

## LEFT COAST EVENTS - Lower Mainland - April 27th, 2005

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#### 1. WOMEN OF WORTH CONFERENCE

Mention "Sunwolf" when you register for the Women Of Worth (WOW) Conference, and you can attend at less than half-price! Just \$98 while space available (reg. \$228). Register at [www.theWOWconference.com](http://www.theWOWconference.com). **Sunday, May 1, 2005 at the Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC**. Pre-registration required.

Late-Breaking News The Improvisers from "C is for Comedy" will now be guest starring at the Women Of Worth (WOW) Conference! Hilarious high energy performers, just one testimonial includes, *"I can categorically say they provided the best comedy routines we have ever had. I do not say this lightly, as over the years we have hired some of the best comedy acts in the country."*

Six of Canada's top professional speakers The WOW Conference also promises to deliver unparalleled approaches to hormonal balance (from PMS to Menopause), creating the relationship of your dreams (it's easier than you think), longevity & wellness (naturally slowing the cellular clock), increasing abundance, unlocking the funny side of the brain, and becoming an Unstoppable Woman. Plus special guest performance by award-winning composer Julie

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Blue. This is also a FUNdraising event, with net proceeds to Goldie Hawn's Brightlight Foundation for children. Pampering & Gifts Complimentary massage and other pampering services will be available during the day, and every woman takes home gifts ... from aromatherapy to chocolate. Everyone enjoys a hot breakfast buffet, and will enter to win fantastic door prizes ... including \$1,000 getaways for two at the Kingfisher Spa Retreat, the Delta Whistler with Sacha Spa (compliments of Passionate Travel), and a chance to win a Club Med trip to Cancun (compliments of Funpass)!

A Premier Full-Day Event for Women

Ignite your mind, body & soul with passion and purpose during this remarkable full-day event for women. Come experience your magnificence and soar even higher!

**Sunday, May 1, 2005. 8:30am - 6:30pm. Pavilion Ballroom, Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, BC.**

Pre-Registration Required

Register now at [www.theWOWconference.com](http://www.theWOWconference.com) or call (604) 709-3691.

(Remember, mention Sunwolf and attend for just \$98 - reg. \$228)

Inquire about reserved seating and complimentary ticket with tables of 10.

WOW! Because every woman ...

... is a woman of worth.

From: "SunWolf" <[sunwolf@verizon.net](mailto:sunwolf@verizon.net)>

### **WOMEN AND THE WORLD PEACE FORUM (WPF)**

VANCOUVER JUNE 23 ? 27, 2006

You are invited to attend a women's workshop/discussion on Women's participation in WPF:

What are the possibilities??

**Mond**

**ay May 2nd**

**at 5 p.m.**

**in Vancouver City Hall (12th & Cambie)**

Third floor committee room three (3)

?Cities and Communities: Working together to End War and Build a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable World?

The WPF is being organized by:

World Peace Forum Society, Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee, International Organizing Committee, Endorsing

organizations and people who volunteer

Vancouver School Board,

Vancouver Library Board,

Vancouver Parks Board,

The City of Vancouver voted unanimously to host a general assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, a joint meeting of representatives from the International Peace Messenger Cities, Mayors for Peace and Cities for Peace.

We hope you can attend the initial planning meeting for women's participation in the World Peace Forum

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**Monday May 2nd at 5pm Vancouver City Hall 3rd floor committee room three.**

Please pass this invitation on to other women who may be interested.

Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Member of Vancouver Peace & Justice Committee

From: "Elsie Dean" <ewdean@telus.net>

**2. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

On-site Farmers' Market Staff

East Vancouver Farmers' Market - 3 positions  
West End Farmers Market - 2 positions  
Nat Bailey Farmers Market -

1 position

*Your Local Farmers' Markets needs on-site staff for the 2005 season. Our Markets began in 1995 and are some of the busiest and most successful Farmers Markets in B.C. The Markets have grown through the years, serving thousands of customers, supporting local agriculture & increasing agricultural awareness throughout the Lower Mainland. For more information please visit our website at [www.eatlocal.org](http://www.eatlocal.org)*

**? East Van Market runs every Saturday from May 14th - October 8th from 9a.m. - 2 p.m in the Trout Lake Community Centre parking lot, East 15th & Victoria Drive.**

**? West End Market runs every Saturday from June 18th - October 8th from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m downtown on Comox St. between Bute & Thurlow (at Nelson Park)**

**? Nat Bailey Stadium Market runs every Wednesday afternoon from June 15th - October 26th from 1 p.m. - 6:30 pm at Nat Bailey Stadium, 30th & Ontario St.**

Ideal Farmers' Market Staff?? can commit to a full season of Saturdays and/or Wednesdays?

have great customer service skills & happy, energetic disposition

? like to take initiative and work efficiently

? work well with others

? can manage & delegate tasks appropriately

? have an interest in one or more of the following areas: community & local economic development, rural and urban connections, farming, food production, issues of sustainability & urban food security

Market staff report to the on-site Market Manager & are responsible for the smooth operation of Market days by:

? Attending all Markets at which they are scheduled to work;? Arriving 1 hour in advance of Market opening & remaining until 1 hour after closing.

? Setting up the Market and community information tables, banners and other Market day materials; assisting vendors & customers with parking; staffing the market table; providing Market information to shoppers and vendors

? Working with Market day volunteers and delegating appropriate work to them

Pay: \$10/hr

Please send a cover letter explaining your interest and a resume outlining your qualifications.

Applicants may apply for one or multiple Markets. All applicants must be available for every market date at the Market location for which they are applying.

**Resumes will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 4, 2005.**

Resumes can be e-mailed to: [tara@eatlocal.org](mailto:tara@eatlocal.org) OR send or drop off resumes to:

Your Local Farmers' Market Society 1163 Commercial Dr., suite#2 Vancouver, BC V5L 3X3

Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted. Interviews will be held May 5th and 6th, 2005. Orientation & training week of May 9th, 2005.

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From: Tara McDonald <tara@eatlocal.org>

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**3. MOTHERS DAY DINNER**

Indigenous mothers of the east end of Vancouver, would like to host a dinner at the Vancouver Indian Center. As mothers we are concerned with the health and welfare of many indigenous families living in the east end of Vancouver. Many families live on a fixed income, which does not meet their food needs. Having this dinner would help to feed many poverty stricken families.

**AT VANCOUVER INDIAN CENTER ON MAY 4, 2005 AT 6 PM**

West Coast Family Nights at the Vancouver Indian Center is held every wednesday evening. When a west coast tribe is hosting that evening, the evening begins around 6 pm with a meal. When no one is hosting that evening, performances begin around 7:30 pm. The West Coast Family Night is open to anyone, who wants to attend. Usually this is a very fun event, for the whole family.

The Vancouver Indian Center is situated at 1607 East Hastings Street. Near the corner of Hastings Street and Commercial Drive area. It is the building with the totem poles in the front of the building. This area is also the home of many Indigenous people from throughout British Columbia and Canada. West Coast Family Night is the only night that we as indigenous people, can get together and sing and dance and have fun. So for many of us, it is a special night to gather.

As Mothers Day is on May 8, 2005, the indigenous mothers would like to host a dinner on May 4, 2005, at 6 pm. For this event to happen, we are seeking donations of foods such as meats, fish, vegetables, fruits and dry goods. We are also asking for donations, to present as gifts and raffles, to help raise funds for another dinner, sometime in the future. All donations will be very much appreciated.

Donations could be left at: Joey Onlys home address. 125 West 41st Ave. Vancouver B.C. Telephone number: 604 872 5153. Email: garlicbobcat@resist.ca or by emailing telquaa 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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**5. SLIDE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT IRAQ**

The Coalition in Solidarity with the People of Iraq (CESAPI) is sponsoring: IRAQ - A slide show presented by Greg Rollins who has just returned from 5 months in Iraq with the Christian Peacemakers Team (visit [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org)). The slides depict life in Iraq today - the toll the occupation is having on the people of Iraq and under-cover images of the U.S. seige of Fallujah.

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**Wednesday, May 4, 7.30 p.m. Activity Room, Templeton Park Pool, 700 Templeton.**

**Friday, May 6, 7.30 p.m. SPEC, 2150 Maple Street, (in Kitsilano)**

Discussion will follow each presentation. Free Admission, Coffee, tea and cookies served.

For more information visit <http://vcn.bc.ca/cesapi> or call 604 737-1299.

From: Irene MacInnes <iremac@shaw.ca>

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**5. THE BUS RIDERS UNION *Oppose SNC Lavalin's destructive corporate operations!***

The Bus Riders Union is calling on all interested progressive organizations to unite and join forces in a Coalition opposing the destructive 'profits before people' policies and actions of SNC Lavalin.

SNC Lavalin is a large Canadian multi-national private corporation that builds and maintains infrastructure. It has been awarded 'reconstruction' contracts in many Third World countries like Iraq, Palestine and Haiti, and is conducting mining operations on indigenous territories in Canada. SNC TEC, one of its subsidiaries, makes bullets that are being used, among other things, for the continued war and occupation against the people of Iraq. In BC, SNC Lavalin has been awarded the contract to build, operate and maintain the Richmond-Airport-Vancouver Skytrain Line, which will funnel billions of public dollars away from sorely-needed bus service improvements into an Olympic size 'white elephant' that most bus riders will not even use. For more information about SNC Lavalin, please see the Bus Riders Union Position Paper On SNC Lavalin, attached to this note.

SNC Lavalin's practices expose a clear link between the theft and plunder of indigenous lands and attacks on the basic human rights of poor people locally, with war, occupation and attacks on the basic human rights of poor people globally.

Objectives of the proposed Coalition:

- To consolidate the local forces working on campaigns against SNC Lavalin
- To join efforts in actions opposing SNC Lavalin's destructive 'profits before people' policies and actions
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We propose to unite in a Lower Mainland Coalition Against SNC Lavalin for the following actions:

**May 5 ? Action against SNC Lavalin**

**August ? Protest and picket of RAV groundbreaking ceremony**

There is a first meeting called by Harsha Walia, Will Offley and Earle Peach for this Thursday, April 21st at the Carnegie Centre that we will be attending, and at which we will put forward this concrete proposal for action. We hope to work with you on the specific actions that we are proposing.

In Solidarity,

Bus Riders Union Planning Committee

From: "Phil Lyons" <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

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**6. MOVIE NIGHT - THE FACE OF DIGNITY - ARGENTINA**

Movie Night: Resistance, rebellion and revolution in Latino-America>From Argentinian resistance and Cancun

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Independent Media Collective Production Present

?THE FACE OF DIGNITY ?

"The situation in Argentina contains many elements of the anti-capitalist movements: the practice of direct action, self-management, and direct democracy; the belief in the power of diversity, decentralization and solidarity; the convergence of radically different social sectors; the rejection of the state, multinational corporation, and financial institutions. Yet what is most incredible is that form of uprising arose spontaneously- it was not imposed or suggested by activists, but rather, created by ordinary people from ground up, resulting in a truly popular rebellion "-.

In this context that Piqueteros movement arose. A new form of struggle emerged from the unemployed which consisted of blocking road to demand subsidy for unemployment.

?BLOCKING THE ROADS OPENS THE WAY??ALL OF THEM MUST GO!

**Palestinian Community Centre, Kingsway 1874 May 6, 7:00 pm.**

Organized by LA SURDA LATINO-AMERICAN COLLECTIVE. More info: lasurda@resist.ca  
From: kiko@resist.ca

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### 7. ▯ HASTINGS 7 ART & CRAFT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

you are hereby invited to attend the...

~~ The Hastings 7 Art & Craft Auction Fundraiser ~~

**on Saturday, May 7th, 2005 at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre (805 E. Pender Street)**  
**doors open at 8pm art & craft auction at 9.30pm**

super folk music to follow

- salmon bbq (mmm...) and cash bar (yay!) also available -

\$10 - \$20 sliding scale (salmon not included, but it will be affordable!)

no one will be turned away for lack of \$\$

Advance Tickets Available From:

\*\* People's Co-op Bookstore :: 1391 Commercial Drive, EastVan.

\*\* Seamrippers Craft Collective :: 436 West Pender, Downtown.

(get your tickets early!!)

For more information on the event, or to book a table there, please contact [jessica@resist.ca](mailto:jessica@resist.ca)

If you have art or craft stuffs to donate, please contact philippa at [sootshoe@hotmail.com](mailto:sootshoe@hotmail.com)

\*\*\* All proceeds from this event will support the Hastings 7 Legal Defense Fund, to help off-set court costs for 7 eastside activists/residents who were brutalized by the Vancouver Police Department in February of 2004, and who were then charged themselves. For background information on the Hastings 7 case,

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please visit <http://resist.ca/~vpdbrutality> \*\*\*\*\*

From: [harjap.grewal@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:harjap.grewal@mail.mcgill.ca)

## **8. SATURDAY MORNING AUTISM SCHOOL**

A video-conferenced parent training initiative by ACT - Autism Community Training

**7 Saturdays: May 7th - June 18, 2005 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Locations: Campbell River Vancouver Victoria Trail Kelowna Fort St. John Prince George  
Why Video Conferencing?

These video-conferenced workshops focus on providing families with a basic knowledge of autism and the practicalities of running home-based therapy programs for their children. The purpose of these workshops is to deliver excellent parent training to families in smaller communities outside of the Lower Mainland

ACT has developed this series in order to address the concerns of parents who are unable to attend training opportunities due to long traveling distance, time commitments and cost restraints. Given the huge distances within BC, it is too expensive to offer these workshops live in each community. To facilitate parents meeting and networking as well as being able to receive training within their communities, ACT is offering these training workshops via video-conferencing.

Video-conferencing workshops are a new initiative for ACT; if successful and ACT is able to secure funding, we hope to offer these workshops twice annually throughout the province. If you would like to participate in the video-conferences, contact ACT by email at [info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca](mailto:info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca) or phone at (604) 205-5467. Please use our toll free number, 1-866-939-5188, if you live outside the Lower Mainland.

Please Note: There are a restricted number of seats for these opportunities. Please book early to avoid disappointment and allow us to send sufficient hand-outs to each site.

Topics, Dates & Speakers

May 7 ?Why Does My Kid Behave Like That? - An Introduction to Autism? Presented by Dr. Jill Calder, Clinical Director of Rehabilitation Services, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Region and parent of a child with ASD

May 14 & May 21 ?What is ABA? Lovaas, Verbal Behaviour and More: An Introduction for Parents? Presented by Suzanne Jacobsen Ph.D., BCBA, Clinical Director, ABA Learning Centre

May 28 ?How to be a Parent & a Key Member of Your Child's Treatment Team? Presented by Dr. Jill Calder, Clinical Director of Rehabilitation Services, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Region

June 4 & June 18 ?Encouraging Parent Child Interaction - Tips for Parents? Presented by Gerry Kysela, Ph.D., Clinical Director, Family Centred Practices Group

June 11 ?Book Keeping for Individual Funding Programs - What Parents Need to Know About Paying Professionals and Behaviour Interventionists? Presented by Doug Querns, Certified General Accountant & parent of two children with ASD

Costs: \$35 per session per parent \$60 per session for both parents. Parents can use their autism funding for these training opportunities. Bursaries may be available for low income families. These workshops are not restricted to parents

who have a child diagnosed with ASD. Professionals are also welcomed if space allows; however, parents will be given

priority. ACT now accepts credit card payment.

For more information on these workshops, including specific locations, please visit our website at [www.actbc.ca](http://www.actbc.ca) contact ACT by email at [info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca](mailto:info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca) or phone (604)

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205-5467. Please use our toll free number, 1-866-939-5188, if you live outside the Lower Mainland. We can also mail or fax the registration form.

From: Deborah Pugh - ACT <dpugh@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca>

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**9. MARCH FOR CHILDCARE ON MOTHER'S DAY**

Lack of Childcare Program in Canada Points to Sexism:

Mothers and Childcare workers vow to march for childcare on Mother's Day

(Vancouver, Canada) ? Pointing to the decades of unfulfilled promises for a national childcare program in Canada, Grassroots Women asserts that it is the result of sexism in the Canadian government. To bring this issue to light, the organization will host a Mother's Day March and Rally on May 8 under the banner ?Universal Childcare is a Women's Right!?

?Childcare is a working class women's issue,? explains Marlee Oulett, a mother and an organizer with Grassroots Women. ?We are overwhelmingly the ones taking care of our kids at home and those working in the childcare field.?

Studies have found that Canadian women still have the primary responsibility for childcare: in one study, over 75% of women stated they had the primary responsibility for arranging childcare and were four times more likely to stay home with a sick child than men in the study. Women also account for over 97% of those providing childcare in the public and private sectors.

?The lack of action to implement a childcare program points to a lack of genuine respect for advancing women's equality,? asserts Rachel Rosen, childcare worker and organizer with Grassroots Women. ?The lack of universal childcare contributes to stalling working class women's development and trapping us in poverty.?

?Because I didn't qualify for a full subsidy, I had to pay for childcare when I make little more than welfare rates working in factory. Most of my income went to childcare. It's impossible to advance my education or save for our future,? continues Marlee, mother of three children under 12. ?When I was doing seasonal work, it was the hardest. Sometimes we had to work for 25 days straight and we'd lose our jobs if we didn't do all the shifts: try finding and affording childcare for 25 days in a row, 12 hours per day!?

While the federal government continues to speak about implementing a national childcare system, they have yet to put any guarantees in place to ensure that it will be directly towards a public, not-for-profit system or that the exploitative and defacto Canadian childcare program ? the Live-in Caregiver Program ? will be scrapped. ?Since childcare programs fall under provincial jurisdiction, we need more than just a cash infusion to the provinces. In BC, we have seen increased federal funding in the past few years, yet for mothers and childcare workers there is now even less access to quality childcare. Childcare should not be a tug of war but a basic right for women and our



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families!?" continues Rosen.

**The Mother's Day March and Rally will begin at 2:00pm on May 8 at Woodland Park (Adanac and Woodland). Protesters will march to Grandview Park (Commercial and Charles) for a program of speakers, performers and children's activities. Everyone is welcome to join together under the call: "Universal childcare is a women's right!"**

For more information, contact Rachel Rosen at Grassroots Women: (604)682-4451 or [grassrootswomen@telus.net](mailto:grassrootswomen@telus.net).

Grassroots Women

#304 - 207 West Hastings Street

Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7

[grassrootswomen@telus.net](mailto:grassrootswomen@telus.net) (604) 682-4451

From: "Grassroots Women" <[grassrootswomen@telus.net](mailto:grassrootswomen@telus.net)>

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**10. MUSIC FOR MOM MEDIA CONTACT:** Marnie Wilson at 604.685.5575 or

[marnie@publicityplus.ca](mailto:marnie@publicityplus.ca)

*For Immediate Release / Photos & Interviews*

*Available Upon Request*

Vancouver Chamber Choir: Music for Mother's Day

BOUQUET - Music for Mom

**Date: Sunday, May 8, 2005 Time: 3:00 pm Venue: Ryerson United Church (2195 West 45th Avenue, Vancouver)**

Tickets: \$16-\$23 at Ticketmaster (604.280.3311 or [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca))

Vancouver, BC... Jon Washburn and the Vancouver Chamber Choir draw a close to their 34th

concert season with a special afternoon celebration on Mother's Day. Pianist Linda Lee

Thomas and bassist Miles Hill join the Choir for a concert that features works from Berring,

Schumann, Washburn, Shearing, Boulanger, Parker and Strauss. BOUQUET - MUSIC FOR

MOM takes place at 3pm on Sunday, May 8, 2005 at Ryerson United Church (2195 W. 45th

Avenue, at Yew). Tickets at Ticketmaster, call 604.280.3311 or visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca).

"Mothers should have music on their day, for music is the perfect gift," says Washburn. "It is brief yet lasts forever. It mirrors our inner thoughts. It says without words the things we find hard to express."

"Music is poetry in perpetual motion," he continues, and has selected a variety of works based on the idea. The performance opens with Peter Berring's *Strings in the Earth and Air*, inspired by the poetry of James Joyce. George Shearing's

*Songs and Sonnets*

offer a setting for some of William Shakespeare's writings. In

*Songstream*

Alice Parker has found melodies to expand upon the words of Edna St. Vincent Millay. Clara

Shumann based her

*Drei gemischte Chöre*

on those of Emanuel Geibel.

Mothers, and others, may also enjoy Lili Boulanger's *Hymne au Soliel*, Jon Washburn's *O sacrum convivium*

and

*An der schönen, blauen Donau*

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by Johann Strauss, Jr.

"Yes, mothers should have music on their day," beams Washburn. "And every mother's boy or girl!"

About the Vancouver Chamber Choir  
The Vancouver Chamber Choir is Canada's outstanding professional vocal ensemble. Based on the Pacific Coast in British Columbia, conductor Jon Washburn and his twenty singers are noted for diverse repertoire and performing excellence. The ACDA Choral Journal has declared the VCC to be "as fine a vocal chamber group as any in the world today".

About guest artist Linda Lee Thomas, piano  
Linda Lee Thomas is Vancouver's most eclectic pianist: a musician whose performances are, according to The Vancouver Sun, infused with "subtlety, elegance and fire". Miss Thomas is currently Principal Pianist for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the CBC Radio Orchestra. For seventeen years (1975-1992) she was highly visible to Vancouver audiences as Artistic Director and prima performer of the Vancouver East Cultural Centre's hugely successful chamber music series, Masterpiece Music. In 2000, Linda Lee was inducted into the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame for her outstanding contributions to the industry.

About guest artist Miles Hill, bass  
Miles Foxx Hill studied with Dave Holland, bassist for the great Miles Davis. He has played on over 300 album projects for artists as diverse as P.J. Perry and the Rankin Family, to children's entertainer Raffi. In 1991, Miles received a Juno Award and a Gold Record for his work on *Renegade Romantic* by Paul Janz. Most recently, Miles has recorded, mixed, mastered and co-produced a CD for vocalist Joani Taylor that was also nominated for a Juno Award. Miles Hill is currently producing, recording and performing music for artists and films in studios in and around Vancouver. For further information about the Vancouver Chamber 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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### 11. MEL LEHAN CHALLENGES GORDON CAMPBELL

Below is my invitation for you to join me at a special election benefit for my friend and local Vancouver-Point Grey NDP candidate Mel Lehan - the man who is running to personally defeat Premier Gordon Campbell. I hope you can come out for this great dinner event I am hosting with my wife Shirley Ross - featuring special guests Joy MacPhail, Darlene Marzari and Tom Perry at **Chivana restaurant on 4th Avenue Thursday May 12.** D

etails are below - don't miss it!

Dinner for a Winner: Mel Lehan

The only NDP candidate who can defeat Gordon Campbell!

Join Mel Lehan, NDP candidate in Vancouver-Point Grey for a fantastic benefit dinner ?

featuring NDP House Leader Joy MacPhail, and former Point Grey NDP MLAs Darlene Marzari and Tom Perry.

Hosted by political commentator and newspaper columnist Bill Tieleman and Shirley Ross, health care activist, this will be the most enjoyable and tasty benefit of the 2005 election.

**The event takes place on Thursday May 12 at the fabulous Chivana restaurant in the heart of Kitsilano at 2340 West Fourth Avenue near Vine, from 6 p.m. ? for drinks, 7 p.m. for a marvelous dinner and 8 p.m. for brief speeches.** Chivana was voted the best Asian fusion restaurant in the city last year by

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*Vancouver Sun*

readers.

Mel Lehan is a dedicated community activist and former teacher who has been honoured by both the Kitsilano Chamber of Commerce and the David Suzuki Foundation for his contributions to the community.

Mel Lehan is the only candidate in the entire province who can personally defeat BC Premier Gordon Campbell but he needs

your

help to win.

Don't miss this event - where else can you:

Eat to defeat the Premier? Drink to sink Gordon Campbell? Donate to seal the fate of the BC Liberals?

Tickets are \$100 each or 10 tickets for \$900. A tax-deductible political contribution receipt for \$65 will be issued for each \$100 ticket.

PLEASE RSVP TODAY ? by email to weststar@telus.net or by telephone to 604-928-0763.

Cheques should be made out to: BC NDP - Vancouver-Point Grey Send your cheques to: Mel Lehan May 12 Dinner c/o Mel Lehan Campaign Office, 2610 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6K 2G3

From: "West Star" <weststar@telus.net>

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### 12. CALL FOR PAPERS

The following Call for Papers from Canadian Woman Studies (a publication affiliated with York University) is on Rural Women in Canada.

There are various suggested topics below with many different creative avenues: Invited are essays, research reports, true stories, poetry, drawings, and other artwork that illuminate these issues.

**The new deadline for submissions is May 15, 2005.**

Please post this notice and spread this information by word-of-mouth around your community.

If you decide to submit something, please feel free to send a copy (by mail, email, or fax) to the BC Rural Women's Network. It would be wonderful to post your words and creative contributions on our website to share with other members of the Network. What a great opportunity to further share your experiences of living in rural and remote areas of the province. Thanks to Shauna Paull with the Immigrating Women in Science Project for the following announcement

~Nythalah

Canadian Woman Studies/les cahiers de la femme (cws/cf)

Call for Papers

Rural Women in Canada (Vol. 24, Nos. 3,4)

### DEADLINE EXTENDED!

CWS/cf plans to commit the Summer 2005 issue to an exploration of the diversity of Canadian rural women's experiences (factory, fisheries, forestry, farming) and revealing some of the less visible dimensions of that experience.

Articles will turn a rural lens on familiar women's issues and consider the implications of both of these for policy, both explicitly rural policy, and other policy, the rural dimensions of which are

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rarely considered (e.g. workfare).

This issue will address fairly specific policy considerations/options with respect to the gendering of rural work (unpaid and paid), gendering of rural care (home care, community care, environmental care), and gendering of policy (work and care). The focus will be to help make connections and to encourage thinking about policy and strategies with a gender/rural lens, and advocate a gender agenda for rural policy makers, and a rural agenda for women's policy makers.

Possible topics include:

- ? Diversity and difference
- ? Rural immigration experience
- ? Rural migrant worker experience
- ? Globalization, trade, rural restructuring and their implications for women
- ? ?New rural governance?
- ? Impact of government policies (EI, health care delivery, training, resource regulations etc)
- ? Impact of the changing rural economy on rural women's lives
- ? Activism and women's resistance
- ? Rural feminisms
- ? Rural women's organizations (esp. as service providers in context of state cutbacks)?

Services: childcare, healthcare, training, etc.

- ? Issues for younger/older rural women
- ? Rural community sustainability
- ? The rural experience of non-rural policy
- ? Violence
- ? Self-employment
- ? Sexualities
- ? The crisis in agriculture
- ? Remote communities
- ? First Nations women in rural communities
- ? Women aging in rural communities
- ? The rural service economy
- ? Tourism
- ? Transportation
- ? Urban -rural relationships and links
- ? Strategies for communicating rural women's issues? Women's experiences of environments and environmentalism

Your ideas for additional topics are welcome.

Invited are essays, research reports, true stories, poetry, drawings, and other artwork that illuminate these issues.

**DEADLINE EXTENDED: May 15th, 2005**

Articles should be typed, double-spaced, and a maximum of 12 pages long (3000 words). A short (50-word) abstract of the article and a brief biographical note must accompany each submission. We give preference to previously unpublished material. If possible, please submit graphics or photographs to accompany your article. Please note CWS/cf reserves the right to edit manuscripts with respect to length and clarity, and in conformity with our house-style. To

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Please distribute this information through your networks and/or print copies to share information with those who do not have (easy) access to the Internet. You are receiving this email as part of ongoing updates on topics and information relevant to women living and working in rural or remote communities around British Columbia.

If you would like to share information for distribution or would like to be deleted from the BC Rural Women's Network, please email Nythalah Baker at [bcruralwomen@junction.net](mailto:bcruralwomen@junction.net)

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From: "BC Rural Women" <[bcruralwomen@junction.net](mailto:bcruralwomen@junction.net)>

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### **13. BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TENT CITY**

**ACTION CALL OUT!**

**MAY 17 8:00AM GRANDVIEW WOODLAND PARK 1200 Block Commercial Drive**

DEMANDING THE REMOVAL OF SECTION 67 OF THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

ON THIS DAY PERSONS WITH HOMES WILL GIVE OUT TENTS TO THE HOMELESS

ON THIS DAY THE POLICE WILL SHUT THE EVENT DOWN

ON THIS DAY THE VOTERS AND NON VOTERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WILL WITNESS

WE NEED TO DO MORE THAN A VOID & NULL VOTE, OR CHOOSING NOT TO VOTE AT ALL TO BRING JUSTICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES.

ON THIS DAY VOTERS AND NON VOTERS CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS OF GIVING STATUS ABORIGINAL PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT.

TAKE ACTION! BRING A TENT TO GIVE AWAY. MAY 17 8:00AM

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From: "MAY Action" <may172005@hotmail.com>

### 14. SPOKEN WORD, SLAM POETRY, WORD/MUSIC FUSION

step right up, ladies + gentlemen, for an exciting evening of spoken word, slam poetry + word/music fusion @ the solstice cafe...

**the canadian festival of spoken word is being held in vancouver from 11-15 october, 2005. + here's your chance to get on board.**

10 spots open for compitition - 4 make the team. (first come first serve - performance order is random)

this is your chance to represent victoria in an expense-paid trip to vancouver, + be a part of some of the greatest spoken word in the country.

the slamoff will be held according to regular slam rules - each contestant will have 3 minutes to perform a piece + be judged by the people chosen randomly for the seats of power (there will be 5 of 'em - drop the high + low scores, keep the middle 3). top 7 will go on to the 2nd round after a brief interlude from the feature performers. top 4 cumulative totals @ the end of 2 rounds will be the official victoria cfsw team.

then it will be time to sit back, relax + enjoy a blowout feature performance from:

THE FUGITIVES(cr avery, barbara adler, mark berube + brendan mcleod)

making their return appearance @ **the solstice cafe.**

host to be announced.

...if anyone had questions/comments or requires further information, please don't hesitate to drop me a line.

hope to see you all there.

**27 may 2005 sign-up @ 1800h, the heat is on @ 1830.**

\$5 @ the door (no one turn'd away for lack of \$\$\$).

~s.

(ps: please pass this along to anyone you think may be interested.)--"injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

~martin luther king, jr.

From: shayne

### 15. HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL

Human rights film festival seeking films and videos

Films are now being accepted for consideration for the 10th annual Amnesty International Film Festival in Vancouver, set for November 3-6 this year. Short and feature-length documentary and dramatic films on a wide variety of human rights issues and themes are welcome. For more information and an entry form visit [www.amnesty.bc.ca/filmfest](http://www.amnesty.bc.ca/filmfest) or contact Don Wright at [dwright@amnesty.ca](mailto:dwright@amnesty.ca). **Deadline is May 31, 2005.**

Thank you,

Don Wright Regional Development Coordinator, BC/Yukon Amnesty International Canada --  
Pacific Regional Office #430 - 319

West Pender Street

Vancouver, B.C., V6B 1T4

<http://www.amnesty.bc.ca>

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**16. BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR LOCAL LIVING ECONOMIES** The Third Annual International BALLE Conference

**When:** Thursday, June 2nd, to Sunday, June 5th, 2005 **Where:** On the UBC Campus, Vancouver, Canada

More than ever, people are coming together to increase prosperity and equity in our society, strengthen local communities and preserve our natural environment. The BALLE conference is a gathering of bright and dedicated contributors to the shift towards flourishing living economies. The power to regain local control of our economy is definitely within our reach as individuals. Please join us. Register before May 15th for the early bird rate of \$300 (Cdn). Look below to find out who'll be there and how you can be too.

Our website at <http://www.ballebc.com> carries complete info on the conference schedule and a full list of speakers. Keynote Speakers

Donna Morton, director of the Centre for Integral Economics

David Korten, author of *When Corporations Rule the World* from Bainbridge Island, WA, is also chair of the Positive Futures Network and president of the People Centered Development Forum

Michael Shuman, author of *Going Local* and *Local First* is VP of Enterprise Development at Training and Development Corporation

Judy Wicks,

is co-founder of BALLE and owner of White Dog Cafe in Philadelphia. She works locally and internationally supporting and inspiring cultural change.

Jim Hightower, a former Texas Agriculture Commissioner, he has been called America's most popular populist. He works to revitalize grassroots politics as an author, speaker and radio commentator.

David Suzuki, renowned Canadian scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster has been challenging us to live sustainably.

Malaika Edwards, co-founder of People's Grocery, and food justice activist in Oakland Tom Linzey,

under of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, based in Pennsylvania. fo

Cliff Fregin,

Co-owner of HaidaBucks Cafe in Masset, Haida Gwaii and COO of the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association.

*Full schedule details are available at* <http://www.ballebc.com>

Local First Trade Show

As a business owner, you definitely want to be part of the exciting Local First Trade Show. This one day event will serve to showcase businesses that are part of our local economies. To reserve your table, go to <http://www.ballebc.com>. More about BALLE BALLE's mission is to catalyze, strengthen and connect local business networks dedicated to building strong Local Living Economies.

BALLE currently serves 19 networks in the US and Canada. A Local Living Economy ensures economic power resides locally, sustaining healthy community life and natural life, as well as long-term economic viability. *Every day choices are made which impact and shape our emerging local and global economies. These choices reflect the interests, ideas and values*

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*of those who make them. Our Local Living Economy leaders are making choices that reflect the highest level of care they can collectively imagine. We invite you to join them .*

To receive information about upcoming BALLE events, please send a request to [info@ballebc.com](mailto:info@ballebc.com)

From: "Penny Scott" <[penny@ballebc.com](mailto:penny@ballebc.com)>

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### 17. PART OF THE JOEY ONLY EVENTS COMPILATION LIST YALE CANCELS JOHN GRAHAM BENEFIT

Perhaps it is only a wild rumour but the word on the street is that the John Graham Benefit at the Yale was cancelled due to threatening phone calls. The show was slated for April 28th and was to feature Manik, Joey Only, Andy Mason and the Tricksters and more. I encourage everyone to call the Yale and show their disapproval with such a low and cowardly act.

Support John Graham and his fight against extradition to the US ([www.johngrahamdefense.org](http://www.johngrahamdefense.org))

The Yale Hotel  
1300 Granville Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1M7

phone: (604) 681-9253 email: [info@theyale.ca](mailto:info@theyale.ca)

### ===== POLITICAL PRISONER PREVENTION PROGRAM PART 2 date changed to Friday May 13th

...ANOTHER SHOWCASE OF POLITICAL & ENLIGHTENED ENTERTAINMENT... all proceeds given directly to radicals facing criminal charges

### **POLITICAL PRISONER PREVENTION PROGRAM PART II saturday may 14th, doors open at 7:30PM PICADILLY PUB, 622 WEST PENDER**

ADMISSION \$5-20, but no one turned away

this money raised from this showcase will go to: -JOHN GRAHAM DEFENCE; to help with the burdens that former American Indian Movement member John

Graham's family faces while waiting for the appeal process to start over his extradition case to the United States. -FRANK MARTIN; a local native sovereigntist facing obstruction charges after an RCMP Division E intelligence officer pulled him over on the highway near Abbotsford.

FEATURING THE PERFORMANCES OF: BETTY CRACKER - female foursome of political punk rock RICKY LAVALLIE - a native bluegrass player from downtown eastside.

ANDY MASON - Mohawk/Upper Cayuga folk and rock songwriter. THE ANGRY COMIC

MARK SMITH - hosts comedy night at Granville's Cellar. CORWIN FOX - songwriter and producer from Victoria B.C. HOSTED BY - Joey Only, local anarchist bluesygrass songwriter. more acts to be announced as various negotiations continue...

### **prizes, raffles, draws, giveaways, art SATURDAY MAY 14th AT THE PICADILLY PUB**

WANNA GET ON THE BILL? [joeyonly@ravenhymn.com](mailto:joeyonly@ravenhymn.com)

### ===== **SOUND RESISTANCE SPRING SPECIAL/MAYDAY**

Tune into CFRO 102.7 CO-OP RADIO from 7-9 on Mayday for a special SOUNDRESISTANCE



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program of revolutionary rock, punk, folk, bluegrass and more with host Joey Only. Consider taking out a membership to Co-op radio and support the only radio station of its kind in Vancouver.

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**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR IWW**

The Industrial Workers of the World turn 100 this year, join us at: **the Picadilly Pub 622 Pender Street Saturday June 11th, doors open at 7:30**

**tickets \$5 at the door, no one turned away**

While the Pacific Northwest Labour Historian Society is in town we aim to host a rockin party to get them all drunk and happy. Join Vancouver IWW for

a night of entertainment, history, stories, and recollections along with radical labour, union and working class songs dug up from history.

PERFORMANCES ALREADY INCLUDE: DAN KEETON AND THE DIGGERS: Their name comes

from the rebellion of 1649 JOEY ONLY: Vancouver's punk radical bluesygrass

anarcho-folk singer SOLIDARITY NOTES: A choir dedicated to singing the old

radical hymns. JESS GRANT: Seattle singer songwriter, IWW member and

established artist.

contact: Gord Flett from IWW: [gflett1@shaw.ca](mailto:gflett1@shaw.ca) Joey Only from RavenhymnProductions:

[joeyonly@ravenhymn.com](mailto:joeyonly@ravenhymn.com)

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**CITIZENS RULE, NEW ANTI-GORDON CAMPBELL COMPILATION CD** [www.bcfiberals.com](http://www.bcfiberals.com)

Stop by Redcat Records or a King Revolution and pick up this new 20 song compilation with recordings by DOA, GEOFF BERNER, TODD BUTLER, BETTY

CRACKER, JOEY ONLY, BOB STUBBS and more. This CD in non-partisan meaning it does not endorse any political party.

This is the only compilation of its kind and it perked the ears up of CBCNEWS who has recorded a number of us live and will run a long newspeice

possibly this Friday but more likely next week on Canada Now. Yesterday

Betty Cracker and Joey Only met with Bob Nixon and his cameraman Mike at

Faceplant Studios for a full Anti-Campbell filming session.

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**NEW CD RELEASES FROM THE REBEL SPELL AND RAE SPOON**

Check out our comrades websites, [www.therebelspell.org](http://www.therebelspell.org), [political.punkwww.raespoon.com](http://political.punkwww.raespoon.com), modern countryish cow-folk

Both Rae and the Rebel Spell have just released new CD's. Stop by your local underground distributor (redcat records on Main st or A Kind

Revolution on Hastings) and pick yours up today. Support your local radical entertainers.

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that's all for April, thanks a lot joeyonly

From: "The Wild Wing Chun Wallaby" <[garlicbobcat@resist.ca](mailto:garlicbobcat@resist.ca)>

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**18. COPE UPDATE** April 08, 2005

COPE SCHOOL TRUSTEES PROTECT STUDENTS AT BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEETING.

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Vancouver COPE School Trustees Adrienne Montani, Noel Herron, Angela Kenyon, Allan Wong, and Jane Bouey worked with trustees from across BC to pass important motions at last month's BC School Trustees Annual General Meeting in Victoria. COPE Trustees used resolutions and a question period with the BC Liberal's Minister of Education, to demand adequate funding, oppose privatization of public education and defend publicly elected school boards.

The most significant Vancouver motion on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-identified youth passed by a large majority. The motion states: "That the BCSTA encourage and support school district policies that specifically address the safety concerns of, and prohibit discrimination against, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-identified students, as well as students who are harassed due to perceptions of their gender identity or sexual orientation.."

Also passing with near unanimous support was a Vancouver motion calling on the "Minister of Education to provide funding to school boards to support universal access to All-Day Kindergarten."

And near unanimous support was given to a resolution calling on the Ministry "to provide necessary funding to complete seismic upgrades of all identified at-risk schools within 10 years, with the highest priority being upgrades within 3 - 5 years for all schools assessed as being at high risk."

Vancouver Trustees also ensured that BCSTA policy continues to call for "raising welfare rates to at least the minimum poverty line."

Vancouver motions that did not pass included a resolution on the elimination of the new provincial Grade 10 exams. COPE Trustees noted that there is no evidence that standardized Grade 10 exams improves learning, and the exams could narrow curriculum to the exams, and download more work on teachers.

Vancouver's lone NPA Trustee supported Grade 10 exams.

### VANCOUVER PARK BOARD OPTS FOR FAIR-TRADED PRODUCTS

Mar 28, 2005 - COPE Park Commissioners have approved an ethical purchasing policy for products sold in Vancouver park concessions.

Vancouver Park Board was following on City Council's earlier decision to pass an ethical purchasing policy that requires suppliers to follow a sustainability code that ensures workers who make products that are used or sold by the City and Park Board are protected by accepted health and safety standards.

Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps and her fellow COPE Commissioners pushed hard to get ethical purchasing in public parks.

"It is important for the parks board to be on board," said Poaps. "We are the city's principal buyer through golf courses and food revenues. Over a year we get, on average, \$400,000 in revenue from the 15 park concession stands and the three golf course clubhouses."

The Vancouver Park Board spends about \$1.5 million purchasing foodstuffs and other supplies.

### DRAFT COPE SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET - NO LAY-OFFS, SMALLER CLASSES, FOCUS

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## ON LEARNING

The Vancouver School Board has issued its first draft of the 2005-06 budget. Using public input received over two years of consultations, and working with an addition of \$6.8 million in funds, COPE Trustees are ensuring no lay-offs this year. They also want to decrease class-sizes in intermediate grades, increasing the number of teacher-librarians, and assign more staff to ESL and special needs. The Board is proposing All Day Kindergarten for Vancouver's twelve inner city schools. Other areas proposed for renewed support include: clerical, school administration, fine arts, mini-schools, teacher development, technology and library resources.

The public can learn more about the draft budget, on Tuesday, April 12th, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of Jamieson Elementary, 6350 Tisdall Street., Vancouver.

A revised budget will be presented at the School Board Offices 1580 W Broadway at 5 pm on Monday April 18. Another opportunity for the public to give input on the budget will be at 7 pm on Thurs, April 21 in the VSB Board Room also at 1580 w Broadway.

Individuals and groups who wish to speak at the April 12 and/or April 21 should call 604-713-5283 no later than two days before the meeting.

For details of the draft budget, and how to make your views known, go to [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) From: COPE Elerts <[elert@cope.bc.ca](mailto:elert@cope.bc.ca)>

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## 19. WHAT'S GONE WRONG WITH THE VANCOUVER POUND

### KILLING HEALTHY DOGS IN A NO-KILL PUBLIC FACILITY

April 9, 2005. The Vancouver Animal Shelter, formerly know as the Vancouver Pound, is a city-run and taxpayer funded facility which bills itself as Canada's 1st No-Kill Shelter on its website. The staff and volunteers who work and volunteer their time there do so in large part because of the shelter's commitment to a no-kill policy. Fundraising letters and appeals always mention the no-kill status of the shelter.

Imagine the shock of horrified no-kill activists when they discovered city employees quietly bringing drugged animals into an after-hours veterinary clinic in Vancouver to have them killed. When the activists started asking questions about the animals, the city staff refused to answer, calling on a supervisor and quickly removing the dogs from sight. The activists, one a former politician who had voted for increased funding for the shelter based on the no-kill policy, the other a prominent campaigner for no-kill shelters and humane bylaws in the lower mainland, were then ejected from the clinic at 41st and Fraser by the owner of the clinic who tried to make arrangements to have the dogs killed at another time and place. Both activists waited on the sidewalk for the city employee in charge to exit, Ms. Katy Ernst, who spoke briefly with them but refused to answer most of their questions pertaining to the dogs. She did say that the dogs were not ordered destroyed by a court, and that one of the dogs was alleged to have bitten the former owner, although this was not corroborated by physical or medical evidence. Nor was Ernst able to confirm whether or not the dogs had been properly evaluated by an animal behaviourist for treatment of behavioural problems

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caused by abuse and trauma.

Both activists offered to locate qualified dog trainers (in secure facilities if need be) and pay for the treatment of any behavioural problems the Vancouver Animal Shelter staff were unequipped or unwilling to deal with. This offer was refused at the time by Ms. Ernst, but remains open. Earnst also refused to reveal who order the dogs killed, and the shelter manager Nancy Clay, who is also a dog breeder, was unavailable at the time. Bob Christofoli her assistant, was not at work that day either. Attempts to contact shelter staff and managerial staff at the shelter to discover the current status of the dogs and investigate how such an incident should come to pass have been unsuccessful at this point.

City Councilor Tim Louis expressed outrage at the situation and plans to investigate the matter. Said Louis I am strongly opposed to euthanasia of animals and called placement of special needs dogs needing rehabilitation in the community with qualified volunteers a practical solution to the problem. Louis is on the Finance Committee, which oversees funding to the shelter.

Financial and managerial oversight of the facility clearly needs to be reviewed, as Freedom of Information requests by Animal Rights Coalition spokesperson Donna Liberson which advocates for no-kill shelters reveal that city staff had been systematically destroying legal records of animals which the the Animal Rights Coalition had inquired about. Their fate is not known, and in a public facility, this lack of accountability and transparency is both unacceptable and shocking. Liberson comments: "We also discovered veterinary bills paid for by the City of Vancouver for animals that were not Vancouver Pound animals. A forensic audit of the pound must be done."

Former Park Commissioner Roslyn Cassells received numerous calls from volunteers and staffers at the shelter reporting concerns that they knew or suspected that animals were being killed away from the public eye. This has now been clearly evidenced with a number of witnesses to this incident. Furthermore she received calls about animal research done on shelter dogs by UBC researchers studying the effect of social and physical deprivation on dogs. Some of the dogs in the study who were in the deprived group had such declines in their overall health that they moved from being considered adoptable to unadoptable. The debate over the ethics of using seized and lost dogs, who could easily be someone's pet gone missing, in a long study which could adversely effect their health went unspoken as staff and volunteers asking questions or questioning the study were strongly discouraged. Eventually the dogs in the study, which was never reviewed at city council, were moved to a locked area in the facility where only specific staff and researchers were permitted. Other staffers and volunteers who had previously been regularly visiting and exercising the dogs were forbidden to do so. During the period of the study the animals were removed from the possibility of adoption and were used only as

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research subjects for the UBC study. A number of dogs was released informally to UBC researchers. What was the fate of those animals?

Cassells commented When I was an elected representative on the park board from 1999-2002 I received a lot of complaints from members of the public that the pound was not doing enough bylaw enforcement. When I asked pound officials about this they said they needed more money for enforcement. I voted in favor of large budget increases to the pound to increase bylaw enforcement in the park system and improve animal welfare. However, despite huge infusions of cash and significant infrastructure improvements to the physical plant and the level of staffing, the complaints increased. I am concerned about how the money is being used at this facility. I am concerned about the fact that the animals do not receive basic preventative vaccinations and their veterinary care seems inadequate. Where did all the money go that was meant to help the animals? Why is the public being asked to donate money to this facility under the guise of a no-kill shelter when the shelter is clearly killing animals and even using them as research subjects. A homeless animal needs advocacy, not exploitation. A strong light needs to be shone on the Vancouver Animal Shelter at this time. The City of Vancouver needs to decide if they are willing to go to bat for homeless animals or not. They are truly the most voiceless and powerless members of our community. If we are truly civilized we must oppose any attempts to abuse, kill, or use these living creatures in any way which goes against their nature.

The greatness of a nation is measured by how its weakest members are treated Ghandi  
From: "Roslyn Cassells" <rmcassells@alternatives.com>

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**20. INNER SANCTUARY IS SEEKING ROOMMATES WITH SOUL and/or SOUL MATES WITH ROOM!**

Inner Sanctuary, a creative space overlooking Porpoise Bay and the Sechelt Inlet on the serene Sunshine Coast, is seeking full/part time community-minded people to live in an artistic, playful, Intentional Home. We are focused and committed to our spiritual and personal growth, Self sustainability and conscious living, empowering each other to live in our greatness.

Our uniquely designed haven is fully furnished, non smoking and eco-friendly. Shanti, the resident kitty loves snuggling with anyone who allows her purrrrrfection.

Lots of space in this large home to be inspired, rejuvenate, create your dreams, work and play.

It's a sweet retreat only an hour and a half from Vancouver. Available immediately to rent weekly or monthly. You may consider IS as a home away from home for a few days per week or weekends only. Teachers, Healers, Travellers, Community builders are welcome to come explore all unlimited possibilities. Transformation and expansion is likely, so BE prepared.

Fully Furnished Theme Rooms, \$400 - 550/mth., all inclusive of utilities, wireless internet, hot tub, ocean view, yoga/meditation/dance/play space. Partial exchange considered, ie...looking for magical maintenance man.

This is a unique sacred space . Come live/work/play with us the temple of IS.

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"I AM an archaeologist of the human psyche. I AM Love. I AM Goddess re-born. I AM co-creating a divine new reality in Love & Consciousness. I AM." KVK

From: "SunWolf" <sunwolf@verizon.net>

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**21. COPE ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE: PLANNING BEGINS FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION**

April 22, 2005

Close to 300 COPE members packed the 2005 Annual General Meeting at the Maritime Labour Centre on April 17 to choose a new Executive and start building for this November's Vancouver civic election.

COPE's 2005 Executive members are:

Gary Onstad, External Chairperson  
Donalda Greenwell-Baker, Internal Chairperson,  
Deming Smith, Treasurer

Paul Houle, Recording Secretary,

Mabel Elmore, Membership Secretary.

Sharon Costello, Corresponding Secretary

David Chudnovsky, Fundraiser.

Mebrat Kebrade, Member-at-Large,

Paul Tetrault, Member-at-Large

Spencer Herbert, Member-at-Large

Janet Routledge, Member-at-Large.

COPE members approved a number of changes to COPE's Constitution including one that enables those who are underemployed, or unable to pay a membership fee, to become COPE members.

COPE members also overwhelmingly approved a motion to direct the COPE Executive to meet with the Friends of Larry Campbell and begin talks about building a coalition leading into the fall election.

For more information on AGM motions and changes to the COPE Constitution, go to:

[www.cope.bc.ca](http://www.cope.bc.ca).

From: COPE Elerts <elert@cope.bc.ca>

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**22. ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF INCOME ASSISTANCE POLICY**

I am a University of Victoria School of Social Work practicum student at the Constituency office of Jenny Kwan and I am currently developing a report on single parents and income assistance - specifically the rule that moves single parents off of income assistance and into the workforce when their youngest child is 3. I am doing a 4-fold survey to look at how this rule is impacting the women, their children and the community. I have surveys designed for:

- women who have children under 3,
- women whose youngest is over 3
- organizations who work primarily with low income and/or parenting women (such as job

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preparatory programs for parenting women)

- organizations who have a wide clientele base which includes low income parenting women (such as food banks & daycares).

I am asking for assistance from organizations that are willing to fill out organization based surveys and/or distribute surveys to program participants who may be impacted by the rule to move single mothers off of income assistance. When finished this report will be submitted to the Opposition Research to help guide policy with regards to this rule. And I will make copies of a summary of the report available to organizations that have assisted in its completion.

Now I recognize that this may be more complex for your organization and rural women in general which is why I am seeking perhaps other suggestions of how I can work with your organization in order to help rural women have a say in how this policy affects them. I really think it's important that rural women's voices are also heard in respect to this policy.

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