PLAYGROUND LISTINGS

CHILDREN

THIS WEEK

Dora The Explorer Live Dora, Diego, and Boots of the hit TV series star in Dora's Pirate Adventure!, about their trip to Treasure Island. Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 600 Hamilton, Nov. 10-13, various showtimes, \$14.50-47.50, 604-280-4444.

Lost Lagoon Lantern Festival Commemorating St. Martin, the patron saint of beggars and outcasts, lanterns will be lit and carried through the paths in Stanley Park and into Vancouver Aquarium; theme for lanterns is underthe-sea. Nov. 12, 6:30 pm, procession is free, Festival at the Vancouver Aquarium (including a magician, face painting, prizes) \$4/3, 604 647-0951.

Disney On Ice Finding Nemo hits the

Anthropology, 6393 N.W. Marine, second and fourth Sun. 1-2:30 pm, free with admission, 604-822-5087.

Vancouver Aquarium Stanley Park, 604-659-3474, www.vanaqua.org. » Daily events include dolphin, beluga, sea lion shows, shark dives, and sea otter feeds.

H.R. MacMillan Space Centre 1100 Chestnut, 604-738-7827. » Virtual Voyages Flight Simulator: COMET IMPACT!: It is up to you to save Earth from a comet hit. » GroundStation Canada Theatre: A DAY IN SPACE: See what it's like for the astronauts who live and work in a micro-gravity environment. » H.R. MacMillan Planetarium: GOING TO EXTREMES: Could you survive a summer vacation on Mars? » OUR VANISHING SKY: Exhibition examines negative effects of light pollution » LASER SHOWS:

in an elaborate underground theatre, with live performances, effects and lighting techniques. 142 Water, shows start every half hour, 604-687-8142, www.storyeum.com.

FORUMS

THIS WEEK

Philosophers' Cafe Simon Fraser University presents public debates on:
» Without Words: How do our non-verbal expressions and actions influence society? ABC Restaurant, 2160 King George Hwy, Surrey, Nov. 10, 11:30 am
» Does religion matter? Lou's Bistro, 3357 W. Broadway, Nov. 13, 11 am
» What is intelligence? Are there many different sorts? La Zuppa, 1544 Lonsdale, N Van, Nov. 16, 7 pm
» Karl Marx: dead or alive, West Vancouver Memorial Library, 1950 Marine, Nov. 16, 10 am, \$5, 604-291-5215.

Too Close For Comfort Maude Barlow's new book explores the implications of Canada-US integration—its effects on health care, resources and trade; her talk is sponsored by Council of Canadians. Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph, Nov. 10, 7:30 pm, free, 604-263-1005.

Conversation with Meredith Monk New York-based pioneering composer, singer, and performance artist speaks about her 35-year career. Ironworks, 235 Alexander, Nov. 11, 7 pm, \$15/8, 604-662-4717.

Role of Friendship In Later Life Brian de Vries, professor of gerontology at San Francisco State University, speaks about studies on potential of friendship in lives of older adults—and the extent to which this potential has gone unrealized. Simon Fraser University, Harbour Campus, 515 W. Hastings, Nov. 12, 7 pm, free, 604-291-5100.

Search for an Asian Marco Polo Gary Geddes examines the controversial question of pre-Columbian Asian contact with the Americas, among other matters, in his memoir/travel book Kingdom of Ten Thousand Things. UBC, IRC Bldg., 2194 Health Science Mall, Nov. 12, 8:25 pm, 604-822-5675.

Vancouver's Homeless Reps from three levels of government — Hedy Fry, Libby Davies, Lorne Mayencourt, Jim Green and Sam Sullivan, discuss Vancouver's Homeless Action Plan. Roundhouse Community Centre, Davie at Pacific, Nov. 12, 2:30 pm, 604-713-1800.

Paradox of Fire Forest fire specialist Rob Walker presents a talk on fire management and park ecology, using the wildfires of 2003 and the plight of whitebark pine as examples of Parks Canada's approach. Central Library, 350 W. Georgia, Nov. 14, 7:30 pm, free, 604-666-8800.

Pulpit on Parliament Hill: The Place of Faith in Politics Panel including John Stackhouse, Professor of Theology and Culture at Regent College, and UBC's Robert Daum explores conflicts that arise when religious beliefs intersect with politics, presented by Vancouver Opera in conjunction with the production of Poulenc's opera Dialogues of the Carmelites (Nov. 26-Dec. 3). Central Library, 350 W. Georgia, Nov. 15, 7:30 pm, free, 604-331-4823.

Conditional Sentencing Provincial Court Judge Jim Jardine discusses conditional sentencing in the Canadian criminal justice system. Kwantlen College Surrey Campus, 12666-72nd Ave., Nov. 15, 6

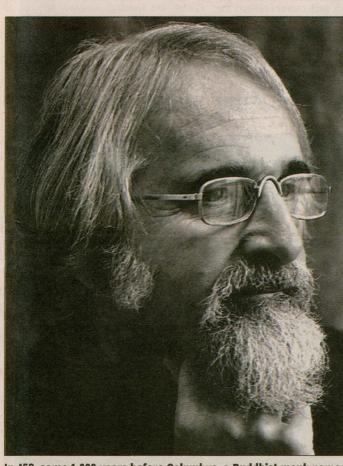
Mayoral Forum CBC Radio's Rick Cluff moderates a debate between Sam Sullivan and Jim Green on pertinent election issues. Panelists Stephen

Quinn, CBC, Frances Bula, *Vancouver Sun* and Audrey Chan, Fairchild, will also question the candidates. *SFU's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue*, 580 W. Hasting, Nov. 15, 7:30 pm, free, 604-268-7914

Mayoral Forum 2 Candidates for Mayor of Vancouver square off on issues of concern to multicultural communities, presented by Canadian Jewish Congress, Vancouver Multicultural Society and SUCCESS. Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 W. 41st, Nov. 16, 7 pm, 604-257-5101.

Fisheries and Extinction Risk SFU biological sciencist John Reynolds offers insights on the fundamentals of fish ecology. Simon Fraser University, Harbour Campus, 515 W. Hastings, Nov. 17, 7 pm, free, 604-291-5100.

In Conversation with Hrant Alianak Canadian playwright, director and actor speaks about his work with theatre critic Jerry Wasserman. Festival House, 1398 Cartwright, Granville Island, Nov. 16, 7 pm, by donation,604-685-6228



In 458, some 1,000 years before Columbus, a Buddhist monk named Huishen allegedly sailed from China to North America, yet few know of this exploration. Gary Geddes, who speaks on the topic, Saturday at UBC, says, 'In Jingzhou, where Huishen is supposed to have told his story and to have been buried, not a single person I spoke to had heard of him. There are a number of academics who have vested interests in denying both the Huishen story and the likelihood of other pre-Columbian Asian contact with the Americas.'

rink as Marlin and absent-minded Dory search for Nemo in a sea populated with vegetarian sharks, a forest of jellyfish and sea turtles. Pacific Coliseum (at PNE), Hastings at Renfrew, Nov. 16-20, \$18-28, disneypaice com

ONGOING

Poles of the Northwest Coast After participants learn ways to identify totem pole crests, they'll create their own piece of artwork inspired by the poles, and learn to play First Nations game of slahal. *Museum of* Coldplay, Pink Floyd, Zeppelin.

TELUS World of Science 1455 Quebec, 604-443-7443, www.scienceworld.bc.-ca. » BODYWORKS: Explores the science of human performance, ongoing. » OMNIMAX THEATRE: See movie listings. » PLAYING WITH TIME: Use highspeed cameras and strobe lights to slow down the motion of popcorn popping, speed up the motion of a plant growing, visit the Time Lab to build a sundial or check out historical timepieces from National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

Storyeum Tour through B.C.'s history,



Casino opens at 9 am daily. Must be 21 or older with valid ID.