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Thank you for making *The Power of Giving* # 1 (June 30, 2005/July 1, 2005) ahead of Harry Potter (# 2 & # 3) and Da Vinci Code # 6. You are all part of its success. God bless you. Thank you for your support and warm wishes.

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### 1. IS JAPAN BECOMING A NORMAL STATE?

The Liu Institute, Center of International Relations and Centre of Japanese Relations are honoured to welcome:

Is Japan Becoming a Normal State??

H.E. Sadaaki Numata  
Ambassador of Japan to Canada

**Date: Wed July 6, 4pm - 5:30pm? Location: 3rd Floor Boardroom, Liu Institute**

RSVP to [patricia.chu@ubc.ca](mailto:patricia.chu@ubc.ca) or 604-822-1402

See the link below for more information

<http://www.ligi.ubc.ca/collateral/common/index.cfm?fuseaction=view&pageName=events&contentID=497&section=Information&subSection=Events>

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From: "Chu, Patricia" <[patricia.chu@ubc.ca](mailto:patricia.chu@ubc.ca)>

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2. THE CORRUPTED TEXT - Larissa Lai reads from her novel-in-progress - The Corrupted Text - and shares some thoughts on activism, criticism and

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creativity. Includes

introduction by Daphne Marlatt,

Writer-in-Residence at Simon Fraser

University. Saltwater City TV premieres this broadcast Sunday July 3, 2005 with repeats (schedule follows) on Shaw cable 4, the community channel.

Taped June 23, 2005 during the transCanada Literature - Institutions -Citizenship conference at Simon Fraser University. Volunteer-produced by Roy Miki and Sid Tan with many thanks to the volunteers, organisers and participants.

Also on the show, Head Tax Blues (with new visuals) performed by Sean Gunnand Ula Shine.

This music video is also on-line [www.ccnc.ca](http://www.ccnc.ca) courtesy the

Chinese Canadian National Council Culture On-line youth project.

Sunday July 3 at 1:00PM Monday July 4 at 10:30PM **Thursday July 7 at 2:30PM Saturday July 9 at 11:30AM**

On Shaw cable 4 - the community channel - in Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley. Saltwater City TV broadcasts thanks to ICTV exercising

its entitlement to access to Shaw cable 4, the cable community channel.

If you want copies, set your VCR to record it. Or ask a friend. It takes a lot of time to respond to requests for copies, especially since

this is volunteer community television and we have hard costs for tapes, transportation and refreshments. And yes, you are always welcome to send in a couple of dollars to support ICTV and citizen-access to the public airwaves. Make cheque out to ICTV but put transmitter fund on it.

Also, let our broadcast regulator, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (email: [procedure@crtc.gc.ca](mailto:procedure@crtc.gc.ca)), know what you think about the current state of community television in Vancouver.

Do it now as Shaw's license renewal is up in August.

Ask the CRTC why cable companies such as Shaw get all the public money from the subscriber-funded community channel levy and community television groups such as ICTV not only get no money. Worse, community groups have to deal with Shaw, which once denied ICTV access, for their entitlement to resources and broadcast times.

Saltwater City Television is an Association of Chinese Canadians for Equality and Solidarity Society ACCESS/ICTV Independent Community

Television Co-operative volunteer production. Everybody send money in.

Saltwater City TV thanks the Chinese Canadian National Council for assistance in making this program possible.

For more about ICTV and to volunteer, go to [www.vcn.bc.ca/ictv](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/ictv) or call 604.254.5844. We are volunteer managed and operated so please have a little patience.

Read on to see how you can really help. Article follows letter.

Re: Tri-City man wants to put community on the air By Diane Strandberg, Jun 25 2005

Dear Editor.

Thank you for this report of a matter of interest and concern to informed citizens and progressive media everywhere. However, some comments by

Alex Park, Shaw vice-president of programming, are exaggerated, misleading

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and false. His defence of Shaw's incremental erosion of the public trust of community television underscores the company's misunderstanding and mismanagement of this community asset.

Mr. Park should know when Shaw ceases to be the licensee for the community channel on its cable 4, community-based groups can apply to be the new licensee. The successful community group(s) would then be entitled to the subscriber-funded community television levy of approximately \$5-million annually in Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley. Presently, Shaw deprives independent producers and local groups of these resources and delays the development of community-based volunteer television, the spirit and intent of community television policy.

Volunteerism is at the heart of community television and Shaw has a history of denying independent producers and community groups access to this public trust. For eight years, ICTV and informed citizens such as Geoff Scott successfully lobbied our elected leaders in Ottawa to return community access to first Rogers' and now Shaw's community broadcast times and resources. That Shaw is no friend to local communities is apparent by its denial of the mobile to Geoff Scott and ICTV.

Community television is more than than just coverage of local events and people. It requires neighbourhood networks of volunteers and groups to learn and teach media skills. Mobile and studio productions not only create local programming but also provide opportunities to build capacity and workgroups. Given this, Shaw's denial of the mobile to Mr. Scott rings hollow. That is, unless they oppose such efforts, which would be contrary to policy. The current situation would be an appropriate subject for a complaint to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, our broadcast regulator.

Geoff Scott should be applauded for his determination and purpose. I would like to donate some money in support and hope Tri-Cities' citizens and governments will do so as well. It is telling that Shaw, who receives all the community television money, doesn't. Those concerned can also write to the CRTC at [procedure@crtc.gc.ca](mailto:procedure@crtc.gc.ca) about Mr. Scott's predicament.

Yours sincerely, Sid Chow Tan Vancouver, BC

\*\* The first fundamental human right is the right to a safe environment. \*\* Without that, we are not able to claim any other rights.

- Ken Saro-Wiwa

From: "Sid Tan" <[sidtan@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:sidtan@vcn.bc.ca)>

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### **3. INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE MAPUCHE VIDEO & DISCUSSION NIGHT**

Film Description:

?Betrayed by a multi-national hydro-electric company and the Chilean government, the Pehuenche-Mapuche are tried as terrorists for resisting expulsion from their ancestral lands. An impassioned plea against globalization and corporate interests that put profits before people.?

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In Mapudugun and Spanish with English subtitles.

**Friday July 08, 7:00pm Dogwood Center 706 Clark Drive, Vancouver Mapuche Guest**

**Speaker: Wladimir Painemal**

(Sub-Director of Mapuche Newspaper Azkintuwe)

\*Admission by Donation\*

Organized by:

MAPUCHE NATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE AUKI? NAHUEL ? COAST SALISH TERRITORY

Further Information: latinsol@shaw.ca

From: Auki? Nahuel <latinsol@shaw.ca>

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### 4. 4 MORE YEARS, HELL NO!

ANTI-LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION!

**Saturday July 9th @ 2pm Victory Square (Cambie & Hastings)**

During four years of Liberal rule, the people of BC mobilized to fight back and defend our communities. We must challenge the Liberals second term head-on, intensify our struggle, strengthen the collective movement to defeat the Liberals, and work towards real, lasting justice and economic equality that only the people can create!

Join this march of various grassroots organizations that have been fighting from the front lines.

CELEBRATE OUR VICTORIES!

CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO

WIN!

From: harjap.grewal@mail.mcgill.ca

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### 5. COPE GENERAL MEETING

A well-known city personality and progressive voice, our friend Penny Parry, is running for the current COPE Executive vacancy, and needs our support.

Please attend this very important COPE General Meeting to be held at

**7 pm Wednesday, July 13, 2005 WISE Hall, at 1882 Adanac St, Vancouver.**

Memberships (\$10 per person) may be renewed at the door.

New members wishing to vote at this meeting must get their membership before July 9th. Please call Penny Parry or Tim Louis at 604-738-0405 for further details.

The proposed Agenda for the meeting is:

- Report on Negotiations with the Friends of Larry Campbell
- Election to fill vacancy on COPE Executive;
- Consider amendments to COPE Constitution and Bylaws;
- Other business.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will be posted at [www.cope.bc.ca](http://www.cope.bc.ca). See you there!

Alicia Barsallo (604-879-3246)

From: Alan Ward <arward@interchange.ubc.ca>

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### 6. ABOUT THE BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION

From the Series: Resistance, Rebellion and Revolution in Latin-America

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Bolivian Guest Speaker Adriana Paz (Community Activist and Alternative Media Journalist) & Multimedia Show

**July 14, 6:30 pm SFU - HARBOUR CENTER West Hastings, Room # 1600 Vancouver**

Organized by: La Surda Latin-American Collective

Endorsed by: SFPIRG

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### 8. **REBUILDING A NEW RWANDA:**

A Dialogue With The Ambassador Of Rwanda To Canada

**Room 1700 - SFU Harbour Center, Vancouver Thursday July 14, 2005 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

In 1994, the small central African country of Rwanda was the scene of one of the world's worse catastrophes when in only a hundred days, more than a million people were killed for no other reasons than the fact they were born Tutsi, or because of their political beliefs. Eleven years later, Rwanda is gradually emerging from the ashes of genocide and the people are rebuilding what they hope to be a model in the Great Lakes Region of Africa, against all odds.

On this Western Canada Tour, H.E. Ambassador Eugene Munyakayanza and the First Chancellor Deo Nkusi, will be visiting four key cities: Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria. The purpose of their visit will be to engage in a dialogue with a cross section of audiences; business, academic, public, and civil society practitioners to explore ways Canadians can partner with their Rwandan counterparts to help meet Rwanda's Millennium Development Goals.

Rwandans journey to the Millennium Development Goals has been hard to toe. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, poverty was increasing on a national level, and rose dramatically in 1994 due to the genocide to approximately 77.8% of households. Since then, poverty has fallen consistently to about 67% in 1999. The new poverty line created in 2001 estimates that 60% of the population is living below the poverty line. Rwanda's civil war and 1994 genocide seriously disrupted the country's economy. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimated that in 1995 the economy had shrunk by 50 percent, inflation rose to 64%, and per capita incomes declined to \$80.

From 1995 to 1999, the economy recovered at a rapid pace, with real GDP growth rates of 37%

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in 1995, an average of 12% a year in 1996-97, and an estimated 10% in 1998. Meanwhile, the annual rate of inflation fell from about 64% in 1994, to 22% in 1995, to an average of 10% in 1998. Government revenues increased from 7.1% of GDP in 1995 to 10.2% of GDP in 1998. (GoR, 2001)

In 2003, Rwanda held a series of elections at the municipal, national, as well as the legislature level. RPF formed the government, and Rwanda went on to elect the largest number of women to its legislature, making Rwanda, the global leader with 49% of women representatives dethroning Sweden, which had up until led the world with 43%.

In 2000, Rwanda laid out a 20-year development plan called Vision 2020. It aims at enabling the population to combat underdevelopment and poverty, within the context of a stable political environment based on peace and stability. This document illustrates Rwanda's aspirations and also serves as a motivational performance indicator, it clarifies Rwanda's current situation and points out where Rwanda should be in twenty years time.

The 20-year vision seeks at developing Rwanda into a middle-income country, creating an information rich, knowledge-based economy, developing human capacity as the primary resource, and using ICT as an enabler to achieve other development goals. The Government of Rwanda has made it a priority to shift the focus from emergency assistance and rehabilitation to sustainable development and private sector growth. It is actively promoting foreign investment. (MINECOM [1] )

The ambassador will give an overview of what the country has accomplished in the last ten years and highlight key areas where Canadians can make a contribution: Education and skills development, training in bilingualism, tourism, water and energy, healthcare, economic development and trade, as well as ICT and community development.

For further information, please contact:

Lama Mugabo Building Bridges Initiatives Tel. 604-258-0221 E-mail: [mugaboconsult@shaw.ca](mailto:mugaboconsult@shaw.ca)

Trade Relations:

<http://www.ambarwaottawa.ca> East & Central Africa - Global Competitiveness Hub <http://www.ecatradehub.com/reports/rp.2004.rwanda.investments.promotion.policy01.asp>

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### 9. WORLD FEDERALIST MEETING

TOPIC:

U.S. SPACE PROGRAM AND THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

The video 'Arsenal of Hypocrisy' reveals a U.S. government marching towards world dominance through Space technology on behalf of global corporate interests.

Followed by refreshments and discussion.

TIME:

Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Hewett Centre, Unitarian Church Centre, 949 W.49th Ave. at Oak St., Vancouver.

All welcome. Free Parking. No charge.



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### MORE INFORMATION:

Or to add your name to the meeting reminder e-mail list, contact Larry Kazdan at (604) 874-9982, or e-mail: [lkazdan@shaw.ca](mailto:lkazdan@shaw.ca).

The World Federalist Movement Canada -Vancouver Branch meets at this location the third Thursday of every month. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

World Federalists promote the development of democratic world institutions to make and enforce world law and to protect the integrity of state and sub-state governments.

From: Larry Kazdan <[lkazdan@shaw.ca](mailto:lkazdan@shaw.ca)>

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**10. FOOD SECURITY SYMPOSIUM FOR YOUTH** Helping high school and university-aged youth take action to Make Poverty History.

How do HIV/AIDS, small arms, and trade affect food security?

**Saturday, August 13, 9-5 pm, SFU Harbour Centre (Vancouver)**

\$10 Registration (flexible, includes lunch) Travel subsidies available

Contact Alex Nataros, 604-736-7678, [alexandern@oxfam.ca](mailto:alexandern@oxfam.ca)

From: Miriam Palacios <[miriamp@oxfam.ca](mailto:miriamp@oxfam.ca)>

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**11. FORESTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE 22ND CENTURY** FORREX Annual General Meeting & Science Forum

**AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 Thompson Rivers University KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA**

What will our forested ecosystems look like in the year 2100? Will society flourish from a sustained supply of goods and services from our forested environment? How are science, technology and innovative practices being applied to ensure a continued supply of water and other natural resource products and services?

Many of the solutions for tomorrow are being developed through research, development and management today. With an ever changing social and political agenda and a dynamic-by-nature environment, science and technology can be used to learn from today and predict for tomorrow. The FORREX Annual General Meeting and Science Forum will introduce current highlights in global forest science and local innovative adaptations to integrated resource management challenges. Come see and hear what your partners in natural resources innovation have been up to.

Thompson Rivers University Grand Hall 900 McGill Road Kamloops, B.C.

For details on Registration, Call for Posters, Instructions to Authors, Science Forum Program and Sponsorship, visit our

Web Site at:

[www.forrex.org/AGMScienceForum](http://www.forrex.org/AGMScienceForum)

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## 12. IS POVERTY HISTORY YET?

**Please circle Saturday, Sept. 10th on your calendar!**

The Global Stewardship Program at Capilano invites you and your students/friends/network to join us for a march in support of the Make Poverty History Campaign on Saturday morning, September 10th.

The march will start in East Vancouver, most likely in the Hastings Park area and take us across the Ironworkers Second Narrows bridge. We want to make a human chain across the bridge to show our desire to Bridge the Poverty Gap and Make Poverty History. We'll then walk up to Capilano where we will have an afternoon of food, fun, bands, and other surprise events. Once locations and times are firmed up over the summer, we will post them on our website [www.capcollege.bc.ca/globalstewardship](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/globalstewardship) and send you further information by e-mail.

We are expecting over 2000 participants from high schools, universities/colleges, church groups, poverty groups, NGOs etc. It should be a great time for all, and you can be in that historic photo of us bridging the poverty gap.

Better yet, if you want to get involved in the event, or have a band, or would like to sponsor the event, put a booth up at the event (free) etc, please contact one of the students listed in the cc box. Caity, Devon, Lindsay, Suzie, Stefanie, and Megan from Year 1 of the program have taken on the challenge to pull this off. I can't imagine better people to do so.

Please pass join us and bring friends. It will be a great day for the Make Poverty History campaign ( [www.makepovertyhistory.ca](http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca)) and a great time for us to get together to celebrate the [work we do in helping to make the world a little more just.](#)

Sincerely,

Cam Sylvester Program Developer and Supervisor Global Stewardship Program Capilano

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**It is impossible to simultaneously protect, and print on, ancient forests. Victoria Street Newz - <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>**

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"Today the real test of power is not capacity to make war but capacity to prevent it."

*Anne O'Hare McCormick (1880-1954)*

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