

# Entertainment

## Canadian singer Tyson 'cuts' it with the best



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Ian Tyson knows of what he sings.

The country and western singer reached two major plateaus in 1989 - he was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame and Cowboyography became the first of his albums to be certified as a gold album (50,000 sales).

But he also recently realized another dream. Setting aside his musical efforts and work on his ranch in Longview, Alta., he set out for the National Cutting Horse World Championships in Fort Worth, Texas. Cutting horses are used to "cut" or isolate cows from the rest of the herd during round-ups.

The Canadian singer, competing in a field of more than 500 cowboys, made it all the way to the finals, earning a top 20 placing.

In Steeldust Line, a song he wrote in 1988 (it is on I Outgrew The Wagon, his latest album from Stony Plain Records), Tyson sang about the cuttin' disease.

"Look for me next winter, I'll be back for sure. For I'm a carrier of the cuttin' disease, for which there is no cure."

Tyson is currently on a U.S.-Canada concert tour. The Canadian leg covers 22 cities.

Where else but in the book entitled Hurlly-Burly would you find chapters printed out of order?

Macmillan of Canada, publisher of Hurlly-Burly: A Time at the Globe, Richard Doyle's tale of life at The Globe and Mail, quickly issued an advisory once the problem was discovered.

The candid advisory, from Denise Schon of Macmillan, went this way:

"Newspapering is not the only part of publishing where writers live dangerously. In the book business, they are pursued not only by their own failings and frailties, but assorted demons of error and chance. Hurlly-Burly contains a major mistake.

"Chapters 17 and 18, which begin on page 309 and run to page 339, should, in fact, follow Chapter 22. If readers are to make sense of this Hurlly-Burly hodge podge, they should mark Chapter 17 and 18 to be read after they have finished page 429. Those who do will have earned the gratitude of those responsible for the mistake and of Richard J. Doyle."

Hurlly-Burly, with a notice attached to each copy about the misplaced chapters, is due to hit bookshelves within a few days.

Putnam's Prairie Emporium, a children's show that airs on CTV Saturday mornings, is presenting a special episode on child abuse, Feb. 17.

Child abuse is explained in simple terms. The characters in the show advise that both boys and girls can be abused and that child abuse is not the fault of the child. Children are told how to deal with abuse and where to go for help.

The script was prepared after consultations with experts in the child abuse field, said a CTV spokesman.

# Lose 'Loose Cannons' flick

By DIAHANN NADEAU  
Herald Special

## AT THE MOVIES

Oh good, another movie about two mismatched police partners. It's such a novel and little-used theme. Loose Cannons is only the zillionth police comedy to come out in the past year. Hollywood's love affair with male partners and comedic violence does not augur well for women. It doesn't hold out a lot of hope for North American culture. When will this genre fall out of favor with the producing gods? Don't hold your breath, there are a million more raging on the sound-stages right now.

Gene Hackman is Macarthur, an eccentric Washington vice-cop. After seven pornography related murders Mac is assigned to the case along with Ellis (Dan Aykroyd), a sensitive, recently-out-of-the-asylum cop. Ellis quickly proves that he hasn't recovered completely and starts coming out with more personalities than Sybil ever dreamed of having. (Most of them are movie and cartoon related). Mac is a little ticked off

at first but soon becomes attached to his wacko partner.

The villains are Nazi motivated, and the prize is a pornographic short featuring Hitler and the soon to be chancellor of West Germany. The hit man is a particularly cold and nasty type, not above torturing his victims.

Loose Cannons is a terrible waste of Gene Hackman's massive talents. He offers an adequate performance, but the role isn't very challenging and the plot is quite silly. Aykroyd manages not to annoy in a role that seemed limitless in its irritating possibilities. Dom DeLuise and Dick O'Neill also appear in the film.

Loose Cannons isn't a dreadful film, just a waste of one. Adding a loony-tune to the police partnership isn't new - (look at Lethal Weapon), only this time they are trying to take it to a new height. There is nothing to distinguish this movie from the endless run of

mediocre police movies - except Gene Hackman's presence. One can only hope he made a ton of money for this - the script certainly can't have been the attraction.

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