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## Alexei and the Spring



The village of Budische, on the border of Belarus and Russia, is no longer on the map. After the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster 21 years ago all the inhabitants were ordered to leave. But 55 elders and one younger, slightly disabled man, Alexei, elected to stay. Miraculously the spring that is the heart of their community was completely free of the radiation that has polluted the countryside. This film, by a Japanese filmmaker, follows them through a year of their almost 19th Century existence.

I found it a beautiful meditation on a tantalizingly wholesome, simple way of life that persists in the ashes of a high tech nightmare. 2002 104min Pg



6:30 Monday  
Oct 29

**Cracked Not Broken** opens a disturbing window on the life of Lisa, a 37-year-old crack-cocaine addict and estranged mother of one who prostitutes herself to fuel her costly drug habit. Although she grew up in an upper middle-class family, went to the right schools and had the right friends, something went terribly wrong. Filmed almost entirely in the Toronto hotel room she lives in and works out of, **Cracked Not Broken** portrays a highly intelligent, vivacious, articulate and hyperactive woman juggling cell phone and drug paraphernalia with equal dexterity while talking with incredible frankness to filmmaker Paul Perrier - the husband of one of Lisa's oldest friends - about the struggles of being in "the game" and her quest for redemption. **Cracked Not Broken** chronicles Lisa's faltering steps toward recovery and her early efforts to educate others about the illness of addiction. 52min Pg13

Discussion with filmmaker \*Paul Perrier by phone



## UNSPEAKABLE

Stuttering is as old as human speech. The biblical Moses stuttered. Winston Churchill, Marilyn Monroe, King George VI and James Earl Jones were also afflicted with the disorder--yet it remains a medical enigma. **Unspeakable** examines the nature, history and treatment of a speech impediment that affects about 1% of the world's population. John Paskievich, the film's director, is a person who stutters. He also narrates and is an active participant in the film. His story and the stories of others in the film are poignant, funny, angry and courageous, providing eloquent testimony to what it means to live imprisoned in what the poet W.H. Auden called "the tower of stutter." According to Paskievich, "the film is a call for liberation, not from stuttering, but from the ignorance and stigma that surround it."

2006 89 min Pg John Paskievich will be our guest by phone from Winnipeg

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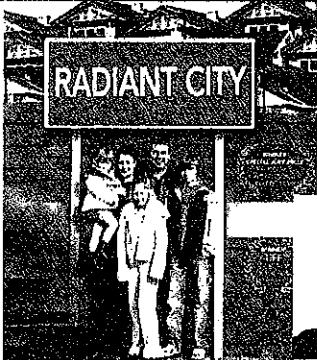


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6:30 Monday Nov 12/07



**With Director Gary Burns by phone** Urban sprawl is eating the planet. Across the continent the landscape is being levelled - blasted clean of distinctive features and overlaid with a zombie monoculture. Politicians call it growth. Developers call it business. Calgary's Moss family call it home. Gary Burns, master of the dystopian comedy (*The Suburbanators*, *waydowntown*, *A Problem Of Fear*) hooks up with journalist Jim Brown and a chorus of cultural prophets to tell a startling family chronicle of the Late Suburban Age, a home-grown documentary with a twist. Welcome to Radiant City. 85min 2006 Pg

6:30 Monday Nov 19

## A HEALING RIVER

**A Healing River** takes is a thought-provoking look at the issues of trauma, recovery and the psychology of restorative process. It then challenges us all to take an active role in creating safer and healthier communities. The film includes interviews with some of North America's leading thinkers and most experienced practitioners in the restorative justice movement.

This is a BC made and focused film. It's challenging to see prisoner Warren Glowatski speaking about his own healing journey - this young man who was involved in Victoria's notorious Virk killing as a poster boy for restorative justice.

<http://movies.juicemedia.com.au/hotfuzz/> 84min Pg

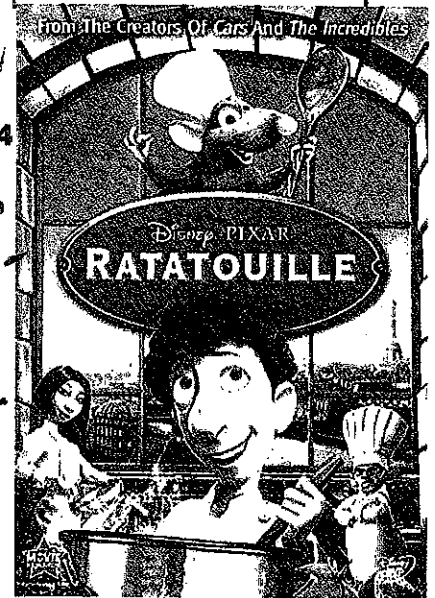
**With filmmakers Cathy Douglas & Larry Moore in person to present their film**

Sat, Nov 24  
7pm

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6:30 Monday Nov 26



It's tough to have aspirations to work in the best restaurant kitchens in the world - and be a rat. Remy is a young rat in the French countryside who arrives in Paris, only to find out that his cooking idol is dead. When he makes an unusual alliance with a restaurant's new garbage boy, the culinary and personal adventures begin despite Remy's family's skepticism and the rat-hating world of humans. 110min G warning: lots of rats in the kitchen