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**Federal leaders
adopt different
approaches to
deal with urban
gun violence**

By Bryna Hallam
CUP British Columbia
Bureau Chief

VICTORIA (CUP) -- A surge in shootings and gun homicides in urban centres such as Toronto and Vancouver has made gun violence a key election issue.

All of the major parties have addressed the topic, but of most concern to Wendy Cukier, president of the Coalition for Gun Control and a professor of Justice Studies at Ryerson University, is the Conservative Party's proposal to repeal the gun registry and other firearm legislation.

The party has stated that it would replace the current laws with an unspecified "practical firearms control system."

Cukier believes that most voters are not aware that the Conservatives plan to scrap not only the gun registry but also the other programs in place for gun control.

"They are dismantling the entire system," she said.

The gun registry has been often criticized since it was implemented 10 years ago. It was initially estimated that the program would cost \$119 million and bring in \$117 million in registration fees, leaving taxpayers to pay only \$2 million.

But a preliminary audit in December 2002 by the Auditor General revealed that the Department of Justice estimated the program would cost more than \$1 billion and collect \$140 million in fees by 2004-05.

According to Cukier, most of the money spent on gun control goes towards screening and licensing, not registry. And as the majority of guns are registered, the cost of the program will go down.

Despite the increase in handgun violence in Toronto and Vancouver last year, Cukier said, "overall gun deaths have decreased quite dramatically."

According to Statistics Canada, total firearm deaths—including homicides, suicides and accidental deaths—in Canada numbered 816 in 2002, down from 1,444 in 1991.

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The Canucks and voting

Don't let your crazy fanatascism for a local hockey club affect your
decision on January 23

By Geoff Gauthier
Managing Editor

Last night your Canucks beat my Leafs 4-3, a re-charged Canucks squad capitalizing on the stealth of their grinder lines and now riding a three game winning streak. Great, I imagine now you'll stop phoning Mojo radio with your idiotic comments about trading Bertuzzi for Ovechkin and the like.

Yes, Vancouver hockey fans are fickle when it comes to the Canucks.

Listening to sports talk radio during the last few weeks has made me look at Vancouver Canucks fans in a new light. So the Canucks dropped a few games and slipped to seventh place in the Northwest Division – that's hockey. They're back up now.

During the slump, fans called in to radio shows left right and centre asking for Dave Nonis' head on a platter. "Get rid of Jovonoski," they bellowed. "Trade the Sedins," they chided. "Get a real goalie," they snarled. Take a look at yourselves, hockey fans. You're idiots. When the Canucks are up, they are the best people in the whole world. When they are down, you hate them and make threats on their very lives.

Step back and take a look at how you do your job. Are you perfect 365 days a year? Do you walk into work every day and champion a new project? Chances are that you don't.

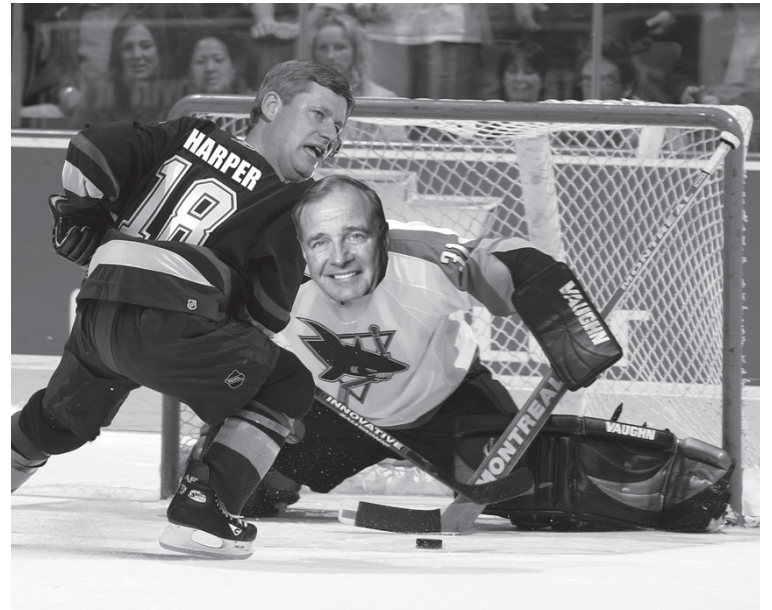
I'm guessing that once in a while you, the average radio call-in sports fan, show up to work at five past nine, surf eBay for 35 minutes, chat about last night's game on and IM of your choice, make or take a personal phone call or two, and go to lunch for an hour and a half.

Markus Naslund is a professional hockey player. He gets paid to put a puck in a net. Guess what? Sometimes he's not going to feel up to scoring a goal, just like when you go to work and you don't really feel like putting the videos back on the shelves, or you don't really feel like sending that memo to finance.

It's in your job description. It says right there that you have to make that happen, but you don't really have the motivation to do it today.

Don't tell me it's different because Naslund makes \$5.2 million U.S. and you make \$9.25 an hour. It's the same thing. You are both being paid to perform a service, and some days, you just can't be bothered.

I've never been this mad about hockey before... there's something underlying and sinister... ah! The election is upon us and I have begun to fear that Vancouver voters will react to the upcoming election in much the same way they react to a Canucks losing streak. The blind rage that oozes from the pores of Vancouver hockey fans can easily be transferred to



the vote. Really, it's not that big of a jump.

Let's think of it in hockey terms, you know, ones you might understand. Because Paul Martin and the Liberals are on a losing streak right now, what with the Gomery Inquiry findings and the ground that Stephen Harper's Conservatives are gaining in the polls, Vancouver voters may find it easier to react with their vote much like they would with their hockey team.

"Get rid of Martin," they will bellow. "Trade away the lies," they will chide. "Get a real government," they will snarl. These gut reactions could kill Canada on January 23. Take a look at yourself. Do you really want Harper as the PM? Are you going to vote for change? I say stick with the

devil you know.

I hate the Liberals. There, I said it. But I hate the Conservatives even more. And I hate Vancouver hockey fans who call into radio stations with idiotic comments even more. It's unwise to cast a vote out of anger; out of gut reaction.

Think about all the issues in government right now. Find out where each of the candidates stand; it won't be that hard, there are only three of them, unless you vote for the Green or Communist parties, but let's face it, they aren't going to win. Really, while we're on that subject I suppose the NDP is a pretty long shot too.

The bottom line is that when it comes to deciding who should run Canada, it sure as hell shouldn't be up to Vancouver Canucks fans.



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Leaders take aim at violence

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There were 52 gun homicides in Toronto in 2005, up from 27 in 2004. Last year also had the greatest number of gun murders in 15 years, but according to statistics from the Toronto Police Department, the rate of 2.0 gun homicides per 100,000 citizens was comparable to 1991 (1.7) and slightly above 2001 (1.2).

Vancouver also recorded a record number of gun deaths and crimes in 2005. In 2002, 150 guns were confiscated by Vancouver police.

They seized more than 200 guns in 2005. Police say the majority of illegal guns in Vancouver are smuggled in from the U.S.

Toronto police, on the other hand, estimate that 50 per cent of illegal guns were stolen from their owners. The other 50 per cent come over the border from the U.S.

Across Canada, the firearms recovered tend to reflect the firearms in circulation. Rifles and shotguns are the guns most often used in the murders of women, in suicides and accidents because they are the guns most often in the home.

Handguns are the guns used

most often in gang homicide in Toronto and other urban centres. All 50 murders in Toronto this year are believed to have been with handguns.

The Liberals have proposed a ban on handguns as part of their campaign. The ban would exempt target shooters, who would need to be certified as such. Prime Minister Paul Martin said provinces would be able to opt out of the proposal.

Alberta premier Ralph Klein has said that province would not participate, while B.C. premier Gordon Campbell has asked for more details.

"I would like to see an examination of the minimum sentences for possession of a handgun," said Deputy Chief Doug LePard of the Vancouver Police Department's Investigation Division.

He believes fighting gun violence and the proliferation of handguns in circulation has to be approached with more than one method. According to the VPD, sentencing, the need for minimum sentences for the illegal possession of handguns, and enforcement are issues that need to be addressed.

The Platforms

Bloc

*Support the idea of gun control but ensure tight reins on spending on the federal registry.

Conservatives

*Repeal the gun registry legislation.

*Work with the provinces on gun control programs to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

*Institute mandatory minimum sentences for the criminal use of firearms.

Green

*Decriminalize non-compliance.
*Eliminate registration fees with the national firearms registry for firearms designed

Liberals

*Ban handguns.
*Continue funding, but cap allocations to gun registry.
*Raise mandatory minimum sentences for crimes involving guns.

NDP

*A four-year minimum sentence for illegal possession and sale of restricted weapons.
*Stop illegal importation of guns from the U.S. with a four-year minimum sentence for importing illegal guns and tougher border controls.
*Young offenders 16 and over charged with gun offences tried as adults.



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Liberal party courts Aboriginal vote

Some students are not convinced

By Tessa Vanderhart
CUP Central Bureau Chief

WINNIPEG (CUP) -- Last week, a campaign rally at the Manitoba Metis Federation encouraged Aboriginal Manitobans to vote Liberal.

The January 5 rally was held for the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission of the Liberal party and to support Aboriginal Liberal candidates, like Ray St. Germain in Winnipeg Centre.

Incumbent Liberal MP for Winnipeg South, Reg Alcock, said that the Liberal party's record on Aboriginal rights speaks for itself.

"We all have a responsibility for this, because we all have the same goal; in forming the next government, we look forward to working with Aboriginal people," he said.

Alcock made a distinction between other parties "where you change your hair, you change your politics," and the Liberal Party, which he said consistently represents Aboriginal concerns.

He said that Paul Martin's two goals as Prime Minister, as emphasized in a Town Hall meeting in Toronto, were to improve relations with the West, and to improve Aboriginal rights.

Incumbent Justice Minister Irwin Cotler said that the Liberal

party is working to build a more just society.

In particular, he said that the party is trying to redress judicial inequalities with Canada's native people.

"We're not just talking about gaps in statistical terms; we're talking about gaps in the human condition," Cotler said.

UMSU Aboriginal students' representative Tara Williamson said that she disagrees with the assumption that the Liberal Party best represents Aboriginal people in Canada, especially students.

"I don't think that they're the only option at all. And I think that certain provincial and national Aboriginal groups who are pur-

porting themselves to be [the only option] are taking away from the idea of self-determination, which is the ability to govern ourselves and to make our own decisions. And I'm really disappointed in that," she said.

Williamson noted that the Liberal party's record on Native communities is hardly perfect. "Just recently, we've seen Kashechewan, and money being thrown at the program for residential schools," she said.

She added that real commitments from this government were few and far between, and that the government even considered replacing taxes on funding for status First Nations students.

The Liberals attempted to pass this tax as a governmental policy because of its unpopularity, she said.

"The mere proposal of it was, I think, a slap in the face for students," said Williamson.

I really don't approve of the very obvious dictating of Aboriginal votes and Métis votes in the next election," she concluded.

Benjamin Paul, a student in his second year in the Faculty of Education, explained that there are several reasons why the Liberal Party can claim it has the best record on Aboriginal rights, but he is still not convinced enough to vote Liberal in this election.

He noted that the Liberals were the first political party to recognize the Métis, and that they generally have the support of all minority groups.

"If I were to criticize the Liberal government, I wouldn't criticize them for their lack of involvement with Aboriginal people," he said.

Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson added that he encourages Native Canadians to participate in the election.

"While we cannot completely influence how people vote . . . in forming the next government, we look forward to working with the Liberals," he said.

Reading from a list of the "top 10 reasons to vote for the Liberal Party," Henderson said that the Conservatives have "destructive and assimilation[ist] policies for Aboriginal people." He added that the NDP does not present a real alternative.

"Our hopes as Métis people lay with the re-election of the Liberal government," said Clément Chartier, president of the Métis National Council. He added that the Liberal party is the most expedient means of political action for the Métis.

Former Liberal MP Elijah Harper, famous for saying "no" to the Meech Lake Accord and ultimately preventing it from becoming law, emphasized democratic participation over party politics.

He explained that his experience with politics began much later than most who went on to political careers: there was no talk of party affiliation or policy issues with Harper's family.

"We never had those discussions, because my family never had the right to vote," he said.

"We need to have our people vote so that their vote counts; we often complain that our government doesn't live up to its promises, but we have a means to change that process . . . to make changes for the better of our people, to make changes for the better of our country," said Harper.



Paris says: "Vote or Die"
January 23rd, 2006

Top 5 Reasons to Vote

By Paul Gill

5. Sure beats the hell out of going to class
4. So you can prove to your peers that one person cannot make a difference
3. See how long you can hold your bladder
2. Prove to everyone you're not a communist
1. It's an excuse to wear your "I got screwed by the Liberals" t-shirt

Don't forget to Vote on January 23, 2006

'Gift of Choice' Campaign 2005

Student feedback and thank you cards from the most successful holiday campaign yet

Compiled by the Uconnect Resource Centre and the BCITSA Student Executive

The following is student family feedback from the delivery drivers and from students who picked up their hampers. We also added the thank you cards that we received so far, and will keep you updated as more thank you cards come in throughout the New Year.

All of the families were very moved by our contributions and thankful for everything that they received. One lady cried when she saw the hamper that was prepared for her and her family.

One student and his family were so surprised when they got the hamper, that he said it was "almost as if Santa Claus himself came" to their home.

A little girl pulled a tube of toothpaste out of the hamper that her family received and yelled to mom, "look mommy, we got toothpaste." The whole family was very grateful and overwhelmed by the help they received this holiday season.

One family was trying to wait until Christmas to open all the presents they received, but they didn't know if they would succeed. They were very thankful for the food that they received, because they said, when the student loan runs out it can be very tough getting food on the table. They are thankful to all of us for making this Christmas wonderful for them.

Another family is thankful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of the contents chosen for their hamper.

"A tremendous weight has been lifted from my shoulders this holiday season thanks to your kindness," said the student, wishing us all the best.

Another family was very grateful as well, and they kept saying thank you and the student gave us a big hug.

Everyone who came to pick-up their hamper could not believe how generous the people here at BCIT and BCITSA are. They all were surprised by the size of the hampers and in some cases the number of hampers that they were receiving. Thankfully everybody who came to pick up the hamper had enough room in their car to load it in.

One particular student and his family includes four children with the oldest child being a six year old, got more than they ever imagined from complete strangers. The student was speechless and very thankful for everything that BCIT and the BCITSA had done for them.

From Thank You Cards:

"Please accept our sincere thanks for all your generous gifts! It has been a very difficult two years starting with my husband being laid off and then deciding to retrain. Your generous gifts have allowed us to have a very Merry Christmas, rather than another meager one. My daughter will love the gift certificates to Chapters and the other money and gift certificates will enable us to purchase other needed gifts.

I hope to get a full bike helmet for my son (he is accident prone) and a violin case for my daughter (hers is very old and falling apart) and some toys. We are all delighted with the DVD player! (The children will be so excited when they find out, because we have not had a VCR since February; we also have no cable). I also really appreciate the food! And all the other gifts. Thank you! And Merry Christmas!"

"Thank you for your help to me and my family. I

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wish you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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This little note is to let you know how much we appreciate your efforts, and to thank all of you who worked on the 'Gift of Choice' Holiday Campaign.

We wish you all at BCIT and BCITSA a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year."

"Thank you very much for your great help! Your gift is totally unexpected to us, and brings warmth to our family in the cold winter!

We've been here in Canada for just two years and we know Canada better now. There is always people giving you a helping hand. All for one and one for all.

Thank you once again for bringing

good memories for me at BCIT!"

"Thank you BCIT & BCITSA. Your gift meant a lot to us. It made our Christmas. Best Wishes."

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Wine as a hobby

It's not just something that you merely consume for sheer pleasure on a Friday night after class

By Tara Williams
BUSA (Post Diploma) Set 1A

“Good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well used.”
(Othello, Shakespeare)

As we enter this year what better way to do so than to learn a new craft? And preferably one which could come in handy in the future? I'm not talking about learning how to crochet a sweater or take the glue off stamps, (not that I have anything against either of these perfectly respectable “hobbies”), I'm talking about something that many people would not often think of as a “hobby” per se, I'm talking about wine.

You might be asking yourself how is “wine” a hobby? Isn't wine something that you merely consume for sheer pleasure on a Friday night after class? Au contraire, mon amie. Wine, the choosing and tasting of it, is a rapidly growing, highly respectable hobby in itself.

The Europeans have been doing this since, well since before Socrates even thought of teaching, or Alexander even dreamed of traveling to India.

This hobby is something that you can enjoy almost anywhere with almost everyone. Wine, when enjoyed properly, can add flavour and entertainment to any social gathering.

What better way to impress your new boss, mentor, or girlfriend, then with the knowledge of what makes a good wine good?

When experiencing a bottle of wine one must remember that it is more than merely pouring yourself a glass of wine and taking a sip.

The steps to enjoying a bottle of wine include observing, smelling, tasting and finally experiencing it. For the real “diehards” I suggest keeping a wine journal of each wine you taste for future reference.

There are so many great wines out there it is often difficult to remember the wines you have tried.

To commence the experience fill your glass a maximum of one quarter full, (I will explain more in depth later), and follow these 4 easy steps:

Observing

Like people, wines can look very similar; however they may be very different from each other. In order to assess the colour of your wine, tilt your glass on approximately a 45° angle so that the wine spreads out in your glass, and hold it next to a white piece of paper (a white tablecloth will work as well), by doing this you will be able to see the colours of your wine more clearly.

Now look at the main body of the colour, this is the colour you can see in the middle of the wine. Choose a colour to describe this, i.e. for a red this may be ruby or brownish red and for a white gold or straw.

Next look at the colour on the edges of the wine, (this step is mainly done for reds as it is easier to see then with whites). Sometimes this colour is the same as the body but more often it can tell us a story about how old the wine is. For reds a brownish colour for an older wine and a purple colour for a younger wine will be observed.

Smelling

It is said that we often taste with our noses. Thus, there is a lot to be learned about a wine from the way it smells. In actuality a very complicated process, this step can be simplified to asking yourself a basic question “what do I smell?” Smell beyond the “wine” scent, something that you will be able to overcome with practice, and use your imagination a bit for this step.

First swirl your wine in the glass, be careful not to spill, and then smell your wine like you've never smelled before. Think of scents like lychee nuts for viogniers, vanilla for chardonnays, black pepper for Shiraz and black cherries for Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot.

A method that you can use to perfect this scent ID, is to assemble the fruits, flowers, minerals and other scents that you may smell in wines, (sometimes it tells you on the back of the bottle what to expect, or you can easily look up reviews online), and smell them before you smell the wine. After having a scent memory of

what various elements smell like, smell your wine and see if you can pick up traces of these scents.

Tasting

Now for the part you've all been waiting for...consumption. This step is actually a multi-stepped process, (and I don't mean drink, drink some more and get wasted), this step includes holding the wine in your mouth, swishing and finally swallowing (or spitting).

Firstly take a sip of your wine and hold it in your mouth and ask yourself, do any flavours jump out at me? Recall the scents from the step above, perhaps one of those will be present.

Next swish the wine in your mouth like you would with mouthwash, do any other flavours come out, i.e. the taste of cherry Koolaid for a Beaujolais Nouveau? Finally swallow the wine (or spit it if you prefer).

Experiencing

After swallowing the wine do any further tastes jump out at you? Can you taste the alcohol? How long does the wine taste stay in your mouth? You have now had the entire wine experience.

Try your new found skills out on these selections:

Smoking Loon Viognier 2004 from Napa Valley

This pale gold, low intensity wine is slightly off dry and has aromas and flavours of honeysuckle, lychee and ripe peach. Available at BC liquor stores, this winery also offers a very nice, rich Shiraz.

Marques 2002 Chardonnay

This pale gold, low intensity wine has hints of toasty oak, vanilla, and buttery popcorn. Slightly bitter in aftertaste, this wine is not bad for its value.

McWilliams 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon

This rich red wine from New South Wales has an overwhelming black currant or cassis aroma, taste and aftertaste. Black pepper and hints of black cherry also flush out this full bodied wine.



Liberals unveil cancer strategy

The Whigs are looking to invest "...a total of \$160 million to implementing the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control"

By Bryna Hallam
CUP British Columbia Bureau Chief

VICTORIA (CUP) -- The Liberals announced Jan. 4 they would invest \$300 million over five years as part of a National Cancer Strategy if elected.

Among the investments would be \$125 million to create the Terry Fox Research Institute in Vancouver, \$100 million to support the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC) and \$50 million for cancer research by Canadian organizations, to help more quickly convert research knowledge into clinical practice.

An additional \$25 million would be used to establish Terry Fox Cancer Research Chairs at Canadian universities in order to attract and retain leading cancer researchers.

In October 2005, the Liberal government pledged \$59.5 mil-

lion over five years for the CSCC as part of a \$300-million, five-year Integrated Strategy on Healthy Living and Chronic Disease.

"We're very pleased that the Liberals have committed to investing a total of \$160 million to implementing the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control," said Dr. Barbara Whyllie, CEO of the Canadian Cancer Society.

"It does fall short of the calculated \$260 million we had hoped for; however, it's enough to make a really good start on initiating this strategy."

The Conservatives have also voiced their support for the Canadian Strategy on Cancer Control, announcing on Dec. 10 that they would fully implement the five-year CSCC at a cost of about \$50 million per year.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, the cost of the CSCC would be \$260 million over five years.

A 2002 Health Canada report

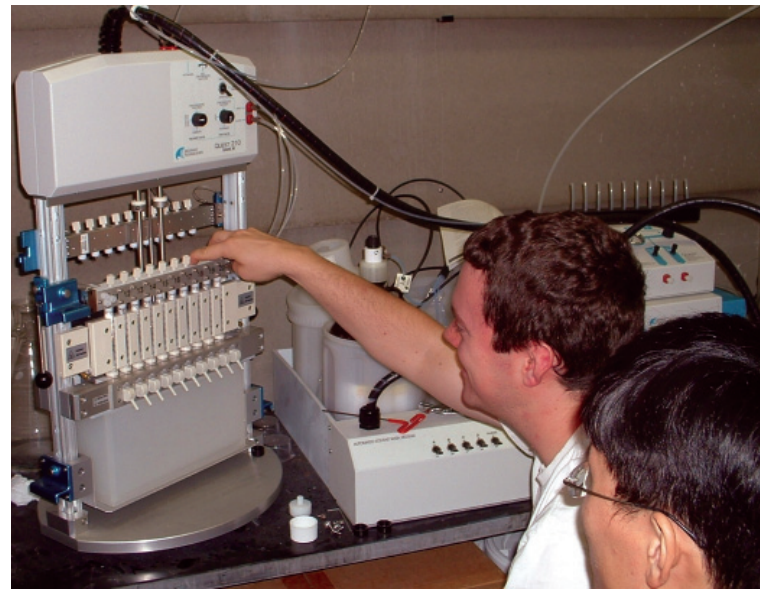
on the cost of illness found that cancer cost Canadians \$14.2 billion in 1998.

"Cancer is the leading cause of early death for Canadians, but unfortunately we have no effective disease strategy at the national level," said Conservative leader Stephen Harper in a statement on his party's website.

"The Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control, developed by over 700 cancer survivors and experts, is a model for an effective national disease strategy. All that has been lacking is the political will to implement it."

The strategy has already been endorsed by the House of Commons but was never acted upon by the Liberal government. The Canadian Cancer Society, who has been calling on the government to fully fund the strategy, also endorses it.

The Canadian Cancer Society also endorsed the Conservative's platform. "A fully-funded strat-



egy is of great importance to Canadians as hundreds of thousands of them are touched by cancer each year," said Whyllie. "We commend the Conservatives for recognizing the importance of this issue."

The society estimates that the strategy could prevent over 1.2

million Canadians from developing cancer, save the lives of more than 420,000 Canadians, and save more than \$39 billion in direct healthcare costs.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, approximately 149,000 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer this year.



**Mr. T says:
"I pity the fool
who don't vote
on January 23rd!"**

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WHERE YOUR OPINION MATTERS

The Link asked: Who are you going to vote for in the January 23 election and why?

By Shawn Edstrom



**Joel G.
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Green Party

“I want my right to clean air, clean water and clean soil.”



**Matt B.
Financial Management**

Liberals

“They are better than the alternatives and I’m liking the status quo thing.”



**Flip McGern
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NDP

“I am going to vote for the NDP because Jack Layton has a trusting moustache. It reminds me of the guy from the Captain Crunch cereal box!”



**Heather D
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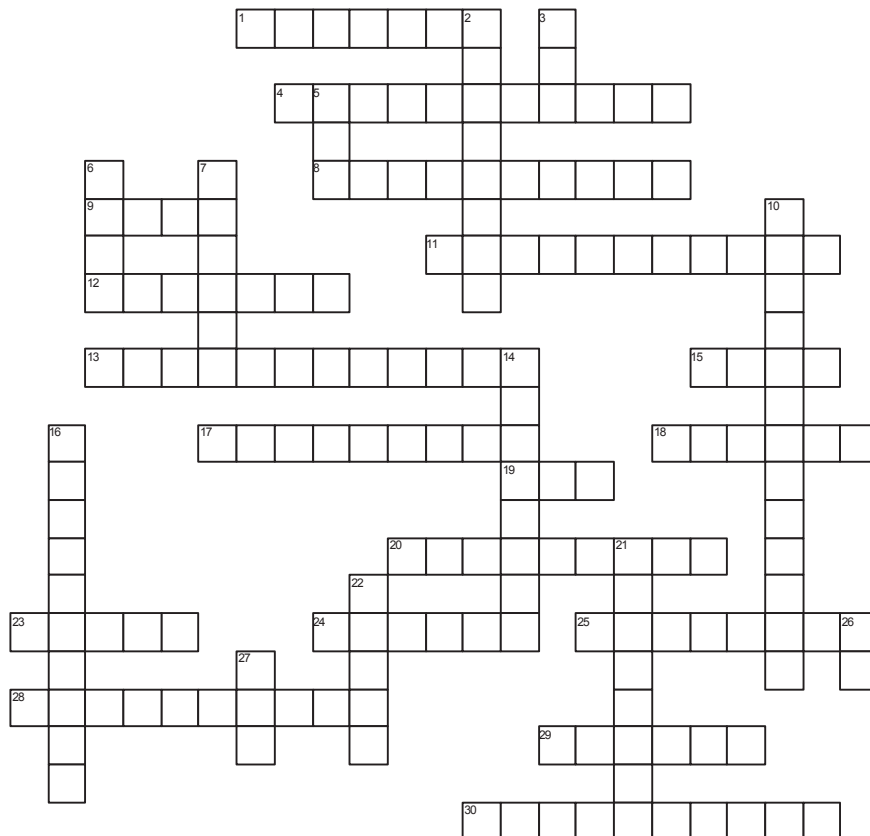
Torn between the Liberals and Conservatives

“1. Because of the whole Liberal scandals.”
“2. I don’t really like Stephen Harper.”

Politicalword Puzzle

On January 23, your vote can make a difference

By Gilbert Matembe
Ad Sales Coordinator



ACROSS

- 1 To declare one’s support for a candidate or political party.
- 4 A candidate who is not running as the approved nominee of a registered political party.
- 8 Person skilled in politics.
- 9 Short form of opposition research.
- 11 A location with one or several voting booths.
- 12 Another name for Liberal party of Canada.
- 13 Term used to describe a member of the conservative party of Canada.
- 15 The document signed by the chief electoral officer instructing a returning officer to conduct an election.
- 17 Person standing for election.
- 18 A Canadian term for an electoral district.
- 19 Abbreviation for co-operative commonwealth federation.
- 20 System of government where individuals cast votes to elect representatives in multi-party elections.
- 23 Canada’s official head of state.
- 24 A closed door meeting between a group of people planning matters of concern to all.
- 25 A policy statement of a political party.
- 28 The sovereign and two legislative houses that govern Canada.
- 29 The unelected, but appointed upper chamber of Canada’s parliament. (Has 105 senators).
- 30 Parliamentary election caused by departure of a sitting MP.



DOWN

- 2 A vote among qualified electors.
- 3 The last name of Saint John, MP: John _____.
- 5 Abbreviation for New Democratic Party.
- 6 A survey or sampling of public opinion.
- 7 Synonym for electors, those allowed by law to vote.
- 10 A set of laws that are a guide line as to how a particular state is to be governed.
- 14 People allowed to vote in an election.
- 16 Official residence of the Governor general since 1867.
- 21 Short form name for Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance Party.
- 22 A group of candidates united by allegiance to a common set of principles and leader.
- 26 Abbreviation for member of parliament.
- 27 abbreviation for prime minister’s office.



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Reading makes me horny

From sado-masochism to necrophilia, Sade uncovers it all

By Cassandra Gerrard
Excalibur (York University)

TORONTO (CUP) -- What comes to mind when you hear the word "pornography?" For me, it conjures up images of busty girls doing dirty deeds; of adolescent boys blushing when their mothers peek under their beds; of priests and women with high collars warning that pornography will corrupt our nation; and of Jenna Jameson's proclamation that she is a feminist. Among the list of things that do not come to mind are books.

When people think of porn, it is visuals that come to mind. As we are immersed more and more in a visual culture, it only makes sense. Does anyone read anymore? More to the point, who reads when they want to get off? So how is it that you find this article in the midst of a literary spread?

Pornography in Western culture dates back to the 16th century and, of course, lacking today's technology, it was found in written form. Early pornography, however, was not used for the purposes of sexual arousal that it is today. Instead it was used as a political tool. What better way to draw attention to a corrupt church official than to show him in an erect state, about to have sex with a nun? Stories of Marie-Antoinette in the midst of orgies were a commentary on aristocratic excess. Tales of dirty politicians having their way with prostitutes were used to undermine authority.

The real juicy stuff began with the Marquis de Sade -with the term "sadism" being his namesake, this is not surprising. Living in 18th century France, de Sade was imprisoned more than



once for his lewd lifestyle, which included abusing prostitutes and his house staff, having an affair with his wife's sister and poisoning women with a drug that he thought was an aphrodisiac.

It was while in prison that he penned most of his work. His most famous works include *The 120 Days of Sodom*, *Justine*, its companion novel *Juliette*, and *Philosophy in the Bedroom*. Living a life of scandal and squalor, de Sade was capable of the kind of writing that simultaneously shocked, disgusted and titillated readers.

His books are not the same brand of "pornography" we are used to. Rather than trite storylines used only as a device for getting to the sex, his works entangle sex and ideology. They also show an intense pre-occupation with violence. Interspersed with scenes of rape and oral sex are conversations about atheism. Mixed with descriptions of sodomy and orgies are attacks on moral norms and compulsory heterosexuality.

Storylines permeated with philosophy make some hesitant about labeling de Sade's works pornography. Others still are reluctant to use the term because many of the acts described in de Sade's work are nothing short of disgusting (for example, characters repeatedly vomiting in each other's mouths as a form of foreplay).

But some facts are undeniable. First, de Sade thoroughly introduced us to the mantra that most pornography adheres to: if it feels good, do it. He was obsessed with hedonism and, in both his writings and his own life, showed no regard for the people who were hurt in the pursuit of pleasure.

Secondly, his works pushed boundaries. In a time when sodomy and homosexuality could be persecuted by death, he brought a huge range of sexual pleasures to the forefront. He paved the way for all the pornographers to come. Even if you think his works are dirty or despicable, someone gets off on them.

INTERESTING FACTS

By Paul Gill

- * Leonardo DiCaprio got his first "on-screen kiss" from a man.
- * The creator of the NIKE Swoosh symbol was paid only \$35 USD for the design.
- * Ralph Lauren's original name is Ralph Lifshitz.
- * King Kong was Adolf Hitler's favorite movie.
- * The most popular condom sold in Taiwan is only 4.2 inches long!

Untitled

Marked, my presence
ALL THAT I AM
I will return
Here I am, there I will go

Ready as ill ever be
Fear, will not conquer me
Once, I played the fool...
Now I know, what I want, you will see

Found lovin, god from you
Mother, father, friends...
People that have known me well
That are gonna be there till the end

Promise to be true...
To my truth, not for u
Found it all...baby I love you
My truth, for me, I found the cue

Hardest moments I have swallowed
Over and over I tried, done all that I could
ALL I COULD DO
Here I stand, strong, and free, as I should

RAIN ON ME, lord won't you
I'm returning, fighting the fight
Not doing the things I use to do anymore
No ones truth---my own, what is right

Solid and strong; this is who I am
I'm gonna make it, mom says over and over again
NOTHING is gonna bring me back down,
Not easy, sacrifices I made, wondering when

I would be on my way, someday
I'm ready...something about me right B?
In my eyes, love and affection...
Very soon, all will truly see...

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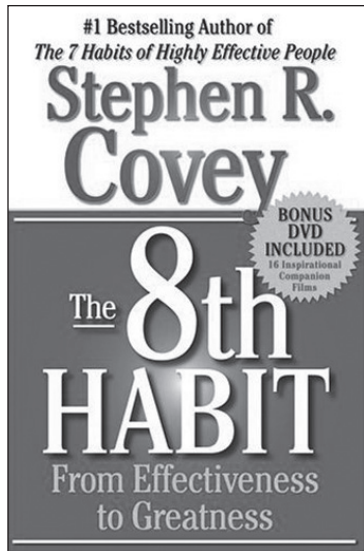
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Some inspiration from the Library for the New Year

By The Library Ladies

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The 8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness
 Stephen R. Covey
 Burnaby Stacks
 BF 637 S4 C685 2004

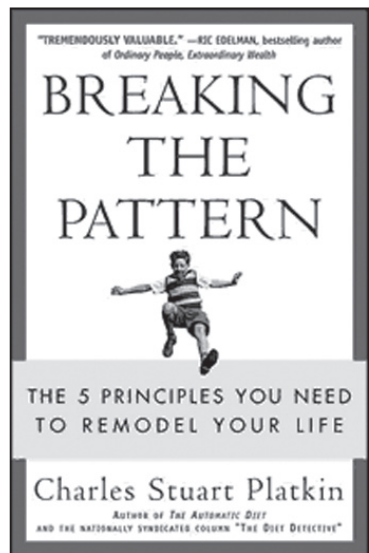
Empowerment, inspiration, leadership and motivation for the individual and for business leaders is what this book is all about. The renowned author of the "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" (1989) has introduced one more habit for the information age.

The 8th Habit is "to Find your Voice and Inspire others to Find Theirs." (page 5). Filled with quotes, real-life stories, diagrams, maps and an accompanying DVD with 16 mini-movies, this book is designed to encourage you to find and follow your dreams.

The 15-second principle: short, simple steps to achieving long-term goals, revised edition

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 Available via Books 24x7

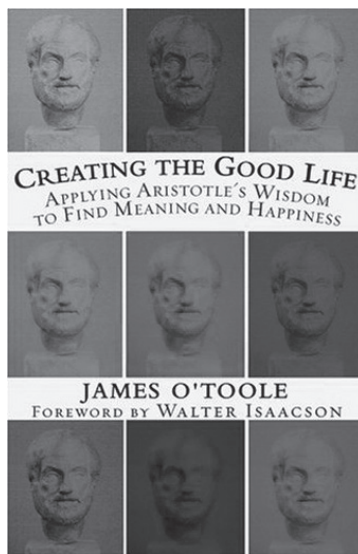
The author of this text demonstrates that small steps--15 seconds a day--can lead to the attainment of big goals. It also provides the tools and techniques needed to stay focused and committed to forgotten or abandoned goals.



Breaking the Pattern: The 5 Principles you Need to Remodel Your Life
 Charles Stuart Platkin
 Burnaby Stacks
 BF 637 S8 P58 2005

Charles Platkin is a nutrition and public health advocate who focuses on personal development in this book.

Included are exercises to help you identify behaviour patterns that may be holding you back, identify your fears and cope with failure, take responsibility for your behaviour, and set both short and long term goals.



Creating the Good Life: Applying Aristotle's Wisdom to Find Meaning and Happiness
 James O'Toole
 Burnaby Stacks
 B 491 E7 O86 2005

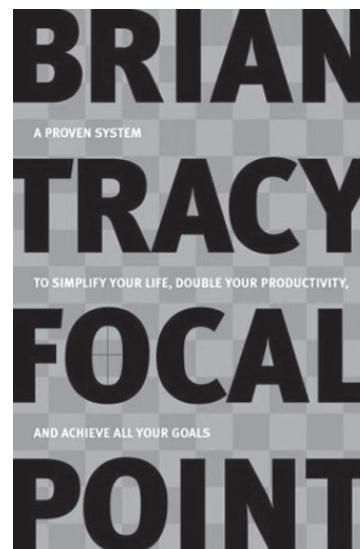
Based on the author's interpretation of Aristotle's writings, this book asserts that life is about personal development and challenges the reader to develop a plan on how to allocate their limited time on earth.

The principle of this book is that living well requires engagement, goals and purpose, not just financial rewards. It is important to plan your life, not just your finances. The book is aimed at those people already in mid-life; why not get a head start?

Taking Control of Your Time
 Published by Harvard Business School Press
 Burnaby Stacks
 HD 69 T54 R47 2005

A collection of 16 articles previously published in Harvard Management Update and Harvard Management Communication Letter. The articles fall into four categories – applying funda-

mental strategies, adapting time management tactics to specific challenges, making smarter decisions faster and preventing burnout. The target audience is upper level managers but the principles of organization and time management can be applied by anyone in their work and personal life.



Focal point: a proven system to simplify your life, double your productivity, and achieve all your goals
 Brian Tracy
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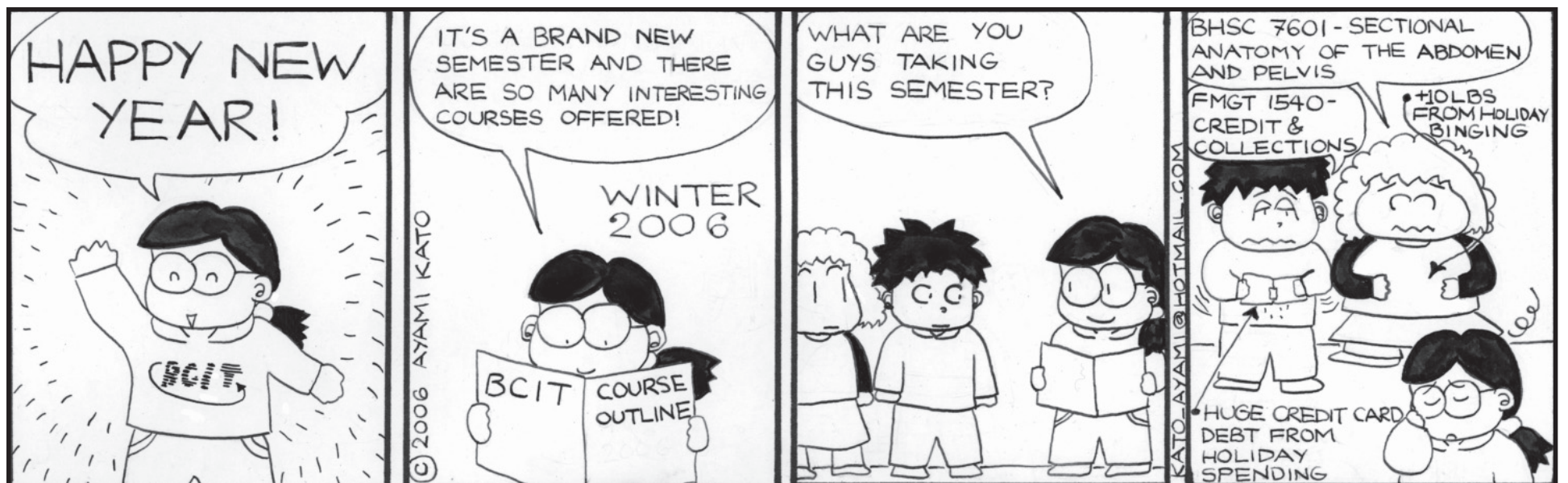
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Employment

I am in need of employing a student to do some accounting and personal assistant type duties. The job pays \$15/hr, out of my home office in Langley for approx. four hours once a week. The day chosen is flexible and can be determined by the student. My requirement is that they are bondable, have skills and or experience related to accounting procedures and some computer knowledge. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Davenport at dawndav@telus.net or 604-786-2583.

Help Needed

Annual Student Film Festival: Freshly brewed productions is getting ready to host its 13th annual student film festival. We are actively seeking these five volunteer management positions:

- Sponsorship coordinator
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- Workshop and V.I.P coordinator
- Festival operation coordinator
- Student relations liaison
- Film submission coordinator

If you are a student, energetic, motivated and looking to get more real work experience, please contact us. For complete job description, please email us at ekmshaw@gmail.com.

The Link newspaper at BCIT is actively seeking volunteers to write for the student newspaper. If you are passionate about writing and/or you are interested in learning about the print me-

dia business, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Please contact us at 604 432 8974 or drop by our office in SE 2 room 285 at BCIT Burnaby campus.

Announcements

The BCIT Library would like to thank Chartwells for their generous providence of free coffee, hot water, and hot chocolate to those students who were studying late into the evening during exams before the holiday break. Thanks to Deirdre Grace for the suggestion, Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, Bob McKenzie, and Richard Brown of Chartwells for making this happen for students.

Do you have a business, an event or anything you would like to inform the student and staff population of BCIT? If you do and you want to have a measurable R.O.I, then you need to advertise with the Link, a student newspaper that relates to students and staff at all eight BCIT campuses. Contact the Ad sales coordinator at adsales@bcitsa.ca or 604-432-8974.

Events

Jan. 17th
Sanctified
3PM & 7PM
Telus Theatre and SW 1021.

Jan. 18th
Bing Thom
3PM Rm 331.

Feb. 1st
Sue Johanson
3PM Great Hall.

Hey You

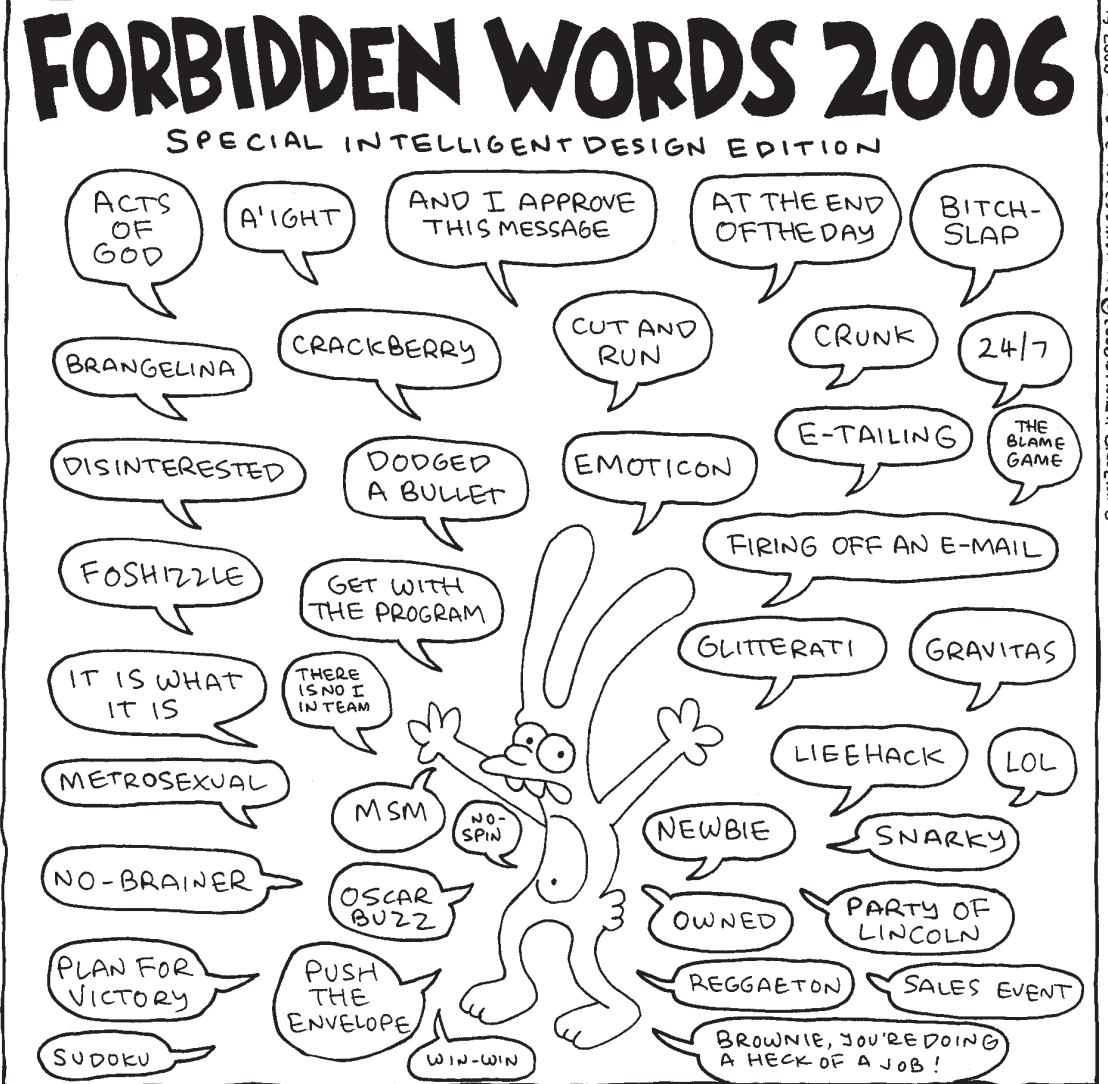
Hey man, what ever happened to the good old days when having a "beef" meant actually getting down to fist punching? Now we have so many cowards that gun violence in Canada is just way overboard. What's up with that?

16 Hour Menu:
Nachos for dinner
Wings and pizza at midnight
Burg-egger with cheese.

Isn't it amazing how the junior players of the Canadian hockey team play, even when they are new to the team? I think they

LIFE IN HELL

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should replace the starting lineup of the Canucks, better yet; their coach should be transferred to coach the Vancouver team.

Chen: "... whatever man, you're not Asian."
Goats: "Well, I'm kind of Asian."
Chen: "Oh ya? What kind?"
Goats: "I'm caucasIAN!"

Q & A Session

Qn: Name the four seasons.
Ans: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Qn: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"
Ans: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Qn: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.
Ans: Premature death.

Qn: How is dew formed?
Ans: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Qn: You were not shot in the fracas?
Ans: No, I was shot midway between the fracas and the navel.

Lawyer: Did you ever sleep with him in New York?

Witness: I refuse to answer that question.

Lawyer: Did you ever sleep with him in Chicago?

Witness: I refuse to answer that question.

Lawyer: Did you ever sleep with him in Miami?

Witness: No.

Hey, did you know that the next stat. holiday isn't until March? How do you like that?

Hey, are any of you going to vote? I hear there will be food at most polling stations. I guess that would fall under the green party!

Hey you, I hear you are a teacher but you are really just a shameless club promoter! Get a life and stop playing God, dude.

Hey, doesn't it just suck when all this rain decides to come down the way it is doing right now?

Hey, can anyone give us feedback on what they thought about the request for a winter break girlfriend for Malzer from our last issue? That would be the X-mas

issue, Hey You section. Please find us at the Link; contact information is in the paper.

Hey, will the debate have an effect on your decision as to who you are voting for?

Be a part of the Link and the student community at BCIT. Write a Hey You. Find them out side the Link office SE2 Rm 285, between the image centre and the Uconnect resource centre, or email it to ads@bcitsa.ca. Write what you would like to read in your newspaper and let us publish it on your behalf.

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It's the future time!

The Link's own sassy clairvoyant, and sometimes student, Paul Gill is back with a look into your New Year

Happy New Semester! Congratulations to the people who made it to the next round.

2006 is full of optimism and endless opportunity... for about a week or so. Then it's back to your old self. Last semester you created new friends and a whole lot of enemies. Now it's time to get re-acquainted with your old friends: insomnia, procrastination, panic attacks, stress, lying and cheating. This semester is going to be a battle.

ARIES

March 21 - April 20

I ain't Nostradamus, but I see a drug addiction appearing in your life very shortly. Do yourself a favor and break up your homework into sizeable chunks. You are developing a quick temper, and becoming increasingly impatient. So what if there's a line up at the parking meter? Quit being a prick.

Famous Aries: Prince, Elton John

New Year's resolution: Stop your staring problem

Prediction: Black eye by next week

TAURUS

April 21 - May 20

You are practical and persistent. You work like hell, but get crap-all done. Quit being bull-headed and start accepting advice from others. Start playing with yourself more often.

Famous Taurus: Theo Huxtable, Patrick Ewing

New Year's resolution: Stop smoking

Prediction: Back on the tobacco train in 15 minutes

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Everything in your life points to failure at the hands of someone else. It's bad enough you can't do anything without consulting with your alternate personality first, but you have to go and blame other people for your shortcomings. Also, your grooming habits are despicable.

Famous Gemini's: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,

New Year's resolution: Quit biting your nails

Prediction: You'll be an alcoholic

CANCER

June 21 - July 21

Take time out for social activities with friends and family. Unfortunately everyone screens your calls and you get ditched. Don't get down, shake it off. You needed this time to yourself so you can relax and reset your goals. Revenge is a dish best served icy cold.

Famous Cancers: Jonbenet Ramsey, Tito Jackson

New Year's resolution: To let go of the past

Prediction: You'll be "wired" in lecture clinging to a picture of your ex.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

Take charge of your own life instead of constantly asking yourself, "what the fuck just happened?" You're responsible for more than you think. You are the direct result of every single decision you've made. Now do you think it was it a good decision to backstab your group and jump ship to another? Only time will tell.

Famous Leos: Fidel Castro, Tony Danza

New Year's resolution: Have safe & protected sex

Prediction: Expecting a child in August

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

People think you are a sucker because you are always putting things off and never get anything done. Pretend you like somebody in your set and get them to do your homework. If that fails, pay them, or get a tutor.

Famous Virgos: Ice Cube, John Denver

New Year's resolution: Stop lying

Prediction: Thrown out of a car going 100km

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

Stand up for yourself; you're too easy. Set some standards. Don't let friends borrow money, especially when they're loaded at the bar and promise to pay you back tomorrow. The reason you're unhappy is because your living environment is like the Congo. The crazy people you live with are killing your spirits. I sug-

gest moving into your car or staying at a shelter until the end of the semester.

Famous Libras: Beatrice Arthur, Magic Johnson
New Year's resolution: Don't let friends borrow money
Prediction: You won't have any friends

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

You are cold and unemotional and often fall asleep while making love. Quit being an arrogant scum bag, leave that for after the mid term exams when you destroy everyone. Be patient with class mates and don't act like a baby when given honest criticism.

Famous Scorpios: Joey Buttafuko, Abe Carver (days of our lives)

New Year's resolution: Compromise & Share

Prediction: Dumped or divorced by mid March

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 20

Your grades are slipping and are sucking big time. You should be ashamed of yourself. Maybe it's because you drink too much and don't do your homework, I don't know I'm not Dr. Phil. In between classes go to the back of the library and study. And by "study" I mean "study," not "check out tush."

Famous Leo's: Carlton Banks, Courtney Love

New Year's resolution: Stop drinking

Prediction: Crown and cornflakes will be your favorite breakfast

CAPRICORN

December 21 - January 19

You are stuck in a rut. Be creative and go to school "commando." Or just try picking on someone, call them names and pull ridiculous pranks. Quick tip: Pour some laxatives in someone's coffee, tell your buddies and let the howling begin.

Famous Capricorn: Ron Jeremy, Ron Goldman

New Year's resolution: Lose 10lbs and be more health conscious

Prediction: Customer of the month at Barney's Chicken & Waffles

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

You've been feeling left out lately and need some extra attention. Try making up an imaginary friend who thinks you're the greatest person in the world. Sure people will think you should be in a loony bin, but hey any attention is good attention - problem solved.

Famous Aquarians: Cockroach (Cosby Show), Billy Dee Williams

New Year's resolution: Stop smelling white board markers

Prediction: You will be addicted to crack

PISCES

February 20 - March 20

Romance is in your future. All of that internet dating has finally paid off. Now just hope that he/she looks the same when you meet him/her in person. Not that looks matter, you're in love. OK, looks DO matter.

Famous Pisces: Kate Moss, Bryant Gumble

Resolution: Get out of debt
Prediction: You will fake your own death

