's incredibly tragic, but equally inspiring.'

The exhibit is divided into four topics: harmony, adversity, courage and justice. The artists for the most part used traditional methods to achieve their goals.

The Uncompromising Courage Art Exhibit will be at the Oak Bay Library on Saturday, March 5th from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, and on Sunday March 6th and Monday March 7th in the Arbutus/Queenswood Room (Cadboro Commons Building) at the University of Victoria from 12.00 am to 8.00 pm and 12.00 am to 5.00 pm respectively.

Parking available at no. 5 lot off Sinclair Rd. Free parking on Sunday. Admission is free.

Contact Information: Carole Collard 995 1494 Website: <http://www.falundafaartexhibit.net>

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13. JUGGLING FESTIVAL

Juggling Festival To Be Held in Victoria

March 11-13

On the weekend of March 11-13, 2005, the University of Victoria Juggling Club will host the first juggling festival to take place here in almost ten years. Already set to be one of the largest of its kind in Canada, the Victoria festival will involve a weekend of workshops, competitions and vendors, as well an evening performance featuring some of the best jugglers the world over.

The festival will take place in the Student Union Building at the University of Victoria. Jugglers from all over BC, the rest of Canada and the United States will gather to show off moves and teach skills using a huge range of juggling props - everything from balls, clubs and unicycles to walking globes, bowler hats and the increasingly popular diabolos.

The UVic Juggling Club members hope to see a large number of beginner jugglers at the festival and invite people of all ages, experience and physical ability. With a firm belief that

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anyone can learn to juggle, organizer Blake Speers explains that "a festival is the perfect place to learn juggling and object manipulation skills - the energy inside a festival is absolutely amazing." The club encourages anyone with an interest to stop by, take in the sights, and try out a few props.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Saturday evening show, Out of Hand: An International Showcase of Juggling and the Performing Arts which takes place at Victoria High School. Jugglers and non-jugglers alike will be treated to an evening of internationally-acclaimed talent. Special guests will include Maksim Komaro, a world-renowned modern juggler from Finland; International Juggling Association silver-medalist Lana Bolin, from Minnesota; and Sean Anderson, Canada's best diabolist, journeying all the way from Halifax, NS. Other featured performers will include local magician and magic shop owner Tony Eng; contact juggling wizard Ryan Mellors and Inner Harbour favourites Aaron Gregg and Blake Speers - both members of the UVic Juggling Club.

Festival doors will open Friday March 11th at 5pm in the Michel Pujol room of the Student Union Building at UVic.

Tickets for the whole weekend (including 3 days of juggling and the Out of Hand evening show) are only \$30 or \$25 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online through www.vicjugfest.com. Tickets for the evening performance, Out of Hand, can be purchased separately for \$8-\$12 and will be on sale at Bolen Books in Hillside Mall and through the festival website. For more information please visit www.vicjugfest.com or contact us at juggling@uvss.uvic.ca.

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**14. NANAIMO RADIO FUNDRAISER** Radio Malaspina 101.7fm in Nanaimo, is having its Third in a series of fundraising concerts "An evening of Acoustic music at the Malaspina Campus Theatre.

CHLY supports and promotes local musicians and is proud to present Vancouver Island's Todd Butler (Todd, as you know, is very funny and very stinging of political leaders, eg Gordie Campbell etc), blues guitarist/songwriter, Gerry Barnum and environmental activist Banjo Jim Erkiletian.

A funny, thought provoking, and emotional evening of music called "A slice of life and politics".

**☐ Sunday Evening March 27th ☐ 2005 Doors open 7pm ☐ 7:30 start. Malaspina Campus Theatre Building #310 Nanaimo B.C.**

Tickets \$15 (\$10 for Mal U students and CHLY members) available at the door and "Fascinating Rhythm Music Store" 174 Commercial St. downtown Nanaimo

"Arbutus Music" (Metral Drive north Nanaimo)

"Thirsty Camel Restaurant" (Victoria Cresc Downtown Nanaimo)

"Carpe Diem" Commercial St. Downtown Nanaimo

and at the Station #2- 34 Victoria Rd Nanaimo call 716 3410

In addition if concertgoers bring a nonperishable food item or a cash donation for Nanaimo food banks they will be entered for a door prize. A draw for a Cd by the performers!

bio's below

Todd Butler A veteran of over 20 years of performing live as both a musician/vocalist and a comedian, Todd's skills are finely tuned

to an exquisite point and he swings easily from lambasting politicians

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(Gordie Campbell Jean Chretien) in hilarious political parodies to interpreting the latest news story with a twist. Then, Todd the storyteller takes over, enrapturing the audience with poignant tales of love, friendship, what it means to belong, to be an outsider, to be searching for something real in these crazy, virtual times...

Each performance is crafted to the audience through extensive consultation and customization. Guaranteed to entertain you with a stunning combination of musical parody, whimsical wit, outstanding guitarmanSHIP, and outrageous political satire, Todd Butler is today's choice for event planners and corporations right across Canada.

"Songwriting for me has always been about describing the world around me in all it's wonder, stupidity, and beauty. When something bugs me or angers me, makes me laugh or haunts me, I have to write about it. Expressing myself through music is my passion and being able to share it with other people is my privilege."

Gerry Barnum As a solo performer, session musician, or as a band leader, Gerry is both well known and loved in the music community of the West

Coast. Gerry is a seasoned artist and has played with, or opened for, some of the top acts in the business - including names such as K.D. Lang, Randy Travis, John Mayall, Mick Taylor, Hot Tuna, James Cotten, Spencer Davis Group, Dwight Yoakum, Lyle Lovett, Los Lobos, The Blasters, Idle Eyes, Savoy Brown, John Hammond, and many more.

A dynamic slide guitarist and expressive vocalist, Gerry can also slip into an inspired harmonica solo as smoothly as taking a breath. He is confident with audiences and his comedic nature comes out often, making him a pleasure to play with and inspiring to see in concert. To describe his style is to draw from his broad base of influences, most notably Ry Cooder, Elmore James, Taj Mahal, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee, and the Delta blues of Robert Johnson.

Gerry has now stretched into his own definitive style of playing. more specifically, as a singer/songwriter. To say that his songs have soul is an understatement. They are deeply emotional, colourful tunes with a groove that'll make you want to stomp your feet and rock in your chair. he is a passionate performer who is not afraid to laugh or share with an audience his great big love.

jim Erkiletian

Jim Erkiletian is a logger-environmentalist who has played banjo from the stages of the Yukon to the streets of Vancouver. Rug rats know him

as Juggling Jim McBanjo. He holds university degrees in Economics, English, Education and Anthropology, writes and directs videos and stage plays, bikes, canoes, and builds dugout guitars. He has worked at both labour and management levels in transportation, sales, construction, research and education. He has played banjo with the bluegrass-reggae fusion group, Soulstice, the folk-duo Rainshadow, the First Nation's hard-hitting Mouse Pack, the Yukon country rockers Cabin Fever, and others. He is responsible for three books of poems, Slapjots,

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Metaphorplay, and How You Can Profit From the Coming Ecological Collapse, and an instruction manual for building and playing a variety of stringed instruments, Dugout Guitars. He lives on Gabriola Island in the beautiful Salish Sea in the right front forepaw of the Great Bear.

kenny you can listen to Me and Val on our show Eclectic Celtic , "my roots are showing" Tuesday ... Noon to 1pm only on CHLY fm 101.7 fm

or on the net <http://www.chly.fm/>

My music web site "Alicken hue" <http://www.onlinerock.com/musicians/alickenhue/>

From: kenny brault <kbrault@nanaimo.ark.com>

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### 15. BIKE TO WORK WEEK

Let your colleagues know that Bike to Work Week 2005 is

**May 30th - June 5th.**

It's getting better out there for cyclists! A number of infrastructure improvements are underway that will extend cycling routes and add amenities.

This Thursday (February 17; 4 pm - 7 pm) blueprints for new bike lanes on Fort St. will be displayed at Victoria City Hall. Engineering staff and

council will be soliciting feedback from the community on this important project. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for Victoria.

The bike lanes will extend from Cook St. to Oak Bay junction and plans are being developed to complete the corridor to Foul Bay Rd in the near future.

The new facilities will establish a continuous bike friendly corridor from downtown to Camosun College.

The project was initiated by the Cycling Advisory Committee and the city's engineering staff, who have been particularly creative in developing this design. Drop into the open house and take a look.

We'll provide ongoing updates of other improvements that will be ready for BTWW.

Linda Saunders Executive Director Bike to Work Victoria 920-5775

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### 16. SUSTAINABLE LEARNING COMMUNITY INSTITUTE

Presents:

"PERMACULTURE DESIGN AND ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTION SKILLBUILDER"

**May 16th - September 2nd 2005 (Optional extra month practicum to Oct. 2nd) Location:**

**O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE, Shawnigan Lake, B.C. , Canada**

Description In 2005, the O.U.R. Eco-Village permaculture design and organic gardening program will offer a unique opportunity to build skills and competence

throughout the growing season. This is a four-month, fully residential program where a balance of practical hands-on learning and theoretical class

time will be achieved.

Participants will be involved in running the organic food production system on site for the community. A wide array of organic-based ideas and

techniques will be explored and practiced such as no-till, bio-dynamic, bio-and french-intensive and permaculture.

The program allows participants the opportunity to build skills perhaps more commonly found in an apprenticeship. For example, coordinating

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non-residential students in classes and hands-on projects will enhance leadership and facilitation skills. Each participant will have their own experimental garden plot and opportunities to further advance their knowledge in specific areas of interest through personalized projects. Permaculture will be integrated into the entire program. The standard 72-hour Permaculture Design Course will be taught throughout the five months and we are currently applying to be able to offer PDC Certificates from the Permaculture Institute in Australia.

The program begins with a one week "permaculturalization" - group building and establishing learning community ethics and goals in connection with everyone on the land. This will also include group activities.

Establishing a weekly rhythm will provide continuity throughout the program's diverse content. The entire curriculum is designed to be in harmony with the seasonal cycles and in consideration of the current developmental stage of O.U.R. Eco-Village.

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to partake in a weeklong student exchange with Linnaea Farm on Cortes Island. Check out their website at

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

For all participants who successfully complete the Permaculture Design & Organic Production Skillbuilder program, a graduation ceremony and celebration will take place in conjunction with the All Cobbers Weekend event happening September 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2005.

**Core Curriculum** The Permaculture Design & Organic Production Skillbuilder program is part of T OPIA: The Sustainable Learning Community Institute. We are creating a core curriculum that will be attended by participants of all programs, regardless of their focus. Topics include but not limited to community building, human development, compassionate/non-violent communication, decision-making processes, personal leadership, local indigenous wisdom, whole systems design and permaculture basics.

**Instructors** The program is coordinated and lead by Tyrone LaFay of Earthcare Design Solutions.

Tyrone has seven years experience studying and practicing permaculture design and organic gardening in the Pacific Northwest of the US, New Zealand and Australia. He holds a BSc in Environmental Science from Huxley College at Western Washington University.

In addition to local residents of the eco-village, we bring in specialized guest presenters/facilitators from within the local Cascadian Bioregion and beyond. Field trips and excursions will allow our local hosts to share their knowledge and working examples.

**Eco-Village Activities** Spending four or five months living at O.U.R. Eco-Village gives everyone the opportunity to participate in a diverse offering of activities. Garden, greenhouses, forest, pasture and open spaces offer walks, quiet time, change in pace and other learning. Our connection with the Cowichan First Nations Community brings cultural awareness and integration of practices in our daily lives.

Shared meals are at the core of community life and everyone participates in meal preparation



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and clean-up chores.

Facilities & Accommodation O.U.R. Eco-Village program participants live in personal tents in our camp area. We have an outdoor solar shower and washing station as well as several outhouses.

Our outdoor kitchen serves vegetarian food with daily input from the garden. A cob oven is also available for bread baking and pizza. Meals are provided

- breakfast is self serve, lunch and dinner on a rotational cooking schedule with the support of a cook.

The big yurt on the property is used for gatherings, council, celebrations and presentations.

Find out more about our site on our website: [www.ourecoovillage.org](http://www.ourecoovillage.org)

Surrounding Area & Extended Community O.U.R. Eco-Village is situated near Shawnigan Lake on Vancouver Island. The immediate area invites

hiking, boating, cycling, and swimming. Weekend

trips can reach Strathcona Park, the West Coast of the island, the gulf islands, Victoria and Vancouver.

The closest communities for shopping and services are Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake (small villages) and the city of Duncan (larger urban center). Public transport reaches Mill Bay and Shawnigan Lake.

Our climate has a dry season from June to October. Temperatures reach upper 20s Celsius but cool down at night.

Cost \$4500 Can., Includes camp, meals, tuition and field trips.

Two (2) scholarships of \$500 Can. are available. Please refer to the Scholarship Application for more details.

Upon acceptance, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 Can. will be required to hold a position.

The remaining \$4300 Can. will be due by April 15th, 2005.

This Program May Be For You If: You want to learn Permaculture design and organic gardening hands-on You want to experience community living as well You

are mature, know your learning style, self inspired, have good work

ethics, are physically fit (not necessarily young), are willing to be

personally involved with others and practice good communication

You are tolerant, take responsibility, and generally enjoy life

How to Apply We only have six (6) spaces available Please send us: \* Completed

application/questionnaire

Your resume/curriculum vitae

\* A vision statement talking about your intent for the program and how it relates to your life path.

You can send your application by e-mail to

[our@pacificcoast.net](mailto:our@pacificcoast.net)

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<mailto:our@pacificcoast.net>

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because e-mails have not reached us in the past. Our mailing address is:

O.U.R. Eco-Village Att.: Pc Design & Organic Production Skillbuilder, Box

530, Shawnigan Lake, BC, VOR2WO, Canada

Do not send money until we have communicated further. We will collect all applications and begin phone interviews in February.

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Upon acceptance to the program, we will send an acceptance package including detailed course outlines, daily & weekly rhythms, rules & agreements, what to bring, expectations of participants and what participants should expect from the program, etc.

From: "Jessica Boquist" <boquistj@uvic.ca>

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17. NATURAL BUILDING SKILLBUILDER 2005

June 20- August 27 2005 Location: O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE, Shawnigan Lake, BC

Description : In 2005 our natural building programs will continue work on OUR Healing Sanctuary and we also plan to build our first natural home.

Participants learn through hands-on practice of building skills, supported by presentations, personal study and discussions of related topics. The learning community also involves taking part in core curriculum activities of our whole systems programming.

The Natural Building Skillbuilder Program offers:

- * Strawbale and Cob Finishing: aesthetics, bas-relief work, brown coat for plaster, windows and doors
- * Natural Plasters: clay and lime recipes, colour and application
- * Earthen Floors: in- floor heat, tile work, finishing
- * Cob Construction: wall building, detailing, windows, doors, roof
- * Stone Foundation
- * Woodworking: as needed to support cob or bale building
- * Basic Design Skills: passive solar, natural house specific needs, materials, decision making
- * Community life: all participants live on site for the duration of the program. Daily involvement in chores, community meetings, celebrations, seasonal ritual and other community events become part of the stay.

Program outline The program begins with a weeklong "permaculturalization"- group building and establishing learning community ethics in connection with everyone on the land.

Practical learning begins at the Healing Sanctuary building with finishing work. Participants develop plastering skills, including preparation of surfaces, shaping and trimming.

The second part of the program takes place at our first Ecovillage house project. Building plans will be developed during the winter months and final; material choices are part of that. Cob building with a focus on efficiency and understanding of all aspects of the building will be at the core of this part.

Field trips to other projects and to Mayne Island cob houses are also included in the program.

Instructors Our international teaching team includes builders and artisans Elke Cole from Cobworks, Eckhardt Beuchel from Germany, and others.

We bring in guest presenters on topics like alternative energy and baubiology.

Ecovillage activities Spending two months at O.U.R. Ecovillage gives everyone opportunity to partipate in a diverse offering of activities. Garden, Greenhouses, Forest

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FOR REGISTRATION:

Please email us: our@pacificcoast.net Or phone: (250) 743-3067

** we will ask you for your background with related experience, a written vision statement of your vision for participating in the program before we do a telephone interview.

*** we are planning to have the local natural building year end celebration, ALL COBBERS DAY (with the infamous All Cobbers Olympics!) on September 2, 3, 4th so if you would like to stay on for this please let us know.

From: "Jessica Boquist" <boquistj@uvic.ca>--

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Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862

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