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contributions, considerations, concerns:

* From: a5b88923@telus.net

Dear Janine, We can help the former Stephanie MacMillan(<http://www.MinimumSecurity.net>) win a contest below by voting online, if it can be circulated.

* From: "Rita Dawson" <landofno@telus.net>

<http://yourecosource.com/blog/earth-clock/>

* From: "Laura Mack - Whitelight Communities" <whitelightpromo@telus.net> Lovely Office Space for Rent

Near Main & Broadway (133 E. 8th Ave)

- Nice view of North Shore Mountains
- Large, bright, private office - 200 sq ft
- Small, shared meeting area outside of office
- Quiet, secure office building
- 2nd floor office, north facing, lots of windows, very bright
- Outside patio for sunny days!
- \$650/month (inclusive of GST and operating expenses)

Contact Helen @ (604) 874-7922 or (604) 290-7922 or email

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#### 1. Save the Planet...Watch a film! - Sept 27th

The 26th edition of Vancouver's Film Festival begins on Thursday, September 27th and features a brand new series called Climate for Change: films focused on the environment. It's amazing how many people have become aware of and truly concerned about Global Warming this year; the Film Fest's Climate for Change series is another opportunity to inspire

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and motivate us to make fundamental changes in our lives...before it's too late!  
I'll be reviewing as many films as I can to help you find your way through the Fest in general and the Climate for Change series in particular.

### **I've already lined up some can't miss flicks in the Climate for Change series:**

TAKEN FOR A RIDE - exposes how most of North America's transit infrastructure was dismantled to pave the way for the automobile  
WHITE VANS - a local film about bike theft by a filmmaker who has lost a few  
BING AI - a Chinese film about a woman who simply won't leave her home that is in the area destined to be flooded by the Three Gorges Dam

KHADAK (aka, The Colour of Water) by Peter Brosens and Jessica Woodworth, in a Belgium/Germany/Netherlands co-production, uses drama to explore the fate of Mongolia's nomads pushed into the city to avoid a livestock plague, with a remarkable East-West fusion soundtrack.

And if you haven't heard the buzz from Cannes yet, here are some of the films that helped create it: 4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS, AND 2 DAYS by Romanian filmmaker, Cristian Mungiu (a story about illegal abortion in the waning days of the Soviet Bloc);

THE EDGE OF HEAVEN is a German / Turkish co-production and the fifth feature by Fatih Akin, which won Best Screenplay;

PERSEPOLIS, which won the Special Jury prize, by Marjane Satrapi and Vincent Paronnaud (punk rock rebellion in the midst of Iran's Islamic Revolution) from Iran, where it has been banned.

All reviews will be posted on <http://humanpowered.wordpress.com> for the duration of the Festival. Everything you need to know about the Festival can be found at <http://www.viff.org>

Remember, there's lots of additional Bike Parking brought in for the Festival downtown and most buses will drop you or pick you up within a block of any venue. The nearest SkyTrain station to the downtown venues is Granville, with Waterfront Station your portal to the IMAX retrospective, also a part of this year's Vancouver International Film Festival.

See you at theatre!

From: dave olsen <bike@resist.ca>

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## 2. Hello AI, Goodbye Gateway! - Sept 29th

**What: Party to welcome AI Gore to Vancouver**  
**When: Saturday, Sept. 29, 5:00 - 7:30 pm**  
**Where: Cardero St. at Coal Harbour (East of the Westin Bayshore)**

Demand Action on Climate Change and Have Fun Doing It!

Presenting;

David Cadman, Vancouver City Councillor

David Fields; Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC)

Joe Foy; Western Canada Wilderness Committee

Michael Sather ; MLA - Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

Adriane Carr ; Deputy Leader, Green Party of Canada

Harold Steves; Father of BC's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

Peter Julian ; Federal NDP Transportation Critic

Vicki Huntington; Delta Councillor

Entertainment by Tom Wizdom, Raging Grannies, Ned Jacobs & Port Action Theatre Troupe &

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more Bring your signs and banners. BRING YOUR FRIENDS! BE THERE FOR CLEAN AIR!!

From: "The Coalition of Progressive Electors" <cope@cope.bc.ca>

*editor's note: be sure to ask al how bombing yugoslavia is good for the environment, and why he surrendered the election to george before all the votes had been counted.* ~~~~~

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3. Up the Yangtze: a look at China today - Sept 30, Oct 7th

Yo friends and allies. I was interested in life after the completed Three Gorges Dam and viewed advance NFB copy. Good slice of life look,

at times humourous and moving, at capitalism and global economy affecting cruise ship workers in the modern China. See comments by Patricia Adams of Probe International following. While I expected more about Three Gorges Dam controversy, the film is a definite "worth the look" at how the "proletariat" is doing. Take care. anon Sid

For 20 years, I've read every detail that has leaked out of China about the Three Gorges dam. But nothing, before this film, has put me

so vividly in the shoes of citizens affected by this dam. "Up the Yangtze" gives life to all the statistics and mind boggling details.

It made me laugh. It made me cry. And it helped me to feel -- really feel -- what it is like to be in the path of this dam.

"Bravo" to Yung Chang for recording an important part of modern Chinese history that the Chinese government would prefer to skip. This is an outstanding film.

Patricia Adams, Executive Director, Probe International Publisher, Three Gorges Probe, China Rivers Probe Editor, Yangtze! Yangtze! Earthscan, 1994.

UP THE YANGTZE: World Premiere at Vancouver International Film Festival.

A film by Yung Chang

A luxury cruise boat motors up the Yangtze - navigating the mythic waterway known in China simply as "The River." The Yangtze is about to

be transformed by the biggest hydroelectric dam in history. At the river's edge, a young woman says goodbye to her family as the floodwaters rise towards their small homestead. The Three Gorges Dam - contested symbol of the Chinese economic miracle - provides the epic backdrop for Up the Yangtze, a dramatic feature documentary on life inside modern China.

Sunday, September 30, 7:00 pm & Sunday, October 7, 11:00 am

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