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contributions, considerations, concerns:

* Free, hot, vegetarian & vegan food provided by Food Not Bombs - **Saturdays** at the Whale Wall (Wharf & Yates), 1:00 pm. foodnotbombs@ziplip.com or 383-5144 (#1940).

* **National Day of Action - February 4th - 1:00 pm @ Centennial Square** with a march to the Legislature. <<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca>> <http://www.uvss.uvic.ca> or <<http://www.cfs.fcee.ca>><http://www.cfs.fcee.ca>

* Wanted: volunteers to help produce an experimental evening of dance, poetry, song, humour, and film. Contact sverkerk@islandnet.com .

* Local environmentalists featured in *Monday Magazine*

<http://www.mondaymag.com/monday/editorial/03_2004/features.htm>http://www.mondaymag.com/monday/editorial/03_2004/features.htm

* Stewardship Natural Landscape Design - will tailor to any size of yard or budget - stewardshipnld@yahoo.ca or 382-4450

* From: chumir2@telus.net

The Sheldon Chumir Foundation's December Homelessness Forum will be

aired on CJSW's radio program "Local Revolutions". You can listen to Part I of the program on CJSW 90.9FM at 11am, Monday January 19th; Part II will air at the same time Monday January 26th. If you missed the forum, or want to refresh your memory, this is an excellent chance to hear about the many aspects of homelessness in Calgary and in Canada.

* From: j.russow@shawlink.ca

Vote on at www.paulmartintimes.ca and vote against this ill conceived proposal.

* Free Juggling Workshops -
<<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/juggling>><http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/juggling>

* From: swag@pacificcoast.net

The Transgender Health Program is pleased to announce that we now have a website up and running, at <<http://www.vch.ca/transhealth/>><http://www.vch.ca/transhealth/>

* From: Ingmar Lee <ingkhai@uvic.ca>

I'm not sure if everyone has seen this already, but here's a great new website about Betty!
<<http://www.freebetty.org>><http://www.freebetty.org>

* Jack Layton and the NDP - <<http://www.ndp.ca>><http://www.ndp.ca>

* From: "CFUV-Real News" <cfuv-realnews@telus.net>

Just in case you missed it.....

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

Michael Moore Endorses Wesley Clark For President!

<<http://www.clark04.com/story/79/>>http://www.clark04.com/story/79

<<http://www.clark04.com/moore/>><http://www.clark04.com/moore/>

* From: "Stacy Chappel" <director@vipirg.ca>

This week, after much lobbying from community groups, the Victoria Transit

Board voted to defer the anticipated decision to increase fares for the bus to 2\$ and increase monthly pass costs \$10 to \$65. instead, they are going to go to the Province to ask (again) for a reinstatement of provincial funding for BC transit. They intend to pressure the government, and directly asked citizens attending the meeting to support them by contact their MLAs and government officials.

We need to make those calls and emails if we want to ensure an affordable, workable tranist system!

Attached you will find an action sheet that includes key points and a list of officials to contact.

Thanks!

Stacy Chappel, Executive Director

Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG)

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* Turkish Student Association at UVic - <http://www.uvic.turk.org>,
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* From: "Spud News" <spudmail@spud.ca>

SPUD [Small Potatoes Urban Delivery - <http://spud.ca>] believes in the consumers' right to know, clear and certified labeling. SPUD is opposed to GMOs for health, environmental, ethical and social reasons.

Organically certified products are by definition GMO free, as are products that are clearly marked ?GMO free?.

Regrettably, at this point, it's not possible for anyone (including SPUD) to guarantee the presence/absence of GMOs in other foods, either as major ingredients or as trace amounts unless certified organic or labeled. This is due to weak government regulations, lack of mandatory labeling,

inadequate or no testing, the inability of producers and suppliers to trace ingredients, contamination in manufacturing and inadvertent pollination or cross-pollination of GMOs. SPUD continues to work on this issue with its suppliers.

Website of the Week - THE RAM'S HORN - A monthly journal of food system analysis

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

* From: Davd Martin <davd@island.net>

Did you hear that Interfor is booking European ecotourism clients?

Not that many years ago, i heard from the likes of you that Interfor had a poorer logging record than the [somewhat unsatisfactory] BC average. 'tis true, i have not carefully followed the evaluations this past year, but i was quite surprised to hear, from a source i cannot decently identify, that Interfor is now booking European ecotourism clients?

Some of you presumably have tourist-"industry" contacts with whom you can check this report; and some of you presumably have access to current assessments [official or just expert-observation] of Interfor's logging and management practices. If the story checks out and their practices are still below-average, some of you probably have ways of making this known in Europe and elsewhere, so as [i'll put it politely] to prevent fraud and inconsistency from embarrassing Canada and illegitimately taking the tourists's money.

Whistle in hand,

Davd

* A friend of mine almost died over the holidays. She had appendicitis, and it burst while she was waiting for a diagnosis. 12 hours after arriving at the hospital she was operated on, and then they gave her penicillin knowing that she's allergic. Luckily, she didn't die and she's hoping to promote a diplomatic and intelligent review of what's going on in the health care system. She understands that the public health system is intentionally being degraded so it'll be easier to convince taxpayers to privatize, and she wants to tell her story without promoting privatization. Please write to me if you want to help.

* Thanks to Lor Newstead for her generous offerings to the Left Coast e-News.



1. MOVIE MONDAY

MONDAY Jan 19 6:30 SHOOTING INDIANS This documentary has a provocative title but refers to photography, as in Edward Curtis and a modern native photographer. There lots of grist for a discussion, the first of a number of films I have coming about the role and ethical considerations of the photographer. It has a great BC hook with a visit to Barb Cranmer in Alert Bay and as well as to the lady who played the princess in Curtis' film Land of the War Canoes (or Headhunters), the film we see a segment of looping in the RBC Museum

http://www.socialdoc.net/kazimi/ali_html_pages2/1AK2Sho.html

With special guest Patricia Vickers Pg

6:30 pm

Eric Martin Pavilion,

Jubilee Hospital (Fort & Richmond)

by donation

More Info? - Call 595-FLIC (250-595-3542)

Our web site has the most up-to-date and complete info :
<<http://www.islandnet.com/mm>><http://www.islandnet.com/mm>

& E-mail : Bruce Saunders - bruces@islandnet.com

MONDAY Jan 26 6:30 THE JOURNEY OF LEZRA MARTIN (1hr documentary) The story of the black kid from the ghetto who was inspired to free the Hurricane and who went on to be a lawyer and inspirational speaker, now living in Kamloops B C.

<<http://www.lesramartin.com/thehurricane.htm>><http://www.lesramartin.com/thehurricane.htm>

& **THE HURRICANE** The movie based on that true story of the wrongfully convicted fighter, Hurricane Carter. Rated R for language and some violence.

From: Bruce Saunders <bruces@islandnet.com>



2. GROOVEFEST AT UVIC

Groovefest Orientation

interested in finding out what Groovefest is all about? heard about it but not sure what it actually is?

come to **Felicita's on Monday January 19th at 7:00** to find out more about this kick-ass event.

watch videos of past shows, see photos of past performers, and hear plans for this year's event!

From: Danielle Gauld <daniellegauld@shaw.ca>



3. MURRAY DOBBIN AND PAUL MARTIN

Where will Paul Martin take Canada?

featuring well-known author Murray Dobbin, who will be launching his latest book "Paul Martin: CEO for Canada?"

January 19th

7:30 pm

Downtown Activity Centre

755 Pandora

Sponsored by the Victoria Chapter of the Council of Canadians

contact: 383-5878 (Saul Arbess)

NOTE: TABLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS TO PROMOTE LITERATURE OR

UPCOMING EVENTS RELATED TO TAKING on PAUL MARTIN'S AGENDA. IF YOU WISH TO

HAVE A TABLE, PLEASE CONTACT SAUL ARBESS AT 383-5878.

From: "Bob Wilson" <BWilson@heu.org>



4. TALK TV

Audience participation is usually encouraged at this TalkTV show at The New VI, corner of Pandora & Broad.

<http://www.thenewvi.com/programs/viprg_Talktv.asp>http://www.thenewvi.com/programs/viprg_Talktv.asp

The topic of the evening will be Homelessness. *But* unless there is a good

turnout, The New VI will not turn the cameras on the audience and allow

anyone to speak.

Tuesday, January 20th at 8 pm

The New VI (1420 Broad Street at Pandora)

[Be there 15 minutes prior to showtime. Audience members will be seated on a first-come / first-served basis.]

I urge everyone who can, to come out and join us for what should be a fun and exciting evening. Those who prefer to stay home can still phone in or send emails (talktv@thenewvi.com).

After the show, those who don't need to go straight home are invited to adjourn to Serious Coffee nearby to debrief. (If Serious Coffee doesn't actually have FairTrade coffee, we can all look disappointed and go somewhere that does!)

It would be great if we could find a few actual homeless people to be in the audience, too. They have been conspicuously absent at past live shows on such topics.

Geni

From: Geneva Hagen < geni@shaw.ca >

5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

Public Hearing on Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at the legislature, Victoria

Jan 20 04

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Douglas Fir Committee Room

Legislative Buildings

from the Esquimalt weekend addition:

Have your say on F O I and Privacy Issues

An all-party committee of the legislative Assembly is currently reviewing all aspects of the province's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and wants your input.

The purposes of the act are to make public bodies more accountable to the public and to protect personal privacy.

The Act gives the public (tax payers) the right to access the records held by BC government ministries, local governments, health regions, hospitals, universities, schools and other provincial public bodies.

Is the Act working well?

Are there sections that need improvement?

Act is here:

<http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/F/96165_01.htm>http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/F/96165_01.htm

We want to hear from you. <<http://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt>>www.leg.bc.ca/cmt

Also at this site, reports on Citizens Assembly for democratic reform.

Hope to see you all there. Jen Fisher - Bradley

From: Jen and Stephen Bradley <valjean@shaw.ca>

* Ministry of Management Services PIPA hotline

(<http://www.msers.gov.bc.ca/foi_pop/Privacy/default.htm>http://www.msers.gov.bc.ca/foi_pop/Privacy/default.htm)



6. PUBLIC MEETING - WHAT'S IN THE AIR?!

Residents of Crofton, Chemainus, Duncan, Salt Spring Island and Maple Ridge

are in the airshed of NorskeCanada's Crofton pulp mill.

A wide variety of toxic emissions currently released into the airshed include

sulphurs, particulates, volatile organic compounds, furans and dioxins.

The company seeks provincial authority to burn rubber tires, coal and

treated railway ties during a 30 month trial burn beginning in the spring.

Please see <<http://www.croftonair.org>><http://www.croftonair.org> for more details.

The deadline for public feedback regarding the application is January 31,

2004. Permission has already been given for similar actions at NorskeCanada mills in Pt. Alberni, Campbell River (Elk Falls), and Powell River.

Crofton is an old mill and currently losing \$10 million quarterly. If these trials are successful Norske claims that operating costs and existing air emissions will be improved, based on hotter, more complete combustion of their primary fuel sources: wet salty bark and treatment sludge. However many questions & exceptions persist.

The Crofton Airshed Citizens' Group (CACG) comprised of citizens from Vancouver Island and Salt Spring have been working hard seeking more information about the matter.

Tues. Jan. 20,

7 pm,

Crofton Community Centre (upstairs)

10 min. walk from the ferry, on Roberts St., next to School

THE PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY, JAN 20 WILL INCLUDE A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

Dr. Peter Carter M.D. Family physician for forest industry communities.

A founding past director of Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment. Presented to Standing Committees of Environment Canada Health Canada and Dept of International Trade for CAPE re sustainable development and children's environmental health. Submitted on the federal provincial legislation for regulation of pulp mill mill effluent re dioxins and furans in the late 1980s.

Richard Stedman, Executive Director for the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency in Washington State. Previous to this position he was the manager and principal investigator for the Washington State Department of Health's cooperative agreement program with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. He has over 18 years of experience in the field of public health and environmental management. His experience includes work on air quality, water quality, hazardous waste management, toxicology, risk assessment and communication, and epidemiology.

Delores Broten, Reach for Unbleached (RFU) Senior Policy Advisor.

Delores works on toxics issues nationally. She is founder and past Executive

Director of RFU, and has served on numerous boards including the Georgia Strait Alliance, and BC Environmental Network Educational Foundation and is currently on the Board of LEAS (Labour Enviro Alliance Society). She is also volunteer editor of the highly respected Watershed Sentinel, a bimonthly environmental news magazine with a circulation of 8,000.

Michael Ableman, Crofton Airshed Citizens Group, organic farmer, author and photographer

Bernard Bintner P.Eng, Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection

Graham Kissack P.Eng. Director Environment, NorskeCanada (to be confirmed)

Please consider this a significant opportunity to indicate your concern to the Ministry and to learn more about air quality & human health in the airshed in relation to the NorskeCanada Crofton operation.

From: Elizabeth White <elizwhite@saltspring.com> (by way of Alan Rycroft <rycroft@islandnet.com>)

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## **CITIZENS TO HOLD FORUM on CROFTON POLLUTION**

U.S. Experts Agree To Be on Panel

(Crofton, BC) The Crofton Airshed Citizens Group will hold a public forum on January 20 regarding Norske Canada's proposal to burn coal, rubber and creosote-laden railway ties. Representatives from Norske, the government, Canadian and U.S. independent experts, and the community will answer questions and engage in dialogue.

"We are already very alarmed about Norske's existing emissions of dioxins, furans, PCB's, chlorine, hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter," said Michael Ableman of the Citizens Group. "These new burning materials promise to add to the toxic stew coming out of that mill and into the air our children breathe. Operating the equivalent of a toxic waste incinerator within the airshed of several communities is dangerous and irresponsible."

Panelists at the forum will include Rich Stedman, Executive Director of the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, and Rob Duff, Director of the Washington State Health Department Office of Environmental Assessment

Norske is petitioning the province for a 30-month trial permit to burn "alternative" fuels that are cheaper than natural gas. **The public comment period on the proposal has been extended to January 31.**

Norske claims that the fuels will lower some emissions but raise others, while saving the mill money. The company conducts all monitoring and interpretation of data, an approach the District of Campbell

River recently found to be flawed during a similar test in Norske's Elk Falls mill after an independent report challenged Norske's conclusions.

The root problem is the transportation of logs in salt water, which leads to wet salty hog fuel going into the mills. As a result, BC's pulp mills give BC the highest emissions of dangerous dioxins and furans in Canada, according to an organization called Pollution Watch ([www.pollutionwatch.org](http://www.pollutionwatch.org)). BC recently rolled back pulp mill pollution standards.

Air emissions from the mill cover a wide area including Duncan, Saltspring Island, Maple Bay, and as far North as the Nanaimo Airport and as far South as Central Saanich.

**The public forum will be held Tuesday January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Crofton Community Center.**

For more information contact: Michael Ableman 537-1449

Visit: [www.croftonair.org](http://www.croftonair.org)

From: Jill Thompson <[jill@sierraclubbc.org](mailto:jill@sierraclubbc.org)>



## **7. VICTORIA PEACE COALITION**

Victoria Peace Coalition Meeting

**Tuesday, January 20**

**7 pm**

**Second Story Books**

**579 Johnson St.**

Join us for fair-traded, organic tea and coffee and discussion on upcoming events. Reports on Iraq and Palestine from Victoria witnesses.

PLEASE NOTE our meeting is on Tuesday, January 20 instead of Monday, so people can attend the Council of Canadians event with Murray Dobbin. We will have a table there on National Missile Defence.

Vote against the missile defence plan at  
<<http://www.paulmartintimes.ca>><http://www.paulmartintimes.ca>

From: Susan Clarke <[dolcla@islandnet.com](mailto:dolcla@islandnet.com)>



Peace, Earth & Justice News, Links, Toolkit: <<http://pej.ca>><http://pej.ca>

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## **8. UVIC WOMEN'S CENTRE OPEN HOUSE**

to kick start this semester, the women's centre will be holding an open house on **wednesday jan 21 10-12 and 1:30-3:30**. there will be food, and an informal orientation to the centre. this is open to all women, past, present and future women of the centre!

also, the groovefest committee will be holding an orientation for groovefest on monday jan 19 at felicitas 7pm. learn more and see what we have in store for the night!

our collective meetings are set, after much mind-boggling scheduling, for thursdays at 3:30

From: Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG)

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

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10. WORLD PREMIER "THE VALUE OF LIFE: AIDS IN AFRICA REVISITED"

Filmed by Judy Jackson for THE NATURE OF THINGS WITH DAVID SUZUKI

This film will be released to the public January 21 at 7 p.m. on CBC television.

A special preview will be shown at the University of Victoria on Monday, January 19 at 7 p.m. in Room 159 of the Fraser (Law) Building.

This world premier will be followed by a panel discussion on the importance of affordable AIDS medication. Admission is free and seating is limited.

Call 250-519-0040 for more information.

The film features Stephen Lewis, UN HIV/AIDS envoy to Africa and Maclean's magazine's "Canadian of the Year". The film's release coincides with

international focus on Canada's House of Commons where a piece of precedent-setting legislation will be re-introduced - a bill inspired by Lewis and prominent Canadian Aid Agencies. The legislation would enable bulk production of generic anti-AIDS drugs for Africa's dying.

THE NATURE OF THINGS returned to Africa with Lewis last summer, and The Value of Life: AIDS in Africa Revisited traces his incredible journey - a personal voyage that led him from hope to despair and back to hope. This hour-long special, airing without commercials, is a follow-up to the award-winning Race Against Time (2001). In 2001, Lewis was optimistic. Kofi Annan, UN Secretary general, had declared a war on AIDS and, at a special session of the UN, established a Global Fund enabling richer countries to help poorer ones fight the disease. With the world focused on AIDS, Lewis believed the pandemic could be stopped in its tracks.

But then came September 11, and the world's attention turned to homeland security and fighting terrorism. With promises of financial aid to Africa broken, Lewis's optimism turned to disbelief. The world seemed to be ignoring more than six thousand people dying of AIDS every day. In the West, anti-retroviral drugs changed AIDS from a death sentence to a challenging chronic illness. In Africa where four million people need AIDS medication, only 75,000 have access to the life prolonging drugs. An entire generation of economically-productive adults is being lost to HIV/AIDS. Compounding this crisis, there are 11 million African AIDS orphans under the age of 15. Despair.

But in the fall of 2003 the momentum finally re-ignited. Hope. Following

endless disputes about how and when countries with health crises can overthrow the patents held by big pharmaceutical companies in order to access cheaper generic anti-AIDS drugs, a resolution was reached. The World Health Organization pledged to have three million people on anti-AIDS drugs by 2005. That means a staggering six million pills will be needed every day. It was the sheer volume of drugs needed that led Lewis and some Canadian aid agencies to challenge the Canadian government to pass legislation allowing patents to be put aside here in Canada so cheaper generics can be made for the dying. If the bill passes it will make history.

The Value of Life: AIDS in Africa Revisited is produced and directed by Judy Jackson. Michael Allder is executive producer of THE NATURE OF THINGS.

For further information or cassette requests, contact:

Susan Procter, publicist

CBC Television

Toronto (416) 205-6506

From: "Kealey Pringle" <kealey.pringle@avi.org>

Kealey Pringle

Communications and Research Officer

AIDS Vancouver Island

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<<http://www.avi.org>><http://www.avi.org>



10. THIRDSPACE SUBMISSIONS

thirdspace is taking submissions until next **thursday, january 22nd**... our theme for this issue is:

SIX DEGREES of SELF: THE POLITICS of IDENTITY and RECOGNITION...

we want graphics, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, rants, comix,

photography... if you do it, we probably want it.

please submit to thirdspaceuvic@riseup.net , or drop it off at the women's centre, SUB B107, UVic... (Box 3035 Victoria BC V8T 3P3) on disk or on email.

let us know what you think, how you think, why you think about the politics of identity and recognition...

the next issue will be coming out around January 28th... so watch for it.

thanks,

meghan

thirdspace



Thirdspace-l mailing list

Thirdspace-l@uvss.uvic.ca

<<http://mail-man.ca/mailman/listinfo/thirdspace-l>><http://mail-man.ca/mailman/listinfo/thirdspace-l>

From: thirdspaceuvic@riseup.net (by way of Alan Rycroft <rycroft@islandnet.com>)



Peace, Earth & Justice News, Links, Toolkit: <<http://pej.ca>><http://pej.ca>



11. GO GREEN CHOICES TRAINING

We all know that you all are helping reduce congestion by car-sharing. But here is an opportunity to

help organize your workplace transportation options through Go Green Choices Training.

A one-day seminar to give you the tools you need to help your co-workers choose sustainable transportation options. Three sessions will be offered in three regions of the CRD in the New Year.

January 23rd 2004

9:30 - 5pm

Central Saanich Cultural Centre

February 20th 2004

9:30 - 5pm

Van City Victoria Branch Meeting Room

March 13th 2004 TBA

Participants will learn:

- * What is Transportation Demand Management?
- * Strategies to overcome real and perceived barriers to active and sustainable commuting
- * The bigger picture: linking health and environment to our travel choices

Cost: \$50 includes resource binder and lunch. For more information or to sign up for the Training contact Tathra Street by email: street@citygreen.ca or 381-9995.

The 2004 International Youth Summit on Sustainable Urban Transportation

The 2004 International Youth Summit on Sustainable Urban Transportation will take place from **May 26-31 in Ottawa, Canada**. It will bring together 80 Canadian youth, ages 17 - 24, with participants from around the globe to

discuss the importance of sustainable transportation in our communities.

If you are a Canadian youth between the ages of 17 and 24 and wish to

participate in this summit please visit the Canadian Urban Transit

Association's (CUTA) web site at the following address:

<<http://www.cutaactu.ca/content.asp?ID=416>><http://www.cutaactu.ca/content.asp?ID=416> for application details.

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

From: "Tara Tompkins" <marketing@victoriacarshare.ca>

12. CAFE SIMPATICO

Commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas, Mexico, with the documentary 'Zapatista' followed by speakers from the Building Bridges Human Rights Project in Chiapas.

Friday, Jan 23,

8 pm.

1923 Fernwood

Cafe Simpatico is now a free event!!

From: "Tim" <timb@islandnet.com>

14. onE OPINION ABOUT WELFARE LIMITS

2 year limit on a welfare

? Parents losing up \$200 on assistance

? Residential Tenancy Act drastically changed

? Health care workers losing jobs on mass?

WELFARE, HOUSING, AND HEALTHCARE

FIND OUT WHAT THE BC LIBERALS ARE DOING AND HOW WE CAN FIGHT BACK!

Saturday, January 24th

5:00 pm

755 Pandora

Downtown Activity Center

Info session - Know the facts!

Sunday, January 25th

2:00pm

Downtown Activity Center,

755 Pandora

Organizing to fight back!

Snacks and coffee provided!

This event is brought to you by the Communities Solidarity Coalition, and the Advocates at the TogetherAgainst Poverty Society

From: "Bob Wilson" <BWilson@heu.org>

15. VISIONARY WOMEN

Celebrate the creativity, strength, courage, and caring of visionary women in our own lives, and the example of others separated from us by centuries, cultures and continents.

We invite you to join in a series of short discussions led by women in our community who will describe how the stories of women have inspired and strengthened us in our daily lives, our work and our spirituality. We hope the group will be as varied as possible, with participants of different ages and backgrounds. You would be most welcome to come to lead a discussion about a Visionary Woman who has inspired you, or just to join in the group.

We will meet on Sunday afternoons, 2:30 4:30 starting on January 11th, in the Fireside Room of Fairfield United, 1303 Fairfield at Moss, Victoria, BC using the Moss St door. Suggested donation of \$10 per session to cover the cost of refreshments and materials.

If you have questions or would like to register, please email <mailto:islandpilgrim@canadac.com> .
islandpilgrim@canadac.com .

From: islandpilgrim@canadac.com

16. INTER-CULTURAL YOUTH

The youth program at ICA has started up again and I'd appreciate any assistance in getting the word out to youth. You can help by forwarding this email to any relevant contacts that you have, posting the flyers, or referring youth to ICA. Like always, input and ideas are greatly appreciated. Also, please let me know if you have any talents that you are willing to share with the group at

future meetings.

Finally, the youth group is interested in putting together a coffee house on **Thurs. Feb. 19** for Multiculturalism Week. We have booked space in the evening at Solstice cafe and need performers! Theatre, singing, dancing, poetry, storytelling...we're open to everything. Any ideas?

The following groups are open to youth between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Currently, all groups meet on **Sundays at 1pm** at the ICA building but alternate times may be possible.

Multicultural Youth Group

ESL students, exchange students, international students, and newcomer youth have a safe, inclusive, and fun place to meet people and/or practice their English skills

Open to ALL youth (regardless of ethnicity, place of birth, or how long they've been in Canada) who are interested in multiculturalism, creating change, exploring issues, getting involved in the community, and gaining leadership skills

Activities are determined by the youth and have included sports, arts, trips, workshops

We are planning a community coffee house for Multiculturalism Week (Feb. 15-21) and need performers and organizers

Youth Theatre Group

Seeking youth from various backgrounds who are interested in using the performance arts to address racism and other youth issues at schools and community agencies

Youth Support Group

For youth of two or more cultures who feel that they are sometimes juggling cultures while trying to form a personal identity

We provide a safe environment where youth can express their feelings and concerns, share experiences, gain support, learn healthy stress management skills, and have fun

Youth Host Program

Seeking youth who would like to volunteer time with a newcomer youth to provide friendship and support while the immigrant or refugee youth adjusts to life in Victoria

Host Youth may attend the Multicultural Youth Group or make alternate arrangements to meet with their match

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or input. Thank you for your assistance and best wishes for a great new year!

Sincerely,

Suki Athwal

Youth Program Facilitator

From: Suki Athwal <youth@icavictoria.org>

18. BRITISH COLUMBIA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

We have received today by mail the announcement that the British Columbia Achievement Foundation has been launched to celebrate the imagination, dedication and contributions of outstanding British Columbians to their province.

The foundation invites all British Columbians to look around their community and identify people who will be worthy recipients of these distinguished awards. Up to 30 awards will be presented to those selected as outstanding British Columbians in their communities.

The deadline for nominations for the Community Achievement Awards is **Jan. 30, 2004**. Information on the nomination process can be found on the foundation's Web site at <<http://www.bcachievement.com>><http://www.bcachievement.com> or by calling 604-261-9777 or toll free at 1-866-882-6088.

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19. WHERE WE ALL BELONG

Two Concerts for The Earth Charter <<http://www.earthcharter.org>><http://www.earthcharter.org>

At 7:30 on Saturday, January 31st and 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 1st at the Alix Goolden

Performance Hall (corner of Pandora and Quadra downtown).

The concerts will feature the Gettin' Higher Choir, The KidPower! Chorus and special guest Raffi.

All proceeds to benefit ?The Power of Hope?

<<http://www.powerofhope.org>><http://www.powerofhope.org>

Tickets (\$20/\$15) are now available at Munro's Books, James Bay Coffee and Books, (on Menzies), and Ivy's Books (Oak Bay Ave).

From: Anke van Leeuwen <anke88@shaw.ca>

21. ECONEXS EXCERPTS

Mon 19th, 7:30 pm Where will Paul Martin take Canada? featuring well-known author Murray Dobbin, launching his latest book "Paul Martin: CEO for Canada". Downtown Activity Centre, 755 Pandora. Council of Canadians 383-5878

Mon 19th, 9pm ?Citizen King. The Last Five Years of Martin Luther King?s Life. TV, KCTS Channel 7.

Mon 12th, 10:30pm ?A Force More Powerful Pt 2: Gandhi, India.? TV KNOW Channel 4.
<http://www.pbs.org/weta/forcemorepowerful>

Wed 14th, 7pm ?The Nature of Things: Farm Inc. Part 2?. Beyond the meat counter, our distancing from the source of our food is creating a growing crisis. Repeats Sun 18, 5pm. CBC TV, Channel 2

Tue 20th, 7-9pm An Introduction to The Earth Charter, by John Scull, Cowichan Group Friends (Quaker) Meetinghouse, 1831 Fern Street. Arnold, 598-3035

Thur 22nd, 7:30pm The Ancient Forests of Vancouver Island. Ingmar Lee will show a movie he made of East Creek, one of the last remaining intact watersheds on Vancouver Island threatened with logging, and talk about his recent European tour to raise awareness of the threats to one of our last gems. UVic Human Social Dev A240. Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group and the Sierra Club Victoria Group. By donation. 595-2393

Fri 23rd, 9:30-5pm Considering The Commute, seminar with tools to help your co-workers choose sustainable transportation options. Central Saanich Cultural Centre. \$50. street@citygreen.ca 381 9995

Sat 24th, 1pm CRD Parks hike up Lone Tree Hill, Highlands. Meet parking lot off Millstream Road. Please carpool, as parking is limited. 478-3344.

Sat 24th & Sun 25th 12-4pm. Hummingbird Weekend, Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary. Displays and crafts for all ages. Drop-in program, donations appreciated.

Sun 25th, 10-2pm CRD Parks East Sooke Park hike, Aylard Farm, Coast Trail to Beechey Head. Meet Aylard Farm kiosk. 478-3344.

Sun 25th, 2pm Hummingbirds for Adults. How do you attract and keep hummers in your garden? Illustrated slide show by Calvor Palmateer, owner of For Wild Birds and Gardens. Donations appreciated.

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Deadline for February issue: Jan 24th.

* From: Bill Johnstone <wmjohnstone@shaw.ca>

Yo Guy and Janine.

Since your newsletters' items didn't list location, I asked the Wild Birds folks where the lecture would be held. You may wish to include that in your next newsletter.

Bill

HUMMINGBIRDS FOR ADULTS

How do you attract and keep hummers in your garden? Calvor Palmateer, gardener and owner of For Wild Birds and Gardeners gives a slide illustrated presentation about Victoria's smallest bird. He'll share his knowledge of hummingbird foraging on both native and non-native plants, and fascinating facts about hummingbird biology.

The lecture will be held at the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Road. Phone 250-479-0211 to confirm. Their web site is www.swanlake.bc.ca

corporate privatization doesn't guarantee personal privacy

"Why is it that the candidates that people discuss as the fringe candidates, or the lesser known candidates, make the most sense."

Jon Stewart, speaking with Carol Moseley Braun, January 14th, 2004

Thank you for providing as much advance notice as possible for events information.

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**[IHT: America's Orwellian moment](#)**

Friday, 13 February 2004 09:46

Right now America is going through an Orwellian moment. On both the foreign policy and the fiscal fronts, the Bush administration is trying to rewrite history, to explain away its current embarrassments.



Last Updated on Friday, 13 February 2004 09:46

[David Anderson waffles on weapons in space](#) 

Friday, 30 April 2004 14:18

I would like to encourage folks to consider writing a letter to the Times Colonist in response to David Anderson's letter below. one easy thing to point out is that David Turner and the NDP unequivally oppose Star Wars missile defence-- the Liberals, Conservatives and Anderson are still "listening", and basically hiding their true intentions. After the election, the Liberals and Conservatives will jump onboard Star Wars.

Last Updated on Friday, 30 April 2004 14:18

[US Christian fundamentalists are driving Bush's Middle East policy](#) 

Tuesday, 25 May 2004 11:13

In the United States, several million people have succumbed to an extraordinary delusion. In the 19th century, two immigrant preachers cobbled together a series of unrelated passages from the Bible to create what appears to be a consistent narrative: Jesus will return to Earth when certain preconditions have been met. The first of these was the establishment of a state of Israel. The next involves Israel's occupation of the rest of its "biblical lands" (most of the Middle East), and the rebuilding of the Third Temple on the site now occupied by the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa mosques. The legions of the antichrist will then be deployed against Israel, and their war will lead to a final showdown in the valley of Armageddon. The Jews will either burn or convert to Christianity, and the Messiah will return to Earth.

Last Updated on Tuesday, 25 May 2004 11:13

[Ferry Workers? Support First Nations? Protest](#) 

Tuesday, 02 November 2004 09:24

Ferry Workers? Support First Nations? Protest

**Ferry Workers Union:** B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers? Union President, Jackie Miller, says she supports the Penakut Nation?s protests about rising ferry fares. "The band is protesting a 4.4% fare increase on the Chemainus run", she said, "but I think this is just the beginning for ferry protests in British Columbia such as we saw when the previous government attempted to raise tariffs. The difference then was that the government was accountable to the taxpayer; the new private company, B.C. Ferry Services, is not."

Last Updated on Tuesday, 02 November 2004 09:24

[Increase in disabled benefits still doesn't cover Liberal cuts](#) 

Wednesday, 17 November 2004 10:02

Increase in disabled benefits still doesn't cover Liberal cuts

[Victoria News](#)



By Brennan Clarke

Cash-strapped disabled people aren't about to turn down extra money from the provincial government

Last Updated on Wednesday, 17 November 2004 10:02

[Anti Gay Liberal - Polak jumps from Surrey to Langley](#)



Tuesday, 07 December 2004 09:08

**Anti Gay Liberal - Polak jumps from Surrey to Langley**

*WebPosted Dec 7 2004 08:50 AM PST*

[CBC VANCOUVER](#) - Long-time Surrey politician Mary Polak has announced she plans to seek the B.C. Liberal nomination in neighbouring Langley.

Last Updated on Tuesday, 07 December 2004 09:08

[Ukraine Victors Neck and Neck](#)



Tuesday, 07 December 2004 19:58

**Ukraine Victors Neck and Neck**

As Ukraine's Orange Revolution enters a twilight zone before what seems like an inevitable triumph for Viktor Yushchenko's candidacy for president on Dec. 26, the hundreds of thousands who demonstrated for a reversal of the original result should start thinking about what the victory of "people power" will really mean for the people.

For Ukraine election background stories at PEJ see:

<http://www.pej.org/html/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&thold=-1&mode=flat&order=0&sid=1107#56>

Last Updated on Tuesday, 07 December 2004 19:58

## [HERITAGE WITHDRAWS FISH FARM APPLICATION FOR BUTE INLET](#)



Tuesday, 21 December 2004 10:46

CAMPBELL RIVER – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has discontinued its environmental review of a proposed salmon farm in Bute Inlet, saying that the proponent, Heritage Aquaculture, has withdrawn its application. In 2001, the Bute Inlet Downie Range site was proposed as an alternate location for environmentally problematic salmon farms in Alberni Inlet and Barkley Sound, but the application met strong opposition from key stakeholders including the Xwmalhkwu (Homalco) First Nation, the Georgia Strait Alliance, the Stuart Island Community Association, the commercial and sports fishing sectors, the eco-tourism industry and the Comox Strathcona Regional District, which denied zoning for the proposed site in August of 2001.

Last Updated on Tuesday, 21 December 2004 10:46

## 2005 Archives

### [Same sex marriage by Valentines Day!](#)



Monday, 10 January 2005 18:33

#### **Same sex marriage by Valentines Day!**

Canada's Justice Minister is about to deliver on a big Valentines present for Canada's gay community. The Minister said in an article on CTV News... *Legislators shouldn't be in the business of selecting whose rights to uphold and whose to overturn, "We can't pick and choose . . . . This is part of the Constitution of Canada.*

### [Hate crime law failed Webster and gay community](#)



Wednesday, 09 February 2005 15:43

#### **Hate crime law failed Webster and gay community**

Robinson asked why it wasn't made clear to the court that the area in which Webster was killed was a gay cruising area. The Crown was absolutely silent on that issue and I think that silence was shameful. Aaron Webster was targeted because he was a gay man in a gay cruising area.

[Coming soon: Rummy TV](#)



Thursday, 24 February 2005 10:00

**Coming soon: Rummy TV**

by **Arianna Huffington**, AlterNet

Posted on February 23, 2005,

Fire up those TiVos, disinformation fans; Rummy TV is coming soon to a flat screen near you. "If you hate the truth, you'll love 'The Pentagon Channel.'"

Last Updated on Thursday, 24 February 2005 10:00

[USA Number 1? America by Numbers.](#)



Written by Administrator

Monday, 11 April 2005 10:10

**USA Number 1? America by Numbers.**

**Austin Chronicle:** No concept lies more firmly embedded in our national character than the notion that the USA is "No. 1," "the greatest." Our broadcast media are, in essence, continuous advertisements for the brand name "America Is No. 1." Any office seeker saying otherwise would be committing political suicide. In fact, anyone saying otherwise will be labeled "un-American." We're an "empire," ain't we? Sure we are. An empire without a manufacturing base. An empire that must borrow \$2 billion a day from its competitors in order to function. Yet the delusion is ineradicable. We're No. 1.

[World's Biodiversity Declining at an Alarming Rate](#)



[Earth News](#)

Saturday, 21 May 2005 15:08

**World's Biodiversity Declining at an Alarming Rate**

**AP:** MONTREAL - The world's biodiversity is declining at an alarming rate, threatening human well-being and future development and requiring important efforts and new thinking on conservation, a sweeping international report released on Thursday says.

[www.enn.com/today.html?id=7782](http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=7782)

World's Biodiversity Declining at an Alarming Rate

May 20, 2005 - By Phil Couvrette, Associated Press

MONTREAL - The world's biodiversity is declining at an alarming rate, threatening human well-being and future development and requiring important efforts and new thinking on conservation, a sweeping international report released on Thursday says.

The report is the second of seven reports billed as the world's largest study of changes to Earth's ecosystems and their impact on humans. It is the result of five years of collaboration between 1,360 experts from 95 countries around the world.

Human activity is responsible for a reduction of biodiversity, which degrades ecosystems and penalizes other groups of people, especially the poorest who depend most on them, according to the report presented at McGill University in Montreal to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Entitled "Ecosystems and Human Well-being: the Biodiversity Synthesis Report," it was prepared by the U.N. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment with the cooperation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

"The loss of biodiversity is a major barrier to development already and poses increasing risks for future generations," said Walter Reid, the director of the Millennium Assessment, "However, the report shows that the management tools, policies, and technologies do exist to dramatically slow this loss."

According to the report changes in biodiversity due to human activities were more rapid in the past 50 years than at any time in human history, and over the last 100 years species extinction caused by humans has multiplied as much as 1,000 times.

Some 12 percent of birds; 23 percent of mammals; 25 percent of conifers and 32 percent of amphibians are threatened with extinction, and the world's fish stocks have been reduced by an astonishing 90 percent since the start of industrial fishing.

"We will need to make sure that we don't disrupt the biological web to the point where collapse of the whole system becomes irreversible," warns Anantha Kumar Duraiappah, of Canada's International Institute for Sustainable Development, one of the co-chairs of the report.

The report notes that while efforts have helped reduce the loss of biodiversity more action is needed as little progress is foreseen in the short term.

"The magnitude of the challenge of slowing the rate of biodiversity loss is demonstrated by the fact that most of the direct drivers of biodiversity loss are projected to either remain constant or increase in the near future," the report says.

The report blames biodiversity change on a number of factors including habitat conversion, climate change, pollution and over-exploitation of resources.

### [U.S. Court OKs prosecution of medical marijuana patients](#)

Tuesday, 07 June 2005 08:45

#### **U.S. Court OKs prosecution of medical marijuana patients**

by Gina Holland, *Associated Press*

"Our national medical system relies on proven scientific research, not popular opinion. To date, science and research have not determined that smoking marijuana is safe or effective." ... John Walters, director of National Drug Control Policy.

Last Updated on Tuesday, 07 June 2005 08:45

### [Is Campbell a ?Made Man??](#)

Saturday, 25 June 2005 13:58

With Enough Rumours to End His Career, How Come the Media Leave Him Alone

**The Republic - by Kevin Potvin:**The media establishment in British Columbia is infamous for its vicious aim when it comes to public figures caught in the headlights of scandals. Or rather, it used to be. In the past, politics in BC was universally regarded as a blood sport, and that blood?usually that of whomever the sitting Premier of the day was?was largely spilled down the blades of grinning media hacks. But during the last four years, despite a thick odour of scandal wafting over the province, Gordon Campbell and the Liberals have miraculously escaped the slightest nick

Last Updated on Saturday, 25 June 2005 13:58

### [Victoria Harbour's Matson's Meadows Preserved Forever](#)

Monday, 18 July 2005 17:17

#### **Victoria Harbour's Matson's Meadows Preserved Forever**

**HAT** - July 14, 2005 - Victoria ? Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) is the proud new owner and manager of Victoria Harbour?s last Garry oak ecosystem. On Saturday, July 23, HAT will host a community celebration event to celebrate the newly-created Matson Lands Conservation Area.

The one-hectare waterfront property in Esquimalt features more than one hundred Garry oak trees and countless native wildflowers including satin flower, camas, fawn lilies. Widow Ada Theresa Matson willed the lands to the Salvation Army in 1958.

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### [Telus Cuts Subscriber Access to Pro-Union Website](#)

Sunday, 24 July 2005 22:43

### **Telus Cuts Subscriber Access to Pro-Union Website**

**CBC News** - Last Updated Sun, 24 Jul 2005 22:45:13 EDT - The B.C.-based communications company that's in a bitter fight with unionized employees has blocked its internet subscribers from accessing a website supporting striking union members. Telus subscribers can't get into Voices for Change, which says it's "a community website run by and for Telecommunications Workers Union (TWU) members."

[www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2005/07/24/telus-sites050724.html?ref=rss](http://www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2005/07/24/telus-sites050724.html?ref=rss)

[www.voices-for-change.com/index.asp](http://www.voices-for-change.com/index.asp)

Telus subscribers can get in through a proxy site, [vfc.proxy.pfak.org](http://vfc.proxy.pfak.org) , Voices for

### **Tre Arrow From Truthout and Alternet**

Sunday, 04 September 2005 15:09

#### **Tre Arrow From Truthout and Alternet From Defender of Nature to 'Eco-Terrorist'**

**AlterNet.org** - Kelly Hearn - Tuesday 02 August 2005 - Did Tre Arrow take environmental activism too far, or is the FBI desperate to make arrests in its domestic 'war on terror?'

## 2006 Archives

### **Islands in the Stream: Ellesmere Smaller Today**

Friday, 29 December 2006 20:26

#### **Islands in the Stream: Ellesmere Smaller Today**

**CBC News** - The collapse of the ice island's northern coast represents the largest breakup of its kind in the Canadian Arctic in 30 years, the head of a new global ice lab at the University of Ottawa said on Thursday.



A satellite image shows a 66-square-

kilometre chunk of ice has broken  
off Ellesmere Island.  
(CBC)  
[www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)

Last Updated on Friday, 29 December 2006 20:26

## 2007 Archives

[Kwakiutl Demonstrate for Aboriginal Rights](#)

Sunday, 11 February 2007 19:05

**Kwakiutl Demonstrate for Aboriginal Rights, Monday Feb 12**

**PEJ News** - Time: 10 am, Thunderbird Park, downtown Victoria; 11 am, Legislature Building, downtown Victoria. Hereditary chiefs and elders in tribal regalia will sing and drum. A spokesperson will answer questions and discuss the Kwakiutl First Nation

Last Updated on Sunday, 11 February 2007 19:0

Written by Administrator

Tuesday, 30 October 2007 08:51

**What we must learn from India: People Power, Land Reform and the Origins of Tree Hugging**

**PEJ News - chycho** - A true democracy can only be identified when the citizens of a Nation join together to affect the laws under which they are governed. India, [the most populous democracy in the world](#), has in its brief history repeatedly shown us how the poorest of the poor can join together and become a force to be reckoned with.

In a country with a population of 1.1 billion, 25,000 people marching together have been able to force the government to promise to pass legislation to protect farmers. How is it then that [tens of thousands](#)

of people marching in the United States, with a population of only 303 million, have failed to stop their government from funding a war of aggression? Which country would an outside observer recognize as a true democracy?

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

## 2008 Archives

["Love and Fearlessness" Free Film, Free lunch](#)



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Sunday, 06 July 2008 03:57

**"Love and Fearlessness" Free Film, Free Lunch**

Thursday July 10th, 12:00 noon

University of Victoria, Student Union Building, Vertigo Lounge

Free screening of "Love and Fearlessness", documentary by local filmmaker Andrew Ainsley on the homeless crisis in Victoria and the determination of Victoria's homeless people to live with shelter, community, and dignity, despite the City's attempts to prevent them. Screening followed by panel discussion featuring David Johnston of the Right to Sleep Constitutional Challenge, and community and Vancouver activists. Free lunch! All welcome. 661-0989

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

Hosted by VIPIRG, Uvic Students Against War, the Right to Sleep Campaign

Last Updated on Sunday, 06 July 2008 03:57

[Canadian Throne Speech Claimed Nuclear Energy A Proven Technology](#)



Thursday, 20 November 2008 13:09

**Canadian Throne Speech Claimed Nuclear Energy A Proven Technology**

**PEJ News - Joan Russow - Global Compliance Research Project - In the Throne Speech the minority**



Conservative government declared not only that nuclear energy is a proven technology but also that nuclear energy would be part of their clean energy program. Ever since there has been concern about climate change, the nuclear industry has used "nukespeak" and the seductive devices, strategies and syndromes to delude and distort through linguistic devices.

### [The Revolution Starts September 6th](#)



#### [PEJ Events](#)

Tuesday, 02 September 2008 14:29

### **The Revolution Starts September 6th**

**PEJ News** - Something has been stirring inside Victorians lately; starting as passive dissatisfaction towards government policy at all levels, but quickly growing into revolutionary spirit fuelled by exasperation, frustration, hope and a desire for true progress. The grinding complacency of everyday life has been broken. Ignored by our politicians for too long on issues as broad as the extension of the Afghan engagement, climate change, and the growing division between rich and poor has caused the concerned citizens of Victoria to finally say; "Enough! We want control BACK!"

The Guerrilla Arts Festival is a combined effort of three student groups; Victoria Students for a Democratic Society, International Socialists and Students for a Free Tibet, presenting to the public a celebration of Artistic truth, social justice and the rising revolutionary spirit for change.

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### [The U.S. Anti-Tax Protests](#)



Friday, 17 April 2009 17:56

### **The U.S. Anti-Tax Protests**

**PEJ News- Shamus Cooke, U.S. Editor-** On tax day, April 15th, "Anti-tax" protests were held all over the nation, with some success. Thousands of people showed up in certain cities to vent their frustration with what was supposed to be a protest against taxation in general. The outcome was quite different.

If one looked at the signs that were carried by the majority of the participants, messages were being sent that were impossible to disagree with: tax money should not be given to banks and corporations. Of course. Ordinary people should not have their taxes raised through higher sales taxes, and additional taxes on alcohol, cigarettes, property, or gas. Right on.

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# 2009 Archives

[NATO 60th Anniversary 2009 Summit; Who are the Real Criminals?](#) 

Friday, 03 April 2009 03:57

**NATO 60th Anniversary 2009 Summit; Who are the Real Criminals?**

**PEJ News - Joan Russow, Ph.D. - Global Compliance Research Project -** The BBC just reported that 300 protesters were arrested, as criminals, for protesting against NATO, in the lead-up to the 60th

[Another Good reason to Disband NATO; Retention of US Nuclear Weapons in Germany](#) 

Friday, 10 April 2009 15:05

**Another Good reason to Disband NATO; Retention of US Nuclear Weapons in Germany**

**PEJ News - Joan Russow, Global Compliance Research Project -** It is reported today, April 10, 2009, in Spiegel on-line, that the Foreign Minister of Germany, Steinmeier, is trying to help Obama walk the nuclear talk. Steinmeier is calling for the American nuclear weapons to be removed from Germany. Unfortunately, he is not supported by Chancellor Merkel, who,

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