

Who's fooling who, who's being true, and who don't even care anymore? This may not be the Rick Mercer Report but the daily news definitely indicates it's a great big goofy world out there. Ripped from last weeks headlines:

Inside the Scandal that changed Politics: What? A three part, investigative expose on the sponsorship scandal that toppled the Federal liberal party. Great - 3, 4, 5 years after the fact it's front page news! Slow news week boys? How about something timely for a change, like a investigation of the sinking of the Titanic, or I know, Watergate: What's Up With That? Holy vapidty Batman, where have all the Woodward and Bernstein's gone?

David Frum Resigns: David, a Canadian, once the darling of George W. Bush and the Republicans (remember the "axis of evil" speech, that was David's) has run afoul of the party and the American Enterprise Institute think tank he worked for. David said that he wasn't fired but chose to resign, as the AES said they would be glad to have him carry on writing for them, but they wouldn't be paying him, and by the way he wouldn't have a office with them anymore. OK. Fired = Resigned, I get it, a bit of newspeak possibly. A new Monty Python skit, definitely.

Thousands of Sex Offenders and Violent Criminals Pardoned. This happens every year, and even though it seems wrong the National Parole Board officials say "The Criminal Records Act does not differentiate pardon applicants by the type of

offenses they committed...". All righty then, that explains it. Let the games begin. What's next on the agenda? Groovy, lunch anyone? Groovy!

Millions More \$ for Prisons In Canada: The hard decisions mean major cutbacks in Education, Healthcare and the Environment. Crime is measurably down but the easy decision is much more money for prisons. Law and Order yeh, that's the ticket. In Canada we are fully prepared to pay more for incarceration than education! George Wallace would approve.

Obama OK's Offshore Drilling: In 2008, Obama slammed Senator John McCain's flip-flop on off shore drilling. Obama dismissed it as a bad idea that would "only worsen our addiction to oil and put off needed investments in clean renewable energy." It was a tough stand, a big part of Obama's election platform. Now its "drill baby drill". Somewhere I hear the hiss of a deflating Obama balloon.

*Meet the New Boss
Same as the Old Boss
There's nothing in the streets
Looks any different to me
And the party on the left
Is now the party on the right
And the beards have all grown longer over night*

- The Who
You know, I sometimes suspect that all I ever needed to know, I learned in the 60's.

Meanwhile, down at the Roxy:
Tuesday April 13 8pm Gabriola Cine Club presents their monthly film. Come at 7:45 and help choose the movie. New members are always

welcome, \$20 membership for the calendar year. Remember to bring a snack to share.

Thursday April 15th Mrs. Brown's Boys return to the Roxy (parts 3 and 4) So many people want to see this there will be two sittings. The first will be from 1-3pm and the second show will be from 7-9pm. Here she goes again, hilarious to mature audiences. Entrance by \$5 donation to the Health Care Foundation. Popcorn and drinks extra. Doors open at 12:30pm and 6:30pm.

Friday April 16 7pm The Ecumenical Society Forgiveness Forum starts with the award winning documentary *The Big Question*. How do you overcome great injustices or injuries? Let some of our great spiritual leaders guide us in this, people like Rev. Desmond Tutu, or Buddhist leader Thich Naht Hanh. Hear the scientific evidence as to why "Forgiveness" is good for you. Come also to the follow-up Saturday Forum at the United Church to hear Father Frank explain how to "let go" of anger, resentment, grudges etc. For info phone Del McCarthy at 250 247 9847. Roxy doors open at 6:45pm.

Roxy Futures:
The Trashion Show
..... April 24
Kim Goldberg (poet) ..
..... April 29
Danny Schmidt/David Teichroeb
..... May 6
Steve Brockley/ Miss Emily Brown
..... May 8
David Lang
..... May 14
SAJE
..... June 5
Clover Point Drifters ...
..... June 12
Victory Anthony .. June 18

Rent the Roxy \$25/hr. Contact theroxy@shaw.ca for details.
Life Lesson #105 "The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it."
~ Oscar Wilde.
May the gods be with you.
See you next week.



REGAN AND SYLVIE (LEFT) were the lucky winners of the Wine Celler's 10-year anniversary draw, taking home a 35 bottle wine cooler & batch of wine, as presented by Kelly and Wine Celler owner Wayne Kilback.

Derek Kilbourn photo

Calling all Gabriola artisans

Jean Llewellyn
Gabriola Health Care Foundation

The Gabriola Health Care Foundation is honoured that a world-class athlete, show-jumper Rodrigo Pessoa, is lending his name to a clinic fundraising signature event being hosted on our island.

The Rodrigo Pessoa Golf Classic Founders' Day, which is likely to attract international interest, is scheduled to take place on June 14, and we need the help and input of Gabriola's artisans to create individual and unique trophies and awards for 2010 and in the coming years.

Jill Adamson, herself a renowned local glass artist who will be coordinating this key area, will be organizing a creative sub-committee and arranging an early meeting for anyone interested in participating in this fantastic event.

You will be working with a group of like-minded and highly talented individuals who give Gabriola its well-deserved reputation as being the island of the arts.

Time is very short, so you are asked to e-mail Jill by Friday, April 16 at: threeherons-studio@shaw.ca and include a snapshot of your work.

NOW Orchestra at the Phoenix April 17

Alexander Varty
Poetry Gabriola

April is National Poetry Month, and for the Poetry Gabriola Society, that means it's time to celebrate with some old friends, in the form of the NOW Orchestra with Kedrick James. The all-star "little big band" and the incendiary poet join forces at the Haven's Phoenix Auditorium on Saturday (April 17), with tickets available at www.poetrygabriola.com and Artworks.

The friends may be old—James, for instance, was a hit at the 2007 Poetry Gabriola Festival—but what they've cooked up for Saturday's concert is going to be new. So new, in fact, that NOW's in the process of changing its name to Orkestra Futura, the better to reflect the forward-thinking influences Cooke and his bandmates are bringing to the table. The group's music is rooted in the classic African-American jazz sounds of the past century,

but rock, funk, and electronic music are also part of the package.

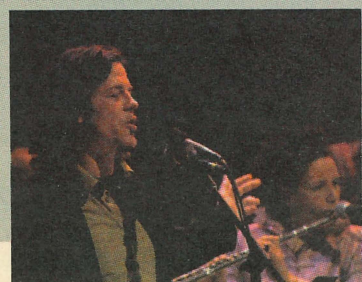
"Let's go for learning new things and trying new things," says Cooke. "Let's go for the excitement!"

It's an approach that fits well with James, whose shamanic presence and wild imagination will be supported by a band that includes trumpeter JP Carter, trombonist Brad Muirhead, guitarist Chad MacQuarrie, keyboardist Patrick Pennefather, drummer Skye Brooks, and monster bassist Tommy Babin.

"We're ambitious students of what music and poetry put together can be," says James, adding: "We want to bring those together and make something happen that's different." So if you're up for something extraordinary, the Haven's the place to be on Saturday night.

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The NOW Orchestra



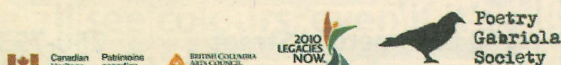
with Kedrick James

Saturday April 17 at 7PM

The Phoenix Auditorium \$20

TICKETS @ ARTWORKS & www.poetrygabriola.com

Innovative music at its very best.



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(part 3 and 4)
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1st show 1-3pm
2nd show 7-9pm
Entry with \$5.00 donation to the Health Care Foundation.
Popcorn & drinks extra

Doors open 30 minutes before

Hilarious to "Mature" audiences

Here she goes again!



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