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Around the House (1) – Bike Room

If you have recently added your bicycle, a bronze Fuji Monterey, to our bike storage room on P1, please let the Concierge on duty know, so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.



Around the House (2) – Mail Boxes

If you don't like your mailbox to be cluttered up with junk mail, please come and see one of us at the desk. By hush-hush agreement with our mail carrier, a small red dot on the inside of the mail box door tells him not to leave flyers.

We have a supply of dots at the desk.

Around Town (1) – The Foursome

Who's Your Caddy? "Our Father, who are in Augusta, Nicklaus be thy name. Give us this day our share of birdies, and forgive us our gimmies, as we forgive those who gimmie against us."



Ted's got a bit of a drinking problem. Donnie's a nerd. Rick's kind of pompous. And Cameron worries about everything. Four best friends from university, home for a fifteen year reunion, hook up for a round of golf. Between trading jabs and a whole lot of "friendly" banter, truths emerge as the four share their successes, failures, and a surprise or three.

You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy this warm, funny comedy by Norm Foster that takes place during eighteen holes on a golf course.

The play runs at Richmond Gateway Theatre from October 7th until the 24th. Please see their website at www.gatewaytheatre.com for more details.

Around Town (2) – Bikenalle

Art is going outdoors this fall around Vancouver and Richmond. As the region prepares for the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, public space is being transformed by major permanent and temporary public art works that will continue to be installed throughout the next several months. Installations are going up at a rate of two or three per week, and by the end of September, some 32 sculptures by major international artists will be installed in the parks, plazas, Sky Train stations and beaches of the greater Vancouver area.



To promote public involvement, on October 4th a citywide "Bikenalle" Great Ride will take place to encourage the public to bike or take public transit from installation to installation using maps and a passport. Details have still to be finalized, so please keep an eye on the local press for more information.

Around Town (3) - UBC Apple Festival

The 19th annual UBC Apple Festival takes place on the weekend of October 17th and 18th. This is a

family event for all ages, celebrating one of BC's favourite fruits. All are welcome, from children learning about the diversity of apples to those who remember tasting heritage apples in their youth.

Over 60 varieties of heritage, new and "tried and true" varieties are available, grown both conventionally and organically. These include the heritage apple 'Grimes Golden' and 'Ambrosia', recently discovered in Cawston, British Columbia.



One of the most popular activities at the Apple Festival is apple tasting. For \$3.00, curious event goers can taste up to 60 varieties of new and heritage apples grown in British Columbia. Learn the history of those varieties from the Friends of the Garden's "published in-house" Apple Booklet.

A children's area, the Johnny Appleseed Orchard, features six activity stations. Kids and adults also enjoy the apple pie, hot apple cider and other delectable treats available. Buskers provide musical entertainment throughout the day. Finish off the day by taking home a purchase of jugs of British Columbian organic apple juice.

No dogs, please. For more information, call 604-822-4529. The Botanical Gardens are open from 11am until 4pm.

Around Town (4) – Bryan Adams at the Orpheum

Touring the world in support of his latest album 11, Canada's best-known musical ambassador, Bryan Adams has spent the last three decades making music history. Selling over 65 million records, he has toured six continents and achieved #1 status in over 40 countries around the world. He has been nominated for countless awards including Grammys, Golden Globes and Academy Awards. In 2006, Adams was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, and he has also been awarded the Order of Canada.

Performing over 120 concerts a year, Adams has established himself as one of the world's best entertainers, with a show not to be missed. He

appears on October 1st and 2nd at 8pm. Please call Ticketmaster for tickets, at 604-280-4444.

Around Town (5) - CIBC Run for the Cure

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure is Canada's largest single day, volunteer-led fundraising event.

The Run was created in 1992 by a small group of volunteers who wanted to raise awareness and funds for the cause. The first event took place in Toronto. Over 1,500 participants raised \$85,000 that day. Canadians of all ages and from all walks of life unite to participate in the Run. Their reasons for participating vary, but they all have the same goal; to create a future without breast cancer.



Through the ongoing dedication of thousands of volunteers, this single Run event grew into what it is today. Last year, 55 communities and 170,000 Canadians participated in the Run. Together, they raised \$28.5 million for breast cancer research, education, and awareness programs.

The run takes place on Sunday, October 4th, and starts at Concord Pacific Place. That's on Pacific Boulevard at Carrall Street. At press time, registrations were still open. Please see www.cibcrunfortheure.com for all of the details.

Around Town (6) – U2 at BC Place Stadium

Bono, probably the world's most famous wearer of sunglasses, and the rest of the boys, grace Vancouver with their presence on Wednesday, October 28th.

The band consists of the afore-mentioned Bono (vocals and guitar), The Edge (guitar, keyboards,

and vocals), Adam Clayton (bass guitar), and Larry Mullen, Jr. (drums and percussion).

The band U2 formed in Dublin in 1976 when the members were teenagers with limited musical proficiency, but by the mid-1980s, the band had become a top international act. Their success as a live band was greater than their success at selling records until their 1987 album *The Joshua Tree*, which, according to *Rolling Stone*, elevated the band's stature "from heroes to superstars."



U2 have released 12 studio albums, with worldwide sales totaling 145 million records, and they have won 22 Grammy Awards, more than any other band. In 2005, the members of band were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility. *Rolling Stone* magazine listed U2 at #22 in its list of the 100 greatest artists of all time.

Throughout their career, as a band and as individuals, they have campaigned for human rights and social justice causes, including Amnesty International, the ONE Campaign, (RED), and Bono's DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade in Africa) campaign.

Doors open at 5pm, and the concert begins at 7. Tickets can be obtained from the usual outlets.

Around Town (7) – Vancouver International Film Festival

Both in terms of admissions and number of films screened, the Vancouver International Film Festival is amongst the five largest film festivals in North America. They screen films from over 70 countries on 10 screens. The international line-up includes, in addition to many undiscovered gems, the pick of the world's top film fests.

Three main programming platforms make this festival unique: they screen the largest selection of

East Asian films outside of that region, they are one of the biggest showcases of Canadian film in the world and they have a large and important nonfiction program. Over one third of films last year were documentaries.



Attracting a large, attentive and enthusiastic audience of film lovers, the festival remains accessible, friendly and culturally diverse. As the critics say, VIFF is very much a festival "designed for the benefit of people who love films and the people who make them."

Not too far away – Salt Spring Island Heritage Apple Festival

Salt Springers are very proud of their apples and of the incredible collection they amass at Fulford Hall for every Apple Festival is a sight to take your breath away. The scent of apples when you enter the room will take your soul on a journey. Last year they had 262 varieties of apples on display, all grown organically on Salt Spring Island, all arranged alphabetically, and all bearing detailed labels.



They love their apples, and they are delighted to show island visitors the apple diversity. Note that at the Apple Festival in 2006 there were no fewer than 296 varieties on display. The festival is farm-based, connecting everyone to the organic farmers of Salt Spring. Please see www.saltspringmarket.com for all of the details.

And Finally – Adding Insult to Injury

A British doctor who has spent four years researching the charming ways in which doctors insult their patients has compiled a list of over 200 of the world's most popular medical acronyms.

Dr. Adam Fox warns that this secret language of doctors is dying out in our politically correct times, with doctors far less likely to risk a lawsuit by thoughtlessly insulting their patients.

So, simply for the historical record, here are some of the highlights: CTD (Circling the Drain: patient expected to die soon); FLK (Funny-Looking Kid); GPO (Good for Parts Only); and UBI (Unexplained Beer Injury).

Doctors also have cute phrases with which to describe patients, such as “handbag positive” (a confused elderly lady lying on a hospital bed clutching her handbag) and “pumpkin positive” (a patient so dim that shining a penlight in his mouth would encounter a brain so small that his entire head would light up).

Another favourite is the DBI, or Dirt Bag Index, in which doctors multiply the number of tattoos by the number of missing teeth in a patient in order to estimate the number of days it's been since he had a bath. (With thanks to the BBC for this news item.)

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