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## Safety on campus

**BCIT is ready for an emergency. Are you?**

By Geoff Gauthier  
Link Staff

Living in the Lower Mainland it's not uncommon to see a random shipping container from time to time. As such, since 2002 I've walked past one every day to get to work. It just so happens that one day that giant blue box - that I've never paid much attention to - could save my life.

Over 100 Emergency Response Team (ERT) members are trained and ready at BCIT's Burnaby campus - coming from all walks of life and all different programs at the institute - and they are each assigned to one of these blue depots of safety.

"There are around 30 ERT members assigned to each depot," said Sarah Cooper, BCIT Safety and Security Manager, who has been responsible for the depots since they arrived on campus early in 2002.

There are seven depots on the Burnaby campus, one at the Marine campus near Lonsdale Quay, and one at the current Aerospace campus at the airport in Richmond. While there is no emergency depot at the Downtown campus, there are two areas designated to store these emergency supplies, as crisis in the urban core will likely be high on the priority list for municipal emergency crews.

While the depots don't look like much from the outside, they contain plenty of emergency supplies. Each depot contains 250 blankets; there are unisex emergency packs containing things like hand warmers, particle masks, glow sticks, and cutlery; there are shelters, tents, and portable toilets; food, soup, hot chocolate; pots, pans and water rations.

"There are cookers stored in here," said Cooper, "but the gas is stored away from the depots for safety reasons." There are also camp cots, water treatment tablets and water carriers in the depots.

Each depot on campus can provide up to 72 hours of relief in times of crisis, which, stated Cooper, is roughly the response time of municipal emergency crews in the event of a catastrophe.

In addition to the supplies for victims of a disaster, the ERT

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# There's soemthing fishy about this trout

## Huge sport fishing industry is driving freaky science

By **Monica Pearson**  
Link Staff

It's a beautiful clear summer day on your favorite fishing lake in the interior. You and your honey drove 14 hours from Vancouver and hiked in for four hours to set up your tent in your own personal wilderness paradise.

Bragging rights are established within the first hour as you catch your dinner: a shiny, fat five-pound Rainbow trout.

Now imagine that your dinner is a genetic freak. Imagine that your perfect fish is sterile. She has three chromosomes instead of the conventional two. She is living in your paradisiacal lake with a few hundred of her closest sisters. Imagine that both parents of those sisters are females.

WAIT! Say you. That's impossible: females can't reproduce together. For that matter, fish can't have three chromosomes either. How would such a freakish fish get all the way out here?

### Hatchery Trout in BC Lakes and Streams

Every year, over 1000 lakes in BC are stocked with over nine million freshwater hatchery trout raised by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (FFSBC). In 2005, 351 British Columbia lakes were stocked with over 1.3 million All-Female Three Chromosome (AF3N) Rainbow trout.

In 2003, the provincial Fish Culture Program was institutionalized into the FFSBC. The goal of the society is to offer anglers

the most comprehensive site for lake and stream sports fishing in British Columbia. Their mandate is "to conserve, restore and enhance the freshwater fish resources of British Columbia for the benefit of the public."

Angling pressure in BC is so high that unless lakes and streams are stocked, BC would be essentially fish-free in very few summers. Thus, to achieve the mandate "to conserve, restore and enhance the freshwater fish resources of British Columbia for the benefit of the public," the FFSBC stocks lakes throughout the province with hatchery-raised fish.

Let's reach back a little to Grade 12 biology.

The ecological implications of introducing large numbers of hatchery trout to native ecosystems have not been ignored. You can imagine that the mass-dumping of hatchery 'clones' into lakes could affect wild stocks by interbreeding with them, causing 'genetic drift.' (They also compete for food and, as hatchery fish have been well-fed, they are large enough to eat the native juveniles.)

To counter this genetic pressure on wild stocks, the FFSBC has engineered most of the released trout to be sterile. Recently-fertilized eggs are shocked with high pressure to prevent the excretion of chromosomes from the developing embryo, resulting in a triploid (3N) embryo. The trout that develop are sterile.

Female triploids are hormonally and functionally sterile. This

means that not only are they unable to reproduce in the wild, but they grow much larger than normal trout because they do not devote energy to egg production. Result: your dinner is a larger, stunning, valuable catch.

Male triploids, however, are hormonally functional. This means that they put energy into courtship displays yet they produce sterile sperm. Any angler knows that sexually mature fish are much less tasty (and much less pretty) than immatures. On top of this, about one quarter of the triploid males mature a year early and have a tendency to die young, essentially reducing their value to the sport fishery.

Enter the progressive biologists of the FFSBC: if female fish are so much more valuable, how do we ensure that we have only female triploids in a population?

Fish culturists produce all-female populations of trout by crossing sex-reversed females with normal females.

A sex-reversed female is basically an aquatic (and fertile) transvestite. Normal juvenile trout (fry) are exposed to testosterone derivatives to prevent ovary development and produce normal testes. These fe/males remain genetically female (XX) and produce viable XX sperm in testes. They do not develop a duct with which to deliver their potion - instead they are cut open and the testes are harvested for their valuable product.

Sperm from the 'masculinized' fish is mixed with normal female eggs to produce a batch of 100%



female embryos. Fertilized embryos are then pressure-treated to make them into sterile triploids.

Voila! Female triploids mature slower than males, therefore providing more time available to anglers; they are larger, juicier fish; and there's no male drop-out from the fishery associated with early maturation.

Plus, the double treatment ensures that any individuals that escape the triploiding process can't reproduce because they're all female.

If we need to go to this kind of trouble to maintain sports-fisheries in BC, should we really have a government-sponsored organization whose mandate requires it to promote angling in the province? Why are we putting fast-growing, fish-eating AF3N trout in lakes with small, yummy, edible wild populations?

In response: sport-fishing in BC is one of our largest industries: it brings in \$675 million in revenues each year, and contributes \$233 million to BC's Gross Domestic Product. That's nothing to scoff at.



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## Emergency prep spotlight

members get "a slightly better [emergency equipment] kit... if they look after themselves, they'll be in a better position to help others," said Cooper. The ERT member kits include such luxuries as a sleeping bag, steel-toed boots, and socks.

"I have to reorder and restock all the supplies," said Cooper adding that "we have to keep a close eye on the expiry dates of all the supplies." Cooper also added that the majority of the supplies come from a company in Delta called F.A.S.T.

All of the ERT members are trained with Occupational Level 1 first aid and Light Urban Search and Rescue (LUSAR), allowing them to assist the wounded and make rapid damage assessments on buildings that may have received damage.

"These are the three different levels of building safety," said Cooper, pointing out the colour-coded tape and signage. If a building is damaged in an emergency, the ERT members are trained to make rapid damage assessments of the buildings and assign them usable, limited use, or off lim-

its designations.

The rescue kits carried by the ERT members contain helmets, high visibility vests, heavy duty work gloves, water, a basic first aid kit and knee pads. There are extensive first aid kits and rescue stretchers in the depots.

Along the walls of the containers are maps of the campus and the surrounding area, lanterns, and hierarchical emergency communication charts, or Incident Command System charts – a fluid set of emergency procedures and positions used in North America.

"It takes time to get all of the ERTs mobilized," said Cooper, "and the charts help... they allow us to fit in easily with police and fire officials... the positions are standardized."

The depots are located in areas where no buildings could potentially topple on to them. In addition, the depots are all insulated and built on hills above the surface levels in case of flooding.

Security for the depots is high prior-

ity. They are checked on hourly by BCIT Safety and Security and they are locked up with two padlocks. Also they are all in highly visible locations and some of them are alarmed.

"It was a challenge to equip the depots in the beginning; what was considered essential versus how much it was going to cost.

Now that the ERT members have received more training the equipment has been assessed; some discarded, some adapted and some new equipment ordered," said Cooper, adding that without the support

of BCIT President Dr. Tony Knowles and Director of BCIT Safety and Security Glen Magel, the Emergency Depots program may not have been this successful.

The BCIT Student Association has a member on the ERT team. Debbie Carter, Human Resources/Payroll for BCITSA is assigned to the depot in Lot 7, and she has been trained in both first aid and LUSAR.

"It's an extension of what I do at home," said Carter, noting that she is the emergency captain for her neighbourhood, as well.

"To me, it's really important to be prepared."

## Student Tax Receipts Available February 28 T2202A and T4A

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2. On the myBCIT Home tab, find the On-line Self Service channel and click On-Line Self Service.
3. Click on "Student Self Service."
4. Page down to Canadian Tax forms.
5. Select the 2005 T2202A Tax Credit Form and/or T4A Tax Receipt.

You should be able to print the T2202A or T4A directly from this website. This has been approved by the CRA - Canada Revenue Agency.

The tax receipt does not include fees such as the OneCard, Student Activity Fees, materials, etc.

**For questions regarding T4As:** phone BCIT Finance at 604 431 4998.

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## Fee increase passes... again

### Referendum successful for BCITSA

By Geoff Gauthier  
Link Staff

After successfully voting in an increase to the Student Activity Fee in council back on January 23 only to find out that legally the vote had to go to referendum, the students have once again spoken.

They are in favour of the fee increase.

In a vote held on February 20, 2006, 38 students cast their ballots at the Uconnect centre successfully passing the fee increase again, with only two spoiled ballots.

Question 1 – "Proposition – the BCITSA will increase the SA student activity fee by 13.3%, representing the Consumer Price Index for British Columbia for the last 10 years. As an example a full-time student will see an increase of \$6.80 per semester. This percentage will apply to all

students. Do you accept this proposition?" – 33 voted yes and 3 voted no; the fee increase passes.

Question 2 – "Proposition – the BCIT Student Association will annually increase the SA student activity fee by the cost of living based on the Annual Average index for British Columbia per Statistics Canada (Table 326-0002) per year. Do you accept this proposition?" – to which 30 voted yes and 6 voted no.

"[Students] voted differently on the second proposition because it's long term rather than just one time," said BCITSA President Ashley Steier, noting that he was confident that both motions would pass.

"We'll be able to offer more services next year that we didn't have the funding for before," commented Craig Hall, Vice President Finance of BCITSA, commenting on what the fee increase will mean to students.

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# Conservative MPs unimpressed by Emerson

## Minister awaits ethics commissioner's decision

By Nadya Bell  
CUP Ottawa Bureau Chief

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Conservative MPs who oppose David Emerson's choice to cross the floor are feeling pressure from their party.

But MP Garth Turner said he has not changed his mind. He will press for a new bill that would force federal politicians to run for re-election if they want to change parties.

After elected as the Liberal representative for Vancouver-Kingsway, David Emerson was appointed Minister of International Trade in Stephen Harper's Conservative Cabinet. Since then, calls for Emerson's resignation have come from voters and all sides of parliament.

The Vancouver-Kingsway Liberal association has asked Emerson in an open letter to pay back

their campaign funding of approximately \$97,000. The Globe and Mail reported that over 700 people gathered to protest his move on Feb. 11 in Vancouver.

The NDP have requested that Ethics Commissioner Bernard Shapiro look into the situation, and Shapiro's decision is expected sometime this week.

Conservative MPs Garth Turner and Myron Thompson have publicly said they would like Emerson to resign. But Turner said his position has been very unpopular with his party.

"I definitely have been under pressure," said Turner. "My comments have not been deemed helpful to the party or the prime minister, and so understandably there is pressure being exerted upon me."

But Turner has not changed his opinion. He said Emerson's move was "thoroughly anti-democratic"

and "very concerning".

"I cannot stand and support something in Ottawa that I would not in a Town Hall meeting in North Oakville," Turner said.

"He is basically not going to be accountable, brought into the government as a member of the government and not accountable to the electorate in his riding," Turner said.

He said the Conservative party's offer to David Emerson is no different than Belinda Stronach's move to the Liberal party last year. He said it was inconsistent of the party of condemn Stronach's actions, yet accept Emerson as a minister.

In the upcoming session of parliament Turner said he will introduce a private members bill to prevent MPs from crossing the floor. A similar bill was before the House last session, however it is uncommon for private member's



bills to pass.

Speaking on Vancouver's CKNW radio on Feb. 13, Emerson said he may support such a bill, but would not resign because it is not yet law.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter McKay and Gary Lunn, Minister

of natural resources have both defended Emerson's appointment.

With Emerson's defection, the conservatives have 125 seats, the Liberals 102, Bloc Quebecois 51, NDP 29 and one independent. To form a majority in the house a bill must receive 155 votes.

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# Smokin' Posters

## Poster contest brings out creative side

Congratulations to Brock Whitten, Bill Scott and Amarjot Aulakh! Each person won \$300 for their entry in the BCIT Smoking Cessation Poster Contest.

All the posters that entered in the contest are on display in The Uconnect Resource Center in SE 2. Come and check them out. I would like to thank everyone for their amazing work on these posters.



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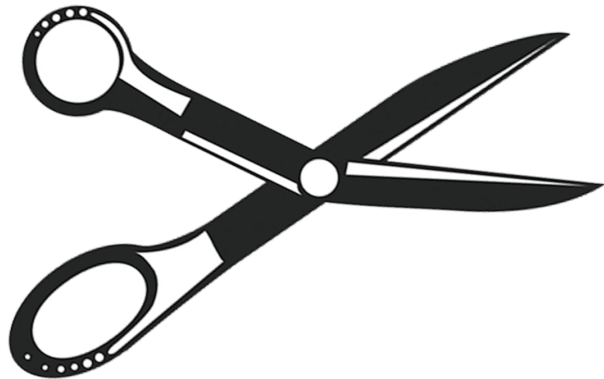
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The staff at the Uconnect Centre have a job postings board that is updated every Monday with current job offers from the following areas; Accounting, Advertising/Publishing, Computer/Internet, Marketing/Sales, Technical Trade, Engineering Trade, Auto/Aviation Trade, Health/Medical just to name a few. Stop by the Uconnect Centre to check out what's in store for you once you graduate.

### Community Volunteer Opportunities at the Uconnect Centre



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BCIT Student Association

# Please help find our stolen wolf

## STOLEN – Taxidermied Wolf

By Monica Pearson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Fish, Wildlife and  
Recreation

Has a vicious-looking, old wolf recently come into your world, or the world of someone you know?

He is dearly loved and missed in our classroom. Wolf is a teach-

ing animal in the Fish and Wildlife classroom at BCIT.

Wolf is scraggly and grey, he is about 60cm high at the shoulder, one of his ears shows metal coming through, and if you tug on his tail it comes off.

He does look vicious, and his favourite past-time is scaring unwitting students as they walk by.

In truth, he's a darling: he likes to eat stuffed fish (he would never touch the fish in the tank) and go for walks down the hall to visit the folks in the Forest Ecology program.

His favourite part of the year is when the BCIT students take him on field trips across the city to do interpretive shows for school kids

in the classroom.

If you know where wolf might be, please do the right thing and return him to his home!

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## This week's wine pick

By Tara Williams  
Link Staff



With the Vancouver wine festival quickly approaching, here are some tips to get ready for this event or one like it.

- Remember: Always taste whites before reds and lighter bodied before full bodied.
- Do not use water to rinse your glass. If you must have a clean glass, get a new one.
- Sip water and eat bread to cleanse your palette in between tasting wines.

### This weeks wine term is

Wine Festival: An event where people come together to taste many different types of wine. Most importantly, wine festivals are an excellent place to "network" with like-minded people.

### Cave de Lugny Macon - Chardonnay 2002

Crisp pear and juicy apple.  
Ripe, clean, fruity mouth feel.  
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# The Civil Marriage Act is near perfect - let it be!

Please shut the 'F' up about 'since time immemorial' and 'one man and one woman.'



As the new Canadian Conservative federal government takes power and creates its legislative schedule, the word on the C-PAC street indicates late May as the date for an open vote in parliament revisiting the issue of same sex marriage (SSM).

Since the passage of The Civil Marriage Act in 2005, a quick Google search ('gay agenda Canada' and 'civil marriage Canada') reveals there are many, many, many people who are vocally upset by the last federal parliament's passage of the bill. These people seem to fall short of the minimum standard of tolerance, acceptance, compromise and understanding that we, as Canadians, have established as a cultural norm (except in Alberta, of course, where fisticuffs is still considered 'courtship' or 'community' depending on the sexes of those doing the hitting).

There are a couple (possibly four) notions that run through the opposition to SSM.

**First** is that it's perceived as 'wrong' morally, emotionally, physically, spiritually, etc.



**Second** is that it's perceived as a spurning of 'traditional' marriages, like the imaginary one Ozzie and Harriet had.

**Third** it's perceived as affecting the ability to hold a religiously righteous point of view without fear of political or legal repercussions.

And the **fourth** stream seems to indicate that some people are

physically repulsed by visions of homosexual sex (however it's imagined) or affection between same-sex individuals and thus they feel that by banning SSM they'll be shielded from these mental images.

Here's my opening pitch to keeping the Civil Marriage Act as is. For those of you who are involved in a marriage with a person of the opposite sex, your marriage will continue to be good or bad as you and your partner motor through life, making brilliant decisions that may be tempered with stupid ones and ending your relationships either through death, as God intended, or divorce, from consequences of your own making. The Civil Marriage Act does not affect you at all and I challenge you to articulate how this legislation adversely affects your efforts to live your life according to your own conscience, religion (or lack thereof), or stupidity or genius. You have nothing to lose.



On the other hand if you are a person who is in love with another who happens to have the same genitalia (or approximately the same or substantially similar), the Civil Marriage Act allows you to live and love in a legal relationship, acquire assets as intimate partners, be treated as a significant other in matters of law, medical matters, in matters of transfer of property, probate, divorce, etc., just like real adults (it also allows you to waste tens of thousands of your after-tax dollars on a stupid 'legal' ceremony - trust me - *buy a house instead*). You have much to gain.

The law is not distributive - it doesn't *take* something from one group and *give* it to another. The gain is not at anyone's expense. And it doesn't cost a penny! It's a freakin' perfect law!

That's my pitch.

**And now a hodge podge of points:**

It's not your position to dictate the private morality of any member of society. It's generally considered that unless it has an adverse affect on other individuals (and a real adverse affect, not an imaginary one) it shouldn't con-

cern us. The love life of a couple in Halifax or Montreal doesn't affect you at all, whether they stay together or divorce happily or have a long sex-less but intellectually engaging domestic partnership.

The physical revulsion aspect is simple: I really don't want to know what some couples do for kicks, whether it's the muscular German who, just before his three minute sexual workout every Saturday, lays a towel down for his wife to lay on so as not to soil the sheets or whether it's my parents and whatever it is they do (please God, shield me forever from this knowledge).

How can anyone make any judgment about any consenting adult relationship? Really. Do you want to divulge yours? Every time you say 'ick' let's hear your dirty little fetish and then we'll even out the field by making your access to equality laws be based on the general approval or disapproval of your sexuality and sexual preferences. Give or get head? Well, we don't want to you be teacher. Like to ride? Shame!

**Do not go down this 'moral' path until you've vetted your peeps:**

The number of men who engage in sex-for-hire is apparently quite high; the number of persons who have sex outside of marriage (affairs, for instance) is also apparently quite high; the divorce rate sits at 50%. Are these people the ones who self-righteously support the 'sanctity' of marriage?

**If it doesn't apply to you then what's your freakin' problem?**

If SSM falls short of your personal religious beliefs, your understanding of God's commission to you in your own life, then I totally support you in your efforts not to marry someone of the same sex. Call me if you weaken; I will be your rock.

**The building block of society is community, not family.**

It's a simple observation that the people we go through life with are often the ones we chose to go through life with and not those crazy intolerable lunatics with whom we share DNA (except for you, Mom). Community is the building block of society; strong communities make strong nations. Pass it on.

**It's neither slippery nor a**

**slope:**

The argument that by allowing SSM we will un-knot the fabric of society and will thus lead to a spate of persons marrying robots, goats or their pets is countered with a sigh. If you remember when the state granted women the right to vote in Canada in 1918 it did not lead to the state to granting voting rights to goats or pets. One is not the logical extension of the other. I'm sure a similar consequence is in order should we keep the Civil Marriage Act intact; goats will neither vote in Parliament nor share the matrimonial bed with humans (at least not as a result of the Civil Marriage Act).



**Religious beliefs are protected (sort of):**

If those who feel that a false or wrong sexuality (or any sexuality, for that matter) is a behaviour that will lead one down the wrong spiritual path, away from enlightenment then let them speak. The Civil Marriage Act says that the legislation does not stop you from believing or acting on your private beliefs in accordance with tenets of your religion. Within reason, of course. If your religious beliefs allow you to fornicate with 12 year old boys, then other factors will come into play, Bacchus be damned.

The restrictions on you are commonplace, ordinary, and reasonable and are outside this particular Act anyway: you can't incite hatred, you can't discriminate, etc.

Imagine I had a hall that I rented out to all comers when it wasn't being used by my faith group. You come along and we agree on a date and a rental fee.



Then I find out you're a Muslim and I cancel our agreement because I won't rent to a 'Camel-humper and a Jesus hater.'

Now how is this different from your revulsion to renting a hall to a couple of 'ladies' who want to commit themselves to a lifetime of lesbian bed-death and drama with a tuxedoed civil marriage ceremony? It isn't.

A commercial secular transaction is governed by the commercial secular laws of this land anyway, regardless of the Civil Marriage Act. Am I making any sense?

**And finally:**

Please shut the 'F' up about 'since time immemorial' and 'one man and one woman.' As Christians you probably have heard of Solomon and his 1000 wives, as Muslims you must know that Muhammad (peace be upon him) had many wives. In both these situations, both within cultural memory, the marriage was not between 'one man' and 'one woman.'

And as university grads you may have heard of 'women studies' and chattel issues and power-differential issues, or read Elaine Pagel's book 'Adam, Eve and the Serpent.'

'Marriage' has been defined and experienced differently in different ages. And in redefining marriage to include persons of the same-sex we're just making our own era as comfortable as possible for as many people as possible in accordance with our own values.

Now come on, let it alone and instead have a glass of beer with me and let's argue fruitlessly about hockey like Allah intended for us Canadians.

Peace.

**Michael Van Lane is neither married nor intends to be but would like the option to marry Leonard Cohen should that old poet ever return his calls. He calls on all Canadians to support The Civil Marriage Act.**



# Science in toyland

## Science World hosts advanced toy exhibit until May 7

By Katharine Scotton  
Link Staff

Have you got children? Are they between the ages of 5 and 12? Still a kid yourself? If so, come on down to Science World!

Remember your favourite childhood toys? Like the Spiro-

graph, Lite-Brite, or just good old wooden blocks? Well toys may have advanced over the last couple decades, but they are still based on simple ideas that children can learn from.

Science in Toyland takes basic physics principles and shape recognition and applies them to large-scale toys that kids can play

with while learning (and while parents sit back and have a latte).

Science in Toyland will occupy children for a good hour while they explore the Bernoulli Principle by sending sailboats on wheels across a stream of air; challenge another to a top spinning contest; race a car down a big Hot-Wheels-like loop-de-

loop; fish for oceanic creatures of the food web; or construct a bridge with basic structural units, ie. Tinker Toys.

The main highlight of the exhibit is the *Plasma Cars*. These wacky bike-like toys are propelled using the motion of the two front wheels that are steered in a zig-zag pattern with the handles.

Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law (every action has an equal and opposite reaction) explains how as the wheel pushes against the floor, the floor pushes back against the wheel, pushing the car forward.

Younger children may enjoy the *Foam House* where they can construct the roof and sides of the house with foam pieces, developing shape recognition skills.

For children looking for quick entertainment there is the *Domino Challenge*, which incorporates pendulums and levers to add complexity. *No Ends* is another simple building game with big tubular pieces, good for younger children.

The Science in Toyland exhibit has been very successful for Science World and has gained a lot of positive feedback. School groups that visit are given workbooks to complete back at the school.

Science World hopes that the games and toys in the exhibit will inspire children to ask their parents and teachers questions about what they are observing. They don't expect everyone to have a physics degree, so each station has a brief description about the basic principles that are presented.

To the parents, a successful exhibit means that they can sit back while their children explore, and if it is good, the exhibit will hold their attention for half an hour to an hour. The stations in the exhibit must be easy enough to understand and play with so that the children's attentions are caught right away, or they will abandon it very quickly.

The *Plasma Cars* are definitely the hit of the exhibit for the older children, while the younger children will happily play in the *Foam House* for an hour.

For the adults, the *Staff Favourites From Childhood* display case is a good trip down memory lane.

Admission to Science World and all the exhibits is \$14.50 for adults and \$10 for children.

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The Link asked: What are your plans for the upcoming reading break?

By Shawn Edstrom



**Eric L.**  
International Trade

"... recover."



**Flip McGern**  
Robotics and Automation

"I have a seven day Risk tournament planned with my mom, and her friends."



**Kat K.**  
Broadcast

"Drink, lose my money, and then cry because I lost my money."



**Rahil L.**  
International Trade

"Taking a road trip down to the States, going where the wind takes us."

## The changing face of dating

Hindsight is 20/20

By Amber  
Howlett  
Link Columnist



O h hindsight, how powerful it is! Only it's always a little late. Why is it that when everyone around you sees that it's time for you to let go, you can't see it? So when is it time to say "when?"

Now I can sit here on my high horse and list off a bunch of my friends who stayed in relationships well past their expiry date. But that's an easy task when you're outside the box. So why do most people have such a hard time getting out of what they so easily got into?

I have this amazing friend. She could have almost any unattached man she wanted. The scary thing with her is that no matter how

smart she is, the moment she gets into a relationship all those smarts fade away with the growth of love. I'm not saying she – or anyone else in a relationship – is stupid, but Beyonce said it best when she said you get "crazy in love."

Crazy meaning you stick around and endure a lot of things you swore you never would. SNAP right there - the minute you see yourself allowing treatment that you swore you would never accept – that should be the point when you say "when." So why don't we?

I think your heart is manipulative; it convinces your rather functional brain to make excuses and it blinds you from doing what your head knows is right. Or maybe you subconsciously make the decision that you don't want to see, because if you do, you'll have to change your situation.

You can easily get into a comfortable routine, and habits – good or bad - are hard to break. A lot of people fear being alone, or that they'll never find somebody again. If you found your current partner you have the capacity to find another. You know when it's time to say "when" when you're breaking up every other month, and when you're more down than up. I've been there too. I held on a year too long and everyone else saw it. I think deep down I did to, but the thing is I eventually said "when."

Some people never do, and they go through their lives trapped in that box, alienating themselves from friends and family, who keep telling them to get a clue.

Even though I can say I wasted a year of my time and love, I keep a positive outlook on dating and relationships and I attribute that to knowing when to say "when!"

## 30 Second Getaway

By Annika Reinhardt  
Link Staff

### CHECK-IN

Passenger: Ira Gupta, 1st year Television  
Destination: India  
Intention: Show you my home country

### TAKE-OFF

Capital: New Delhi  
Population: Over one billion people live in India  
Currency: Rupees (1 CAD = 38.1237 INR)  
Language: 18 official languages are spoken in India including English and the National language Hindi. In my home city Mumbai four basic languages: English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati are spoken.

### CUSTOMS

Tasty Food: There are so many delicious dishes! Very popular amongst foreigners is Mughlai food, similar to butter chicken and naan (Indian bread). Other cuisines include South Indian and Goan.

Cities with Flair: Mumbai for sure! Every city has amazing areas though, and there is always something to discover. The temples and palaces in Rajasthan, Orissa, Jaipur, Delhi are beautiful and worth exploring. Also, don't miss the famous Taj Mahal in Agra. [www.mumbainet.com](http://www.mumbainet.com)

Trendy Band: Bollywood (Indian Mumbai-based film industry) musicals produce most of the local music, which is very popular.

### CHECK-OUT

Music: The Bollywood awards ceremony (like our Oscars) is ex-

tremely popular with famous actors dancing and singing to their music hits in the movies. [www.bollywoodawards.com](http://www.bollywoodawards.com)

Recreation: Everything from ayurvedic (which means "knowledge of life") relaxation massages in Southern India (Kerala) to white water rafting and mountain climbing in Northern India.

Regional: The most popular festival in India is Diwali (The Festival of Lights), which is celebrated nationwide with great pomp and splendour. Generally people light candles, small oil lamps (called diyas) around their home and gardens. Diwali is one of the longest festivals in the Hindu year and in some regions there are also fireworks. [www.diwalifestival.org](http://www.diwalifestival.org)



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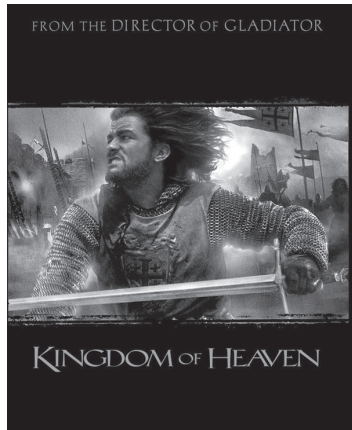
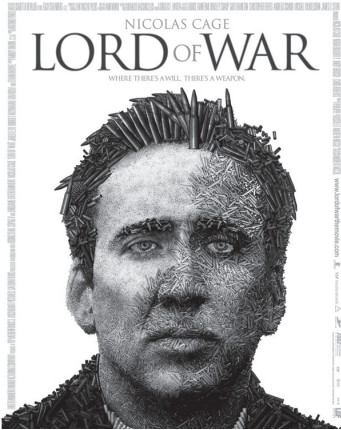
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## What to watch and what to watch on DVD this weekend...

Looks like *Lord of War* and *Kingdom of Heaven* are tied

By Tara Williams  
Link Staff



### Lord of War

**Director:** Andrew Niccol  
**Major Actors:** Nicholas Cage, Bridget Moynahan, Jared Leto  
\*\*\*\*

Did you know that, “there are over 550 million firearms in worldwide circulation. That’s one firearm for every 12 people on the planet.” *Lord of War* begs the question “how do we arm the other 11?”

This movie deals with the illegal market of arms dealing as Nicholas Cage plays a man who is not content to make an honest living, but who prefers to make a living selling bulk quantities of guns to those who need them. War means a need for guns and a need for guns means money for Yuri Orlov.

Nicholas Cage seems to like to make movies about criminal activities. After he made *Gone in 60 Seconds* the car theft rate went up. Although I definitely recommend watching this movie, I do not condone answering your problem of “what am I going to do after I graduate” with using your new found skills from BCIT to take up Orlov’s profession.

Complete with love story, (for those of you who don’t like war movies), and a tale of brotherly love, this movie does not disappoint. In a world where there are so many bad movies it is nice to see that movies can still be made that don’t suck!

**Kingdom of Heaven**  
**Director:** Ridley Scott  
**Major Actors:** Orlando Bloom, Nathalie Cox, Liam Neeson  
\*\*\*\*

This movie - set in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century - is full of historical and not so historical symbolism, whilst mixing special effects with some really good-looking people.

I know what some of you are thinking, “symbolism? What the heck is that? I slept through grade 12 English and I hope to never use it again!”

Don’t worry there are also plenty of special effects to please the soul. This is a touching story about the Crusades and a father who comes to find and bring his bastard child to Jerusalem thus absolving himself of all sins (I’ll just pretend that I didn’t study history for four years and that a powerful lord would really come looking for his bastard, blacksmith child).

From a History point of view this movie is somewhat questionable, and for those of you who don’t know anything about the Crusades, this movie may be a little over your head. If, however, you are interested in attempting to learn about the conflict between Muslim and Christian – a war fought since the dawn of time... well pretty much - and you want to see some quality Lord of the Rings type big battle scenes, I suggest you try this one on for size.

I had a major problem with the fact that there are notably no Jewish people in this movie despite the fact that they did cohabitate Jerusalem with the Muslims and the Christians at this time. I was able to reconcile it with the speculation that the directors were actually commenting on the present conflict between the Western and Muslim worlds.

## The dogs will steal your heart

Eight Below maybe even a good date movie...

By Monica Pearson  
Link Staff

I’ll level with you: I’m a husky-owner and self-confessed husky freak. I went into this movie expecting a Disney cheese-fest somewhere along the lines of *Snow Dogs*. That said I really enjoyed *Eight Below*.

This movie is just plain charming. In the ladies room after the show, I heard comments like, “I’m emotionally spent,” and “my mascara’s everywhere - I couldn’t stop sobbing.”

Admittedly, a few drops had squeezed through my eyes by the end of the film.

For a Disney movie about a bunch of sled-dogs that had been left behind in the harsh Antarctic



winter after a grave accident forces the evacuation of the “research team,” *Eight Below* is less cheesy and cartoony than you might expect. Paul Walker is the perfect brawny hero-man; Jason Biggs does his comedic best-friend thing very well.

There’s also the obligatory love sideline and the benevolent parent-figure scientist to round out the crew. Best of all - this flick is mostly left to the dogs, and they

will steal your heart.

*Eight Below* is a remake of the 1957 Japanese film “*Antarctica*.” The original is based on a true story and it happens to have been in my film collection as a kid. *Antarctica* was a harsh, difficult, and beautiful film; *Eight Below* is the puppy version.

It’s not a must-see, but you’ll enjoy taking your kid brother for an afternoon out, and I dare say it could be a fantastic date movie...

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# Great tournaments of history: World Cup

In part two in our six part series, Christian looks at Brazil 1950



By Christian Basantes  
Link Staff

Hello everyone, I hope you are very excited to read more about the history of the World Cup. Well, to all huge soccer fanatics - like you and me - this is so exciting, isn't it?

For sure you have noticed that I have skipped the tournaments of Italy 1934 and France 1938, well time is the big issue right now and we don't have too many editions to complete our review. So I've decided to give you a brief history of the best World Cup tournaments. This time, we will take a look to what happened in Brazil 1950.

If you remember what I told you in my first article, you may notice that the competition had an obligated stop during the Second World War, that's why the 1942 and 1946 tournaments weren't played. However, as I always say, the good always beats the bad, that's why football was committed to live and become the best reason for countries to forget their differences and enjoy the game as friends (of course, my friends!).

Throughout the Second World War the Italian Vice-President of FIFA, Dr. Ottorino Barassi, hid the FIFA World Cup trophy in a shoe-box under his bed protecting it from falling into the hands of occupying troops (Good job sir!).

This tournament was quite weird: the qualifying competition turned into something a little bit fake with some teams qualifying and then withdrawing, and teams already eliminated being offered places (what?). For instance, India had to withdraw because FIFA would not let them play in bare feet (what? Be serious man!). At the end, only 13 teams participated in the final tournament. (That's a competition - yeah right).

## Football was committed to live after the Second World War

As I told you before, football was committed to live forever. The first post-war FIFA congress,

celebrated in Luxemburg on July 25, 1946, was historic for several reasons. First, by paying tribute to the FIFA President - who during the war years did everything to keep the spirit of football alive - the FIFA World Cup trophy was named as the "Jules Rimet Cup" (Good decision guys!).

Second, congress also allowed the return of the British associations who had been absent since 1929.

Finally, the Brazilian Sports Confederation, whose team made a great performance on the 1938 FIFA World Cup, was selected as the host nation for the tournament in 1950.

Twelve years after the FIFA World Cup in France, the new competition emerged into a new era when the tournament was played in the famous Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro and other cities in Brazil.

## The biggest stadium in the world

Football in Brazil became so famous and popular that it was decided that a brand new stadium be built with a capacity of 220,000 people in Rio de Janeiro (that's huge!). The job started on August 2, 1948. The deadline was too ambitious and the completion of the stadium ran behind schedule.

Five weeks before the tournament was scheduled to start, the Brazilian organizers found themselves in big trouble. That's why Dr. Ottorino Barassi, who was responsible for the wonderful organization of the 1934 World Cup in Italy, was sent to Rio immediately.

On June 24 1950, the Maracana stadium was officially inaugurated, but it was looking like a building site and without a press stand. However, the stadium was ready to host the 13 teams who qualified for the finals. The teams



## Official FIFA World Cup Award Winners \*Brazil 1950\*

**Winner: Uruguay**

**Second: Brazil**

**Third: Sweden**

**Fourth: Spain**

**Adidas Golden Shoe winner: Ademir (BRA) 9**

were divided into 4 groups (2 groups of 4 teams, 1 group of 3 teams and 1 group of 2 teams).

## A nation gets behind its team

Brazil was considered the favorite from scratch. After an easy victory over Mexico (4-0), they got a draw against Switzerland (2-2). Yugoslavia, after winning its first two matches, just needed a draw against the Brazilians to qualify for the next round, but they couldn't do it in front of a crowd of 150,000 excited fans that supported Brazil in a 2-0 victory. (wow wow wow!).

Brazil qualified with three other teams, Spain, Uruguay and Sweden, not for the semi-finals, but for a final series of matches in a mini-league format, in which England and Italy were the surprising absentees. (No Beckham and Maldini yet hehehe!)

During the finals, Brazil beat Sweden 7-1, and then Spain 6-1. Nobody doubted for a minute that this impressive performance would continue against Uruguay, who just got a draw against Spain (2-2), and beat Sweden for 3-2. Brazil - with 4 points - only needed a draw to become World Champions; Uruguay, with 3 points, needed to win. Something that was difficult to get, but it wasn't impossible in the end.

On July 16, 1950, with big crowd of 200,000 excited Brazilian fanatics, the match Brazil - Uruguay was celebrated.

Brazil opened the score through Friaca, just after half-time, but they couldn't play as they were doing before; they seemed tense and never displayed their characteristic samba-style football. Juan Alberto Schiaffino equalized by Uruguay later and with just 11 minutes to go, Alcides Ghiggia scored the winner goal.

Brazil had lost "its" FIFA World Cup. A whole nation was so disappointed and sad. The Brazilian officials even forgot to present the Uruguayans with the FIFA World Cup trophy (Come on man, be a good player!).

Therefore, Jules Rimet himself came down to the field searching for the Uruguayan captain to perform the ceremony.

Brazil could only console itself in knowing that the "Taça de Mondo" proved to be a tremendous sporting and financial success story. Football had entered a new era...

**Next week - England 1966!**

Untitled  
By: AP

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A team of six business students from ACE BCIT have developed a team called Inspire. This team is committed to working with women from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to teach them the skills they need to develop their entrepreneurial business ideas.

In September 2005, these students were connected with Hinda

Abdillahi through Embers; a Vancouver organization that supports underprivileged women with resources.

Hinda is a chef who has recently moved to Vancouver from Africa and was struggling to develop her business, Hinda's Finest, a line of exotic preserves and vinaigrettes.

"The Inspire Team saw potential for Hinda; she didn't have the basic business skills she needed to develop her business ideas into a reality. The hard work and dedi-

cation of Inspire has helped her to see the potential for a future free from government assistance," commented Reid Schretlen, President of ACE BCIT.

Working with Inspire, Hinda now has professional sales materials, has developed the skills to manage her finances and understands the basics of sales meetings.

Her sales have increased by over 200% at local craft fairs and her goal of distributing her products to retail locations has become

a reality. Hinda's Finest has just been accepted for resale at Coco Loco Café in North Vancouver.

Hinda is a local chef whose passion for cooking, and a background in culinary arts, has led her to many different countries.

Since immigrating to Canada, Hinda has been fortunate enough to attend Dubrulle Culinary Arts School and gain experience in

several fine establishments such as Provence, Umberto's, and the Urban Well.

Hinda is a perfect example of the difference that students at BCIT are making in their community.

**Candice Earle**  
Director of HR  
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## Library uses blog to reach out

### Also, check out the new paperback service

By The Library Ladies

The BCIT Library is joining the Bloggers of the world in an effort to improve communication with students who don't often get to campus.

Part-time and Distance students face many challenges, not the least of which is finding out what services are available to them. Time and again when we interact with these students, they are surprised to find out that they are eligible for Library services.

There are many avenues we use to communicate with students off-campus. The newest is Going the Distance: a Library Blog.

The blog is part of the campus TEK initiative, which has made the words "smart classrooms," "e-portfolios" and "communities of practice," part of our vocabulary. It is an attempt to inform and educate students about the Library, its resources, and how to use them. Hopefully, it will be a two-way conversation as readers are encouraged to leave com-

ments.

The Subject Librarians at the BCIT Library will provide the blog's content. It will include tips and techniques for information seeking, Library news and announcements, how to get help using Library services and useful information sources such as good websites to use for research. Recent posts include a link to a free business book online and tips for Google searching and how to get off-campus access to Library resources.

Of course, you don't have to be a distance or part-time student to read it. It is open to everyone and the Business Librarian recently used it to post a guide to help students find information for a Marketing assignment. You will find the blog at <http://libdist-bcit-ca.bryght.net/> or check the Library webpage ([www.lib.bcit.ca](http://www.lib.bcit.ca)) and select Highlights, then New Services. There is an RSS feed if you want to read it regularly. Take a look and tell us what you think.

Take it or leave it!

The Library's recreational reading project has begun! If you need to take a break, and want something to read that isn't heavy and full of formulas, the Library now has two racks of paperbacks at the Burnaby Campus Library on the main floor near the information desk. The books are all donations from the BCIT community, and this collection operates on an honour system.

So, you can borrow one of the recreational reading books for as long as you want and you don't need to check it out. (Read: no due date, no fines.) We only ask that you return it when you're done, and limit yourself to one at a time.

A quick survey of some of the titles on the racks today:

**The Holcroft Covenant / by Robert Ludlum**  
"A spellbinding tale of violence and evil" about the children of the Third Reich.

**Half Moon Street / by Anne Perry**  
A novel written by the queen of British historical mysteries.

**The Climb : Tragic Ambitions on Everest / by Anatoli Boukreev**  
An amazing story of blind ambition written by a Head Everest Expedition Guide.

**Four Great Plays / by Henrik Isben**  
The Wild Duck; The Enemy of the People; Ghost; A Doll's House.

**Olivia / by V.C. Andrews**  
Part of a new series by the author of "Flowers in the Attic."

**Stones / by Timothy Findley**  
Winner of Ontario's 1988 Trillium book award.



BCIT is now home to a chapter of an organization aimed at using journalism to combat human rights abuses in Africa. The organization is called Journalists for Human Rights (JHR).

According to Emile Short, Ghana's Commissioner on Human Rights, "the biggest obstacle in our efforts to stop human rights abuses is the public's unawareness about them."

The problem of public awareness of human rights abuses is one of the most significant factors that allowed the Rwandan genocide in 1994. That three month period saw 800,000 people murdered, and only in hindsight did world leaders react with solutions. Better reporting results in public awareness, which results in the public and political, will intervene. Simply put, human rights reporting saves lives.

Currently, several African countries are home to conflict, struggles and injustice that have the makings of monumental tragedies, not unlike that in Rwanda. The sense that those conflicts are far away and that they are difficult to understand is at the root of the challenge. There is a crucial need for effective, courageous human rights reporting in Africa.

That need and the idea that good human rights reporting saves lives are at the centre of JHR's mission. According to JHR's website, the media can (and should) work for human rights on two levels. The first is to educate the public about their rights. And second, to act as a watchdog against human rights abusers. To those ends, JHR works to enable local African journalists to report on the

human rights circumstances in their countries.

Early in the fall a group of BCIT journalism students discovered JHR's network of campus chapters and decided to form a group here in Burnaby. The idea was to reach out beyond our local community and to understand and support the work of journalists in other parts of the world.

JHR BCIT is involved in the struggle for human rights in two ways. One of the ways we can support JHR's work in Africa is by fundraising. To date, the BCIT chapter has raised in the neighbourhood of \$5000. That money goes to projects that are strengthening local African media's ability to report on human rights. The other way that the BCIT group is supporting JHR's work is by raising awareness in our own communities about human rights issues.

Perhaps the best example of awareness-raising to date took place on February 8-9 when a group of journalism students at BCIT stopped speaking for twenty four hours. The day-long gag-order was part of a national campaign called Speak Silence, intended to draw attention to the issue of freedom of expression, especially as it relates to journalists in conflict-torn, dangerous parts of the world. The local media picked up the story and BCIT students were pictured on the evening news, unable to speak, but making a powerful statement about the rights we often take for granted.

Moving ahead, the BCIT chapter is planning a speaker series in an effort to drum up awareness and another few bucks for projects in Africa. The hope is to involve more of the BCIT community in JHR's work. Though the group is currently all journalism students, others are welcome and encouraged to get involved. For more information check out:

<http://commons.bcit.ca/jhr> or email [bcitchapter@jhr.ca](mailto:bcitchapter@jhr.ca).

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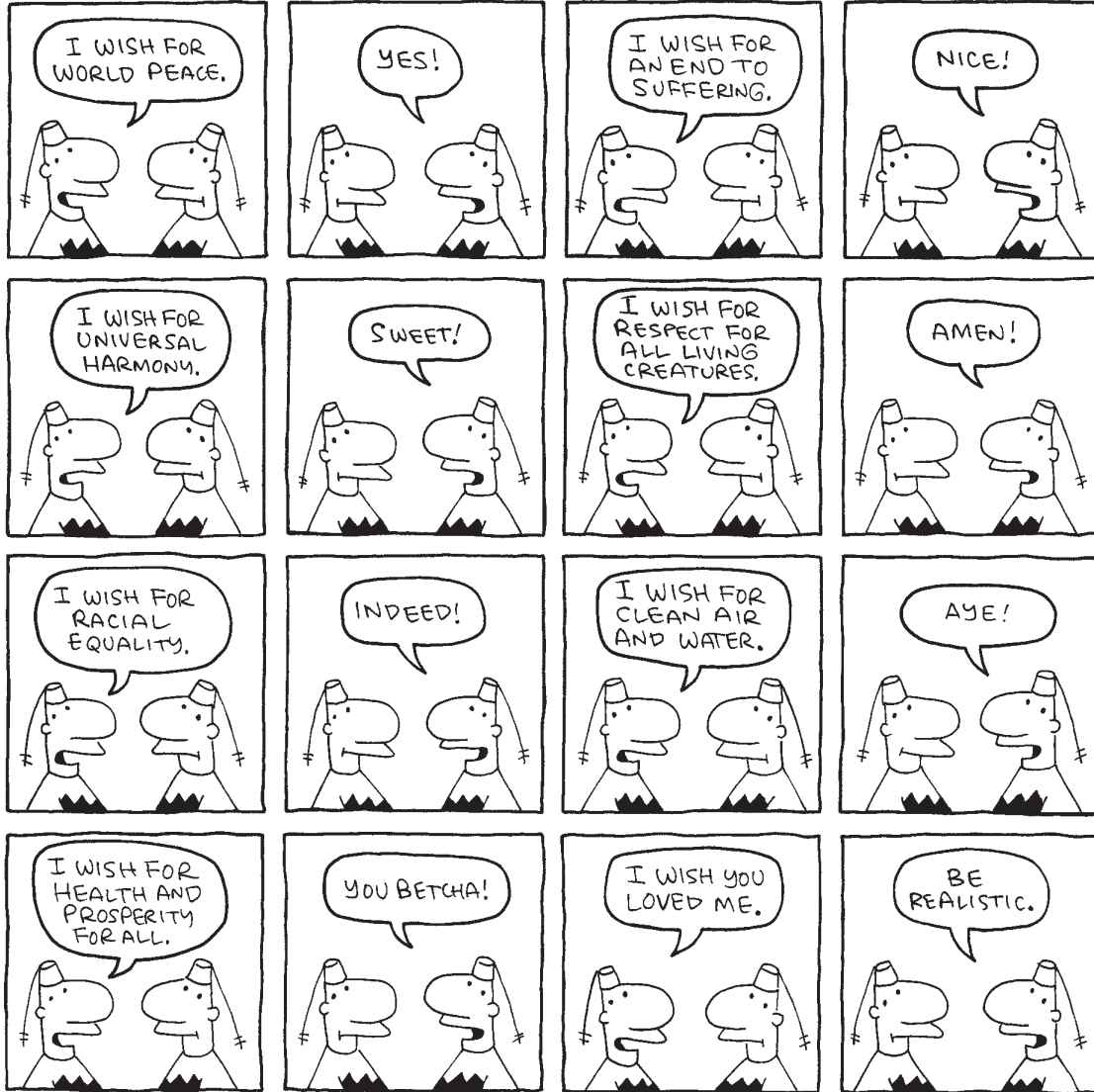
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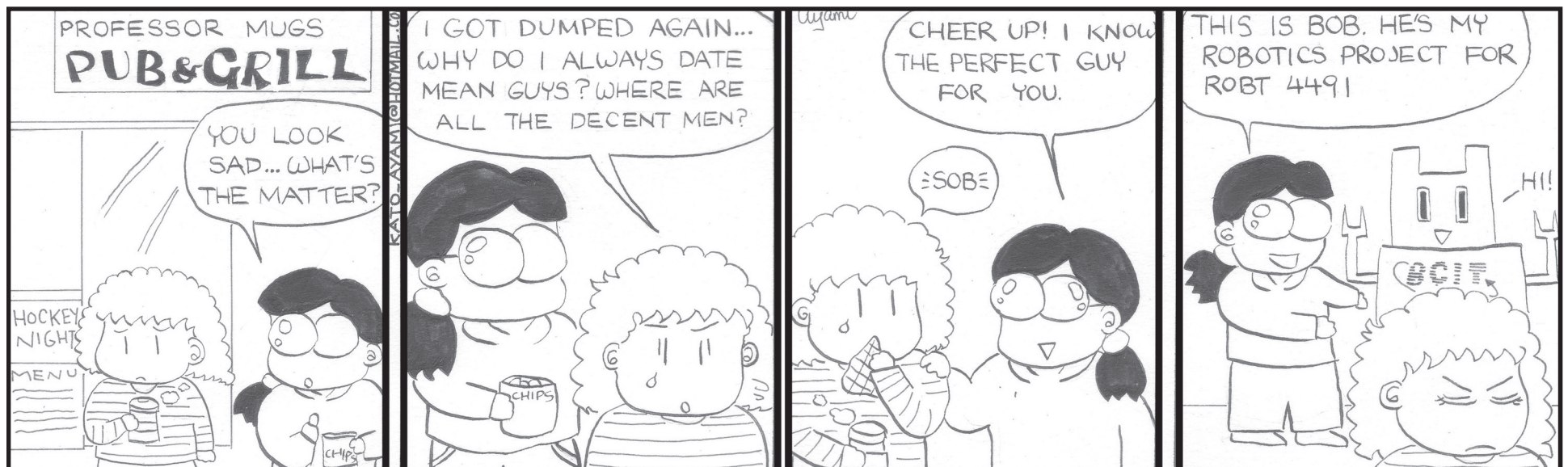


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# World Cup: the groups **The first installment, groups A and B**

By Christian Basantes  
Link Staff

**H**ello big soccer fans, I'm pretty sure that you already have your favorites to win the World Cup Germany 2006.

Who are they? Let me guess: Brazil? maybe France (Editor's note – France is going to win - gg!)? or Italy? or maybe England? or what about Spain? or maybe the hosts Germany? Mmmm what a question eh?

Well, in order to help you to clear up this

mystery, from today until the end of the production run we start the review of the groups and take a look at the chance that every team has to succeed in Germany 2006.

Today we will take a look to the groups A and B, enjoy it!

## Group A: The host nation's group

After the official draw celebrated in Leipzig on December 9th, 2005, the hosts were smiling with optimism. Group A is completed by Costa Rica, Poland and Ecuador; three well skilled teams that promise a lot of surprises. The Poles and Ecuadorians are very confident after their impressive qualification campaigns, while Costa Rica already showed their capability of causing an upset in 1990.

Germany is without hesitation the favorite in this group, thanks to its tradition and experience; it looks like the hosts will go through the next round without any trouble. It has three world titles and the advantage of playing this time at home, giving the Germans the necessary confidence to advance and

win the World Cup title for a fourth time in its history. The support of an entire nation is behind them! (That's a good one!)

Poland, a team who complicated England's life during the qualification round, comes to Germany with a lot of expectations.

In 2002 they couldn't pass the first round, but this time is different because Poland has been improving all the time and they are now one of the top countries in Europe. (Good luck guys!)

After qualifying in 3<sup>rd</sup> place surpassing teams like Paraguay and Uruguay in the competitive South American Zone, and also performing great victories over Argentina (2-0) and Brazil (1-0), Ecuador is not afraid of anyone.

In 2002, Ecuador participated for first time in a World Cup; the results? Two losses against Italy

and Mexico (0-2, 1-2), and a good victory over Croatia (1-0). This time Ecuador wants to show the world how capable they are qualifying to the next stage. Let's see what happens.

(Go Ecuador Go! This is my country, sorry everyone!)

What about Costa Rica? well the "ticos" come with a lot of expectations to this tournament. In 1990 Costa Rica surprised the world after winning matches against Scotland, Sweden and complicated Brazil in an intense match that ended 1-0 in favor of the Brazilians.

In 2002, its performance was good, but they knew they could do it better. This time is different and Costa Rica wants to show that it is a team to be taken seriously in the international soccer world.

## The Group B: Is this the time for England?

England, one of the soccer specialist's favorites in winning the 2006 FIFA World Cup, was grouped with Sweden, a familiar European opponent, Paraguay, in its third consecutive appearance, and Trinidad & Tobago, who is participating in its first finals.

England is the clear favorite to win the group; however, it won't be easy. Coincidence or not, England will have as an opponent Sweden, for a second time in a row. The English and Swedish faced each other in 2002, with an ending score of 1-1, after playing a well disputed match, so it doesn't look any easier, this time. England comes as a serious favorite to win the World Cup title 40 years after they were crowned in their own

country (that's a long time man!). So, let's see how it goes this time.

Sweden, one of the strongest European teams, comes to Germany with the purpose to repeat and improve on 3<sup>rd</sup> place taken in USA 1994. Their 11 previous participations guarantee a performance to improve its records and give a big shot this time. In the 2002 finals, Sweden advanced to the round of 16 after eliminating Argentina (that was huge!).

The Paraguayans go to Germany to surpass their last accomplishments. They are competing in the finals for a third consecutive time, and they were able to reach round 16 in 1998 and 2002, losing on both occasions with eventual finalists France and Germany, respectively. A 4th place in the South American qualification round with an important

victory over Argentina (1-0) gives a great confidence to Paraguay and shows a good performance. (Good luck guys!)

What about Trinidad and Tobago? The group debutants come to Germany to accomplish a good show. They may lack experience, but their coach Leo Beenhakker does not. He isn't a stranger to these kinds of competitions because he managed the Netherlands into the second round in Italy 1990. So, watch out just in case!

In the next edition, groups C & D, don't miss it! (So long my friends!)



Clockwise from above - Poland, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany



### The Matches, Group A - And yes, this is BC time, in the morning!

Date	City	Match	Time	Comments
June 9	Munich	Germany - Costa Rica	09:00	The party starts!
June 9	Gelsenkirchen	Poland - Ecuador	12:00	Mmm... difficult one!
June 14	Dortmund	Germany - Poland	12:00	Good game, too!
June 15	Hamburg	Ecuador - Costa Rica	06:00	The "Latin" duel!
June 20	Hanover	Costa Rica - Poland	07:00	Mmm... difficult one, too!
June 20	Berlin	Germany - Ecuador	07:00	Goliath vs. David!



Clockwise from above - Paraguay, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, England



### The Matches, Group A - And yes, this is BC time, too, in the morning of course!

Date	City	Match	Time	Comments
June 10	Frankfurt	England - Paraguay	06:00	Mmm... difficult one!
June 10	Dortmund	Trinidad & Tobago - Sweden	09:00	Sweden, maybe!
June 15	Nuremberg	England - Trinidad & Tobago	09:00	England, maybe!
June 15	Berlin	Sweden - Paraguay	12:00	That's a good game!
June 20	Cologne	Sweden - England	12:00	That's a good game, too!
June 20	Kaiserlautern	Paraguay - Trinidad & Tobago	12:00	Paraguay, I think!