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#### **contributions, considerations, concerns:**

\* **The Victoria Street Newz has moved.** Near the end of March we learned the landlord had received notice that the entire CEDCO Victoria office would be vacated by April 1st. If you want to contact Janine, the SNZ coordinator, please send email to

[streetnewz@islandnet.com](mailto:streetnewz@islandnet.com)

or phone 250-598-3064. I'll be distributing newspapers to the vendors at the Open Door on Fridays between 10 and 12 noon (until we find another gathering space - can you help?) and 10-noon on Tuesdays from the Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition office - 418, 620 View St. (I won't be answering the phone there). Thanks very much to the HR Coalition and Rose Henry for helping facilitate use of that space. <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>

\* From: marisa herrera <lovenature@shaw.ca>

River of Blood - With all the problems in the world, here's why you should be concerned about Canada's biggest baby seal hunt in 50 years

<http://g.msn.com/0MNBUS00/2?http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/7408783/site/newsweek&&CM=EmailThis&CE=1>

Send letters to: [letters@msnbc.com](mailto:letters@msnbc.com)

\* From: Our Public Airwaves<[arthur@publicairwaves.ca](mailto:arthur@publicairwaves.ca)>

Our Public Airwaves has launched a campaign to support CBC initiatives to expand local programming, double the supply of Canadian TV drama and add new CBC Radio stations in under served communities. The campaign becomes all the more urgent in the face of an apparent government rejection yesterday of expanded CBC funding. [www.MoreCBC.ca](http://www.MoreCBC.ca)

\* From: "Ecosource Paper Inc." <[ecodette@islandnet.com](mailto:ecodette@islandnet.com)>

To view "The Take" visit <http://www.hellocoolworld.com/thetake/grassroots/> \* From: "Michael Kalmanovitch" <[kalman@interbaun.com](mailto:kalman@interbaun.com)>

Please take a moment to view this 2-minute film from the American friends service committee

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(Quakers) that is a companion piece to their "eyes wide open" exhibition currently touring the U.S. There are also links on the site to their petition to bring their troops home--as well as info on how to obtain a "wage peace" bracelet (Earth's General Store has ordered 100 of these to be used as a fundraiser for ECAWAR ? [www.ecawar.org](http://www.ecawar.org) ).

Click here to watch the movie [2 min]: [http://ga3.org/ct/y1\\_-aU118m29/wagepeace/](http://ga3.org/ct/y1_-aU118m29/wagepeace/)

\* From: "Johannes DeViet" <jdeviet@skynet.ca>

Please visit our Web site: <http://www.gamblingwatch.ca>

\* From: <press@hellocoolworld.com>

THE CORPORATION Wins the Genie Award for Best Documentary!<http://www.thecorporation.com/assets/press/CorpGeniePR.PDF>

\* From: Larry Kazdan <lkazdan@shaw.ca>

The biggest anti-nuclear weapons conference in five years starts on May 2nd in New York and the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons suggests several actions we can take to support progress in nuclear disarmament. For more information, and a message you can send to Paul Martin, go to <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/wfcvb/nptalert.html> .

\* From: Luree <luree@islandnet.com>

Save a critter! <http://www.duncanspca.com>

Join The Seal Action Network To join simply send an email to: sealactionnetwork-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Or go to the website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sealactionnetwork/>

\* From:

Martin Golder <golder@islandnet.com>

This morning on CBC morning show Gordon Wilson and Judi Tyabji were introduced as the political commentators from now until the election. Gordon wilson came out strongly in opposition to the STV referendum. I immediately called the talkback line to register a complaint. It is absolutely irresponsible for the CBC to have someone so opposed to STV as a neutral political commentator. If they want to keep him they must have a strong pro voice with equal time. Call the CBC and let them know what you think.

<http://www.cbc.ca/earlyedition/contact.html#ListenerTalkBackLine>: (604) 662-6690 Mail: Early Edition Box 4600 Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 4A2

\* From: "ccook" <lex@highspeedplus.com>

<http://www.afsc.org/iraq/movie.htm>

\* From: Rafah today <rafahtoday@yahoo.com>

Here, Rafah children are getting killed, and the shelling is going on all over the Rafah Refugee Camp. Please see more details about the recent massacre committed by the ISRAELI Occupation Forces targeted three boys from Rafah.. For more information, please visit [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org)

or forward to your friends and let them know about what is going on here against humanity.

Thank you and regards! Mohammed

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### 1. VENEZUELA THREE YEARS AFTER

Venezuela Three Years After the Coup: Celebrating the Triumph of the Bolivarian Revolution Documentary Showing: "Chavez, Venezuela and the New Latin America"

Join us for an evening of celebration, commemorating the triumph of the Bolivarian Revolution. Documentary showing will be followed by a panel discussion with leading Venezuela solidarity activist in Vancouver.

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"Chavez, Venezuela and the New Latin America" explores Venezuela's explosive revolutionary terrain post-April 2002, where Hugo Chavez survived a coup attempt instigated by the United States.

**Friday April 15/05 @ 7pm**

**Palestine Community Centre 1874 Kingsway St. Vancouver**

Organized by La SURDA Latin American Collective

From: kiko@resist.ca

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**2. MINING IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT** Mining in a Global Context vs. Community Initiatives for Dignity and Solidarity Canada  
Canadian and US Mining Companies are expanding operations on indigenous lands both in the North and in Latin America - often against the wishes and to the detriment of the people who live there. To understand the impact of these operations and how communities are organizing to resist, join:  
\* Pat Ezterza, representative of the Tahltan Elders' Council currently occupying the Telegraph Creek band office in Northern BC to demand a moratorium on resource extraction in Tahltan lands

and

\* Sandra Cuffe of Rights Action, author of the recent study on Vancouver-based Glamis Golds' operations in Central America "A backwards, upside down kind of development: Global Actors and Community-based Resistance in Honduras and Guatemala."

**Friday, April 15, 7 PM**

**St. Michael's Anglican Church**

**409 East Broadway,**

**Vancouver**

Phone Emilie at

876-8191

for more information

Event organised by BC CASA and St. Michael's Anglican Church

From: Steve Stewart <sstewart@codev.org>

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### 3. FAERIES AND FOOLS

dear friends,

i am pleased and honoured to announce the upcoming Faeries and Fools Costume Carnival taking place here on **Mount Elphinstone in Roberts Creek, on the Sunshine Coast of BC.** the date is quickly approaching:

**Saturday April 16**

six years running now, this year's event is shaping up to be the best ever. not only is it the premiere and most-anticipated dance party and gathering of the year, but the costumes and performances are something to behold!

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i can't say enough how much an honour it is for me to be a part of the main organizing crew. together with nils and ronin (and dozens of volunteers and participants) we are working hard to manifest an experience you will not forget!

some of you receiving this email do not live near the sunshine coast or the vancouver area. if you have any opportunity whatsoever to make travel plans and come over for a visit, i strongly urge you to consider doing so! i will take care of your needs and provide you with transportation and my warm home to stay in, what better offer can you get than that!!!

you can feel the excitement building by checking out the forum thread on the gathering here:  
<http://www.tribalharmonix.org/forums/read.php?2,52920>

so prepare your costumes, make arrangements for a cat sitter, finalize your travel plans, and be ready for a costume carnival like none other! tickets can be purchased from me directly for \$25 (advance price without service charges), just let me know and i'll set some aside for you. and please forward this email to your faerie friends and foolish familiee! read more below for further details.

love,  
david

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We are excited to be involved in the production of the 6th installment of the legendary gathering FAERIES AND FOOLS on

Saturday, April 16th

Faeries and Fools needs no introduction, but there will be some very big and exciting differences at this years event. Feeling that we needed to offer this gathering space to grow we decided to go all out.

So this year: Faeries and Fools will be held on the side of Mount Elphinstone in a heated, weather proof, Big Top Circus Tent, completely protected from the elements, on the side of a mountain and easy to get to.

Could you think of anything more appropriate?

Our musical line-up is scheduled from dusk until dawn and is sure to please all the Faeries and Fools.

Faeries and Fools now has its own website: [www.fairiesandfools.org](http://www.fairiesandfools.org)  
Check back regularly for updates.

We are excited to introduce:

BROTHER (Bassnectar, Space Ship Gaia) Santa Cruz, California

Brother is a living legend in the West Coast Breaks scene. With his first appearance in the area:

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We are sure that his immaculate mixing and his beautiful track selection will make him a household name. This man is responsible for introducing some of our favorite DJ's to the Breaks Sound.

"My favorite deck wizard is unquestionably a being by the alias of BROTHER, whose supa' tribal taste of funky-ass beats and spiritual groove has all of Santa Cruz heated up!" - Lorin Bassnectar

**BLUETECH** (Native State Records, Aleph Zero, Waveforme) Sunshine Coast, BC

Evan Bluetech is a founder of Native State Records, and is currently producing music from various locations of high energy culture and creative output around the globe.

Originally trained as a pianist, his experience with composition has made a mark in his electronic music production. Elements of dub and idm grace beat heavy soundscapes with a melodic edge. His music is often referred to as PsyDM or Spacehop.

Bluetech has released on a number of respected labels including Aleph Zero, Waveform, and Interchill, as well as contributing to new labels like PsyBooty, Truffle, and Lobogistic Labs. The first official Native State release is the Bluetech 'Elementary Particles EP'.

**JOSHUA JAMES** (Rountable Collective)

Joshua is an explosive new DJ to the west coast and is rocking dancefloors with the biggest and brightest turntablists in the area. With a stand out set at Intention and a killer opening set for Tipper at "Earthdance - Vancouver Island" this past year: Joshua is quickly becoming a draw to the dancefloor.

For Faeries and Fools he will be opening his set with spoken word set to his beats and shown in motion through a special "Island Fairy" performance.

**RONIN** (Native State Records, GSC), Sunshine Coast

Fresh tracks and a (not so) quiet winter of preperation: This summer is shaping up to be a standout year for this well travelled left coast native. Liquidy sounds with rumbly basslines and smooth mixing. Ronin's sets flow from hypnotic sound scapes to bumping four on the floor dancefloor killers. Influenced by several different styles of music: a Ronin set is sure to be unique and well crafted.

**ANDABEAT** (Revolutionist) Gabriola Island

Undoubtibly one of the most dedicated DJ's we know. She is a great selector who's commitment to her music is matched only by her technical knowledge of the art of turntablism.

**BEATS WITHOUT BORDERS** featuring NILS and LADY RA (Sunshine Coast and Vancouver)

Two of the founders of the Beats without Border collective. Opening the night with tribal electronic fusion from all over the world. Nils and Ra are making a big impact in Vancouver with

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several successful shows. Including their very popular: last thursday of each month. Featuring the likes of Cheb i Sabbah and Adham Shaikh. There are many big things coming up for them so check the website: [www.beatswithoutborder.com](http://www.beatswithoutborder.com)

LJ MARQ MELTZER (Urban Visuals) Vancouver

Mark is a light crafter. Pure and Simple. He has been providing beautiful environments for gatherings, events, festivals and clubs for so many years that it is impossible to list them all here. Let's just say that the inside of this circus tent will be...stimulating to say the least. Performance art provided by NUCLEUS and THE MYTHMAKERS. These two troops are sure to bring a differing flavour to the event and make Fairies and Fools an event filled evening.

Tickets are available from the following locations:

Vancouver - Highlife Records - 604-251-6964

Vancouver - Boomtown Records - 604-893-8696

Nanaimo - The Thirsty Camel - 250-753-9313

Victoria - Boomtown Records - 250-380-5090

Gibsons - Faerie Ring Holistic Salon - 604-886-2776

Roberts Creek - Health Food Store - 604-885-7990

You can also buy them online at the Faeries and Fools website.

Please support this gathering by making a trip out to pick up your ticket in advance. We could really use your support in putting our minds at ease leading up to such a lavish production.

From: david <david@resist.ca>

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### 4. COPE MEMBERS URGED TO ATTEND AGM TO CHOOSE 2005 "ELECTION EXECUTIVE"

COPE Annual General Meeting, slated for

**Sun, April 17 at 1 pmat the Maritime Labour Centre, 111 Victoria Drive, Vancouver.**

"The 2005 civic election is only months away," said COPE Chair Donna Morgan. " It is crucial that all COPE members and supporters begin organizing now so that progressive change will continue in Vancouver. That organizing begin with the election at the AGM of an Executive who will guide COPE into the fall election.

"In 1968, Harry Rankin, VDLC president Frank Kennedy and hundreds of 'community groups, tenants, trade unions, youth groups and individual citizens' formed the COPE coalition to 'restore control of City Hall to the people.'

"COPE has remained faithful to that coalition vision. We have to make sure that in 2005 we re-elect COPE Councillors, School Trustees and Park Commissioners who will keep the COPE dream alive!"

At the AGM, COPE members will choose COPE Executive members who will be instrumental in

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determining COPE's platform and candidates in this November's civic election. For more information on the AGM, go to: <[www.cope.bc.ca](http://www.cope.bc.ca)> or call 604-255-0400.

#### **COUNCIL APPROVES CHILD AND YOUTH PLAN**

April 12, 2005 - Vancouver City Council today approved a work plan submitted by Child and Youth Advocate Sheila Davidson. The plan covers the next three years and will focus on housing for youth, the impact of service cuts by the provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Human Resources, interactions between police and youth, and challenges facing aboriginal children and youth.

"Aboriginal children make up the fastest growing urban population in Canada," said Davidson. "While the Aboriginal community should be applauded for a number of fine initiatives and individuals who are making a difference in their community, ultimately it is the creation of greater social inclusion which will make a significant difference in their lives."

In July, 2003, Mayor and Council approved the re-instatement of the Child and Youth Advocate for the City of Vancouver. Getting a Child and Youth Advocate back in Vancouver was a key part of COPE's 2002 campaign platform. The NPA axed the Child and Youth Advocate position in 1999 when they had a monopoly on Council and before COPE's Tim Louis and Fred Bass were elected in the fall of 1999 and put COPE back into City Hall.

#### **LIBERALS SNUB COPE SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

Vancouver area provincial Liberal candidates declined to meet with COPE school trustees and the VSB's Advocacy Committee - comprised of students, parents, teachers, and trustees. The Advocacy Committee scheduled the April 08 meeting to brief provincial election candidates on education concerns. Nine NDP and four Green Party candidates attended.

"The BC Liberals declined to meet with us, which is not surprising," said COPE trustee Noel Herron. "They seem to be running away from public discussion on education and health issues." An April 11 all-candidates meeting at False Creek Elementary School was cancelled when Vancouver-Fairview Liberal candidate Virginia Greene withdrew at the last minute.

#### **COPE PARK BOARD ASKS FOR YOUR INPUT ON \$90 MILLION PLAN**

The Vancouver Park Board approved a preliminary capital spending plan that calls for almost \$90 million worth of parks and recreation upgrades over the next three years. The plan also includes 2010 Winter Olympic related projects.

"We will be scheduling at least three public meetings in May to get public feedback and input on the proposed plan," said COPE Park Commissioner Anita Romaniuk. "Details of those meetings will be posted on the Park Board website as soon as they are final."

Once approved by the Park Board, the plan goes to Vancouver City Council before it is put to a referendum at this November's civic elections as part of Vancouver's capital plan.

For more information on the Park Board Plan go to  
<[www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/board/2005/050411/index.htm](http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/board/2005/050411/index.htm)>.  
From: COPE Elerts <[elert@cope.bc.ca](mailto:elert@cope.bc.ca)>

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**5. A CHORAL CONCERT FOR ALL AGES**

Event: Vancouver Chamber Choir ~ YOUNG AT HEART

**Dates & Times:** 8 pm, Friday, April 15, 2005 & 3 pm, Sunday, April 17, 2005 **Venue:**  
**Ryerson United Church (45th Ave. & Yew St.), Vancouver**

Tickets: \$10-\$23 at TicketMaster, call 604.280.3311 or visit [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca)

Vancouver, BC... Jon Washburn and the Vancouver Chamber Choir draw their 34th concert season to a close with YOUNG AT HEART. Pianist Linda Lee Thomas joins in for a delightful collection of youthful melodies by Persichetti, Sled, Washburn, Bernstein and Britten. The concert also features finalists - and announcement of winners - from the Choir's Young Composers' Competition, as well as previous first place works. YOUNG AT HEART takes place at Ryerson United Church (45th & Yew, Vancouver) 8pm, Friday, April 15 and 3pm, Sunday, April 17, 2005. Tickets are \$10 - \$23, available through Ticketmaster online at [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) or by phone at 604.280.3311.

Youth is indeed the focus of this Spring concert. Even the few ageing composers on the programme are saved by lyrics of perennial freshness. Jon Washburn sets poems of Christina Rossetti. Persichetti chooses droll verses by the iconoclastic wordsmith for his *Three e.e.cummings Choruses*

. Bruce Sled's

*Sika*

(a premiere performance) uses the composer's adaptations of Japanese Haiku. Bernstein wrote his own lyrics for these incidental songs for the play

*Peter Pan*

. And Britten chose both significant poems and little bits of doggerel for his wonderful *Friday Afternoons*

, which also feature guest pianist Linda Lee Thomas.

The real fresh air, however, is provided by present and past young participants in the Vancouver Chamber Choir's biennial Young Composers' Competition - some of whom may turn out to be our Brittens and Bernsteins of the future! The programme includes previous first prize pieces by Russell Nadel, Julia Heinonen and David von Kampen. And, from a record number of applications, the finalist compositions and announcement of winners in the Vancouver Chamber Choir's 2005 Young Composers' Competition

The Vancouver Chamber Choir has a reputation for innovative devotion to choral art, recognized by audiences internationally and garnering the prestigious Louis Botto Award at the 2000 Chorus America Conference. In addition to their commitment to performance excellence, the Choir has developed several educational outreach programs such as the biennial *Young Composers' Competition*.

Choral composers aged 8-22 from around the world submit their works with hopes they will be selected to have their piece performed publicly by Canada's premier choir and win cash prizes to help them further their musical career. The competition is divided into three age categories, with two winners in each.

For further information about the Choir, its concert season, educational programs, group bookings and subscription offers call 604.738.6822 or visit [www.vancouverchamberchoir.com](http://www.vancouverchamberchoir.com).

From: Vancouver Chamber Choir <[elistdirect@publicityplus.ca](mailto:elistdirect@publicityplus.ca)>

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**6. TAKING PEER PLAY TO SCHOOL**



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ASBC North Shore Lecture Series

Taking Peer Play to School

**Monday, April 18; 7:30-9pm St Francis-in-the-Wood**

**4773 South Picadilly Road, West Vancouver**

Map & Directions : <http://www.featbc.org/downloads/map.pdf>

We hope that you can join us Monday, April 18; 7:30-9pm at St Francis-in-the-Wood for ?Taking Peer Play to School? -- a playful look at how to integrate peer play for the mid to low functioning child into the school environment.

Senior Therapist Lisa Moody will present a case scenario, including videofootage, of how it should look and feel across home and school environments and age spans, as well as how to trouble shoot ?tricky situations? as they arise.

All are welcome: Parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, therapists, judges, politicians and Service Providers. Entrance is by donation; materials, coffee and treats are always supplied. We hope that you can join us.

Please note that this is the last session in this season?s ASBC North Shore Lecture Series, and we will be changing location and management for the coming year. Many thanks to new Lecture Series co-facilitators Eva Lee Pourzargham, Mike Hancock and Debra Jappy for stepping up to take this on. We would also like to thank Lonsdale & 17th Esso Tim Horton?s for their continued generous donation of coffee and donuts over the past 2.5 years? please support them with your patronage and thanks.

With treatment there is hope. We will help you slay your giant!

Tamara + Anissa

From: Anissa Lalani <[anissalalani@shaw.ca](mailto:anissalalani@shaw.ca)>

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The First Annual **7. TOUCH A LIFE BENEFIT CONCERT** Please come to CLICK's first-ever benefit concert in support of inner city kids. The concert will be a vibrant combo of jazz, funk, world music - and even a hip-hop dance performance. It's a great lineup for everyone! Yes, it's a Monday evening, but it's timed so you won't get to bed too late.

**When:** Monday, April 18, 7:30-9:30 pm

**Where:** Vancouver East Cultural Centre (Victoria and Venables)

Tickets: Adults: \$20; Students/Seniors: \$10 Tickets available at Ticketmaster ( [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) ) Featuring...

Fabulous Vancouver jazz singer Jennifer Scott and bassist Rene Worst, Feso (a lively band from Zimbabwe), Ideogram (a dynamic jazz/funk band) and the Britannia Secondary hip hop ensemble!

CLICK distributed \$9,000 to 7 different inner city groups in January of 2005, and with your support, through the benefit concert we can make our next disbursement of funds in May/June. Please send this to as many friends, co-workers and contacts as possible.

Help us fill all 286 seats on April 18!

From: The Ehmans <[acmehouse@telus.net](mailto:acmehouse@telus.net)>

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**8. OPEN MEETING** In order to strengthen and possibly coordinate the work that various groups

and individuals have been doing around different aspects of the SNC-campaign, we are calling

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for an open meeting on

April

**21. We have**

**booked classroom #2 on the third floor of Carnegie Centre at 7 PM on Thursday, April 21st, and invite interested individuals to participate.**

Currently various movements and organizations within the anti-war movement, anti-corporate/anti-capitalist movement, Third world solidarity groups, anti-privatization organizing, and a divestment campaign have expressed an interest and have been working on building an anti-SNC campaign. Given the ability to build a broad based resistance to SNC's actions from the local RAV line and mining in indigenous communities, to bullet contracts in Iraq and reconstruction and development contracts across the Third World, a meeting to discuss and update each other on research, actions, and future plans is crucial.

A "Take Down SNC" campaign has been launched in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto.

More information on the campaign and SNC can be found at <http://www.catapultcollective.org/index.php>. In Vancouver, there is similar

interest to build a comprehensive campaign to Take Down SNC, whose destructive and exploitative operations in countries over the world are emblematic of the true nature of Canadian policy at home and abroad.

From: "Phil Lyons" <[plyons@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:plyons@vcn.bc.ca)>

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## 9. EARTH REVIVAL MEETING

Event: The Earth Revival Meeting

**Date: Friday, April 22, 2005 Times: 7:30 - 10:30 / Doors open at 7 Venue: Masonic Hall, 1495 West Eighth Avenue in Vancouver**

Tickets: \$20 at Banyen (Vancouver), Utopia (North Van), Serendipity's (Richmond), Reflections and Free Spirit (Coquitlam), and at the door. All proceeds to Earth organizations.

The Earth Revival Meeting *A Community Celebration of the 35th Earth Day Anniversary*

The Earth Revival Meeting will engage body, mind and spirit in a community celebration honouring the Earth, to mark the 35th anniversary of Earth Day this Friday, April 22, 2005.

Blending together scientific and ancient wisdom teaching with ceremony, music and dance the Earth Revival Meeting features the inspirational songs of award-winning performer Julie Blue, mesmerizing rhythms of Pepe Danza and ancient chants by Jerry DesVoignes. The Singpiration Choir and Danza's drum troupe will also join the celebration.

Earth Day was established in 1970 to help humanity focus on the state of our planet. Events around the world will bring together people of all ages, faiths and nationalities, to share our hopes and concerns. This Earth Day's theme is *Protect our Children and our Future*.

Playing off the old-time community gatherings, The Earth Revival Meeting will be a heart felt celebration of this planet we call home.

For many people, it can be overwhelming to see how destructive to nature our last fifty years have been. It's hard not to turn away in despair. That's why this event will bring a fresh approach - to deepen our connection, inspire change, and affirm the possibility of a brighter future for our children. When we understand this unfolding, evolving Universe and our planet's precious place in the cosmos, we can bring forth our creative potential to meet the crisis at hand. It's time to remember where we came from, recharge and reconnect. The Earth Revival

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Meeting is based on the teachings of Thomas Berry, Joanna Macy, Matthew Fox, David Suzuki, Brian Swimme and others who have shown us how to deepen our connection with our Earth. Net proceeds will be donated to earth charities. Tickets are \$20 and available at Banyen (Vancouver), Utopia (North Van), Serendipity's (Richmond), Reflections and Free Spirit (Coquitlam), and at the door.

From: The Earth Revival Meeting <elistdirect@publicityplus.ca>

### 10. BC CLEAN AIR FORUM

2005 BC Clean Air Forum: Airshed Planning Successes, Challenges and Opportunities  
The Fraser Basin Council, Environment Canada and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection are pleased to invite you to this event.

**DATE:** April 22, 2005

**TIME:** 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM **LOCATION:** Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, 3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC

#### PURPOSE:

Many local governments, community and private sector organizations are involved in clean air activities. The purpose of this event is to allow participants to develop a better understanding of airshed planning and air quality.

To view the agenda please go to <http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/> and select the link under "What's New"

#### FOCUS:

The focus of the workshop is for communities across BC to:

- \* Share their successes and challenges in airshed and air quality planning.
- \* Identify what tools have been useful in developing and implementing airshed plans.
- \* Identify what additional tools or resources could be developed to further airshed planning and implementation.

#### REGISTRATION:

All participants are required to register. The registration fee is: \* Early Bird (before April 8, 2005) \$35 + GST = \$37.45

\* Regular (after April 8, 2005) \$50 + GST = \$53.50

Included in the fee are tea/coffee, lunch and nutrition breaks.

To register please go to <http://www.eplyservices.com/airshed>

Limited travel assistance is available - please contact Laura Brend (604-488-5352 or lbrend@fraserbasin.bc.ca) for details.

#### QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions about the 2005 BC Clean Air Forum: Airshed Planning Successes, Challenges and Opportunities please contact:

Terry Robert

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Please do not hesitate to share this announcement with your friends and colleagues.

Thank you. We look forward to your participation at the 2005 BC Clean Air Forum - Airshed Planning Successes, Challenges and Opportunities.

From: Fraser Basin Council <webmaster@fraserbasin.bc.ca>

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### 11. **EMPIRE AND RESISTANCE**

Tariq Ali speaks on Empire and Resistance, from Vietnam to Iraq

**Thursday, April 28, 7:30p.m Maritime Labour Centre (1880 Triumph)**

Suggested donation at the door, \$5-\$10.

Author and activist Tariq Ali will speak on movements against Empire from Vietnam to Iraq. The London-based Ali was a leader of the movement against the war in Vietnam, and remains a prominent figure in today's anti-war movement. Ali is the author of numerous books, including the forthcoming collection of interviews Empire and Resistance, Clash of Fundamentalisms and last year's Bush in Babylon.

Sponsored by People's Coop Bookstore Endorsed by StopWar.ca

For more information: 604-253-6442

From: "Derrick O'Keefe" <sankara83@hotmail.com>

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### 12. **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT** Heartland or Hinterland? British Columbia From the Inside Out 2005 BC Studies

and BCPSA Conference

**April 28-30, 2005**

**University of Northern British Columbia**

**Prince George, BC, Canada**

For three days at UNBC academics, provincial business leaders, and public figures will discuss and debate the place of rural and remote regions in our province's past, present and future. Just two weeks before the provincial election, this conference will address the crucial issues facing voters in our region as they go to the polls.

Conference themes include:

Imagined Communities

Regional Politics

Health and Wellness

Heritage and Identity

First Nations and Nationalism

Heartland Policy and Practice

For Program Information see <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/bcstudiesbcpsa/> Sponsored by: Treasure Cove Hotel UNBC City of Prince George Initiatives Prince George Pacific Western

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From: "BC Rural Women" <bcruralwomen@junction.net> [www.bcruralwomen.ca](http://www.bcruralwomen.ca)

### 13. REVOLUTIONARY MAYDAY

Carnival in Grand view Park

**Meet at Clark Park (Commercial Drive and E.14th ave.)**

**1:30 pm, Sunday, May 1st,2005,**

**2:00 pm leave for parade to Grand view Park (Commercial Drive at Charles St.)**

**3:00 pm Community BBQ/potluck in Grand view Park**

**Circus, Musicians and Workshops into the night. Bring your instruments, costumes and props for circus jams. Bring zines, arts, crafts and everything else to share.**

With music from Latino-America, Jamaica and and revolutionary song from Canada. Plus a movie in the park.

#### **OTHERS EVENTS:**

Friday April 29, 6:00 pm: Origins of Mayday

Presentation and social gathering.

Palestinian Community Center located at 1784 Kings way.

Friday May 6, 6:00 pm: Latino-American Video Night:

"Resistance, Rebellion and Revolution in Latin- America.

Palestinian Community Center located at 1874 Kings way.

To volunteer, provide equipment, give a workshop, performance or help in any way contact;

Email:

[mayday2005@excite.com](mailto:mayday2005@excite.com)

May Day Independent Organizing Group

Our Organizing Principles:

1. Direct action
2. Opposition to electoral politics

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3. Independence from trade unions and official organizations (member from filerank are welcome)

4. Decentralized organization with a respect for diversity of tactics

Organized by: May Day Independent Organizing Group

From: kiko@resist.ca

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#### **14. MOTHER'S DAY FOR IRAQ**

The Coalition in Solidarity with the People of Iraq, (CESAPI) has again printed thousands of cards dedicating this Mother's Day to the mothers of Iraq.

The front of the cards have a photo of a mum from Fallujah with her two children. On the inside the cards give many reasons why mothers in Iraq fear for their children, and gives the CESAPI website which backs up all the sources of this information. This makes the cards a useful tool to educate people on the plight of Iraqis, especially mothers.

. The card is to be signed by individuals and sent to our Prime Minister. It urges him to call for 'the withdrawal of occupying forces in Iraq as an essential pre-condition for the establishment of peace, order and true sovereignty.'

The cards come with envelopes addressed to the PM, and stamped "no postage needed". To groups across Canada we are offering the cards for 55c each, plus postage. The cards are very well done, and the response to them so far has been absolutely tremendous. People can check the card out on the website <http://vcn.bc.ca/cesapi>. If you click on the picture you can see the wording of the card.

In Vancouver we are asking individuals for a donation of \$2.00 for each card and will use the proceeds to put the whole card as an ad in the newspaper on Mother's Day. We are also going to use some of the money to donate to Dahr Jamail, <http://DahrJamaillIraq.com> to help fund the terrific reporting he is doing from Iraq.

We hope you will be interested in participating in this campaign as we would like to see our government receiving thousands of these cards from all across Canada.

To order just reply to Linda at <globjust@vcn.bc.ca> with how many you would like or call Irene at 604 737 1299.

In solidarity Irene MacInnes for CESAPI

From: "Canadian Peace Alliance" <cpa@web.ca>

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#### **15. WOMEN OF WORTH CONFERENCE**

I invite you to participate in this remarkable day for women - the WOW Conference on May 1. The extra-earlybird price is available to you *past* the cutoff date if you mention SUNWOLF when you register ... this is less than half-price at just \$98 (reg \$228), while space is available - it's selling out! I encourage you, your friends, family and colleagues to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity, as this is a once-a-year chance to get truly WOW'd on every level - please do join in, and pass this invitation on. More info and online registration at [www.theWOWconference.com](http://www.theWOWconference.com)

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Ignite your mind, body & soul with passion and purpose during this full day of inspiration, education, motivation, pampering and FUN!

Join these world-class experts, who will guide you in creating transformational results in health, wealth & relationships!

#### WOW MC & FUN MASTER

Carla RiegerUnlocking the Funny Side of the Brain Carla Rieger is an expert on the artistry of change. She has been a professional speaker, trainer, facilitator, comedy improviser, and performance storyteller since the mid-80's. Carla has written three critically acclaimed manuals, The Power of Laughter, Speaking on the Funny Side of the Brain and The Heart of Presenting, and has taught thousands to unlock the funny side of their brains. Her work has been featured on radio, TV and in magazines. She founded several theatre groups including Mad Cow Productions, the Vancouver Playback Theatre troupe and Mythic Caf? from which she wrote, produced and performed a one-woman show, Dancing Between Worlds. As your WOW MC, she will guide you through this empowering day with playfulness, humour, laughter and FUN - come unlock the funny side of your brain!

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[www.carlarieger.com](http://www.carlarieger.com)

#### ABUNDANCE

Nancy Fischer

What Are We Waiting For?

.... how to get un-stuck from the waiting game Nancy Fischer is the Executive Director of the Bright Light Foundation, founded by Academy Award winning actor Goldie Hawn. Her life has been about "feeling the fear and going for it anyway", and she has reinvented herself numerous times. She is an award-winning educator, author, international performing artist, and Founder of the Westcoast Sacred Arts Society. Nancy co-authored Mind Power for Children with bestselling-author John Kehoe, and teaches about the power of the mind to transform. With a personal and often humorous look at how we get stuck, she will teach you how to acknowledge and integrate the "shadow" parts of yourself, so you can experience yourself as the magnificent Woman Of Worth that you truly are.

[www.brightlig](http://www.brightlig)

[htfoundation.net](http://htfoundation.net)

During this session you will learn and discover:

Why we get stuck in the "waiting game", and how to get UN-stuck

What stands in the way of receiving everything you want.

How to use "mind power" to turn up the receiving volume ... turn it WAY up.

Simple steps to increase your abundance on every level.

#### EMPOWERMENT

Dr. Rose Backman, PhD

How to become an Unstoppable Woman... if you like Dr Phil, you will LOVE Dr Rose! Dr. Rose Backman's mission is to assist in the empowerment of women with real life issues ? money, career, body image, relationships and more. She has risen to the top of her profession with over 16 years of experience in the field of mind/body wellness. She is a certified natural health practitioner, with expertise in emotional kinesiology and a PhD in Clinical Nutrition. As a core belief specialist, author and speaker, she empowers you with the tools to tap into your strengths. Dr. Rose encourages all of us to look, laugh and to cry for ourselves, and then take the necessary steps to become an Unstoppable Woman!

[www.drrosebackman.com](http://www.drrosebackman.com)

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During this session you will learn and discover:  
The 4 factors to increase your deserving levels.  
How to reclaim your worthiness and set boundaries.  
Why women give away their power and their VOICE.  
How to effortlessly increase your self-esteem and confidence.  
How to break free from generations of programming.

#### LONGEVITY

Christina Awram

Exceptional Self-Care from THE Wellness Trainer

.... slowing the cellular clock to look & feel great! Christina Awram is the inspiration behind WellPRO and the WOW Conference. Trained and certified in numerous healing modalities, she's a dynamic world-class speaker with a playfulness that makes learning more fun than going to the movies! As a writer, speaker, counsellor and media guest, Christina specializes in helping you easily look and feel better in 30 days or less. Having overcome her own health challenges (including being diagnosed with a rare eye disease leading to blindness), her extensive research over the years has not only allowed her to fully recover personally, but has also assisted her in helping thousands of clients in looking and feeling better than ever. An inspirational, heart-based and gifted presenter, her question is "How may I serve?" and her motto is LIVE, LOVE & LAUGH! [www.wellpro.net](http://www.wellpro.net) During this session you will learn and discover:

levels of energy and youthfulness.

3 simple secrets on creating higher

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steps to gorgeous radiant skin in 6 weeks or less.

How you can literally turn back the cellular clock to a younger age.

An unsurpassed technique to harness the untapped power of your mind.

How to create a lifestyle of exceptional self-care, happiness, beauty and grace.

#### HORMONAL HEALTH

Brenda Eastwood, RNCPHormonal Balance Made Easy... Simple strategies for success!

Brenda Eastwood has successfully helped thousands of women change their lives over the past 24 years. She has presented hundreds of seminars across the globe, and has been a guest on numerous radio and television shows. Her expertise in the field of women's health stems from her ongoing research plus 17 years running a successful private practice as a Registered Nutritional Consulting Practitioner. Brenda's personal experiences with her own health challenges (including premature menopause at the early age of 32) has allowed her a deeper sensitivity to women's health concerns. She is a knowledgeable, high-energy speaker who inspires and motivates her audiences with dynamic presentations that are peppered with insight and humor. Brenda strongly believes that women deserve to feel great every day, and with the right tools you can transform your life.

[www.brendaeastwood.com](http://www.brendaeastwood.com)

During this session you will learn and discover:

Why your hormones are out of balance, and what you can specifically do about it.

How to reduce or eliminate hot flashes, night sweats and all PMS symptoms.

What causes hormonally-triggered headaches and migraines.

Strategies for reversing unwarranted body-fat and mid-section bulge.

How to experience more vitality and energy, better moods and way less stress.

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Jean-Pierre LeBlanc, CtA



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### Creating the Relationship of your Dreams

... it's much simpler than you think! Jean-Pierre LeBlanc is bravely willing to bring his testosterone into a room full of estrogen, as for 30 years he has been in deep service to the feminine. He maintains three key interests: a richly rewarding life with family and friends, a thriving success-coaching business, and the unfolding of his vision for global wellness through Saje Natural Wellness (a chain of wellness stores retailing all-natural remedies, of which he is Co-Founder). As the Founder of Alchemy Coaching, he has powerfully assisted hundreds of women to reconnect with their true power and learn how to get everything they want. As a frequent radio and television guest, he passionately advocates mind-body medicine. As a coach, Jean-Pierre will teach you how to have the life and relationship of your dreams. [www.thealchemycoach.com](http://www.thealchemycoach.com)

During this session you will learn and discover:

What makes men and women really tick ... and how they tick differently!

How to transform your relationship with any man - from your boyfriend to your boss.

Ways to turn exhausting cope-and-conquer strategies into pleasure vs pressure.

A deceptively simple system to keep your cool under any situation.

Powerful put-into-action tips on how to receive everything you want.

### HEART & SOUL

Julie Blue

### Vocal Empowerment for Women

... rediscovering your WOW voice! Julie Blue has traveled around the world making music, and believes music to be the international language of the heart. She is a passionate and experienced film composer and songwriter, and her list of credits includes Stolen Lives which earned her a nomination for a Leo for Best Musical Score. Julie is a world-class pianist and vocalist, and has her own recording studio in North Vancouver. Her three CDs sell internationally, and she has released her most recent CD Wing & A Prayer. She offers Vocal Empowerment workshops and interactive performances. Julie Blue is an inspired musical being, and brings her love and commitment to the growth and inspiration of all. Your experience with Julie will move your heart and soul, as you more deeply rediscover your WOW voice. [www.julieblue.com](http://www.julieblue.com)

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at: telquaa@hotmail.com with more information. Leave your address and phone number, and we will be able to do pick ups also. Volunteers will also be greatly appreciated. This also gives you a chance to meet your indigenous neighbors, and experience indigenous culture and values. See you there.

Thank you.

From a concerned Indigenous Mother, Grandmother and Clan Mother of the West Coast of British Columbia, Canada. Dated this April 7, 2005.

From: "telquaa,Helen Michell" <telquaa@hotmail.com>

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Sydney Harris**

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