



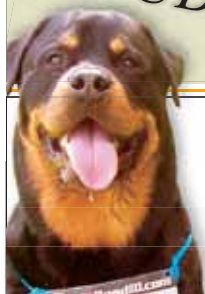
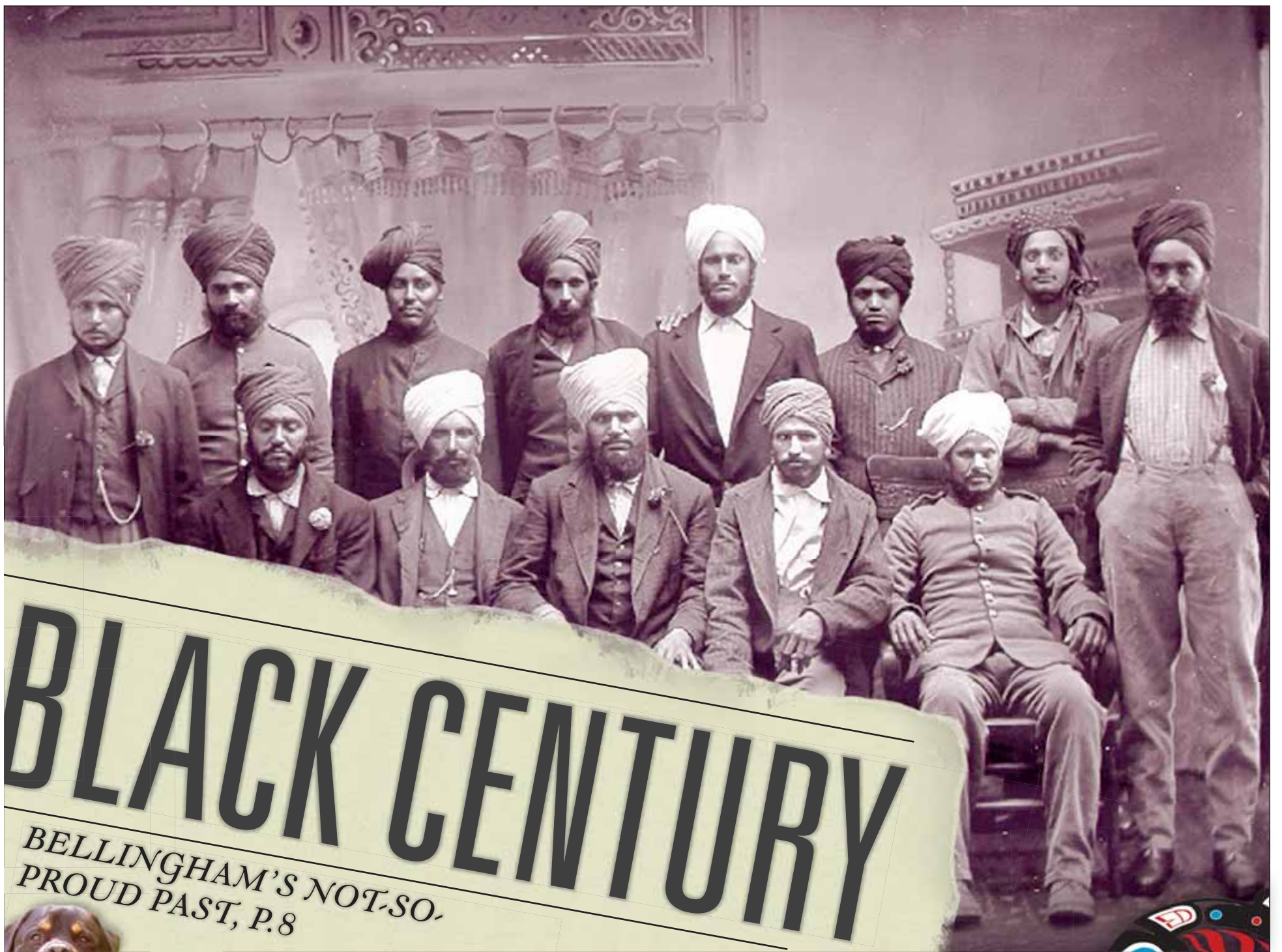
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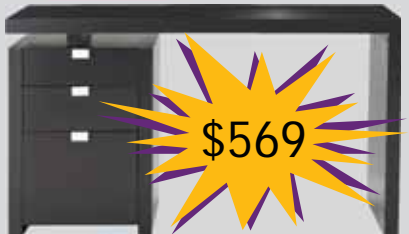
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WEDNESDAY

ON STAGE

The Taming of the Shrew: 8pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.

COMMUNITY

Wednesday Market: 3-7pm, Fairhaven Village Green

08.30.07

THURSDAY

ON STAGE

Good, Bad, Ugly: 8pm, Upfront Theatre
Romeo and Juliet: 8pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.
Timon of Athens: 8pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.

MUSIC

Howlin' Wood: 6-8pm, Elizabeth Park

WORDS

Poetry Night: 7pm, Barnes & Noble
James Meetze: 7pm, Village Books

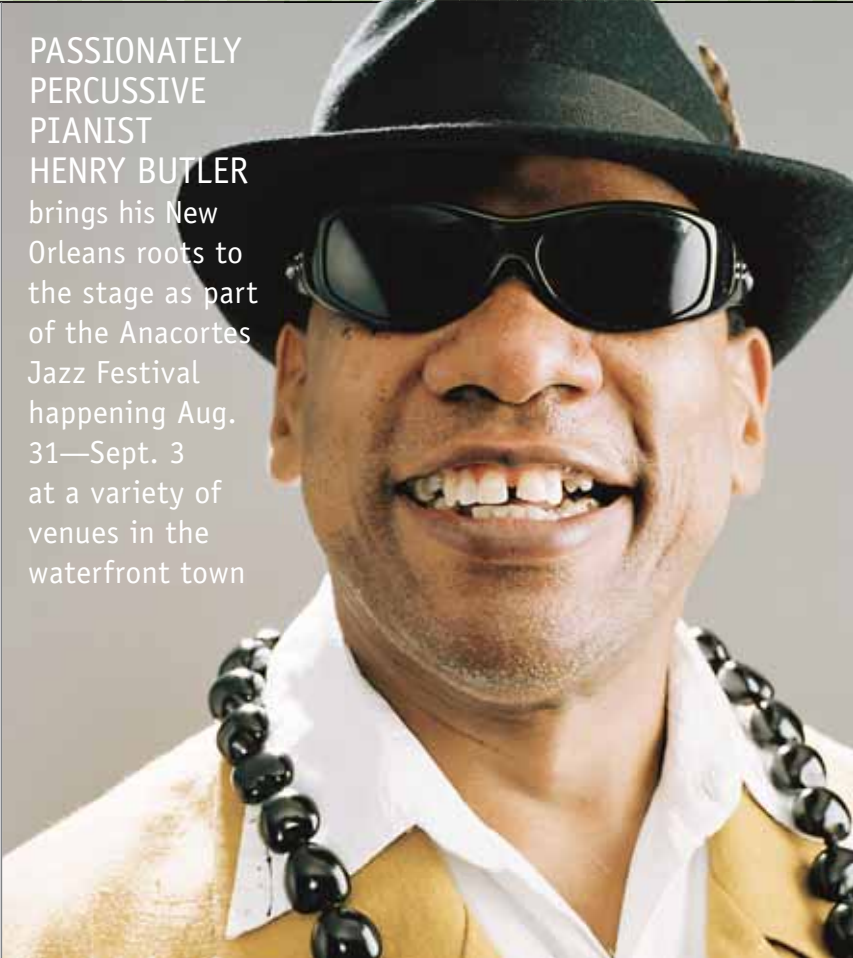
COMMUNITY

Bellingham Laughter Club: 10:30am, Bellingham Senior Center
Family Fun Night: 6:30-10pm, Depot Market Square



Bumbershoot ain't all mainstage music: witness the Cyclecide Bike Rodeo, a club of alter-bike mechanics, mariachi-punk musicians and psychotic clowns who will present their pedal-powered carnival during the expansive event, which happens Sept. 1-3 at the Seattle Center

PASSIONATELY PERCUSSIVE PIANIST HENRY BUTLER brings his New Orleans roots to the stage as part of the Anacortes Jazz Festival happening Aug. 31—Sept. 3 at a variety of venues in the waterfront town



08.31.07

FRIDAY

ON STAGE

Minor Infraction: 8pm, Christ the King Church
Romeo and Juliet: 8pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.
Timon of Athens: 8pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.
Director's Cut: 9pm, Upfront Theatre

MUSIC

Alleyoop: Noon, Bellingham Public Library
Anacortes Jazz Festival: Various venues, Anacortes

COMMUNITY

Hog Rally: Harley Davidson of Bellingham

09.01.07

SATURDAY

ON STAGE

Romeo and Juliet: 3pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.

Julius Caesar: 8pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.
Director's Cut: 9pm, Upfront Theatre

MUSIC

Bumbershoot: 11am-11pm, Seattle Center
Anacortes Jazz Festival: Various venues, Anacortes
Yambique: 6pm, Taylor Avenue Dock
Moonlight Hafla: 6:30pm, Twisp City Park

WORDS

Book Sale: 10am-4pm, Maple Falls Library

COMMUNITY

Padden Relay: 10am, Lake Padden
Pitch Regatta: 10am, Bellingham Yacht Club
Farmers Market: 10am-3pm, Depot Market Square
Sumas Jr. Rodeo: 10am-3pm, Howard Bowen Park
Bellingham Traverse: 12:30pm, Depot Market Square
Hog Rally: Harley Davidson of Bellingham

VISUAL ARTS

Studio Tour: 10am-6pm, Lummi Island
Art Show: 10am-5pm, Milano's, Glacier

09.02.07

SUNDAY

ON STAGE

The Taming of the Shrew: 7pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.

MUSIC

Bumbershoot: 11am-11pm, Seattle Center
Anacortes Jazz Festival: Various venues, Anacortes

COMMUNITY

Pancake Breakfast: 8am-1pm, Rome Grange
Flea Market: 9am-3pm, Depot Market Square
Pitch Regatta: 10am, Bellingham Yacht Club
Mt. Baker Farmers Market: 10am-3pm, Kendall Elementary School
Sumas Jr. Rodeo: 10am-3pm, Howard Bowen Park
Dog Days of Summer: 10am-3pm, Lake Padden

VISUAL ARTS

Studio Tour: 10am-6pm, Lummi Island
Art Show: 10am-5pm, Milano's, Glacier
Artist Salon: 6-8pm, Center for Expressive Arts

09.03.07

MONDAY

MUSIC

Bumbershoot: 11am-11pm, Seattle Center
Anacortes Jazz Festival: Various venues, Anacortes
A Merry Evening of Opera: 2pm and 7pm, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C.

WORDS

Poetry Night: 8:30pm, Fantasia Espresso

COMMUNITY

Lynde 500: 11am, downtown Lynden

VISUAL ARTS

Art Show: 10am-5pm, Milano's, Glacier

09.04.07

TUESDAY

MUSIC

Walt Germaine: 12:30pm, Whatcom Museum

COMMUNITY

PNA Talk: 7pm, REI

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IN MEMORIAM: Her official title was Diana, Princess of Wales, but to the world at large the humanitarian and fashion icon was simply known as "Princess Di." Fri., Aug. 31, marks the 10-year anniversary of the untimely death of "the people's princess," which occurred during a high-speed paparazzi chase in Paris.

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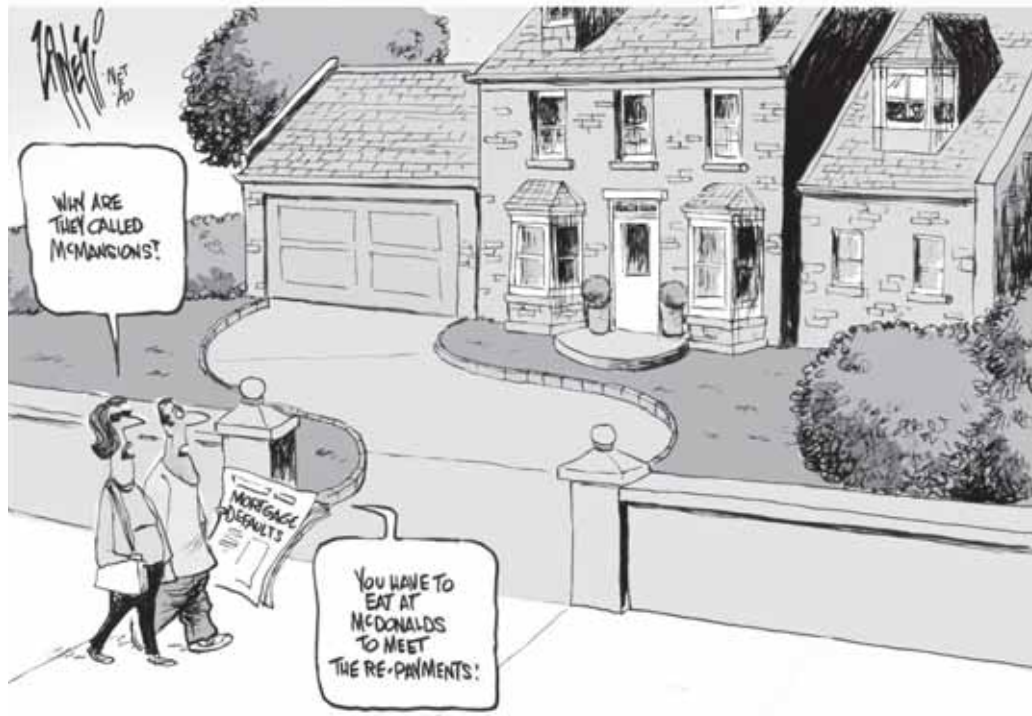


Studio portrait of Sikh immigrants to the Northwest, circa 1910. Photo courtesy of T.S. Sibia.



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GROW OR DIE

I had to chuckle when I read the column by Alan Rhodes, "Grow or Die?," having just submitted a letter to the Herald that also questioned how the growth debate is being framed. Although instead of saying dumb clichés, I used hollow episodic slogans to describe the current situation. Rather than using smart clichés as an antidote, my suggestion was "an over-reaching thematic vision."

Rhodes does correctly point out that the Growth Management Act does allow for serious planning, like "community performance standards," yet they are not being used. My perspective, however, is that the GMA has systemic technical flaws that require a performance audit to untangle.

If citizens wanted to amend the GMA with an initiative, as he suggests, the first step would be to gather the signatures to petition the state auditor to initiate a performance audit. Once it was completed and an evidence-based best

practice has been defined, any attempt to hijack the process would be transparently obvious.

—John C. Ruth, Bellingham

How refreshing to read Alan Rhodes' outside-the-box ideas in "Grow or Die?"

We have grown up believing the corporate ideology of "growth is inevitable;" more (people) always equals bigger and better (profits). Just as cancer is a malignant tumor of unlimited growth that eventually kills its host, unlimited population growth is killing not only the future of our community but also the future of our planet.

We are rapidly approaching a condition of too many people and not enough resources.

While I liked Alan's suggestions for having more control over how or if we grow (limits on building permits, environmental standards, impact fees, etc.), the elephant in the room nobody wants to talk about is how to stop people from having babies. In the

past 60 years, the population of Whatcom County has grown from 66,000 to 167,000.

I was privileged to hear a dialogue that resonated with me: research says the answer is not the economic or educational status of women but the liberation of women that creates population stability thomhartmann.com. That is, where women have the same rights as men, the population does not continue to spiral out of control.

If we can stabilize our growth and with Sustainable Connections already leading the way toward a healthy, local sustainable economy and environment, we might have a chance.

—Judith A. Laws, Bellingham

DEFEND LIFE

Recently I read a letter that condemns the cruelty not only of dogfighting, but of the use of animals in food and dairy products. Granted, a lot of the methods used by various food companies leave a lot to be desired, but human beings,

like it or not, need meat and dairy products to survive.

Somewhat this letter missed an even larger tragedy—the legalized murder of unborn children as a result of Roe v. Wade and other misguided judicial rulings.

More than 40 million children in the 30-plus years of “exercising reproductive choice” have been torn out of their mothers’ wombs by suction, their skulls crushed by forceps, and scaled by the introduction of saline solutions and RU-486 (a combination of two chemicals) in the womb, among other tactics, with the sole purpose of killing the baby.

Isn’t it somewhat ironic that we are exposed to the pictures of chickens and calves being brutalized, but not unborn children, for fear of offending others?

I believe that before we start yowling about the poor little chickens, calves, rats, roaches or what-have-you, let’s get our priorities straight and defend human life first, in all stages of life.

A parting question: Would Michael Vick have been so despised if he had ran an abortion clinic?

—Russell Sapienza, Bellingham

THE GOLDEN (STATE) HORDE

In last week’s issue of the *Cascadia Weekly*, a writer expressed disappointment at a less-than-friendly reception here in Bellingham. While the writer had some good ideas about how we could improve our town, she nevertheless missed the point entirely.

The reason so many “hamsters” are down on Californians is not because they are outsiders.” I myself am a recent arrival, only four years fresh. The reason I and most of my friends and acquaintances dislike Californians is because they specifically are ruining this town. Not all Californians, just the rich ones who moved here to Bellingham after making your way down south like so many other wealthy Californian retirees in this town.

Since moving here four years ago, I have gone from being an optimistic and ambitious young woman to being an embittered mediocrity. I once thought I could raise a family and live here; now I know that, thanks to you and your kind, I will never be able to afford a house in this town. My fate is not unique. This town’s natives are being pushed into those “high-density” apartment complexes you so blithely advised against. You people come up here with your

millions and drive our realty prices to laughably impossible price obscenities, and then putt around in your hybrids, smiling and healthy with your kids attending our now increasingly expensive university, and you have the audacity to ask why anyone would look down on you because you’re from California? Take a walk. Leave your undoubtedly nice and overpriced house, take the bus, and stroll the town. Look at how we live. We like it here. We want to continue to live here. We want a future here. But now I don’t think that will happen, and my son who was born here and is as native as they get, will in all likelihood end up bus-sing your children’s tables. Following the family trade. So don’t act so surprised at a Bellingham hippie looking down his nose at you. And don’t advise us, or this local paper, on anything about town plans or local pride and “xenophobia.”

—Sarah S., Bellingham

UPDATE ON THE REPROBATE

A summary of the Bush Administration for the week ending Aug. 25, 2007:

- Strip mining good.
 - Health insurance for children bad.
- Is anyone still not questioning?

—Erin Kennedy, Bellingham

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GONZALES SAYS



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation this week. What would you say if you were him? Create a clever caption and win two tickets to see Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 8pm Sept. 13, at the Mount Baker Theatre. *Cascadia Weekly* reserves the right to choose the winner. Now stop what you’re doing and email us at: contest@cascadiaweekly.com

Congratulations to our last winner; Hue Beattie, winner of two Summer Meltdown tickets, who said Lindsey should be saying, “I had a summer meltdown.”



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REFLECTIONS ON ELECTIONS: Listen, and you can hear the air hissing softly from the punctured tires of Bellingham's power elite.

Donning our battered... *er, wizard's...* cap speckled with stars-&-moons, the Gristle conjures this primary observation less from the messy entrails that mark the race for mayor than constellations shifting as (*gasp!*) upstarts nipped away almost 50 percent of the support for Bellingham City Council luminary-for-life Louise Bjornson. Louise—with all the predictability of a script starring Rocky Balboa—will of course bounce off this canvas late in October for a jaw-crackin' finish, and so the universe is not completely a-tilt. But educated by coordinates provided in the peculiar Louise quadrant, we then circle back to the fractious chaos... *er, subdued excitement...* of the mayoral race, of which more on the victors might be said later.

For now, though, let us graciously usher offstage three excellent and worthy challengers who certainly offered the *most stable* vision for Bellingham: Don Keenan, Bob Ryan, and Seth Fleetwood.

While the term "liberal elite" is comical when uttered on the national stage (media-monopolizing plutocrats calling the politics of Common Labor "*elitist*"), it carries more gravitas on the local, where Old Bellingham (O.B.) money has found a way over the decades to ensure its survival by a succession of dependable leaders. By O.B., we mean Old Boy *and* Old Girl. And by *dependable* we mean few apple carts upset or skids ungreased or oxen gored—left or right.

Like most carnival rides, local politics only *looks* rickety and uncertain!

Stretching back five decades, single-term mayors are unheard of in Bellingham. Two, three, even four terms are the norm. From Ken Hertz to Tim Douglas to Mark Asmundson, with a brief volley back to Tim, in 30 years there's been nary a ripple in leadership philosophy. Don Keenan was the anointed successor to that leadership, representing the bone and sinew of that philosophy.

As the tightly curled script he read from at forums came to virtually symbolize the kind of administration he intended to run, Keenan represented *zero deviation* from compass coordinates laid down by his predecessors. By this we do not mean Don *could not* be nimble and creative in day-to-day administration (indeed, when he served as deputy mayor these gifts were ably and frequently demonstrated), but that his supporters were *banking on the certainty* he would not *be*: What was promised in the past to influential interests would be delivered in the future: That was the charm of Don's campaign and what brought powerful O.B. support (including that of past mayors) early on to declare him *heir apparent*.

As business leader Steve Brinn, in the midst of a multi-million-dollar campaign to help spark Bellingham's arts district, noted in his support for Keenan, "Given the full docket already set, we should elect a mayor equipped to *get things done*, rather than dreaming up big new policy initiatives."

Likely Brinn's right; and this column won't debate his wisdom. Bellingham voters, however, decided a different way.

On any measurable vector, Keenan would have been a fine and stable mayor.

So, too, would have been Bob Ryan.

Voters could not ask for firmer bedrock upon which to extend the foundation of Bellingham, yet Bob's cam-



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OPINIONS & THE GRISTLE

BY AMY GOODMAN

Vacancy of Justice

The tortured tenure of Gonzales

THE ABRUPT resignation of Alberto Gonzales as United States attorney general on Monday morning was not soon enough. But the policies and politicization of justice that have been his hallmark remain. From torture, warrantless wiretapping and the firing of U.S. attorneys to the expansion of powers of the executive branch, Gonzales has been a dogged enforcer and defender of the most egregious policies of the Bush/Cheney administration.

Take torture. In January 2002, Gonzales wrote a memo calling some provisions of the Geneva Conventions "quaint." After that came the notorious August 2002 Bybee memo, which served as the legal basis for the harsh interrogation techniques subsequently revealed in the Abu Ghraib photos.

The memo argued that any interrogation technique would fall short of torture if it did not cause pain "equivalent in intensity to the pain accompanying serious physical injury, such as organ failure, impairment of bodily function or even death." It allowed anything less than "significant psychological harm of significant duration, e.g., lasting for months or even years." Gonzales allowed the CIA and the Pentagon to use the Bybee memo as the basis of their operational directives, allowing harsh interrogations while protecting their officers from possible prosecution for war crimes.

This led to practices like the use of dogs in interrogations. Former U.S. Army interrogator Tony Lagouranis recalled his use of dogs in Iraq: "We were using dogs in the Mosul detention facility, which was at the Mosul Airport. We would put the prisoner in a shipping container.



We would keep him up all night with music and strobe lights, stress positions, and then we would bring in dogs. The prisoner was blindfolded, so he didn't really understand what was going on, but we had the dog controlled." Not so quaint.

As I watched television news coverage of the Gonzales resignation, with the volume off, they were showing images of dogs. The bottom of the screen read, "Pleads Guilty." I wondered, Were the networks telling the truth about the legacy of Gonzales? I turned up the volume. The report was about quarterback Michael Vick and his dogfighting scandal. I heard President Bush use the phrase "dragged through the mud." Was he talking about what happened to detainees? No, just the reputation of the last of his Texas cronies to leave the White House.

The U.S. attorney scandal that most believe was the reason that Gonzales resigned (his one-minute, 40-second press statement gave no hint as to why he left) will continue to dog him. House judiciary chair John Conyers promises that hearings into the firings will go on: "This does not release him from any obligation to respond to our invitations to come or to be subpoenaed or to be held in contempt."

Nothing changes for Bush, either. On the same day as the resignation, Bush was at a fundraiser for Sen.

Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the senator implicated in provoking the firing of U.S. Attorney David Iglesias.

Nothing changes for the prisoners at Guantanamo or at the CIA "black sites," either. They are still denied habeas corpus, still subjected to the enhanced interrogation techniques that include sleep and sensory deprivation. The Center for Constitutional Rights, the nonprofit, public-interest law firm that is representing hundreds of Guantanamo prisoners, conditioned its welcome of the resignation:

"Gonzales was instrumental in paving the way for the abuse and atrocities at Abu Ghraib. Additionally, his tenure as White House legal counsel and then as attorney general was marked by naked hostility to civil liberties and an alarming disregard for the U.S. Constitution and international law. Guantanamo continues, as do torture, wiretapping, secret CIA sites, rendition and illegal trials."

U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement has been named to serve as acting attorney general. Who will be appointed to replace Gonzales for the rest of Bush's term remains an open question. It would follow the cruel logic of the Bush administration to appoint Michael Chertoff, the head of the Department of Homeland Security, who failed the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast so miserably, on or around the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

Whoever Bush appoints will have a heckuva job before him.

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paigned was as quiet and unassuming as he has been in office; and while Republicans tried (at least twice) to cautiously rally their hundreds of votes around Ryan, they could not commit to him. In the end, conservatives found Bob as inscrutable as liberals.

Bob Ryan's almost nonexistent campaign illustrates perhaps the only happy justice that might be gleaned from primary numbers: The candidates who worked the hardest—who wore down shoe leather knocking on thousands of neighborhood doors and wore their voices hoarse speaking at dozens neighborhood forums—those candidates did best in outcome. Despite new technologies and strategies demanded by vote-by-mail, the old-fashioned hard work of politics paid off.

Which brings us to Seth Fleetwood, who showed glowing heart in his round in the ring. We hope there'll be future rounds, because in every way Seth would make a great mayor for the Subdued City. As a thoughtful consensus-builder, he too represents little deviation from a course that has made Bellingham one of the most livable communities in the Northwest (he made no noises about course corrections); but we also expect his administration would be a little more precarious, human and humorous—*fun*—than most, as fits his personal style.

Finally, we can't leave these scattered entrails without noting with sorrow that (barring the miracle of a Florida recount) Dave Pros will lose his battle against Chris Hatch by a handful of votes for the number two slot on November's card for County Council, District 1.

Pros would have offered a nuanced alternative to front-runner Bob Kelly.

Nothing against Hatch, but the Gristle expects urban outlooks in District 1 will slam the blast doors on Hatch once they start counting up his building industry PAC contributions. Like Sam Crawford, Hatch may find himself sucked into the vacuum of an ossified, sterile, nowhere debate that has grown tiresome in Whatcom County. Faces are new, but the talking points are the Same Old, Same Old, Decades Old: *Developers' interests versus Everyone Else's*.

More provocative might have been a nuanced discussion between Kelly and Pros on how to best protect the interests of the region's #1 job creator within the framework (and political reality) of a county that's smartened up a lot about growth. Alas, the dry croak from the last century will probably croak on into the next. ☺




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OBSERVING THE ANNIVERSARY OF ANTI-SIKH RIOTS

Bellingham Sikhs in 1907



LIKE SO many, they came as soldiers and stayed on as settlers. East Indians, mustered out of light action in the British Punjab and elsewhere, laid down their muskets and took up axes and saws in territorial Canada and the Pacific Northwest.

By the turn of the century, Bellingham's lumber mills employed some 250 East Indian workers. They were tough, hardy and—like so many others from Asia canny of their status in the Western Hemisphere—willing to work for less than white workingmen. In an early take on labor outsourcing, the mills were glad to have these East Indians at the wages they were willing to accept.

Seven years into the new century, rumors were thick that managers of the Whatcom Falls Mill Company plant were replacing laid-off white workers with these lower-paid workers. Swirling amid was news that groups of “dark-skinned” men, gathering improperly on the city's sidewalks after work, had forced fair womenfolk to pass by in the streets; that stirred up a lot of resentment. As ever, truth remained subsidiary to purpose.

The purpose, according to Bellingham's *Morning Reveille* in 1907, was to “move [the Indian workers] on, to get them out of town, and scare them so badly that they will not crowd white labor out of the mills.”

It's a purpose told many times, the race riots that swept like wildfire while police looked on with indifference or—often—approval. Only a decade earlier, in 1885, the township of Whatcom drove out scores of Chinese, “yellow foreigners,” by torchlight and violence.

On the night of Sept. 4, 1907, about 500 white workingmen attacked Bellingham's East Indian millworkers.

The riot began when a mob of white men chased and beat two East Indian workers they found on C Street. The rioters then headed to a boardinghouse where many of the Asian millworkers lived. They smashed windows and drove the terrified residents out of bed and down to the tideflats. Of course, because the issue was never really about labor or customs but relative advantage, the rioters made certain to loot and

SIKHS, CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

SCARED HINDUS IN HURRY TO GO

Forty Take 1:00 Train for Vancouver, Declaring That They Will Never Return—Others Draw Money From Banks and Prepare to Leave.

ORIENTALS ARE BITTER

Crowds Assemble to Bid Them Good Speed and a Long Journey from This Field of Labor.

In a special car attached to the northbound Great Northern Flyer, forty Hindus, bag and baggage, left Bellingham at 1 o'clock today, while an immense throng stood on the platform and cheered as the train pulled out of the station.

Long before train time the crowd began collecting, and soon the Hindus to the number of forty were surrounded by a crowd of white laboring men and some women. Many were the remarks, witty and otherwise, passed among the little band who had all their earthly belongings with them, or as many of them as they could carry.

This morning the men who were paid off at the mills flocked to the bank to get their money, and no sooner were they paid off than they headed straight for the station.

It was a bitter mob of turbaned Asiatics who gathered at the railway station. Strong were the denunciations of the government, and all declared that they would never return. They said that this land had been reported as a good place for laboring men, yet they were paid no better wages and could get no protection.

The crowd at the station offered no violence, and aside from jeering and the

RIOT CASES ARE DISMISSED

Men Accused of Forcing an Exodus of Hindus from the City are Discharged on Motion of County Attorney

Inability of the officers to find witnesses to swear against Fred Nolan, Fred Knowlton, J. Brickbealer, E.H. Anderson, and F. Winkworth, charged with riot during the Hindu exodus, caused County Attorney Peringer to appear in Judge H.B. Williams' court yesterday afternoon, and file a motion for dismissal of the cases, to which Judge Williams acquiesced and all of the defendants were discharged and the bondsmen exonerated.

Not a single person in the city could be found who would positively swear in court that he saw any one of the defendants at the impromptu mass meeting held at in front of the Hindu quarters on the particular night when the young men were alleged to have been participating in a riot.

Under these conditions the county attorney considered it folly to go through a farcical procedure of prosecution when he was sure there was insufficient evidence to convict.

How this will be explained is not known, but it is likely that an investigation into the doings of the police force will be ordered, and it is predicted that some men will be censured, if not taken off the payroll of the city.

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POLICE FORCE HELPLESS IN CRISIS

Mobs Control City without Interference From Authorities—Hindus Crowded Into Basement of City Hall, While Police Make No Effort to Check Outrages.

CHIEF IS CRITICIZED

Public Believes That a Little Nerve on Part of Officers Would Have Checked the Riot.

NOTHING but criticism of the harshest kind is heard on the streets today in regard to the action of the police last night, not only in failing to quell the riot, and surrendering two prisoners to the mob, but also for turning over the police station to the gang. It is believed that the officers were secretly in sympathy with the rioters and the charge is made that they knew the trouble was to occur, but upon the promise of the leaders to have no violence, decided not to interfere.

But some of the officers are said to have made statements to the effect that they did not blame the workingmen for their action. This, it is believed, shows that the officers knew in advance that the trouble has been brewing and would take place, and that they decided to leave the crowd alone.

Fire Chief Gibbons, who saw the mob that night, stated to Mayor Black this morning that one man with a gun could have put a stop to the whole proceedings. He declares that mod was made up of nothing but hoodlums and that he did not see one reputable man in the crowd or one that would have had the nerve to face a revolver.

Available for action last night, if all the force had been concentrated, were nine men, Chief Thomas, Captain Truax, Detective Logsdon, Jailers Cade and Shelley, Patrolman Schysler, Crosslin, Locke, and Callahan. These men, it is the opinion of those who know, could have easily put a stop to the whole action without trouble.

The turning over of the jail to the men is regarded as the strangest piece of work ever performed in any city in the country. The officers could easily have closed the door on the rioters and they would have had the whole mob in jail, as well as the Hindus. None of the men, so far as known, were armed, and with their guns and clubs, the police could easily have held the entire outfit.

How this will be explained is not known, but it is likely that an investigation into the doings of the police force will be ordered, and it is predicted that some men will be censured, if not taken off the payroll of the city.

In support of the charge that Chief Thomas knew the trouble was to take place, George W. Loggie stated today that one of his men, a former member of the police force, told Chief Thomas only yesterday that the mob planned to attack the Hindu homes in old town. This, it is believed, will lead to an official investigation by the city council.



Sikhs and others gather near Bellingham City Hall on the morning of their expulsion. Photo appeared on the front page of *The Bellingham Herald* and on the cover of *Colliers* magazine.

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rob the boardinghouse belongings.

The marauders went from house to house and mill to mill, driving every "dusky worker" they could find to the tideflats or to the train station. The next day, almost all of Bellingham's Indian workers fled the city by boat or train.

In headlines that tell the story both in fact and sensation, the city roared its approval.

Through a distant lens, *The New York Times* observed, "Six badly beaten Hindus are in the hospital, 400 frightened and half-naked Sikhs are in jail and in the corridors of City Hall, guarded by policemen, and somewhere between Bellingham and the British Columbia line are 750 other natives of India, beaten, hungry and half-clothed, making their way along the Great Northern Railway to Canadian Territory and the protection of the British flag....

"The city," the *Times* reported, "is

quiet to-day, but there is a strong undercurrent of opinion which apparently approves the action of the members, and it may be found impossible to prosecute the leaders."

Other lenses also turned to Bellingham. Writing of the incident, the *Seattle Republican* observed, "It is always a safe bet that the white man is ever ready to do violence to some class of human beings if they happen to have a darker skin than their own."

The city's respectable class bridled and chafed seeing themselves under lenses that, through repetition, blurred and distorted the details.

Indeed, as days passed and the smug satisfaction of the mob burned off, Bellingham's leading citizens tried to regain the community's reputation by condemning the city's police force (which had responded to news of the rioting at a leisurely pace) and mill owners (for inviting the "undesirable and unwanted" East Indian workers into the city in the

first place). The task was hopeless; law enforcement was complicit, and capitalists *stayed* capitalists. No looter was ever prosecuted, no villain ever saw justice.

In a lukewarm editorial decrying the violence, *The Bellingham Herald* peevishly tapped into community sentiment, "The Hindu is not a good citizen. It would require centuries to assimilate him, and this country need not take the trouble. Our racial burdens are already heavy enough to bear. ...Our cloak of brotherly love is not large enough to include him as a member of the body politic. His ways are not our ways; he is not adaptable, and will not in many generations make a good American citizen."

Emboldened by Bellingham's example, other communities around the region—Everett, Aberdeen, even on to Astoria—also did violence to Asians around them, driving them from their communities.

An Everett paper dryly observed, "The trades council, at its meeting last night, discussed the Hindu proposition, but de-

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RIOT 100! A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT

WHAT: Century Commemorative Proclamation

WHEN: Noon, Tues., Sept. 4

WHERE: Whatcom County Courthouse Rotunda

WHO: Speakers include Bellingham Mayor Tim Douglas and Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremen

WHAT: Commemorative and Memorial

WHEN: 6-8 pm, Thurs., Sept. 13

WHERE: Guru Nanak Gursikh Temple (Gurudwara), 176 East Pole Road, Lynden

INFO: In 1907, Sikh East Indian residents of Bellingham were rousted from sleep, roughed up, and thrown out of town. Shortly thereafter, riots occurred in Vancouver, B.C., and Everett, Wash., in which other East Indians were forcibly expelled.

Representations of sample stories from *The Bellingham Herald*, Sept. 1907

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cided to take no action in the matter. The prevailing opinion was that if the business men and the mill men of Everett saw that it was to their best interests to do without the Hindus they could very easily persuade the latter to leave town."

One union alone, the very atypical Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), announced that it "did not countenance the action against the local Oriental colony, as it did not believe it to be in accordance with the principles of organized labor."

By contrast, Bellingham's AFL unions remained loyal to the National Asiatic Exclusion League, which had more than 800 members in Bellingham alone and which proudly declared it would "guard the gateway of Occidental Civilization [the ports of the West Coast] against Oriental invasion." Members of the League wrote to President Theodore Roosevelt, warning him that massacres were sure to result if he didn't do something to curb Asian immigration into the Northwest.

The Wobblies themselves would, in due course, receive their own beating in periodic riots that would erupt volcanically over the following decade—but by then it was mostly over for the East Indians, the Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino workers who fled Bellingham after the riots, never to return. With a wink, Bellingham retained until well into the 1950s its knowing policy of periodically transporting unwanted heathens to the outskirts of town, whether by squad car or club.

Long after, historian Gerald Hallberg, reflecting on Bellingham's "Anti-Hindu Riot," wrote, "The economic ferment and bigotry that had triggered mob action was never rooted out, but with the Hindus gone, Bellingham and other scenes of violence quietly congratulated themselves on a successful resolution of an irritating dilemma."

Information and photographs for this article were supplied courtesy of Paul Englesberg, a researcher with the Asian American Curriculum and Research Project, Western Washington University. ☺

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SPECIAL REPORT: THE CONTINUING CRISIS

On Aug. 22, a Bellingham Police officer wrote, "Bike officers were checking the area behind Odd Fellows Hall. This area is a gathering point for people attempting to drink alcohol and use drugs while trying to stay out of sight. One person was contacted for drug possession and several others ran towards E Holly Street I was able to locate this group as they tried to walk away."



On Aug. 22, Bellingham "bike officers located a group behind the Grocery Outlet, drinking beer near Whatcom Creek. The area has recently generated calls from the Grocery Outlet and the apartment complex for people drinking and littering." Four were cited for possessing open containers of alcohol.

On Aug. 22, Bellingham "bike officers were speaking with an occupied vehicle on the 1500 block of Ellis St. regarding a liquor law violation. During this contact I observed a vehicle drive through the gravel lot. The driver and rear seat passenger were both observed drinking from open cans of Tilt malt liquor. Both were issued infractions for possessing open containers of alcohol in a vehicle."

On Aug. 20, Bellingham "bike officers were checking the entrance area to Maritime Heritage Park where numerous cars have been parked and the occupants of those cars regularly generate police calls because of their behavior. A man was contacted with his vehicle. Numerous scattered and emptied beer cans were in and around his vehicle." The man was cited for possessing an open container of alcohol.

On Aug. 20, Bellingham, "bike officers were in Maritime Heritage Park when a man was contacted. He was sitting on a bench near the creek drinking beer. He was issued an infraction for possessing an open container in a public place."

On Aug. 20, Bellingham "bike officers were patrolling the downtown area when we came across a group standing on the corner of N. State and E. Holly Street A man was drinking from an open can of Pabst Blue Ribbon. The rest of the group was about to grab more from the six pack but saw officers arriving." The man was issued an infraction.

On Aug. 23, Bellingham "bike officers were near the education building of Maritime Heritage Park when we contacted a male in possession of an open can of 2/11 Steele Reserve." He was ticketed for possessing an open container.

On Aug. 23, Bellingham "bike officers were in the area of D Street checking several vehicles in which the occupants of the cars have caused numerous problems for police and the residents of the neighborhood. During that time I contacted a female for drinking from and possessing an open container of alcohol. She lied about her identity to avoid getting arrested on several outstanding warrants." She was arrested for obstruction and booked into Whatcom County Jail.

CLOTHING CRIMES

On Aug. 20 2007, Bellingham Police responded to a call from an employee at K-Mart, who had discovered that four sets of pajamas had been lit on fire where they were displayed. The fire, evidently set the previous week, did not spread to any other merchandise. ☺

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WEDNESDAY

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With ballots still uncounted, outcomes are

nevertheless established in Tuesday's primary. In perhaps the biggest upset, transportation planner **Dan Pike nudged aside well-backed favorites Don Keenan and Seth Fleetwood to challenge County Council member Dan McShane** in November's race for Bellingham mayor. At just over 30 percent, voter response for the early primary was one of the lowest on record.

A 45-year-old Point Roberts man is airlifted to St. Joseph Hospital after he was struck while jogging by 27-year-old Jason Howard, also of Point Roberts. Investigators say Howard was DUI at the time of the accident.

08.23.07
THURSDAY

KGMI talk-jocks try to make hay over Bellingham City Council members **Louise Bjornson and Terry Bornemann writing letters in support of a hair stylist recently convicted of a drunk driving collision.** Both say they didn't know what the charges were, they were just asked to write a character reference for someone they each knew. The letters were used by Jan-

ine Rene Parker's lawyer during her sentencing hearing last week. Parker's blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit Jan. 4 when she struck Hailey French's vehicle, crippling the 22-year-old. Prosecutors say character references are commonly provided to the court for consideration during sentencing.

A Whatcom County teen charged with vehicular homicide in connection with a deadly February crash pleads not guilty to the crime. Vitaly Sushch, 17, was driving the car that collided with a pick-up carrying 62-year-old Fred Boettner, who was killed in the crash. A hearing is underway to determine if the teens charged in the wreck should be tried as adults.

Bellingham Police and the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office hold an inaugural meeting to discuss gang activity and gang-related violence. The Work Group on Gang-Related Crime, created by an act of the state Legislature last session, organizes policy makers and law enforcement officials to create a gang information database, develop possible reforms to the juvenile justice system for gang-related juvenile

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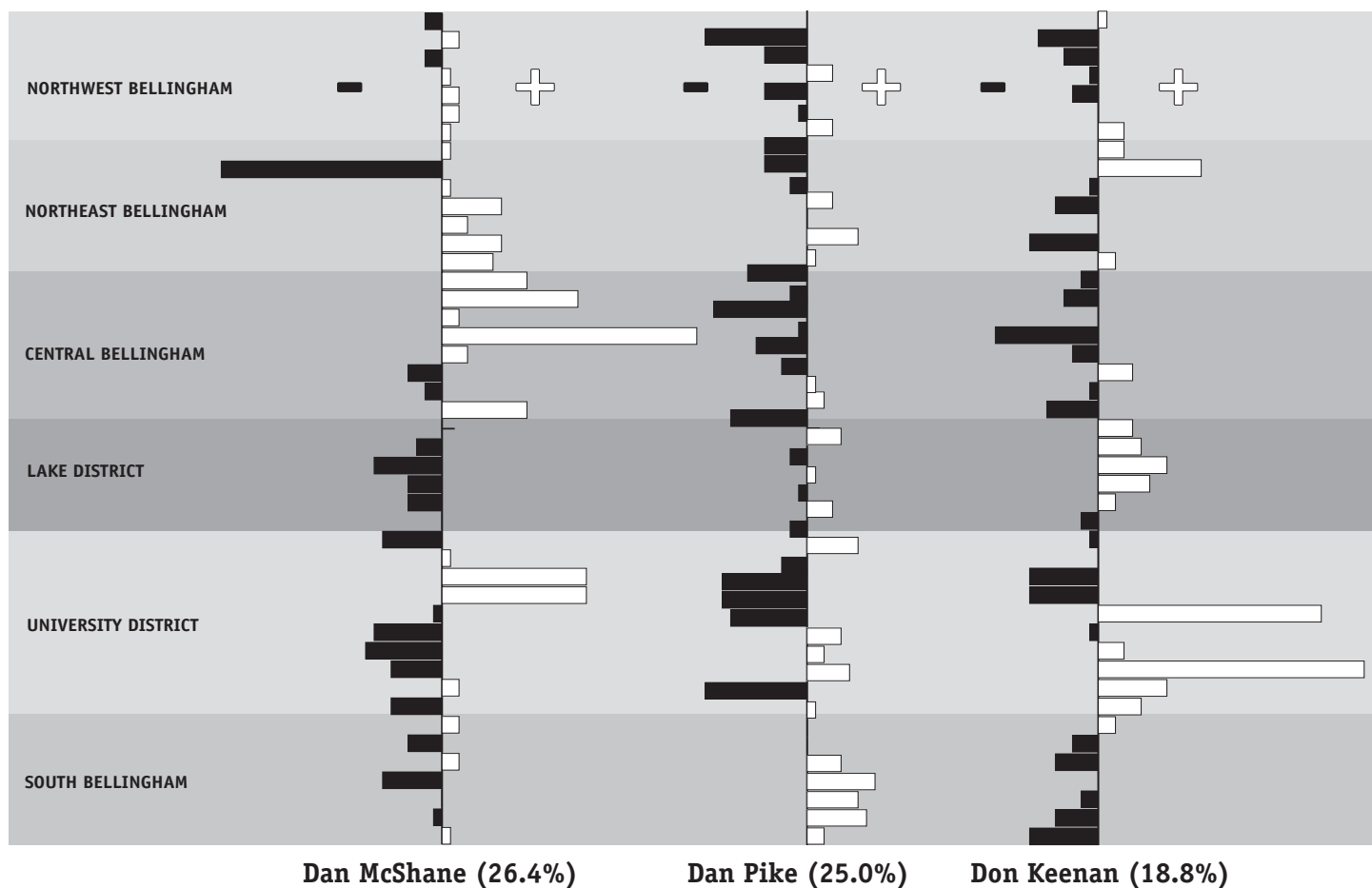
Loni Rahm is the new president and chief executive officer of Bellingham/Whatcom County Tourism. Rahm spent the previous seven years as the vice president of marketing and media relations with R&R Marketing Group in Chelan. She replaces John Cooper, who took a similar position in Yakima.



BEDTIME FOR GONZO

The Bush Administration bids goodbye to 'Berto. U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announces he's resigning his post... for reasons he can't accurately recall.

NEIGHBORHOOD STRONGHOLDS



RELATIVE MEASURE OF how the top three candidates for Bellingham Mayor fared precinct-by-precinct compared against how each did overall (percentage of votes-by-precinct / percentage of votes citywide, as of 8/28/07). Longer bars represent stronger deviation from average citywide voter response. Some candidates pulled support from one another in certain neighborhoods. Margin of error: +/-3% DATA SOURCE: Whatcom County Auditor's Office.

offenses, and develop best practices for prevention and intervention of youth gang activity.

08.24.07
FRIDAY

Bellingham Police issue a bulletin for a man they say assaulted and threatened to kill his estranged girlfriend. Sergeant Ken Brown says Joseph Conley Jones, 20, forced his way into the victim's Donovan Avenue apartment Thursday morning. Once inside, Jones allegedly beat her, cut her with a knife and held a gun to her head.

A judge denies a State Liquor Control Board effort to block a lawsuit filed by Whatcom County. Prosecutor Dave McEachran filed the suit in May, arguing that WSLCB's approval of a liquor license for the Nooksack tribe's controversial new Northwood Crossings Casino near Lynden did not include a required public hearing. The Liquor Control Board argued for the case to be dismissed from court and resolved at the administrative level. Whatcom County Superior Court Judge Charles Snyder says, no, he'll keep the suit active in superior court.

A helicopter crew from the Whidbey Island Naval Station airlifts a Bellingham man from Table Mountain. The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office says

Larry Willman, 60, had hiked to the top of the mountain, but was having heart problems and was not able to get back down on his own.

In a gruesome accident, a hot air balloon bursts into flames and crashes in Surrey, British Columbia, burning a woman and her adult daughter to death while their families look on. Other passengers on the balloon charter leap to the ground, one from more than two stories in the air, some with their clothes in flames, witnesses say.

08.27.07
MONDAY

Sought by Bellingham Police on assault charges, Joseph Conley Jones turns himself in to Skagit County authorities on unrelated misdemeanor warrants. He is transferred back to Whatcom County Jail.

A 56-year-old Bellingham man drowns while attempting to launch his boat at Armstrong Lake near Arlington.

08.28.07
TUESDAY

A new report by the U.S. Census Bureau found that Washingtonians enjoy higher incomes and lower poverty than the national averages. Alas, we also have fewer people without health insurance. ☹

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SOURCES:Office Superintendent of Public Instruction; Washington Center for Real Estate Research, WSU; Greenberg Quinlan Rosne poll.



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BY AMY KEPFERLE

Dog Day Afternoon

A four-legged fundraiser

FOR LAURA Clark, one of the best parts about the Whatcom Humane Society's (WHS) annual Dog Days of Summer event is seeing canines that were adopted from the shelter out and about enjoying the four-legged festivities with their new families.

Clark, the Community Outreach Director at the Humane Society, says last August's fundraiser raised more than \$5,000 toward costs associated with helping the 3,200 homeless, unwanted and abused animals that came through the shelter's doors last year. (For the record, WHS also funds ongoing outreach and humane education programs throughout Whatcom County.)

Although the seasonal event is geared toward dogs,

Clark says it's important to remember that WHS opens its facility to a variety of creatures.

"As an open-admission shelter, we turn no animal away, regardless of the animal's breed, medical condition, age or temperament," Clark explains. "Because of this, you never know what kind of critter you might find at the shelter. In the past month, we have had dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, a rooster, a couple goats, bunnies and a bearded lizard all come through the shelter needing care, comfort and a new home. Right now, we have about 20 dogs looking for a second chance."

The hubbub of having hundreds of canines in one location can make it stressful for the adoptees, so they won't be in attendance at the Dog Days of Summer. But photos and descriptions of those needing a new lease on life will be available for those on the lookout for a best friend.

Lucky dogs able to make it to the shindig will be treated to a variety of games, contests and grub. In addition to the Fun Run/Walk that kicks off the event, they can partake in an egg race, dog-and-owner musical chairs, dunking for tennis balls, a dog agility area and "Paw-Casso" painting. Contests are varied and include categories for best groomed, best tail or body wag, best bark or howl, best trick and best costume.

In addition, a noontime "Parade of Paws" is geared toward kids, and dozens of animal-friendly booths and vendors will be on hand. With everything going on, one has to wonder who has a better time: the humans or the dogs?

"That's up for debate," Clark says, "but I do think the dogs have a pretty good time checking out all the vendors and participating in the dog games like Hound Hill, where a large dump truck load of dirt is stuffed with bones, balls and toys. The dogs get to dig, roll and see what they can find."

If past events are any indication, the Dog Days of Summer is a fitting way to both entertain and educate those who make animals a part of their lives—and families. But remember that although many folks in our community are responsible pet owners, there are also those who either neglect their animals or don't take the time to get them fixed.

"Spaying and neutering your pet is really the only way we can stop the pet overpopulation problem," Clark says. "It's extremely important." ☺



GO

WHAT: Dog Days of Summer
WHEN: 10am-3pm Sun., Sept. 2
WHERE: Lake Padden Park
COST: Entry is free. Cost is \$25-\$35 to enter your canine in a contest.
INFO: 733-2080 or whatcomhumane.org

DO IT

WORDS

THURS., AUG. 30

POETRY NIGHT #1: Read your words at Poetry Night at 7pm at Barnes & Noble, 4099 Meridian St. For more info: 647-7018.

MEETZE'S MUSINGS: James Meetze will share his new poetry collection, *I Have Designed This for You*, at 7pm at Village Books, 1200 11th St. For more info: 671-2626.

SAT., SEPT. 1

BOOK SALE: Used tomes galore can be had at a Book Sale from 10am-4pm at the Maple Falls Library, 7509 Mount Baker Highway. For more info: 599-2020.

MON., SEPT. 3

POETRY NIGHT #2: Sign up to read your creations at Poetry Night at 8:30pm every Monday at Fantasia Espresso, 1322 Cornwall Ave. For more info: 715-1634 or poetrynight.org.

WED., SEPT. 5

BUDDHA, DARWIN: Charles Fisher will share ideas from his book, *Dismantling Discontent: Buddha's Way Through Darwin's World*, at 7pm at Village Books, 1200 11th St. For more info: 671-2626.

SPOKEN WORD: Sign up to read your poems at Spoken Word Wednesdays from 8-10pm at the Bellingham Public Market, 1530 Cornwall Ave. For more info: 647-8006.

COMMUNITY

WED., AUG. 29

WEDNESDAY MARKET: The Wednesday Farmers Market happens from 3-7pm throughout September at the Fairhaven Village Green. For more info: 647-2060 or bellinghamfarmers.org.

THURS., AUG. 30

LAUGHTER CLUB: Certified Laughter Leaders Mary V. Jensen and Linda Read will host the Bellingham Laughter Club at 10:30am at the Bellingham Senior Center,

315 Halleck St. The session is free and open to the public. For more info: 920-3617.

FAMILY FUN: Three Rivers Co-operative will host a Family Fun Night from 6:30-10pm at the Depot Market Square. Music by Devin Chaplin, Tim McHugh, and others, storytelling by Brian Flowers, dancing by Banat Sahar and a halibut dinner are on the roster. Tickets are \$3 for kids, \$16 for adults. For more info: 303-7152.

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 1

HOG RALLY: A poker run, music, food and more will be part of the Washington State Hog Rally happening throughout the weekend at Harley-Davidson, 1419 N. State St. The event is free for spectators. For more info: 739-6453 or wastatehogrally.com.

SAT., SEPT. 1

FARMERS MARKET: The Bellingham Farmers Market is open from 10am-3pm every Saturday through December at the Depot Market Square on Railroad Avenue and Chestnut Street. For more info: 647-2060 or bellinghamfarmers.org.

SEPT. 1 - 2

JR. RODEO: Barrel busting, pole bending and lots of riding will be part and parcel of the Sumas Jr. Rodeo from 10am-3pm at the Sumas Rodeo Grounds at Howard Bowen Park. Entry is \$5. For more info: 988-2028.

SUN., SEPT. 2

BREAKFAST IN ROME: Made-from-scratch pancakes, French toast and more are on the menu for the return of the monthly breakfast happening from 8am-1pm at the Rome Grange, 2821 Mt. Baker Hwy. A Farmers Market will also be happening in the parking lot. Cost is \$2 for kids, \$5 for adults. For more info: 671-7862.

FLEA MARKET: The Bellapalooza Flea Market happens from 9am-3pm Sundays through September at the Depot Market Square. Interested vendors should apply ASAP. For more info: 778-1403 or geocities.com/bellapalooza.



get out

HIKING • RUNNING • CYCLING

BY ABBY SUSSMAN

Bellingham Traverse

Celebrating the cycle

SALMON—THE TOTEM animal of our region—have sustained lives for thousands of years. We have the unique fortune to live near an ocean, rivers and creeks that still support chinook, coho, chum, pink and sockeye.

Because this is Cascadia, and because we fiercely love our salmon, we proclaim our love like adolescents—with acts of grandeur. We go beyond writing notes (to our representatives) or standing in the rain with a boom box (Jammin' for Salmon) and challenge ourselves physically with obstacles that simulate the salmonid journey (Bellingham Traverse).

Inspired partly by his own lifecycle—born and raised in Bellingham, left for deeper waters and then returned—Todd Elsworth wanted to create an event that “celebrates not only the lifecycle of salmon but also the social and cultural ties the salmon have to our community.”

Since we cannot swim upstream effectively, the event has been divided into six parts: run, mountain bike, road bike, trail run, kayak and trek. Participants can either form teams, or for those wanting to expend as much energy as returning salmon, race independently.

Starting at the Farmers Market, the course for the 6th annual Bellingham



Traverse follows Greenways trails south to Lake Padden, back toward Fairhaven, finally ending with the trek portion at Boundary Bay, where teams finish together and can quench their thirst with Traverse Ale—perhaps a more a rewarding ending than building a redd, laying eggs and then being picked at by ravens.

Participants are encouraged to use their fortitude as a method for raising awareness of not only salmon but also another endangered species: local nonprofits. Using prizes such as bicycles, kayaks and other instruments of fun as “bait,” Traverse participants hit up friends and neighbors for pledges—with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to their group of choice.

Regionally-based “spawnners” are chosen because they adhere to social and environmental standards. This unique focus ensures participants uphold the Bellingham status quo by supporting local businesses. “The whole event is an opportunity to bring people from all over Cascadia together,” Elsworth says.

The Bellingham Traverse is this season’s last great challenge. “The Traverse nicely bookends the summer,” Elsworth notes, and gives our community another chance to test ourselves both in our physical fitness and in our social commitments. ☺



TRY IT

WHAT: Bellingham Traverse

WHEN: 12:30pm Sat., Sept. 1

WHERE: Depot Market Square

COST: \$75 solo or \$170 per team

INFO: 527-2722 or BellinghamTraverse.com

DO IT

THURS., AUG. 30

TRIPPING: Glean details on cool places to go, planning and more at a free “Road Tripping” clinic at 7pm at REI, 400 36th St. For more info: 647-8955.

FRI., AUG. 31

SNOWBOARD CELLULOID: Standard Films will show the snowboarding documentary, *Catch the Vapors*, at 7:30pm at the Mount Baker Theatre, 104 N. Commercial St. Tickets are \$5-\$6. For more info: 734-6080 or Standardfilms.com.

SAT., SEPT. 1

PADDEN RELAY: Four-person teams can compete in the Lake Padden Relay beginning at 10am at Lake Padden. For more info: gbrc.net.

WINE RIDE: Hook up with members of the Mount Baker Club for a 30-mile bike ride throughout north Whatcom County that will culminate in a picnic at Samson Estates Winery. For more details and location info: 318-0791.

MEADOW FORMATIONS: Ranger and geologist Kurt Parker will talk about the “Geology of Heather Meadows” at 1pm at Mount Baker’s Heather Meadows Visitors Center. Entry is free. For more info: 599-2714.

SEPT. 1 - 2

REGATTA: Two days of racing, entertainment, food and festivities will be part of the PITCH Regatta starting each morning at 10am at the Bellingham Yacht Club, 2625 Harbor Loop. Cost is \$85-\$100. For more info: 305-2452 or byc.org.

SUN., SEPT. 2

DOG DAYS: As part of the Whatcom Humane Society’s Dog Days of Summer, sign up for a Fun Run/Walk starting at 10m at Lake Padden. For more info: 733-2080 or whatcomhumane.org.

AVAILANCE OF INFO: Alpine Safety Awareness Program director Michael Jackson will lead a free “Avalanche Awareness” talk at 1pm at Mount Baker’s Heather Meadows Visitors Center. For more info: 599-2714.

MON., SEPT. 3

LYNDE 500: The 5th annual International Lynde 500 Soapbox Kart Race starts at 11am and continues throughout the day in downtown Lynden. For more info: Lynden.org.

TUES., SEPT. 4

PNA PRESENTS: Members of the Pacific Northwest Trail Association will present a free slideshow focusing on 1,200 miles of beautiful trails at 7pm at REI, 400 36th St. For more info: 647-8955.

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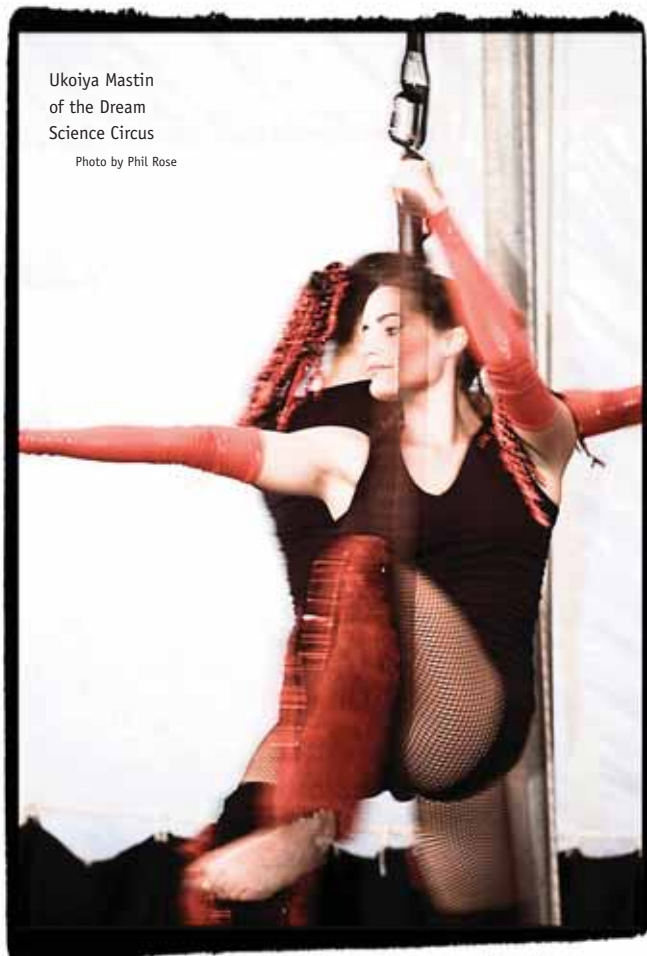
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THEATER & DANCE & PROFILES



Ukoiya Mastin
of the Dream
Science Circus
Photo by Phil Rose

BY LANE KOIVU

Life is a Cabaret

The best of the west

LIVING IN a vibrant arts community can make it easy to take for granted those individuals who dedicate so much time and effort to make it all possible. September 8 will see the second annual Cabaret Variety Show in Mount Vernon, an event that serves to pay tribute to the late Rick Epting, a passionate supporter of the local arts community.

The fundraiser debuted last year when six of Epting's close friends—Steve Stolpe, Mark Warren, Regan Robertson, Rusty Robertson, Willie Bard, and Elfa Gisla—decided to honor their comrade by hosting a show promoting innovative acts from the Skagit Valley arts scene he was so instrumental in shaping. "We want to hold his legacy alive," says festival curator Gisla. "Rick was a catalyst for everything happening in the local arts scene today. He was such an art lover and supporter of the arts."

This year's show carries a New Orleans cabaret-tinged theme, featuring notable Skagit Valley acts such as Gisla, Vince Fejeran, Mark

Gowan, Joe Johnson, Beth Wallace, Lindsey and Joe Bowen, Peggy Wendel, Aviathar Pemberton, and Jennings Watts. "I wanted to bring attention to the devastation of New Orleans, and to the fact that not much has been done down there," Gisla says.

Bellingham's fantastically wild Dream Science Circus will open the evening's performance with its bizarre blend of dance, theatre, acrobats and music improvisation. Featuring a cast that puts Stretch Armstrong to shame, their show is set in a laboratory of a wacko scientist who extracts dreams from the audience and plays them out on stage.

The eclectic sketch comedy duo, the Cody Rivers Show, will also make an appearance. Bellingham's Mike Mathieu and Andrew Connor blend absurd dialogue, wardrobes and physical feats in a show far greater than the sum of its parts. "In selecting the artists, we were looking for a wide variety of talent," Gisla says.

Closing the night's festivities is the renowned jazz-swing quintet Pearl Django, composed of Neil Andersson (guitar), Michael Gray (violin), Rick Leppanen (bass), David Lange (accordion), and Ryan Hoffman (guitar).

"It's bringing artists together in Rick's name," Gisla says. "We continue to grow stronger as artists by continuing his legacy. We're building a stronger artist community and awareness

of the arts in Skagit Valley." Proceeds from the event will go to the Skagit Performing Arts Council's (SPAC) Rick Epting scholarship fund, as well as various communal art organizations in the Skagit Valley area.

Epting was a member of SPAC and was responsible for the creation of Skagit Artists Together, an organization that has helped form a coalition between local performing and visual artists.

"The six of us simply decided to get together and do what Rick would've wanted us to do," Gisla says. "Promote arts through Skagit Valley." ☺

SEE IT
WHAT: Rick Epting Benefit for the Arts
WHEN: 8pm Sat., Sept. 8
WHERE: Lincoln Theatre, 712 S. First St., Mount Vernon
COST: \$16-\$22
INFO: (877) 754-6284 or lincolnthatre.org

DO IT



Photo by David Blue

Modern themes merge with dramatic Shakespearean flair when the Bard's rarely produced morality play, *Timon of Athens*, shows at various times through Sept. 23 as part of Bard on the Beach in Vancouver, B.C.

STAGE

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 5

BARD ON BEACH: See Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Timon of Athens* at various times throughout the week at Vancouver B.C.'s Bard on the Beach at Vanier Park. Tickets are \$17-\$31. For more info: (877) 739-0559 or bardonthebeach.org.

THURS., AUG. 30

GOOD, BAD, UGLY: Watch "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" at 8pm at the Upfront Theatre, 1208 Bay St. The weekly show features new works from both up-and-coming and seasoned performers. Tickets are \$5. For more info: 733-8855 or theupfront.com.

FRI., AUG. 31

MINOR INFRACTION: Teen improvisers going by the name Minor Infraction will perform at 8pm at Christ the King Community Church, 4173 Meridian St. Tickets are \$5-\$8 and funds raised will help the ensemble get to the Chicago Improv Festival in October. For more info: 224-4526.

SYCAMORE FUN: Hula and belly dancers, hoop performances and more will be part of the monthly "Live at Sycamore Square!" event from 7-9pm at, you guessed it,

Sycamore Square, 1200 Harris Ave. The event is free. For more info: Fairhaven.com.

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 1

DIRECTOR'S CUT: Mainstage players will take part in a Director's Cut at 9pm at the Upfront Theatre, 1208 Bay St. Players will take turns directing scenes, with one taking home a prize as "Best Director." Tickets are \$8-\$10. For more info: 733-8855 or theupfront.com.

WED., SEPT. 5

B-HAM PLAYS: A new season of "Bellingham Plays!" workshops starts tonight with instructor Gene Schanckel. Cost is \$90 for six weeks, and includes theater games and scene development. For more info: 671-7854 or spencer911@gmail.com.

DANCE

WED., SEPT. 5

BALLROOM DANCE: Sentimental Journey will provide live music at tonight's free Ballroom Dance from 6-8pm at the Leopold, 1224 Cornwall Ave. For more info: 733-3500.

BALLET AUDITIONS: Plan now to sign up to audition for the Mt. Baker Ballet's 2007/2008 season from 12:30-4pm Sat., Sept. 8 at the Nancy Whyte Studio, 1412 Cornwall Ave. For more info: 734-9141.



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BY JORY M. MICKELSON

Balancing Act

A temporary fusion of stone

LAST SPRING, a clerk at the Bellingham Public Market was ringing up my bell peppers and carrots when I saw them: the rocks. By the front windows, beyond the check stand, stood piles of stones that appeared to defy gravity. The rocks were stacked, one on top of the other, seemingly at odds with the laws of physics.

I asked the checker about the display. "Oh, those," she replied. "Pretty amazing, aren't they?" On closer inspection, I could see the rocks were not attached with glue, metal rods or wire. The sign explained that these stones used gravity and balancing to hold them together. (It also cautioned touching the stones would cause them to topple.)

The stacked rocks were the work of Bellingham resident Shane Hart, who began to defy the laws of nature 12 years ago at San Diego's Seaport Village. He says he doesn't have an art degree and taught himself how to balance stones.

"The first time a rock clicked into place, I was hooked," Hart says on



his website. The act of balancing stones requires patience and exploration. The only tools Hart uses are gloves to protect his hands.

Balanced stone towers are startling to see, but not a new phenomenon. Several cultures, especially Buddhists, have practiced this type of art as a lesson in impermanence. Hart terms his style of balancing Upala Yoga. The two words are taken from Sanskrit: "Upala" means stone and "Yoga" translates as union: Stone Union.

Hart began balancing stones at Boulevard Park in January of 2007. A crowd gathered and began asking him questions. Since then, Hart has spent as many as 12 hours some Saturdays creating rock sculptures on the park's beach. He says this kind of "performing" is new to him.

Since his first foray at Boulevard Park, Hart says he always gathers an audience when he works. After the Public Market displayed his work last May, the interest in his balancing act has steadily increased. People have offered to buy his art, but do not understand the sculptures are only temporary.

"Impermanence is actually an important lesson," Hart says. He creates stone art as a metaphor for life's ephemerality and notes onlookers are amazed he spends so much time working on something that won't last.

Most of the sculptures average five feet in height, yet each is unique and can take up to an hour to build. Hart uses rocks he finds in the areas that he works. All his creations at Boulevard Park use stones from the beach and no two are ever alike.

A strong breeze or a heavy footstep can cause Hart's sculptures to tumble, but he says he likes making art he's not tied to. "When I'm done, I take it down and I am free." ☺

DO IT

EVENTS

THURS., AUG. 30

OPEN STUDY: An open studio on figure study will be held from 7-9pm at BellinghamART, 1701 Ellis St., suite 209. Bring your own drawing and/or painting materials. Cost is \$8-\$10. For more info: 738-8379.

SAT., SEPT. 1

ART, ANTIQUES: Head to Whidbey Island from 5-8pm for the semiannual Lummi Island Artists Studio Tour. A bevy of art mediums will be featured at 20 locations throughout the island. Maps will be available at each venue or at the Islander store. For more info: 678-9200.

SEPT. 1 - 2

STUDIO TOUR: From 10am-6pm, catch the *Whatcom Chief* for the semiannual Lummi Island Artists Studio Tour. A bevy of art mediums will be featured at 20 locations throughout the island. Maps will be available at each venue or at the Islander store. For more info: 758-7121 or lummi-island.com.

SEPT. 1 - 3

GLACIER SHOW: What is being dubbed "the first art show in Glacier" happens daily from 10am-5pm at Milano's, 9990 Mt. Baker Hwy. Skip Hicks, Phil Hanson, Kristina Abernathy, Dan Ryan, Heather and Jesse Biermann, and Bob Lee will be the participating artists. For more info: 599-2096.

SUN., SEPT. 2

ARTIST SALON: An Artist Salon and potluck happens from 6-8pm at the Center for Expressive Arts, 1317 Commercial St., suite 201. The event is open to the public. For more info: 920-2292 or maryburwell@gmail.com.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

ALLIED ARTS: "Construction/Deconstruction" and "Elusive Designs" by photographer Tore Oftness and painter Susan Rotondo can be seen through Sept. 15 at Allied Arts, 1418 Cornwall Ave. For more info: 676-8548.

BLUE HORSE: Peruse "A Celebration of Stone Sculpture" through Sept. 29 at the Blue Horse Gallery, 301 W. Holly St. For more info: 671-2305.

BOUNDARY BAY: View works by pop artist Andrea Heimer through Aug. 31 at Boundary Bay Brewery, 1107 Railroad Ave. For more info: andreaheimer.com.

CENTER FOR EXPRESSIVE ARTS: Peruse the "Artist Salon Members Show" through Sept. 2 at the Center for Expressive Arts, 1317 Commercial St. For more info: 920-2292.

COLOPHON CAFÉ: "The Way of Light," an abstract spiritual art exhibit by Sherman R. Buck, shows through August at the Colophon Café, 1208 11th St. For more info: 647-0092.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "Harvesting the Light: Images of Contemporary Farm Life" shows through November at La Conner's Skagit County Historical Museum, 501 4th St. For more info: (360) 466-3365.

LUCKY DUMPSTER: View an exhibit by installation artist Sheila Klein through Aug. 31 at the Lucky Dumpster and dear edison gallery, 14011 MacTaggart Ave. For more info: (360) 766-4049.

MINDPORT EXHIBITS: Edmund Lowe's "Paris" exhibit features photos of the City of Lights through Sept. 5 at Mindport Exhibits, 210 W. Holly St. For more info: 647-5614 or mindport.org.

MONA: "Affect/Effect: Adventures in Image, Light and Glass" is on display through Oct. 7 at La Conner's Museum of Northwest Art, 121 S. First St. For more info: (360) 466-4446 or museumofnwart.org.

SHOP CURATOR: See paper cuts and tiles by the late Northwest artist Helmi Juvonen at an exhibit titled "Pearl of the Northwest" from 11am-6pm, Wed.-Sun, through Sept. 1 at Shop Curator in Edison. For more info: (360) 483-9105.

SMITH & VALLEE: Sarah Ruth Vergin's farming-based exhibit, "The Humanity of Land," can be viewed from 11am-6pm every Fri.-Sun. until Sept. 9 at Smith & Vallee Gallery, 5472 Gilkey Ave., Edison. For more info: (360) 305-4892.

WHATCOM MUSEUM: "American Abstraction," "Site Specific," and "Teaching Learning—Learning Teaching" are currently on display at the Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St. For more info: 676-6981 or whatcommuseum.org.



music

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event **PREVIEW**



Photo by John Meloy

BY LANE KOIVU

Kasey Anderson

Familiarity breeds originality

COMING OF age at the forefront of the digital revolution, the prospect of stumbling upon someone who still crafts songs with an acoustic instrument and sounds fresh is about as likely as paying a nickel for a gallon of gas. More and more, us Generation-Z'ers create and consume songs that are created on computers by computers for people who spend more time making friends on the Internet than actually meeting them in the street. But having our ears pointed toward the future only makes it that much better when someone like Kasey Anderson comes along and reinvents the past, sounding like the long-lost love child of Bob Dylan and the Boss on *The Reckoning*, an

album of rare organic beauty that sounds like the most familiar thing you've never heard.

"I grew up listening to my parents' records, which happened to be Dylan, Springsteen, the Stones, stuff like that," says Anderson, who will celebrate the release of his record Sept. 5 with a show at the Green Frog Café. "I'm not trying to cop anybody else's style, but some of those tendencies just kind of creep in."

Much in the same way those artists emulated their heroes, Anderson keeps one foot firmly rooted in the classic rock tradition, tweaking familiar sounds until they become something wholly original. "I think the goal for almost any artist is the same: You want to convey your message clearly enough but allow people to make it their own," he explains. "It's pretty obvious what I'm trying to get across in these songs, so, whatever people can take

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Rumor Has It

THERE CAN BE no doubt that local photographer and diehard music fan Chris Fuller is absolutely one of my favorite people in town. He's proven himself ever ready to quaff a beer, swap stories and shoot some snaps—and, if there's one thing I've learned about him over the years, it's that he pretty much always shows up just when you need him most. And last, but certainly not least, he knows how to throw a helluva party. With his 30th birthday on the horizon, soon-to-be Old Man Fuller has decided to do just that—and he's been kind enough to invite everyone in town. The festivities are set to take place Mon., Sept. 3 at the Nightlight Lounge, and since it's Fuller's birthday, he gets to pick the musical guests and he's chosen wisely: the Narrows, the Cicadas, and some as-yet-unnamed mystery guests will



BY CAREY ROSS

be on hand to help him officially leave his childhood behind. Show up with extravagant gifts. He's earned them.

Seems like everyone in town is booking shows these days (not that I'm complaining about it). I had a recent, and deeply entertaining, run-in with Leatherpants in which he told me that he's going to start scheduling a show or two at the Nightlight from time to time. The first one features Jazzy Preciou\$ and Delorean Destroyer and kicks off at 9ish Wed., Aug. 29. Leatherpants has musical friends near and far, so I'm guessing he'll put together some interesting and entertaining shows. The best part: the first show is a mere \$3, which means that even if you know nothing about the bands and don't have as much faith in Leatherpants' skills as I do, it won't cost you much to suss out the scene.

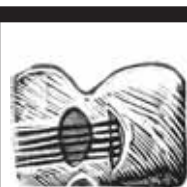
Also on the list of shows you should check out is Curtis Eller, "New York City's angriest yodeling banjo player," who plays Sept. 1 at the Green Frog Acoustic Tavern. Green Frog owner James Hardesty tells me this guy puts on quite a show, and all the information I've gleaned about Eller does nothing but confirm that. He's a circus performer (from the age of seven) turned banjo player who somehow manages to mesh these elements into one, only slightly cohesive, but mostly crazy, show. I don't know much about Eller, but anyone who cites Buster Keaton and Abraham Lincoln as his heroes and writes songs about Amelia Earhart and pigeon racing is all right by me. ☺

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away from it will be a bonus for me."

The Reckoning's subject matter is nothing new—politics, the war, those affected, those responsible—but Anderson grounds these issues on a much smaller scale, drawing up characters that feel the effects of such actions on a personal level. "In terms of writing, I try to avoid writing rhetorically as often as possible. I think the songs are a lot more effective when somebody feels like you're speaking directly to them, or directly about them," he says. "It's my opinion that too many people don't think past that mentality, don't think about who's being affected by what's going on, by the specific lives that are at stake—and I don't just mean soldiers. What's happened over the last six years in this country has affected a lot of lives in a lot of ways, and too many people get hung up on railing against Bush and don't stop to think about what's actually going on and how to change it. A clever bumper sticker's real cute, but it doesn't really do the work."

Backing Anderson on the record and tour are Stell Newsome (guitar, vocals), Dan Lowinger (guitar), Bo Stewart (bass), and Julian MacDonough (drums), providing a necessary punch to the stark reality of the album's characters. "It's the best band I've played with, by a country mile," he says. And since this'll be their last gig in Bellingham for a long time comin', it'd be best to catch them in an intimate venue while you still can. ☺



ATTEND

WHO: Kasey Anderson, Chuckanut Drive
WHEN: Wed., Sept. 5
WHERE: Green Frog Cafe Acoustic Tavern, 902 N. State St.
COST: \$5
MORE INFO: kaseyanderson.com

BY CAREY ROSS

Anacortes Jazz Festival

Sweet sounds by the sea

ALTHOUGH YOU shouldn't need a reason to while away a late-summer weekend in the scenic burg of Anacortes, if you're looking for an excuse, the fourth annual Anacortes Jazz Festival is a pretty good one. Acts from national to local, with musical styles ranging from traditional jazz to salsa, make this a festival to spend a little time with.

Each day of the festival's schedule is crammed from late morning to late, late night, starting with a free community concert at Causland Memorial Park at 1pm Fri., Aug. 31 and rounding out on Curtis Wharf with the Grammy-nominated Yellowjackets Monday evening, Sept. 3. In between you'll have the chance to see the likes of Mary Stallings, the woman the *New York Times* called "the best jazz singer singing today," as well as renowned organist Dr. Lonnie Smith, Jazz Festival favorite Marc Seales, and many, many more.

A whole host of local talent is also on the festival roster. Anacortes favorites Fidalgo Swing and Frankly Moanin' will be on hand both Saturday and Sunday, entertaining the crowds all day long during breaks between sets at Curtis Wharf. Julian MacDonough and Rane Nogales will make the trip with other Bellinghamsters to



take part in the festival as well.

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HEAR

WHAT: Anacortes Jazz Festival
WHEN: Fri., Aug. 31–Mon., Sept. 3
WHERE: All over Anacortes
COST: Free–\$125 for a Full Brass pass
MORE INFO: Anacortes.org

If you plan things right, you can literally spend all your waking hours soaking up the sweet sounds of jazz by the sea. I can think of worse ways to spend a holiday weekend. ☺

THURS., AUG. 30

HOWLIN' BLUES: Hear grooving blues when Howlin' Wood plays a free show from 6–8pm at Elizabeth Park. For more info: 676-5016.

FRI., AUG. 31

ALLEYOOP: Music, games and stories will be part of Alleyoop's kid-friendly lineup when he performs at noon on the lawn of the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1708 I St. For more info: 676-6985.

SAT., SEPT. 1

UKE GROUP: Prospective string-slingers are invited to the Bellingham Ukulele Group's monthly meeting from 11am–1pm at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1708 I St. For more info: 366-5660 or ukuleidy@aol.com.

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SEPT. 1 - 3

BUMBERSHOOT: Head south for the annual music and arts hoedown known as Bumbershoot, which happens from 11am–11pm throughout the weekend at the Seattle Center. Tickets are \$35 per day or \$195 for a three-day Gold Pass. For more info: (206) 281-7788 or bumbershoot.org.

MON., SEPT. 3

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TUES., SEPT. 4

GERMAINE AT MUSEUM: Jazz guitarist Walt Germaine will play and sing at a free Brown Bag concert at 12:30pm at the Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St. For more info: 676-6981.

WED., SEPT. 5

ORGAN SHOW: Olympia-based concert organist Andy Crow will entertain at a joint meeting of the Bellingham Music Club and the Mount Baker Organ Society at a free concert at 10:30am at the Mount Baker Theatre, 104 N. Commercial St. The public is welcome. For more info: 671-0252.

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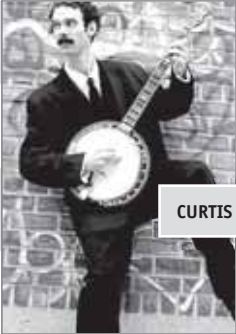
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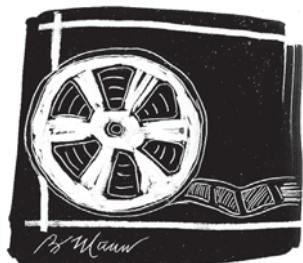
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REVIEWED BY SUSAN WALKER

Arctic Tale

The icy truth about global warming

THERE IS more than one way to scare people into doing something about climate change. Al Gore did it with incontrovertible facts. *Arctic Tale's* producers do it with a storybook, life-and-death drama set against the shrinking polar ice cap.

There is also more than one way to tell a story about our threatened wildlife. *Arctic Tale* is a National Geographic film, a successor to their first feature, *March of the Penguins*, and it takes a downtown Disney approach, matching spectacular nature cinematography with a folksy, urban narrative spoken by none other than Queen Latifah.

It's disconcerting to hear a story that begins in a cave of ice told in an Southern accent, but perhaps that's part of a strategy. If people begin to think of the imperiled north as if it were part of their neighborhood, they might do something about saving it.

Our first glimpse of the life of a baby Arctic mammal comes with a glimpse of the sky and sun through the hole of a cave in an ice bank. This is where Nanu and her mother have been nestled for the last four or so months, mum having not eaten during that time.

Meanwhile, on a nearby ice floe, a huge blubbery walrus has just given birth to 80-pound Seela. We can see her umbilical cord attached as she gets her first taste of underwater life.

To the strains of "We Are Family," we learn that a walrus and her infant will memorize each other's faces and that a polar bear can smell its prey (usually baby seals) through three feet of snow. Up close and personal, a walrus looks less threatening than avuncular, while a polar bear is considerably more dangerous than its cuddly image.

Both polar bears and walruses are extremely nurturing parents. A polar bear will remain with its mother, learning the ways of the wild, for three years. A baby walrus gets an "auntie," a female helper to work with the mother nudging the offspring into adulthood.

The frequently annoying colloquialisms of the script



grow less intrusive as the horrible truth about the Arctic is revealed. Where the ice once came in the fall to support the mammals' hunting season, it is suddenly three months late.

A phenomenal herd of walrus cluster on a stretch of bare rock, suddenly sitting ducks to the hungry polar bears. A polar bear, too starved

of the Arctic is phenomenal, smartly edited into a narrative that makes us believe we are following the same creatures for eight years. (Seela and Nanu are actually a series of creatures Robertson and Ravetch have filmed.)

But the point is made: life, as the wondrous animals of our very far north know it, is severely

SARAH ROBERTSON AND ADAM RAVETCH'S FOOTAGE OF THE ARCTIC IS PHENOMENAL, SMARTLY EDITED INTO A NARRATIVE THAT MAKES US BELIEVE WE ARE FOLLOWING THE SAME CREATURES FOR EIGHT YEARS.

to carry on, dies on the trek north to find more ice and food. A bear who makes it swims to the rock where the walruses bask in the sun and makes a rare kill.

Sarah Robertson and Adam Ravetch's footage

endangered. And that can only spell disaster for the inhabitants of lands farther south.

A note at the closing credits spells it out: at the current pace of global warming, the Arctic could be ice-free by the summer of 2040. ☹

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REVIEWED BY DENNIS HARVEY

Halloween

He's baaaack...

THE BEST that can be said about Rob Zombie's *Halloween* remake is that he makes it his own, though the considerable alterations only flatter John Carpenter's 1978 slasher-pic template. The original leaned not so much on graphic horror as on the terrible *waiting* for something bad to happen.

Here, however, literal-mindedness rules. The brief, eerie 1978 version prologue, which left 10-year-old Michael's homicidal motivations disturbingly blank, is now a half-hour-plus wallow in the kind of dysfunctional white-trash family theatrics Zombie seemed to be at least partly parodying in *House of 1,000 Corpses* and *The Devil's Rejects*.

Little Michael (Daeg Faerch) lives in the one dump on an otherwise pleasant small-town Illinois lane. A scraggly-haired, plump-faced junior head-banger, he gets nothing but abuse from trappy big sis (Hanna Hall) and their leering, drunken stepdad (William Forsythe).

Mom (the lovely Sheri Moon-Zombie, the helmer's wife) is nice, but she's also a stripper, providing another reason for school bullies to torment Michael. When it's discovered Michael's been torturing and killing animals, the kid decides to go for broke, taking down enemies at home and elsewhere on Halloween. (He spares ma and a baby sis.)

Michael is sent to a maximum-security sanitarium under the care of

child psychologist Dr. Loomis (Malcolm McDowell). But Michael doesn't make progress—or even acknowledge his crimes.

Fifteen years later—during which period Michael hasn't spoken a word—the authorities are dumb enough to try moving him on Halloween, just after Dr. Loomis says their relationship is over.

Natch, the perp escapes, leaving the halls strewn with dead hospital staffers. After a gratuitous interlude at a truck wash, he heads straight back to the family home, now a shuttered ruin. He somehow figures out in no time that baby sis Laurie (Scout Taylor-Compton) has been adopted, then sets to stalking, then killing her best high school friends Annie (Danielle Harris) and Lynda (Kristina Klebe), their boyfriends and anybody else nearby. Meanwhile, Loomis and Sheriff Brackett (Brad Dourif) search for the fugitive.

Despite variations on scenes from Carpenter's film (as well as heavy use of his creepy music theme in Tyler Bates' score), it's all sound and fury with little kick. The literal-mindedness not only demystifies the destructive force, it leaves one questioning logic that didn't matter before (like, how did he get so massively strong sitting for 15 years in a padded cell?). The end result is a hectic, professionally assembled film that just about cancels itself out on every level by the end. ☹



BY CAREY ROSS

FILM SHORTS

Arctic Tale: See review previous page. ★★★ (G • 1 hr. 36 min.)

Pickford Fri. & Tues.-Thurs. @ 4:20 | Sat.-Mon. @ 12:00 & 2:20

Back to the Future: Marty McFly and Doc Brown tangle with time travel, destiny and the mighty Biff Tannen in this 1985 classic. Pre-show entertainment by the Monday Night Project. ★★★★★ (PG • 2 hrs. 56 min.)
Fairhaven Village Green Sat. @ 6:45

Becoming Jane: Jane Austen is hotter than celebrity rehab and YouTube put together right now. This is just the first of several films about the author that will probably do more for making her a household name than all of her classic novels combined. ★★★ (PG • 2 hrs.)

Bellis Fair 1:30 | 7:30

Balls of Fury: This movie relies on the premise that ping-pong, as a sport is inherently funny—which may, in fact, be true. However, funny subject matter does not necessarily translate into funny film. Consider yourself warned. ★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 30 min.)

Sehome 2:00 | 4:50 | 7:30 | 9:55

The Blues Brothers: Dan Akroyd and John Belushi prove, once again, that classic comedy is the best comedy of all. Dress-up theme: Like you're on a mission from God. ★★★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 28 min.)

Boundary Bay Beer Garden Thurs. @ dusk

The Bourne Ultimatum: Matt Damon kicks ass all over London in this, what he claims will be the final installment, of the mega-successful and wholly entertaining Bourne franchise. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 51 min.)

Bellis Fair 2:10 | 4:55 | 7:40 | 10:25

Death Sentence: I liked this movie the first time around, when it starred Charles Bronson and was called *Death Wish*. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 min.)

Sunset Square 12:30 | 2:55 | 5:30 | 7:55 | 10:25

Hairspray: This is the film that's based on a hit Broadway musical that was, in turn, based on a film by John Waters. All this begs the question: Can a twice-removed John Waters film made without any assistance from Waters himself possibly be better than the original? ★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 47 min.)

Sunset Square 1:00 | 4:00 | 7:30

Halloween: See review previous page. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 49 min.)

Sunset Square 1:30 | 4:10 | 7:00 | 9:30

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix: Harry Potter grows up and gets dark in this, the shortest movie adaptation of the longest book in the frenzy-inducing series. ★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 18 min.)

Bellis Fair 12:30 | 3:45 | 7:00 | 10:15

The Invasion: A loose update on the 1956 classic, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, this version stars Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig as doctors who realize something creepy is going on all around them. ★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 33 min.)

Sunset Square 10:10

Mr. Bean's Holiday: Mr. Bean goes on vacation, makes some crazy faces and unwittingly gets himself involved in all kinds of zany capers. ★★ (G • 1 hr. 30 min.)

Bellis Fair 2:25 | 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25

The Nanny Diaries: Scarlett Johansson fails to live up to her cinematic potential once again in this tepid adaptation of the best-selling novel of the same name. ★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 46 min.)

Bellis Fair 1:50 | 4:30 | 7:20 | 9:55

Ratatouille: Brad Bird (of *The Incredibles*) teams up once again with Pixar to craft what looks to be the animated event of the summer, a story about a rat with big dreams and a refined palate to match. ★★★★★ (G • 1 hr. 50 min.)

Bellis Fair 1:40 | 4:25

The Real Dirt on Farmer John: Filmed over three decades and employing gorgeous home movie footage, this film captures the story of one unorthodox farmer and the battles he fights—losing his farm, regaining it, combating his neighbors' intolerance and eventually building the best-known organic farm in the region. ★★★★★ (Unrated • 1 hr. 26 min.)

Pickford Sat.-Mon. @ 4:40

Resurrecting the Champ: Samuel L. Jackson, who could probably play a piece of celery with passion and conviction, is a knockout as a former boxing champ down on his luck. The mediocre Josh Hartnett plays a mediocre journalist who discovers him languishing in beer-soaked oblivion. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 53 min.)

Sunset Square 7:10 | 9:50

Rush Hour 3: Chris Tucker, who has parlayed being ridiculously irritating into a reported \$20 million payday for this film, returns with partner Jackie Chan in tow to use top-notch martial arts and sub-par humor to defeat the bad guys once again. ★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 30 min.)

Sunset Square 12:45 | 3:00 | 5:15 | 7:40 | 9:55

The Simpson's Movie: After dominating the small screen for almost 20 years, Springfield's infamous animated yellow family finally makes the big leap to the big screen. Will bigger mean better for this dysfunctional clan? ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 27 min.)

Sehome 1:45 | 4:35 | 7:00 | 9:30

Stardust: A star-studded cast—including Robert De Niro, Claire Danes, and the deliciously devilish Michelle Pfeiffer—team up with a whole slew of special effects to create this campy fantasy flick. ★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 10 min.)

Sunset Square 1:45 | 4:35 | 7:25 | 10:15

Superbad: This is, hands down, the summer's funniest movie. Yes, it's even more hilarious than *Knocked Up*. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 54 min.)

Sehome 1:30 | 4:20 | 7:15 | 10:10

Talk to Me: See review previous page. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 57 min.)

Pickford 6:40 | 9:20

Transformers: Michael Bay makes robot magic—and proves there is indeed more than meets the eye—as he brings the epic battle between the Autobots and Decepticons to over-the-top cinematic life. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 24 min.)

Bellis Fair 4:15 | 10:20

War: I cannot lie: I love Jason Statham. And the only thing better than a movie in which he takes on everyone in sight is one in which he does battle with Jet Li. Thank you, Lions Gate Films. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 39 min.)

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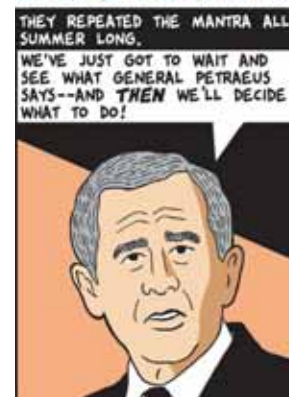
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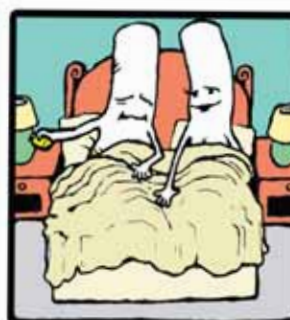
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): “Here’s how you can tell if you have a bad psychotherapist or counselor,” says my friend Laura. “She or he buys into all your BS, never questions your delusions, and builds your self-esteem even if that makes you into an ahole.” I agree with Laura’s assessment, which is why I’m going to spend our short time together today calling you on your BS, prodding you to get introspective about your delusions, and not pumping up the parts of your ego that really should be melted down. Next week maybe we’ll get back to gazing adoringly into each other’s eyes, but right now you’ll benefit from some tough love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This will be an excellent time to read five books simultaneously, snack constantly on delicacies while avoiding heavy meals, climb a tree with an adventurous friend and make careful yet wild love right there, refuse to practice any form of meditation that doesn’t involve laughing, buy ten cheap alarm clocks and smash them with a hammer out in the middle of a meadow, pretend to be a feral teenager who’s allergic to civilization, and throw invisible stones at any god, angel, or genie who won’t help you get the love you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): American poet William Stafford, winner of the National Book Award in 1963, wrote a poem every morning for 40 years. “I keep following the hidden river of my life,” he said. “And I don’t have any sense of its coming to a crescendo, or of its petering out either. It is just going steadily along.” I’d like to nominate Stafford to be your honorary role model, Gemini. Here’s your assignment: Every morning for the next 20 days, carry out a brief ritual (no more than a few minutes long) that feeds your lust for life and engenders a blessing for yourself or someone you care about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your assignment in the coming week is simple but tricky: Take devalued ideas or trivial objects or demeaning words, and transform them into things that are fun, interesting, or useful. Here are some precedents to inspire you: what the punk movement did when it made safety pins into earrings; what gays did when they mutated the insulting term “queer” into a word of power; what the resourceful TV hero MacGyver did when he put powdered make-up into a confetti cannon and shot it at evil CIA operatives, temporarily blinding them and allowing him to escape.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It’s a perfect time to work more intensely on cultivating a healthy relationship between money and your soul. For inspiration, read this wise counsel, articulated by Margaret Young and quoted in Julia Cameron’s *The Artist’s Way*. “Many people attempt to live their lives backwards. They try to have more money in order to do more of what they want so they will be happier. The way it actually works is the reverse. You must first be who you really are, then do what you need to do, in order to have what you want.”

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): “There have never in history been so many opportunities to do so many things that aren’t worth doing,” wrote novelist William Gaddis. That’s important for you to keep in mind during the coming weeks. You’ll receive a flood of invitations, but only some of them will be intimately related to the unique work you’re here on Earth to do. Those few may be so amazingly useful, though, that they could dramatically change your life for the better. Please say no to all the others so you can attend to the good stuff with your heart on fire and your mind as fluid as a mountain stream.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Have you ever heard of the First Law of Holes? It says that if you get in a hole,

you should stop digging. Please obey that law in the coming week, Libra. Once you realize there’s no other place to go but down if you continue your course of action, nothing—not even your pride—should keep you committed to that course. Now here’s the Second Law of Holes: If you are able to scramble up out of the hole before it gets too deep, you should then spend some time filling it in so that you don’t fall into it if you come back that way later in the dark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Most intelligent people realize that global warming is underway. This awakening is good, but I’m worried that it may be diverting attention from a more profound crisis: the Mass Extinction Event that’s killing off animal and plant species at a pace unmatched since the demise of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. The possibility of there being future draughts, rising ocean levels, and crazy weather is daunting, but the more devastating fact is that Earth’s precious eco-diversity is dying *now*—not just from global warming, but also from pollution and a host of other mischief caused by humans. What does this have to do with your horoscope, I mean besides it being a call to expand your understanding of our planet’s environmental crisis? The scenario I’ve described is a metaphor for your personal life. What important issue might you be obsessing on in a way that blinds you to an even more all-encompassing issue?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The largest rubber duck race in history took place last year on Ireland’s River Liffey, with 150,000 yellow vinyl contestants vying to cross the finish line first. It was a charity event to raise money for sick children. I mention this, Sagittarius, because if anyone could organize an adventure that would top that extravaganza, it would be you in your current state. You’re at the peak of your power to marshal the forces of playfulness in a holy cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Last November, Major League Baseball announced that New York Mets’ pitcher Guillermo Mota had tested positive for steroids and would therefore be suspended for 50 games at the beginning of the new season. A month later, the Mets signed Mota to a new, two-year \$5 million contract, despite knowing that his recent accomplishments on the baseball field had almost certainly been inflated by the steroids’ boost. I foresee a comparable scenario unfolding in your life, Capricorn. You’ll be rewarded in the wake of a penalty or limitation that was imposed on you, and the gain will outstrip the loss. It may even be the case that the good thing coming your way will be related to or aided by the “bad” thing you did.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): “I’m interested in the boundaries where things change into other things,” writes Orene, one of my MySpace friends. Those boundaries should be your primary hang-out in the coming weeks, Aquarius. They are where all the most interesting action will be, as well as the teachings you need most. Would you like some foreshadowing about what things will be changing into other things? Pay close attention to your dreams for clues, and muse on this list: goodbyes that morph into awakenings; banishments that become pilgrimages; adversaries who transform into allies; decay that alchemizes into splendor; and serpent energy that turns into spiritual fire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): While snorkeling in the ocean off the coast of Hawaii’s Big Island, I had a conversation with a dolphin. She gave me clarity concerning a question I’ve been wondering about. I asked her, “What can Pisceans do to make sure their overflowing emotions don’t cause the kind of chaos that undermines their ability to get things done?” I swear the dolphin answered me telepathically, because even though I couldn’t understand the hubbub of shrieks and clicks she unleashed in response to my inquiry, my mind was suddenly filled with the following thoughts: Pisceans must love their oceanic emotions unconditionally . . . must see their endless inundation as a privilege and a blessing . . . must learn to surf the endless tidal wave not with a fearful sense of being a victim but with an exhilarated gratitude for the primal power of the adventure. 🐬

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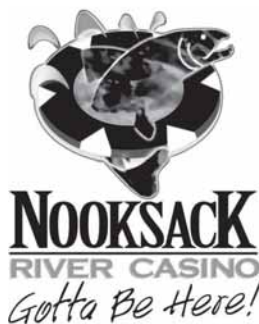
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\$300 quality roomie available! Hi! I am 37 y.o. male actively pursuing nursing school. I graduated from WWU in '94 with a biochem major. I'm very polite, respectful, and quiet. I taught science in the Oregon public school system for several years. I have a cat, very reserved, short-hair. I love the salt-water; windsurfing, kiteboarding, scuba, sailing, surfing, and mountain biking are my favorite pastimes. I would like to return to Bellingham if possible! I plan to attend a CNA class in Bellingham and gain subsequent employment as a CNA, plus find other work, such as waiting tables, seafood, etc. In search of a place with folks who are really into partying, non-smoking, and stable. In addition to the very nice and wonderful purring Kitty, I have some sporting goods as per my description above, so storage is important to me. I will be in Bellingham on Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th, to find a room. If you are interested please call me at 503-810-5404.

ROOMMATES WANTED

HOUSEMATES NEEDED

I am looking for one or two women interested in sharing a house. Rent will vary but not be too unreasonable... dog or cat probably OK. Students or working professionals welcome. I just ask that you are clean, financially reliable, and open minded individual. Call Michelle @ (541) 419-5779.

\$350 2 rooms for rent 2 rooms available in spacious 5 bedroom house located at the top of Alabama and 5 blocks from lake whatcom and what-

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com falls, 3/4 mile to Galbraith. Large backyard and garage for bike storage, big kitchen, and very comfortable basement with large screen TV. We are 3 WWU guys who mtn bike, ski, snowboard, and play hard looking for roommates who are laid back, responsible, and somewhat tidy. Gas stoves, 1 block from bus line, large upstairs living room, very cool neighbors. call Graham at 360 420 3245 for questions and directions.

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\$395 5th bedroom open for guy or girl The lease starts Sept 5th and runs for a year. The length of your time at the house is negotiable. We will all be going into our 3rd year at Western and are looking for a guy or girl (that doesn't mind living with 4 guys) that's preferably still in school. We're not planning on having big parties (got that out of our system last year), but enjoy drinking and having friends over in a low-key manner and partying occasionally somewhere else. The house is really nice with 2 living rooms, a giant wrap-around deck, hot tub, and home theater area. It's about a 5 min. drive to the WWU park-and-ride (or about 7 min to south campus). Cats and dogs are not allowed. Rent is \$395 plus a damage deposit of \$300 for the whole year (Or prorated accordingly). If you're interested give Nate a call at (360)961-9716

\$440 One bedroom close to WWU and downtown Bellingham I am looking for a roommate from September 21 to December 12th. Must be neat and clean and okay with dogs. This is a no smoking house. The room is 12ft by 13ft with a amazing view of Bellingham and Civic stadium located in a nice quiet friendly community. I am a 21 year old male real laid back and chill person I would prefer that you are 20 or older. Everything is included in the rent also high speed internet and Comcast cable is included. If you are interested please call my cell at 509-590-8255 and ask for Tim.

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\$220 Community (Co-op) style Living Share food, chores and conversation with housemates 26 - 57. Two quiet rooms are available in a big, friendly house with a nice little garden — veggies, flowers, fruit trees, berry bushes — a huge deck, and a cat (or two) We buy groceries together and cook for each other four nights a week. If you're a non-smoking, (semi-) vegetarian who enjoys community style living, please give us a call. 360-647-0362 We can talk about pets.

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HOUSES: BELLINGHAM

\$249,900 one level, sudden valley 3 bdrm 2b single level, walk in closet, double vanity, jetted tub, walk in shower, mud/laundry rm, 9 foot ceilings, 18 inch travertine tile in large kitchen, and guest bath, propane fireplace, paver driveway, flat sunny corner lot, large garage, built in 05, for sale by licensed realtor/builder. all offers considered. email or call 360 815 5981

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\$329,000 Motivated Seller says BRING OFFERS! Motivated Seller says BRING OFFERS! Built in 2006, like-new, never-really-lived-in duplex-condo in beautiful Mariner's Ridge. Large 3 BR, 1.75 ba condo with view of Mt. Baker & bay from two bedrooms, open concept w/vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, granite countertops, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, 1 car garage with

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\$410,000 4BD 2.5BA Lake Whatcom/Geneva Area MLS#27064239 Impecca-

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BY MATT JONES

The Dr. Is In Can't forget about him

Across

- Dwarf with glasses
- Full range
- Bedframe strips
- Play that introduced the term "robot"
- Guy who cuts you off in traffic, e.g.
- Wireless carrier formed in 2005
- Hot season in Paris
- Big wheels
- Crab in a can?
- Fish to wear to formal events?
- Wilberforce University's affiliated denom.
- Aquarium fish
- Toronto tags
- Oom— band
- Singer who has performed songs in Tolkien languages
- Muscle twitch
- Spotted
- Basis of NBC's 1990s "New to You" campaign
- Ancient region of Turkey
- Systematically categorized one's anxieties?
- They may be dashed
- Key with one flat
- Marty Feldman role
- Frigid temperature range
- De— (airport device)
- Windows can be found on them
- Tie the knot
- Actress Hu
- Granola piece
- What people had to repeat to Freud?
- Snowboarders' lifts
- 57 Bay
- Salt Lake City athlete
- Blazed a "J"
- Breeze (through)

- Tierra ___ Fuego
- Opposing forces
- Test that's tough to cheat on
- Class for foreigners: abbr.

Down

- Coat with flour
- Sega racing classic with a Ferrari
- Like dirty old men
- In need of relief, in a way
- "Your fly is open" noise
- Kal Penn, born Kalpen —
- ___ Bator, Mongolia
- Shannen Doherty or Kenny Chesney, by birth
- Theater listings
- Julie Chen's husband
- Moonves
- He flourished under Prohibition
- Coffee-flavored liqueur
- Easily pissed-off type
- More meager
- Unit of resistance
- ___ Lankans
- Early Quaker cereal
- Japanese genre
- Frets
- Double curve
- Words exchanged before a kiss
- Chain that serves the Burrito Bol
- Kind of Republican
- Abandoner of the cause
- They work wedding receptions
- "Queer Eye" food and wine expert
- Composer Debussy
- High-status groups
- High school in "Grease"
- Like smoke rings
- Word repeated after "here"
- ___ Strate ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
- "___, Babylon" (1959 post-apocalyptic novel)
- Geological flat-top
- Zombie ingredient

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Last Week's Puzzle

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ble home located on a private street in the Lake Whatcom/ Geneva area. This open, airy home with partial lake and wooded view on large lot contains many desirable amenities including: large family room with beautiful bar area wired for surround sound, large deck with an amazing hot tub (est value \$10,000) & outdoor speakers, 2 gas fireplaces, granite countertops, jetted spa in master bath, RV parking area, workbench in garage, storage over garage. This is Geneva living at its finest:-) Buyer Tours Realty MLS Info and 360 Virtual Tour Free 24 hour recorded information on this listing 1-(800)-676-6175 Ext: 4

\$699,000 4BD 4.5BA Brand New with view of Lake Whatcom MLS#27149864 Brand New Upscale Lake view home off North Shore. Oak hardwood floors, custom gas fireplace, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and top of the line stainless steel appliances, radiant heat, on demand flash water heaters, 50 year presidential roof, 1/2 acre lot that backs to a beautiful wooded area. This house shows quality finishes in a serene setting. Buyer Tours Realty MLS Info and 360 Virtual Tour Free 24 hour recorded information on this listing 1-(800)-676-6175 Ext: 2

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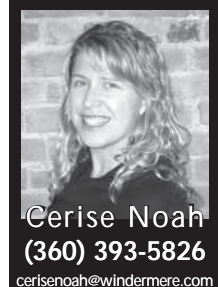
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HOUSES: BIRCH BAY

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\$329,900 Beautiful Home and Guest Cottage Located in a quiet neighborhood with a community swimming pool, five miles south of the Canadian border and just a mile from Birch Bay, this 1526 sq.ft. home is a very private and unique property! Park-like setting with ponds, waterfalls, and amazing landscaping! The main home features two bedrooms, one bath, bright kitchen open to living area. Beautiful sun room surrounded with sliding glass doors. The home has vaulted ceilings, master with French doors, large walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, freestanding gas fireplace, pantry and

Bridget Between the Sheets

Hit below the garter belt



DOES THIS situation sound familiar? A woman goes to a supermarket pharmacy to obtain emergency contraception because a condom broke. When she asks for it, she's told, "We don't dispense that." She asks again, "You don't, or this pharmacy doesn't?" The pharmacist replies, "Because of my personal convictions I won't give it to you."

Some pharmacists refused to fill prescriptions for emergency contraception and other birth control when a woman presented them with a lawful prescription from her doctor. They claimed that filling the prescription is in conflict with their ideological beliefs. Huh? I'm scratching my head here. Why would health care professionals, who have voluntarily taken on the responsibility of helping patients, put their personal beliefs ahead of the health care needs of the patients they are there to serve? Birth control is basic health care for women, and restricting access to it is not only an act of discrimination, but can also lead to more unintended pregnancies. No duh.

Thankfully, many of our neighbors thought this was wrong and worked hard to change it. The Washington State Pharmacy Board heard them loud and clear and adopted rules that protect a patient's right to access health care without discrimination or delay, and make it clear that a pharmacy is responsible for filling all valid prescriptions. Under the rules, pharmacies must dispense medications regardless of pharmacists' personal feelings about a particular medicine. Pharmacists may ask another pharmacist on duty to provide the medicine, but in all cases the pharmacy must fill the prescription in a timely manner.

Problem solved—one would think. But as this involves female reproductive health, it does not end there. On July 26, 2007—the day the rules took effect—two individual pharmacists and a phar-

macy owner (Stormans, Inc., i.e. Ralphs) sued the State of Washington, challenging the new rules on constitutional grounds. The plaintiffs want pharmacies to be allowed to refuse to fill any customers' requests for valid prescriptions that conflict with personal beliefs.

Enter a few women who have been adversely affected by pharmacists who refuse to fill their FDA-approved contraceptive prescriptions—including one from Whatcom County. These brave women will explain in court that the real issue here is a public health matter involving the rights of patients to promptly obtain the medications their doctors prescribe. Why does this matter? Not all of us live in big cities with a drug store on every corner. In many parts of the state, the next-nearest pharmacy is many miles away.

The 411 on EC is this: Emergency Contraception is *not* an abortifacient. This is what those opposed to EC claim as medical truth for their refusal. EC is birth control, the same thing as the pill you take and your mom took, just in a higher dose. If you are preppers, it won't work. This is a medical fact.

Just going in circles again. One year ago this month, we get the FDA to stop politicizing EC and make it over the counter as their researchers and directors recommended—only to have pharmacists and some pharmacies refuse to dispense it on ideological grounds. We got the Washington Pharmacy Board to respond appropriately by enacting rules that prevent pharmacies from limiting access to birth control—only to have to refight the battle in court. Just when you think you've won, you realize it's merely one more battle in the war on personal autonomy. Time to pull that battle armor out of the closet again. If any of you out there have been denied your prescriptions, drop me a line. I want to know about it. ☺

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BY RICK DUBROW

On the Level Know thyself

JUST HOW hard you're willing to work to protect yourself from an approaching hurricane depends upon your assumptions: will it really affect you, and how hard will it hit? Your health and material well being, once the storm subsides, will depend upon how close to reality were your assumptions.

So it is with the perfect storm coming home to roost on spaceship Earth—peak oil, climate change and increasing inequity, colliding together before our eyes. Check in with yourself; know thyself; will it really affect you, and how hard will it hit?

If you believe the perfect storm will not affect you, that environmentalists are simply crying wolf, business as usual may feel just fine. Continue on down the mainstream path of gobbling up the most oil you can get your hands on. Given our consumer culture in which he who dies with the most toys wins, the bigger and better the toy, the more petrochemicals are typically expended in their creation. Gobble, gobble....

Perhaps you instead believe the storm is going to hit but that a technological fix is enough of a reaction. So you buy a furnace with optimal efficiency; your new car is a hybrid; your coat is made from pop bottles; you buy local. Your consumption habits are of similar magnitude as before you embraced the degradation of our environment, but your choices are less bad.

If the technological fix doesn't seem like it's enough, perhaps your actions are aligned with downsizing and curtailment. Your home is very small; you

bike, use mass transit or a car share program and sell your own car; you buy your used coat from Value Village; you buy local but you buy much less.

Or, perhaps, your assumption is that society is already collapsing in slow motion before your very eyes. We're already in system overshoot, perhaps, so why bother changing your ways? Enjoy the free fall even though you know you have no parachute on. There's nothing you can do about it anyway so you might as well enjoy the ride.

Under which of these four scenarios do you operate: denial, technological fix, curtailment or collapse? Which of these four scenarios is aligned with reality? Which studies on peak oil,

global warming and the environment describe reality? Are you acting appropriately given the evidence at hand? Just how far are you willing to change your behavior in light of your belief about the state of our environment?

There was a time not long ago when nearly everyone "knew" the earth was flat. New evidence

arose from the scientific community convincing everyone their assumption was wrong. Reason prevailed and we came to realize we're all on this same fragile globe, together.

Yes, it's painful to stay current with the latest information on the state of our world. Chronic, depressing reports. I'd rather be hiking or biking right now than writing this piece on our environmental plight. But we're in this together. We're all crew on this globe, not just passengers. There's work to be done; supplies are not infinite and they need monitoring; we can only use so much.

Each of us needs to pay attention to new information; to stay aware of the latest evidence so that reason can prevail. So that our actions—yours and mine—are a reasonable reaction to the reality of the environment around us.

I ask you to stay awake. Know thyself and know your assumptions. Be good, crew. ☺



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laundry room. The completely independent cozy studio cottage has full bath, kitchen and living area, perfect for guests or mother-in-law suite. Cottage opens to private deck and garden. All on more than half an acre with natural pond and sprinkler system. visit: www.stevebarnes.org/birchbayhome - Viewing by appointment - Call: (360) 306-5655

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\$155,000 1 BD 1 BA Cottage, Stick Built Foundation, Studio Cabin MLS#27046361 Clean 1 bedroom cottage redone in 2004 with quality vinyl windows, appliances, bullnose corner drywall, small deck. Includes Studio Cabin w/ loft, kitchen & 3/4 bath. Live in house, rent cabin as studio or use as teen space/riding pals/guest cabin. 1/2 acre lightly wooded, asphalt to gravel driveway. Bicycle or ride horses to Birch Bay; store gear in cute shed w/power at entrance, or shed in back. RR Ranch = pool in summer, riding trails, stables. Sunset Farm Equestrian Center by RR entrance. Buyer Tours Realty MLS Info and 360 Virtual Tour Free 24 hour recorded information on this listing 1-(800)-676-6175 Ext: 7

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HOUSES: LUMMI

\$110,000 Septic installed-3 BD house, near boat launch MLS#27043387 Build your dream home on RARE improved lot on Lummi Island! With a cleared lot, septic INSTALLED for a THREE bedroom home, TWO possible sites for your home, ONE incredible opportunity! This rare lot is near the boat launch, clubhouse, freshwater lake, playground,

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Warner Bros., Paramount, and HBO. "Creative Screenwriting" magazine has rated him as a "highly recommended" script doctor, i.e., in the top 8 nationally. Horton has also mentored five writers who've won national screenwriting awards. In 2005 a student of his (now represented by CAA)... signed a blind deal with Warner Bros. and then a 2-picture deal with Paramount Pictures. Horton's students have had a number of their scripts go to camera. Horton's 4-week workshop begins Sept. 22nd and meets 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. The fee is \$180. Horton's 8-week workshop begins Sept. 23rd and meets 3 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. The fee is \$380. Go to -> www.ScriptDoctor911.com for more info. The application deadline is Sept. 15th.

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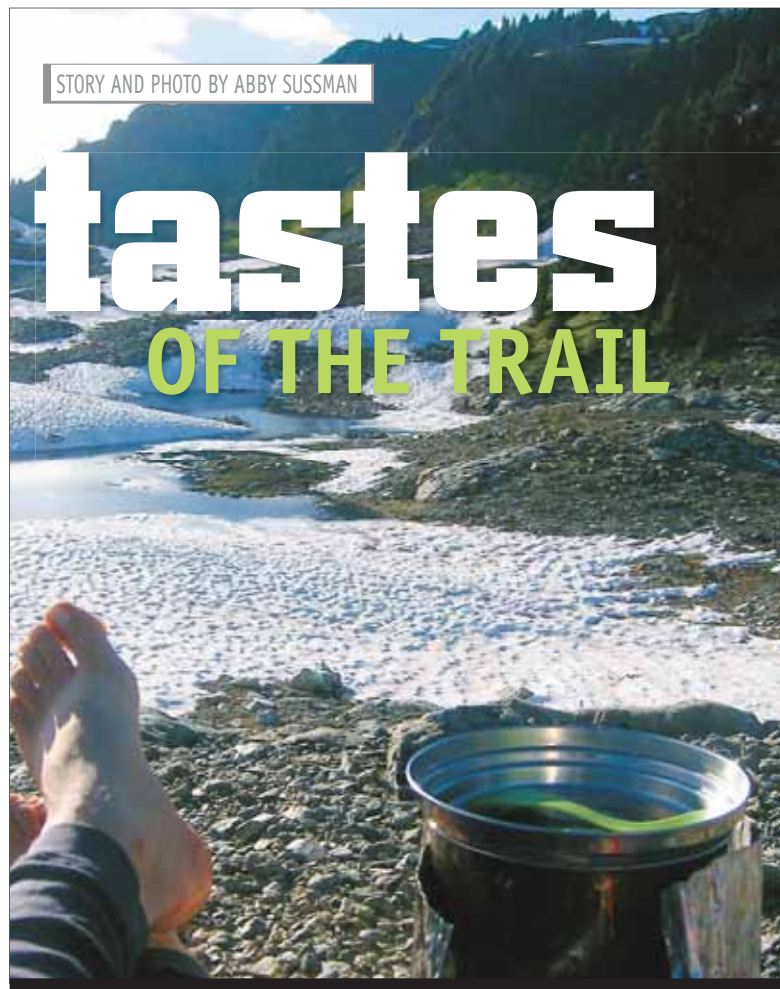


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tastes OF THE TRAIL



Couscous not included

I CAN'T eat couscous.

The problem started my first season as a wilderness ranger. I had backpacked plenty and enjoyed a wide variety of foods, but packing for a weekend out on the trail became something entirely different once I was doing it for a living.

When I started organizing my backpack every Thursday night for the upcoming weekend of work, I lost all motivation to plan meals, try new dishes, or even clean my pots. It was easier to pick up boxes of spiced couscous, one for each night, repack-age them for the backcountry and call it good.

What really ruined couscous for me was that a box was too much for one meal. So I began eating the leftovers for lunch. Couscous for lunch and dinner and—surprise!—oatmeal for breakfast. You can see how I got myself into trouble.

Since I'm not entirely bereft of taste buds and my work requires protein, I added tuna or tofu to the mix, sometimes cheese. Despite these additions, I am in the seventh year of a personal ban on the quick-cooking grain.

My second summer I had grand plans. I would al-

ternate between Thai noodles, tortellini, dried beans and rice for burritos, and soups from the bulk section. Toothpaste tubes of pesto and sun-dried tomato sauces would complete the meals. That lasted for a week or two and then I was stuck in a rut again.

The challenge is to plan meals that are easy to put together on a shopping trip *and* out in the field. There are books on backcountry cooking, and sometimes I flip through their pages, hoping to be inspired to pack in fresh basil, a mini cheese grater or pancake mix. But many of these recipes seem fit more for an REI photo shoot than for a week on the trail.

I used to walk my ranger rounds during meal-times to check out what other people had cooking. My meal planning ineptitude was magnified by the smells of bacon and eggs, bowls licked clean of some gourmet dish, or the meticulous appetizers an over-achiever had assembled.

Like cooking at home, trail food is a medium for community—while I am willing to make the extra effort when backpacking with friends, when I'm solo my meals take on the characteristics of fuel rather than pleasure.

After I have spent the day patrolling trails, cleaning drainage ditches, contacting the public and picking up toilet paper and am resting against the trunk of a mountain hemlock, watching the peaks blush with the onset of dusk, it doesn't seem to matter much what's in my pot. These moments are what really sustain me—the couscous is just a filler. ☺

BACKCOUNTRY TORTELLINI WITH SMOKED SALMON AND PESTO

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Dried tortellini
Small piece of smoked salmon
Tube of pesto (or sundried tomato)
Small onion
Handful of mushrooms
Olive oil
Chop and slice the onion and mushrooms before you leave for your trip. This will help keep your waste down (and lessen the chance of leaving bits of trash). Cook the onion and mushroom in olive oil first, then set aside. Bring water to a rolling boil. Cook the tortellini for 10-15 minutes or until tender. Drain the water by holding a handkerchief over an extra pot, catching bits of noodle and allowing the water to pass through, or set the water aside and use for tea later (Leave No Trace!). Mix in the cooked onion, mushrooms, salmon and pesto. Enjoy while watching the sun set over wild country.



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WHAT: Backcountry Cooking
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