

Info Usurpa

::: Weekly information bulletin of events in radical spaces in Winnipeg

#30 - week of September 6th to 12th, 2006 :::

KATZ SYCOPHANT BIKE RIDE a.k.a. S.P.I.N. Wednesday at 6:30pm at Assiniboine Park Zoo parking lot

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| EMMA GOLDMAN GRASSRTS CTR 91 Albert, 2 nd floor | | 2-6pm <u>Junto library & zine distro</u> open | | | | | |
| MONDRAGON 91 Albert, 1 st floor | 8pm <u>The Land</u> singer/songwriter duo performing | | | | | | Every Tuesday at 8pm: <u>New Usurpa</u> <u>bulletin available</u> |
| THE BIKE DUMP 594 Main street back lane entry | 5-7pm <u>volunteer</u> <u>night</u> & new volunteer orientation | 5-9pm <u>Open Hours</u> fix your bike or build one, free | | | 12-6pm <u>Open Hours</u> fix your bike or build one, free | | |

::: News :::

Lancet Study: UN Soldiers Killed and Raped Haitian Civilians

British medical journal The Lancet released a study this week finding that during the 22-months the Canadian backed interim government was in place in Haiti from 2004-2006, 8000 people were murdered and 35,000 women and girls were raped or sexually assaulted in the capital city alone. Those responsible included not only criminals and the police, but also United Nations "peacekeepers" themselves. Canada was one of the countries that participated in the UN mission, and was directly involved in the 2004 coup that ousted democratically-elected president Aristide. The full report can be read at http://auto_sol.tao.ca/node/view/2284

Barcelona Usurpa Article on Winnipeg Usurpa

The fabulous weekly Barcelona squatters' bulletin, Info Usurpa, is running a story this week titled "Info Usurpa Exports Itself to Canada", about the creation of this bulletin in Winnipeg last winter. The Barcelona Usurpa is a pillar of the Spanish anarchist community, has been published for over eight years, and spans six pages each week, delivering news on events in 45 squats and autonomous spaces in the city. They work closely together with Barcelona Indymedia, and work to support unions like the CNT/AIT, probably the strongest anarchist union in history, who as this is being written have been on strike for more than 150 days. The bulletin can be found at <http://usurpa.squat.net/>

Farmers under attack by Harper's Tories

The Harper government aims to shut down the Canadian Wheat Board, which has existed since 1935 to help farmers get a fair price for the grain they grow. Farmers receive an interim payment and a final payment depending on the overall sales and price, ensuring them a predictable cash flow and a pooled price. It was created following mass protests by farmers in Western Canada against large grain corporations.

Bike to the Harvest Moon Festival

A number of people are bicycling the two hundred kilometers from Winnipeg to Clearwater, Manitoba, this year to participate in the Harvest Moon Festival, a gathering of music, activities, and sustainable agriculture. The event takes place from September 15th to 17th and tickets are available at the Mondragon and Organic Planet Worker Co-op (as well as at a couple of hierarchically-run grocery stores). Some people will be attempting to make the trek in a single day, others over Thursday the 14th and Friday the 15th. If you'd like to bike out in the company of others, contact bikepunks@bike-dump.ca and we'll try to hook you up.

Drug Users Go To Court to Keep Safe Injection Site Open

The Vancouver Network of Drug Users (VANDU) have filed a Supreme Court action against the Attorney General and the Minister of Health seeking a court ordered exemption to enable Insite, North America's first safe injection site, to continue to operate in the absence of a permit from the federal government. "Hundreds of our members use Insite on a daily basis," said Diane Tobin, president of VANDU. "Many of them would be dead today without it. If this was a cancer treatment centre, they wouldn't hesitate, but because we're drug users it's like we don't matter."