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The Cy Peck finally comes home

by Jim Russell

As the summer of 1975 passed slowly into fall, I couldn't get the image of the Cy Peck out of my mind. The thought of the old ferry just rotting away up there on the north coast for another winter galled me, and I resolved to head back up to Prince Rupert to have one more crack at getting her away from the fishing company. My friend Bob Simons, who had no more common sense than I did at the time (and even less money) thought it was a splendid idea. So up we went to Kelsey Bay in my old Landrover to catch the Queen of Prince Rupert, with Bob and his pal Tommy Mosset hiding in the back under some blankets so they wouldn't have to pay the fare.

When we arrived at the Canadian Fishing Co., plant in Prince Rupert the manager, Don McLeod, was quite surprised to see me, but didn't have us thrown out of the office. Young and foolish as we were, he could see that we were dead serious about saving the old ferry, and not about to give up easily. After a few more sessions of verbal arm wrestling, he finally agreed to have the Cy Peck towed down to Ganges by a company packer for the fee of \$1,500, an amount far

below what a commercial towing outfit would have charged. We had done it; she was going to be ours! To our great disappointment, though, they wouldn't let us put the Landrover aboard and ride down with her, probably for insurance reasons. So we drove down overland, having many strange and wonderful adventures along the way.

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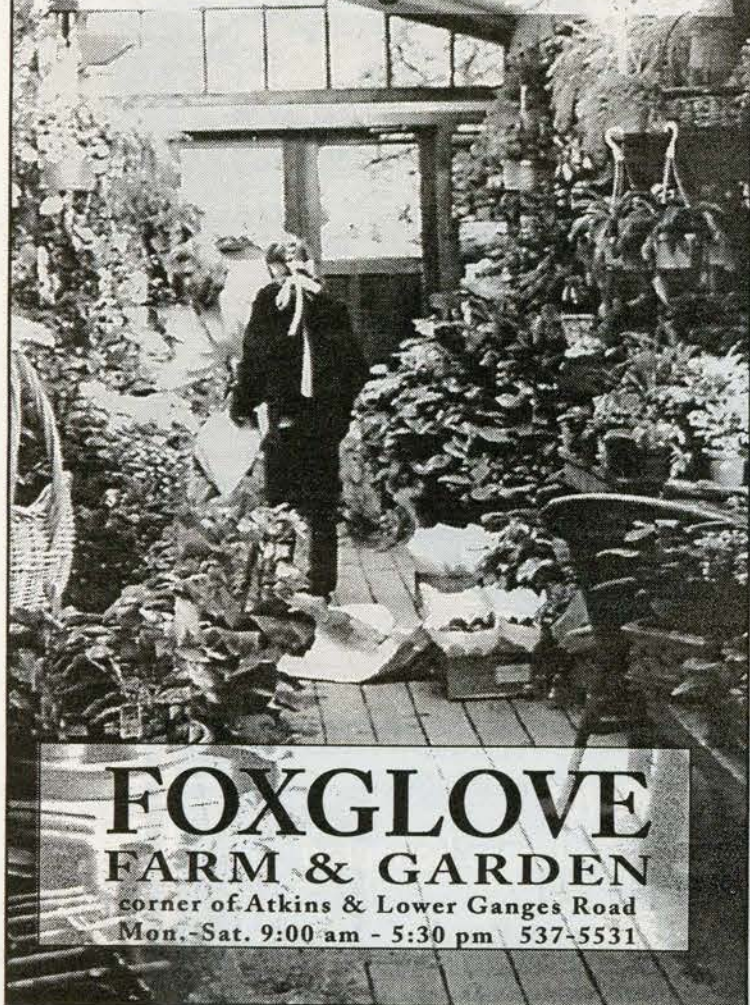
Once home on Salt Spring, we had no idea when the Cy Peck might arrive, and phone calls to the fishing company were far from illuminating on that subject.

Then, one bright Saturday morning in October while Bob and I were pressing apples in the Farmer's Market, someone shouted over that our ship was coming in! We left the customers and the wasps to help themselves to the juice, and scuttled over

to Mouat's wharf where a large crowd was watching a CanFisCo packer nudge the Cy Peck up to the pilings in all of her huge, peeling, grass-growing glory. In that brief moment before she touched the wharf, I clearly remember taking a deep breath and glancing over at Bob. He was doing exactly the same thing, eyebrows raised, as if to say "Oh, boy what the heck have we done now?"

There was one thing for sure: we couldn't leave the old wreck tied up to the public wharf in Ganges for very long without raising the ire of local officialdom. Having no way to move her around ourselves, we quickly talked the packer skipper into giving us a final tug around the corner into Welbury Bay where we had spied out an old, abandoned wharf once used by a factory. Having secured the Cy Peck there, (much to the shock of the nearby residents), we soon went to work with roofing tar, canvas, paint, and other materials to make her upper decks habitable. So began a monumental restoration project that was to last for years and still makes me wince now, more than 20 years later, at the mere thought of all that time and effort.

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Drop us a line to tell us what you know or remember about this week's photo. We'll be pleased to publish some of your responses in our next issue.

Or send in a flashback photo of your own (and include details) for future publication.



Reaching the end of the line: Jaisalmer

by Carl Duncan

There's no getting to the end of India. It's the motherload of destinations. But you can get to the end of the line. And if you do, you might find yourself in Jaisalmer.

Jaisalmer sits like an exotic islet in the heart of the Thar, the Great Indian Desert, 500 miles southwest of Delhi. To spend a few days in this 12th century fortress town is to find yourself back in the world of Scheherazade and The Arabian Nights. Sitting on a major caravan route, some of Jaisalmer's shops are 500 years old. The narrow pedestrian-only bazaars are much older.

The people here are proud, mustachioed Rajput men with flashing smiles wearing brilliant turbans, gold earrings and curled-up pointed-toe slippers. The women, too, are bold and wonderful in their brightly coloured gowns and half-veils, their bangles of silver and ivory.

It's a 10-hour ride on a near-empty train from Jodhpur to the end of the line at Jaisalmer. "Welcome to the land where men dream in stone," the turbaned station master said as we stepped from the train.

We stayed at the Paradise Hotel (originally a caravansary) inside the fortress itself. The courtyard was green with flowering vines and "Hi Joe!" BANANA trees. Our \$11 room, with sandstone pillars and carved candle niches in the walls, was set right into the fortress ramparts. A small verandah faced the desert sunrise.

Below the bazaar we followed the milk man making his rounds with his camel cart. It was there we found the amazing Patva Havelis, mansions built by five brothers who were

wealthy opium merchants. Easily the most whimsically beautiful buildings we had ever seen. The multiple levels of porticoes, hanging porches and lacy screen windows were all carved from yellow sandstone.

As we admired the stonework, a Rajput man with waxed and curled mustache invited us inside. Mirrored wall hangings, illuminated manuscripts, antique jewellery, and other curios filled the rooms. Everything was for sale. Here was the place, if anywhere, to find a magic lantern with a genie inside.

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Basant Jain (whose family's house this was) handed me a 200-year-old carved opium box, challenging me to find its hidden compartment. But the joinery was seamless. Was there any-

thing inside? He shook his head. The family now dealt only in antiques. Later he did confide that a bit of the old trade still trickled on. "The old ones in the desert, you know. Some still need the opium. And they must be provided for."

"Ourah! Hep! Hep!" Gen Singh called out. The fuzzy little ears of my camel twisted around and we broke into a trot. Our hotel manager had arranged the camel safari at our request. In the days that followed, we passed pristine Rajput villages of mud and wattle. We stopped at oases where peacocks strutted and baby camels rolled in the sand. We camped at the base of dunes whose flanks, when stroked by the hand, peeled off in fluid avalanches 50 feet high. The days were scalding sun and endless sand. The nights were wild with shooting stars. Out of such harsh emptiness, who could have dreamt up the golden city of Jaisalmer?

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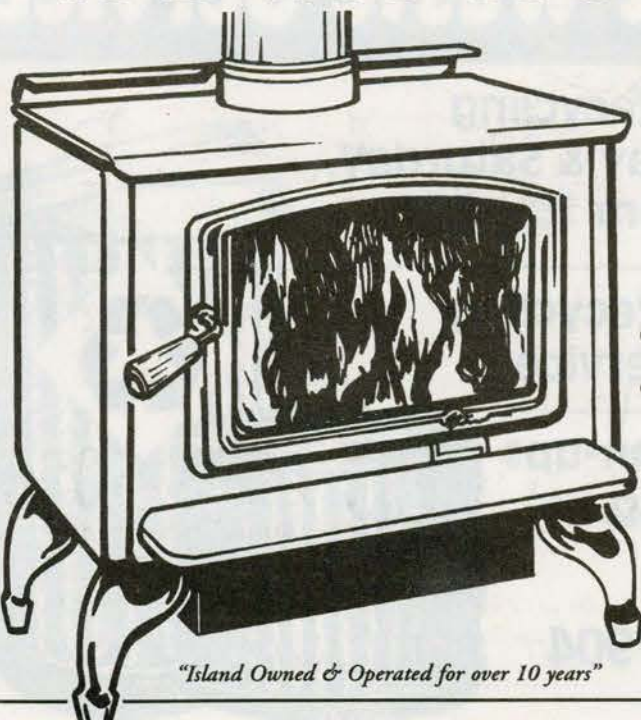
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Auction fundraiser planned for preschool

by Suzanne Little

It's hard to imagine that a business could run successfully for over 20 years with no owner and an entire staff turnover every two years. But that's the story of the wonderfully successful Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool.

For over 20 years, parents have volunteered their time and hard work to make the school a secure and nurturing first step in education for their children. This year, however, the preschool faces it's biggest challenge ever. Having to relocate from their current home in the Community Centre, and having found no other suitable premises to rent, they are try-

ing to raise \$50,000 to build a new preschool adjacent to the Community Centre.

That's meant a lot of baking - providing delicious desserts for food concessions at island events, selling raffle tickets, and holding fundraising events.

So with great enthusiasm, the SSI Preschool Society will hold what they hope will be their biggest fundraiser thus far: a live and silent auction at Meaden Hall on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 pm. Items for auction include artwork by Robert Bateman, Morrisseau, a signed frame drawing by cartoonist Lynn Johnston, a recording session at world-class

Nomad Music Studios donated by producer Paul Brosseau, as well as many gift certificates and gift packages donated by Island business.

Many individuals and businesses from the community have shown tremendous support for the fundraising drive and their help is truly appreciated. But there is still a long way to go to reaching their goal. The Preschool Society invites past preschool alumni, parents with children who will soon be preschool



Salt Spring Co-op Preschool is holding a live and silent auction Nov. 21 to raise building funds.

age, and everyone in the community to come and enjoy a fun-filled evening on Nov. 21. Get some early Christmas shopping done and enjoy a great social evening.

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We chose this campaign over the previously discussed Operation Christmas Child because it is more timely and more appropriate for public schools. We will emphasize that Canadian Armed Forces assist people when disaster strikes and that it is important for people to help each other. Several teachers have initiated classroom discussions about Hurricane Mitch and its effects.

Collection boxes will be set up in classrooms and the office. We also plan to send our current \$400 Mesfin surplus to help these

victims. If you want to send a cheque with our package - and receive your own tax receipt - you may make your cheque payable to The Canadian Red Cross - Hurricane Mitch Relief Fund and send it to school with your child. If you prefer to make a private donation, you may mail your cheque or money order to: The Canadian Red Cross Society, 909 Fairfield Road, Victoria, BC V8V 3A3

Credit card donations may be made by calling 1-800-661-9055. Fernwood's deadline for donations is Friday, Nov. 20.

Please note that the Canadian Red Cross forwards 100 per cent of donated funds to the project designated by the donor; their administrative costs are covered by other resources. Also, Red Cross Societies in the affected countries are able to meet the needs of the disaster response with their own trained and experienced staff and volunteers. Thank you for your continued support.

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Local veterans 'saluted' for Burma campaign

This year at the Remembrance Day memorial service in Ganges, three veterans received recognition for their contributions in Burma during the Second World War.

Reg Winstone, Reginald Lomas, and Aubrey Romer were honoured with a 'march past salute' from fellow veterans, and other members of the parade.

Burma is a place that often gets forgotten when one thinks of the battles that took place in WWII. This is largely due to its remote location, and to the fact that so much of the world's focus was placed on Europe. Few realize that approximately 36,000 lives were lost there.

Reg Winstone was 18 years old when he did his duty with the navy on board the ship HMS Phoebe. They worked in conjunction with the army, carrying out various operations along the Burma coast. "It was a remote war, thousands of miles from anywhere . . . it took a

letter eight weeks to reach us from our families back home." Reg and his wife, Vanda, have lived on Salt Spring for 17 years and remain active in the community.

Reginald Lomas entered the British Army in 1942 when he was 20 years old. He was a member of the 14th Army, and was involved in communications. They were referred to as 'The Forgotten Army' because the majority of supplies and equipment were being sent to those fighting in Europe, leaving them without a lot of necessities. "We had to make do with what we were given," says Reginald. "We didn't have a choice." He and his wife, Marjorie, have been on the Island since 1976. When asked how he felt about the recognition he received on Wednesday, he says he "felt very proud."

Aubrey Romer joined the army in 1932, at the age of 18. He spent five years in India, and when the war broke out, spent another five years in India as well as Burma. He was also a member of 'The Forgotten Army', serving as a supervisor to a group of technicians. "My home was bombed, my brother was killed, and I was partially disabled," says Aubrey. "That is what the war was to me." Aubrey moved to Salt Spring from White Rock in 1991, to be near his daughter.

Reginald Lomas,
Aubrey Romer,
& Reg Winstone
at the
Remembrance
Day service.



Remembering Remembrance Day

Remembering . . .

No matter what your age, race, or religious beliefs may be, the human capacity to recollect memories remains the same. With the flicker of a synapse, we are able to transport ourselves back to a different time and place, where only our individual minds can take us. Locked away in the vault of long-term memory, we find both joyous and painful - often life-changing - moments, that have etched themselves in our thoughts, never to be forgotten. Some memories are so vivid that one cannot only picture the scene, but smell, hear, and even feel it as well. This is true for many veterans of war. The mem-

ories are so intense, that they almost seem to be real. Thankfully, our physiological being cannot remember pain. But our psychological being is a different matter. Unlike physical scars, some emotional scars never go away, and subsequently never heal. It is understandable then, that while some want to remember, most just want to forget.

Our generation, and hopefully all those that succeed us, will never know the experience of war. It is therefore difficult to truly understand what these brave men and women went through simply because we cannot relate. The concept is unfathomable . . . What we can do, however, is

listen, with our ears and minds wide open, and learn. Because teaching our children about events such as these, is the key to prevention of similar events in the future.

All those who served in the war, both living and deceased, deserve our gratitude and respect. For they were willing to give their lives for something that we - as Salt Spring Islanders and as Canadians - hold very dear to our hearts: our freedom.

And that is something we should never forget.

Stories and photos
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by William Gough

The ocean has always been a vital part of Jane Forner's life. Growing up in New Brunswick, she describes herself as a 'sea person', and it's clear the more we talk that she's the kind of person who never wants to live inland. It's also clear that she has a love of small towns, of a more rural lifestyle. After all, she grew up in a small town and, no matter where her work took her, has always dreamed of combining her love of small towns and the ocean with another central passion of her life - the Arts.

Well, Salt Spring Island is a place to find as well as follow dreams, and on the 23rd of this month Jane Forner will get to live on Salt Spring Island, inhale the sharp smell of the ocean, and then look towards a building that already - even before its official opening - has become a central part of this Island's commitment to the arts - *ArtSpring*. She's the executive director.

The development of *ArtSpring* is an example of what dreams can do. Once it was 'only' an idea - that Salt Spring needed a central gathering place for the Arts, a place of galleries that connected with stage; where meetings could be held, where people could gather -

where we can go again and again to celebrate the outpouring of art and creativity that is a normal part of Island life. Now a reality, it will be in the daily running of *ArtSpring*, that we see a reflection of the amazing bounty that this island has to offer.

And Jane Forner is well aware of just how essential this building is, what it stands for. In her work across the country, her passionate commitment to the Arts, she has had to work in cities all her life. At times, she ruefully admits she's even had to work inland, "but not for long," she adds hastily.

She sees *ArtSpring* as an exciting challenge. "It's a blank page," she muses, as she thinks about the commitment that was required from so many local people to see this building emerge from the 'what if' stage, to the 'here we are'. It's a place that can become the starting place of new dreams.

Jane and I have already discussed what she feels she brings to this job: experience,



Jane Forner, *ArtSpring's*
Executive Director

and a profound belief in the arts - and it's easy to see how deeply held her beliefs are when she talks about what such a centre can become. But it's when she begins to discuss what having *ArtSpring* on the island is going to mean to young people, that her excitement grows more intense. She sees *ArtSpring* as vital for young people. "What I want to see," she

through the galleries, to the welcoming lobby, to the outdoor performing area - all these have become part of a central vision of a building that can easily handle a number of exhibitions and meetings, as well as an ideal space where the current art, the performances in the theatre and even all the meetings could all relate to a central theme.

Jane, in a very good sense, is not a person you have to draw out as an interviewer. Instead, she has thought so deeply about what is important in the arts, and its role in the community, that the ideas bubble forth.

When I ask her what, in her experience, is the central reason a successful arts company or building succeeds, she has an answer that connects to Salt Spring. "What makes it work? Well, an organization is as good as its people; the volunteers, the board of directors." She takes a few minutes to stress how volunteers are vital to ensure that an arts organization works, and then she returns to the running of *ArtSpring*, and what makes any arts group succeed - "Vision. When the vision is wonderful, and there's a common goal, you feel it strongly. And *ArtSpring* is visionary. It began with a goal. Have a goal and a plan, and then," she laughs, "be open to modification."

ArtSpring: a place for dreams

says, "is a place where our young people can express themselves. In the arts they need choices, and with cut-backs in school funding, their choices are fewer." She brings a commitment that *ArtSpring* is to become, in everyday running, a place where young people can express their take on the world, in their own words, with their own creations.

The conversation spills over to an enchantment with the building itself, the way it's been planned. From the elliptically shaped theatre,

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Featured in the show will be work by members of all the Islands' Guilds, including painting, pottery, jewellery, weaving, fabric, lotions and balms, and much more.

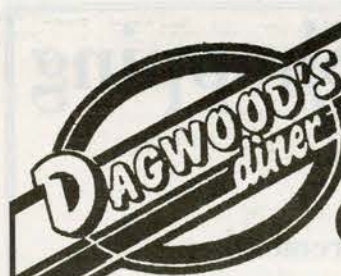
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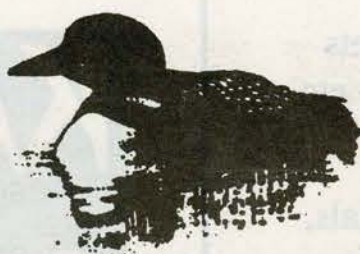
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Slide show to highlight plight of salmon

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Alexandra Morton, whale researcher, author and photographer, and co-author Billy Proctor, storyteller, fisherman and environmentalist, are giving a slide show and talk to introduce their new book *Heart of the Raincoast, A Life Story*.

The event, presented by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, takes place Monday, Nov. 23, 7:30 pm at the Lions Hall (102 Bonnet Ave). Everyone is welcome.

Morton is internationally known as 'The Whale Lady', and familiar to thousands of people through her TV appearances, films, books and slide shows. She is the author of two earlier books: *Siwiti - A Whale's Story* and *In the Company of Whales*.

She has spent the last 17 years observing dolphins and whales up the BC coast. When her photographer husband drowned, Morton and

her four-year-old son stayed in the tiny community of Echo Bay, though everyone expected her to leave. To earn much-needed income, she took a job fishing the west coast as a nervous, seasick, greenhorn deckhand on Billy Proctor's fishboat. She stuck it out, still lives in Echo Bay - and still eats fish.

Billy Proctor was born in the Broughton Archipelago and knows his part of the BC coast as few people do. After years as a successful fisherman, he saw that changes are necessary if the coast is to be kept alive. He helped start an effective community coho hatchery, works to clean up salmon-spawning streams, and explains the needs of salmon - the lifeblood of the coast - to politicians.

Proctor is a storyteller in the old tradition, and this is a "warts and all" account. He has towed his floathouse through tide rips, fallen a tree smack onto his rowboat, stranded himself on a beach digging clams at midnight and seen inexplicable creatures in the sea and the sky. He shares some entertaining secrets of highliner fishermen, describes the happy madness known as "sockeye fever," and explains how to predict the timing of salmon runs (it's to do with full moons). Based on knowledge gained from over 50 years of commercial fishing, this book offers a plan to help save the wild Pacific salmon.

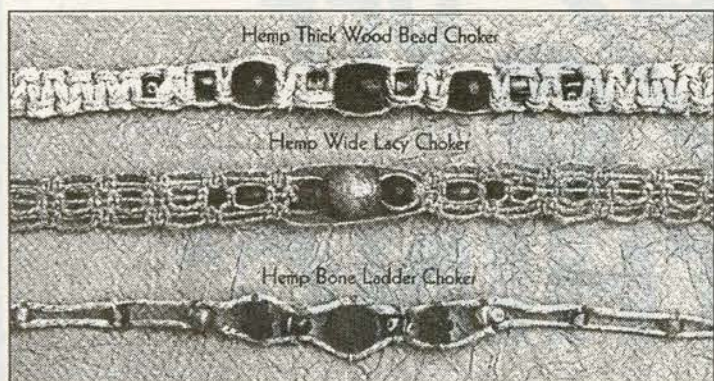
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Dr. Lea will be presenting his slide show 'Savouring France By Bike' on Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:30 pm at the Lions Club Hart Bradley Hall (corner of Drake and Bonnet

Ave). "I used to cycle and camp, but now I'm getting a little lazy and prefer to stay in bed and breakfasts and small hotels," he says. "It's not that much more expensive and quite convenient - a nice reward after an energetic day cycling." Dr. Lea's two children also peddled thousands of kilometres on trips to France with their father.

With this wealth of experience, he has answers to questions on everything a cyclist needs to know about

riding in France, from packing up the bike for the plane trip to the best places to stay.

"You don't need to be a cyclist to enjoy the evening," says event organizer Margaretha Nordine. "We expect the show will appeal to everyone." Admission is \$3; children 16 and under will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

The show is sponsored by Island Pathways. For more information, contact Claire 653-4185.

Rap Chat ... with Matt Cecill

Mack 10 The Recipe

Over the years, Mack 10 has become a household name in Hip-Hop. On past albums, he has proven himself to be one of the premier West Coast rappers. Mack 10 has come a long way from being an unknown member of the Ice Cube-driven 'West Side Connection.' On his last release, 'Based On a True Story', he displayed that he really could hold his own against the likes of Ice Cube, Snoop Dogg and other big name rappers. 'The Recipe' is the first release on Mack 10's new record label 'Hoo Bangin'

Records.' This is a solid album - it showcases a lot of new, up and coming artists such as Binky, Boo Lapone, K-Mac, Techniec and CJ Mac. Some established talent is also featured, including Master P, Snoop Dogg, Big Pun and Fat Joe. At a glance, all of these additional rappers should make the album that much stronger, but while listening, I found myself frustrated at how little Mack 10 appears on his own album. Overall, Mack 10, in West Side fashion, gets the job done. This album is worth buying, but for me, it still leaves some expectations unfulfilled.

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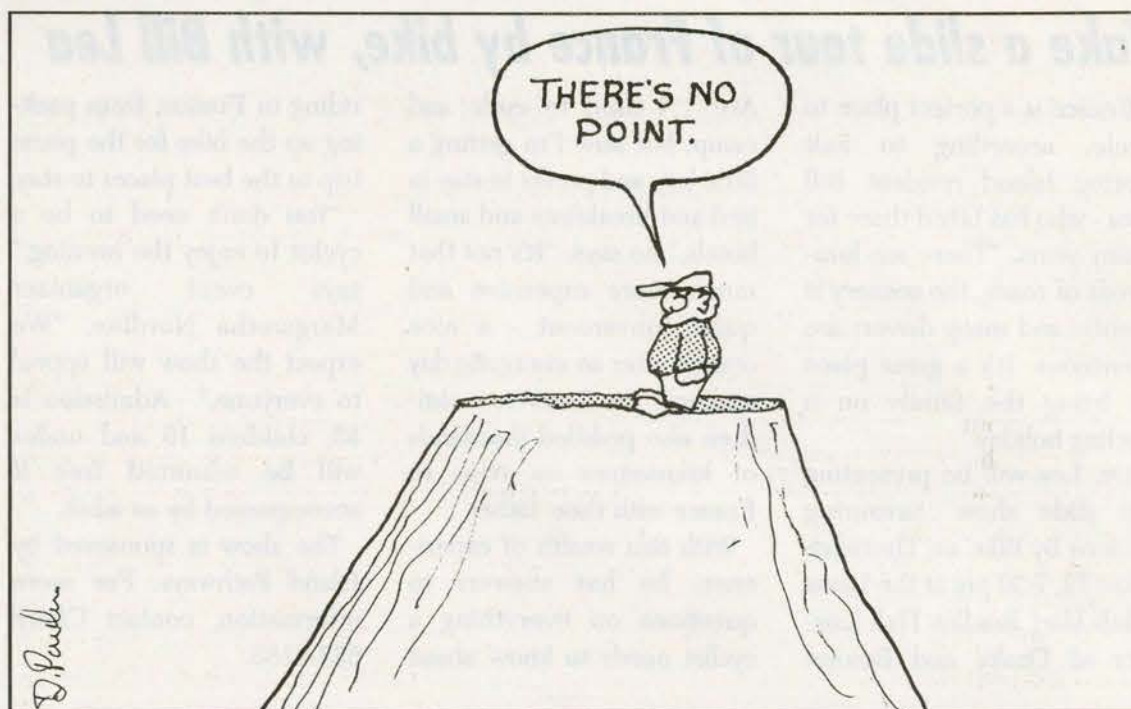


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The topic for this year is 'Mysteries of the Inner Journey.' Enchanting stories, Young says, can be a source of help and comfort in times of personal uncertainty. The key is in the psychological symbolism of the tales, such as a visit to the wise old woman of the woods. This lecture/discussion will delight in the magic of Little Red Riding Hood and other tales that offer insights into the quest for wholeness.

"Lecturing here is like speaking to a group of graduate students."

- Dr. Jonathan Young

We are fortunate this year to have Dr. Young agree to a one-day workshop on 'Romancing the Muses - Mythic Patterns in Creativity.'

This workshop looks at how the creative process can be helped by understanding the underlying patterns that fuel artistic invention. The primary structure often stems from the journey of initiation. Dr. Young draws on the work of Joseph Campbell (with whom he worked) to explore imagination. Participants will explore universal elements of creative expression: wonder, discover, change, and cohesion. This workshop is for those in the written, performing and visual arts - and anyone who enjoys the life of the imagination. Lecture: Friday, Nov. 27 at 7:30pm, United Church on Hereford - \$10. Workshop: Saturday, Nov. 28 - 10 am - 4 pm - 181 Beaver Point Road, (Hepburn House) - \$50 (plus \$5 for light lunch if you wish).

Submitted by Pamela Thornley.

Hot seat beckons

Win a chance at 'The Chair' - the best seat in the Harbour House for the Grey Cup game Nov. 22. A draw will decide armchair privileges for both the first and second half of the game. The lucky winners will also enjoy complimentary food and beverage.

Hysterical Society putting on comedy show benefit

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society and Friends are putting on a benefit show at Fulford Community Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8 pm. The show, titled A Night of Comedy in Aid of The Canadian Red Cross Hurricane Mitch Relief Fund, will feature adult-

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around the dock

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November 4, 1998 . . . 0800

Gordon Ruckle pulls the boat out of the slip and swings her bow to the East: Aqua Star goes to work. This morning's cargo is a little lighter than usual; two Hydro line men bound for a job on an outer island. This morning it's Saturna, but tomorrow it could just as easily be Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Saturna or Parker. Once past the last beacon, the little ship picks up speed, her bow rising from the sea and breaking into a foamy grin.

. . . 0930 . . .

Across the harbour George Herberg fills Genesis' water tank while on board, Pauline has the coffee on and Buddy is curled up on the settee, his nose two inches from the glowing diesel heater. If he had it in him, this dog would experience guilt; he knows the dock outside is covered with those ugly squawking birds and he knows whose job it is to chase them off, but for some reason, today, he just wants to stay put right here in this warm dry cabin. He's a long way from a bark. Buddy falls asleep to gentle sound of water pouring into the tank somewhere beneath him. Outside on the dock, George coils the old garden hose up and puts it away. He glances at

Dock Talk ... with Peter Clarke

the sky. Something is coming for sure.

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. . . NOON . . .

Razzle stretches on the sun-warmed planks of the old wharf, his soft white belly soaking up the heat until he is overwhelmed and goes back to sleep. The dog dreams of more boat jobs, trotting after Dave around the docks and getting to see all his old friends . . . all over again. There is also something else frolicking in his head, tiny lights that make his ears tickle and eyelids flutter while he snoozes. A faithful paw reaches to his head and rubs the feeling away. It feels good to be a Beagle today. As our friend Razzle sleeps, scientists around the globe struggle to predict the intensity of the imminent storm. Satellites are re-oriented in their orbits to avoid destruction while huge human brains study formulas and 'impact probabilities'. Razzle rolls onto his back; steam begins to rise from his chest.

• "There's a thousand stories on the naked waterfront."

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by Joe Clemente

Any of you gardeners out there interested in growing fruit trees? This is an excellent time of the year to plant one, whether it is bare root or potted up. Usually the fall rains have set in, letting Mother Nature do all the watering for you. Be sure to pick out a good area in your garden that receives maximum sunshine in the warmer months. Also, when planting your fruit tree, amend the planting hole with only the best topsoil, and be sure your ground is well draining. I've seen a lot of fruit trees that were planted in poor draining soil get root rot.

When purchasing your trees make sure you pick a variety you'll enjoy to eat. There are many different varieties of apples, plums, pears and cherries that can be grown in our climate and some of the fruits are more flavourful than others. Usually you buy a couple of trees that will pollinate one another, unless you already have a few fruit trees in your garden and you'd like to add another variety.

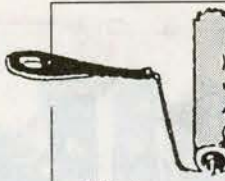
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Growing fruit trees

Some like to grow peaches, apricots, and nectarines. It can be done, but make sure you select the hottest, sunniest area in your garden. A south wall that has reflected heat works well, as does a couple of dormant sprayings of lime sulfur - one in late fall and the other just before the buds start to swell. Late January would be a good time. This will prevent your peaches and nectarines from peach leaf curl.

Apples, plums, cherries and pears should receive an application of lime sulfur and dormant oil in late fall also. This usually prevents a lot of problems they may encounter during their growing season. A good high fence around your trees will prevent our lovely island deer from destroying your investment, and also save you a lot of heartache. Also make sure your trees have ample irrigation during our dry months and remember to use a good fruit tree fertilizer once they get their roots established. Liquid transplant and a little bone-meal always helps out at time of planting. A good book on pruning will help you out when your trees are ready for it. It's always rewarding harvesting fruit you've grown yourself. Enjoy!

(An error in last week's gardening column described figs as self-fertilizing. The article should have said 'self fertile'.)



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Collecting Ukranian folk tales in Canada

Danny Evanishen's quest for stories is still on the road. Since he began his story collections he has driven well over 200,000 kilometres across Canada to find the people who know the stories.

Now collecting Ukranian folk tales in Canada, Evanishen will be in Ganges at *et cetera* on Wednesday Nov. 25 from 1 pm to 3 pm to collect local stories and to sign books.

In addition to Ukranian folk tales, he's collecting humorous anecdotes and stories from the old days in Canada. His aim is to document parts of our Canadian heritage that are in danger of being lost forever.

He has published five volumes of folk tales, two volumes of short stories about the old days, and a translation of a war novel written by a Ukranian woman who survived not only Stalin by Hitler as well.

This year's offerings are *The Worry Imps*, number

five in the folk tales series, and a cookbook called *Baba the Cook*, written by his mother Natalka Evanishen, who died in August 1997.

"This year I will be travelling to most of Ukranian and multicultural festival in Canada," he says. "Come and tell me a story."

Attention all bakers, your goodies please!

On Saturday, Dec. 5 - 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Mahon Hall - the High School Parents' Group is holding a cookie sale with a difference. Laid out on dozens of trays will be all sorts of goodies. There are three different size boxes to fill with your pick from the

trays - which are then sold by weight. Parents/students - we need your baking please - a couple of dozen of your favourite goodies. All proceeds go to the Parents' Group. If you don't bake, buy! For more information, call Fiona @ 537-2789.

Kids Corner ... with Sara Mackay, age 11

Books for Kids to Curl Up With

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Library Suggestions

1. Night of the Aliens, by Dayle Campbell Gaetz
2. Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul, by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Hansen, and Irene Dunlap
3. The Sky is Falling, by Kit Pearson
4. Looking at the Moon, by Kit Pearson
5. The Lights Go On Again, by Kit Pearson

On Tuesday, our whole school (SIMS) was invited to GISS for their ceremony. Everything was excellently performed, my personal favourites being the GISS band's playing, Ivan Mouat's speech, and a speech by Mary Regan, a Grade 8 from our school.

I think that that day we all take time to think about those who were not as lucky as we are today, and that this is a very respecting thing for all of us to do.



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Small Business ... with Marion H. Markus

In this column I will be including excerpts from my manual, *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Basic Bookkeeping for Small Business but were Afraid to Ask ...*

Q: What is the purpose of business?

A: The purpose of a business is to make a profit. Profits are the result of good management and sound decision-making. Those skills extend into all areas of your business: planning, financing, management, accounting, taxation and computers. If there is no expectation of profit yours is not a business but a hobby.

Q: What is a profit?

A: If your revenue (income) earned during a fiscal period (a year), is greater than your expenses then the business will have a PROFIT (or Net Income). Or if your business expenses are greater than the revenue, then you have a LOSS. This is shown on your Statement of Profit or Loss, also known as an income statement.

Q: Why should I keep books?

A: There are three basic reasons to keep books:

1. Preparation of taxes (for the government).
2. Presentation of financial statements to financial institutions (banks loaning you money), potential investors, purchasers.
3. For budgeting and planning strategies. Again good management requires some planning or reviewing to determine if your budgets or finances are appropriate to make a

profit.

Q: What is an accountant?

A: Bookkeepers, accountants, auditors, income tax specialists, with or without professional degrees. If they are in public practice their services are available to anyone who will pay for them and they are considered accountants. Some types of accountants: Certified General Accountant (CGA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Chartered Accountant (CA), Public Accountant, Certified Public Accountant (USA designation - CPA). Your accountant writes up your books, once a week, once a month, or once a year, and at the proper time makes up your income tax return.

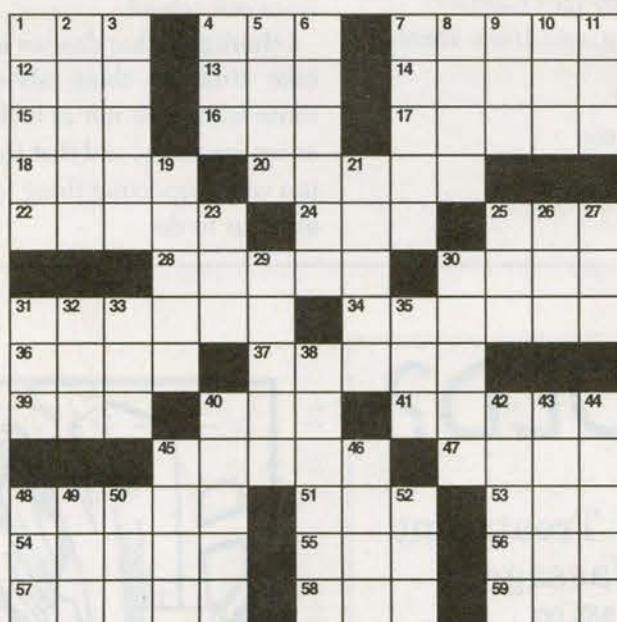
Accounting takes considerable professional skill, whereas bookkeeping takes less. Bookkeeping is the regular record-keeping of a business' daily activities (or transactions) in which money or money values change hands. The purpose is to maintain an accurate, up-to-date record of the financial transactions of the business so that the financial position of the business can be found. Some businesses like to hire professionals to prepare their payroll or type invoices. There are many acceptable computer programs to help with these tasks. If the manuals are daunting, hire an accountant to set up the books and get you trained and started.

Marion H. Markus is a freelance business consultant.

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ACROSS

- 1 Automobile
- 4 Soak flax straw
- 7 A measure of time
- 12 Rural Route 1, for short
- 13 Epoch
- 14 Ship's deck
- 15 European Economic Community, for short
- 16 Common BC tree
- 17 Canadian quest
- 18 '80 inductee, Paul _____
- 20 Old woman
- 22 Possibly
- 24 Ovum
- 25 Tub
- 28 Elude
- 30 Reverberation
- 31 '85 inductee, Wilf _____

- 34 '93 inductee, Anne _____
- 36 Lyric poems
- 37 Step
- 39 Ms. Deer
- 40 Indian city
- 41 Beverage
- 45 Families of type
- 47 Play
- 48 Farewell, in Trois Rivieres
- 51 Blasting substance
- 53 _____ Royal Highness
- 54 Belly button
- 55 Lavatory
- 56 Sense of self
- 57 Give in
- 58 Lamb's dam
- 59 Grandma, to some

DOWN

- 1 Butter source
- 2 Hockey venue
- 3 Richard, sometimes
- 4 Linesman, e.g.
- 5 Nesterenko, for one
- 6 _____ and feathered
- 7 '82 inductee, Neil _____
- 8 Small eagle
- 9 Caliph
- 10 Decay
- 11 Perform espionage
- 19 Aids
- 21 Saskatchewan community
- 23 Adam's better half
- 25 Video recorder, for short
- 26 Gotcha!
- 27 Plaything
- 29 Fire Marshal's concern
- 30 Mistake
- 31 Threatened fish
- 32 Bustle
- 33 Ms. Ruff
- 35 Unemployment Insurance Commission, for short
- 38 Tell tales
- 40 '83 inductee, Glenn _____
- 42 '91 inductee, Leonard _____
- 43 The end
- 44 Airport part
- 45 Touch
- 46 '79 inductee, Hank _____
- 48 Unspecified number
- 49 Thai
- 50 I have, for short
- 52 Tick tack follower

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Let's Eat . . . with Linda Koroscil

I used to follow my dad out to the barn at milking time on hot summer evenings. I can still remember that smell - sweet hay, warm cows, steaming milk - those were the days! Laura and Fuzzy, our Jersey cows, would take their respective places in the stalls and wait patiently while their tails were clipped to the rafters above. There were about half a dozen barn cats (their numbers varied due to unforeseen circumstances) waiting on the sidelines, their mouths all agape with anticipation of well-placed squirts of milk. Then back to the dairy we would go, buckets in hand. Just before bedtime my dad would plunk me in my highchair and give me graveyard stew - crusty white bread topped with sugar and hot milk. The taste was wonderful!

Hot milk lends itself to lots of recipes - here's one of my favourites. You can use it for almost anything - trifle, strawberry shortcake, torte with butter cream filling, iced birthday cakes - just use your imagination.

HOT MILK SPONGECAKE

1 1/2 cups sugar, sifted	3 eggs
1 1/2 cups flour, sifted	1 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 tsp baking powder	1 tsp lemon peel
1/2 tsp salt	2 tbs butter,
3/4 cup milk, heated	melted

Grease and flour either 1 tube pan, 9x13 pan, or 8" rounds. Sift sugar. Beat eggs till very light and add sugar, 1 tbs at a time till lemon yellow fluffy. Fold in dry ingredients, then fold in milk, butter, vanilla and lemon peel. Bake @ 350 degrees about 20 minutes or 'till it springs back to the touch. The tube pan takes longer, 45 minutes or so.

Here's a tip for a wonderful orange flavoured cake. Place a couple of orange peels in a jar of sugar for a few days. Remove the peel or put it in your food processor with the sugar and zap it around until it is very finely chopped.

Next week - watch for Vesuvius Inn recipes from the good old days!

Everybody's Health

Question: As an aesthetician I have often been asked about the best way to deal with acne, teenage or adult?

Answer: Acne can be a condition that inflicts teenagers at a very vulnerable time in their lives and can continue into adulthood with scarring and pitting. Acne can also start later on in life; this is called adult acne.

The medical profession tends to treat acne with oral and topical antibiotics. I try to evaluate the client's lifestyle and general health. I often suggest that the client might want to ensure that her

Vitamin B intake is sufficient. This can be taken in the form of brewer's yeast. Powered brewer's yeast can also be mixed with water or yogurt to form a paste to use as a mask once or twice a week.

I might also suggest restructuring cleansing routines twice daily with an appropriate cleanser and toner (always use a toner as this will ensure optimum PH level of the skin) and a treatment cream.

Ingredients to look for in a treatment cream are:

- St. John's Wort - this herb aids in gently stimulating the circulation and is commonly

used as a healing oil.

- Chamomile - prized for its antiseptic and soothing properties.

- Sedaplant - a herbal extract that acts as an anti-inflammatory and regenerating force without overstimulating, it might also contain shea butter, aloe vera, yarrow and essential oils of lavender and geranium.

I would also suggest that pillow cases be changed frequently and that face cloths not be used more than once before being laundered.

Submitted by Judith Humphrys, Licensed Aesthetician.



Horoscopes

For the week, by Michael O'Connor

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Personal freedom is linked to taking stock of and making full use of our personal resources. We all have something unique and special to offer. It may even be said that the discovery of what makes us special is a core reason for being. There is no true freedom or security in following the pack. This type of reaction is part of the cause of the 'rat race'. Make every effort to define the path that will free the expression of your soul. You owe this to your self and perhaps to us all.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22) With the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Pluto now in Sagittarius the desire for personal freedom will be strongly felt now. As always, giving a clear definition to what freedom truly means to you is key. That we all must search for the particular doors that our keys will open is a part of the game. That some of these doors are possibly blocked and hidden by the dirt and debris of past events is the challenge. An exercise of will and courage to take on such challenges is the way to play.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Have you ever gone deep sea diving and explored the treasures of a subterranean world? Do you find yourself having to create new modes of communication with your companions? Are you seeing traces of wrecked ships that suggest the possibility of unexplored and forgotten buried treasures? Is there so much you want to explore that you are challenged to decide which direction to pursue first? Can you see beyond these metaphors and recognize the deeper meaning of your current adventure?

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) A part of the paradox of Aquarius is that individual rights are equally as important as the needs of the collective. Communism cannot truly work because individuality is not recognized. However, capitalism fails when individuals do not act in accordance with the needs of the many. Personal responsibility is their common denominator. For you now, being responsible implies breaking the mold of inherited patterns and values that breed conformity and separation.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) A prominent alignment of planets in Sagittarius, the archer, makes this an opportune time to expand your horizons in your career and social life. Up until recently, your ruling planets, Jupiter and Neptune, have been retrograde and despite all progress, the momentum has been slower than what it might have been had these planets not been retrograde. Make efforts to clearly define what you have to offer, target your market and let your arrows fly.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) The call to get more creative is getting louder. Your rather busy pace of late finds you dreaming about new possibilities. Travel, cultural events and stimulating conversation are the tickets that will help your imagination to soar. Let the ideas fly without judgment or other dry reality checks. While it will be old friends and new acquaintances that will light your fire, continue to take an independent approach to choosing your arena. Expand your vision.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) A widening of perception in terms of spiritual truths is growing stronger. A core element of spiritual belief and custom is techniques and practices designed to dissolve stagnant self-concepts. The purpose is to get one in touch with fresh creative feelings. That we create outwardly in the world for the purpose of creating our very soul is the message of the mystic vision upon which religion and philosophy are built. Abundance in all respects is our destiny. Re-assess what it means to you.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Big changes that have been progressively making their way into your life will be very apparent this week. Like a swift arrow in flight bearing in on its target, but all in slow motion, you are able to see it approach its mark. In anticipation you pray that it will hit the bulls eye of your dreams. Beyond the facts, believe that it will and trust that your clear thoughts and visualizations will make a difference. Give energy to the idea that hard reality is more fluid than it appears.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) The urge to break free of old routines and habits will be strong this week. Central to this process is the attachments you have around security. Like all such words with ambiguous meaning, many perspectives and opinions are available. Society largely recognizes security in material terms. At deeper, more essential levels, security is born of the awareness that materiality is simply a dense form of energy. Science tells us that energy cannot die but, it must move and flow in order to keep life in the balance.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) Have you ever truly given thought to what makes you particularly special? In as much as you are not centered you are at the mercy of compliments paid to you, or not. Many still unconsciously carry the detrimental idea that loving and acknowledging oneself fully is somehow bad. Consider that self hate is the opposite of excessive self adoration, but without any bonus points. Take full account of your worth and your potential, just not at any one else's expense.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) The process of getting in touch with who you truly are will be felt in full force this week. Since the bulk of our perceptions and opinions are formed by belief, assess why you believe the things you do and where they come from. You may well find that most are inherited and accepted out of fact. Evaluate which walls are blocking your vision. Consider that some of these walls are people close to you who want you to be who they want you to be for the sake of their own security.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Fair judgment born of expanded vision is an aspect of your destiny. You are currently being challenged to respond appropriately to events as opposed to reacting according to personal assumptions. Commitment to the whole is balanced by recognition of the unique and individual nature of its parts. This is as true for groups of people as it is for a smoothly running machine. "All for one and one for all" is the ideal that will earn you big points now.

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'You're a hypocrite!'

In this modern "nonjudgmental" era, the accusation of hypocrisy is about the only acceptable judgment call. Today, hypocrisy appears to be the only universally recognized sin and evil - not even infidelity, lying and cheating, out-of-wedlock births or addictions are considered as reprehensible.

The fact is that we as a society have caved in, dumbing down our expectations and morality, and called it tolerance and freedom. Anyone who dares defend standards risks relentless attacks in order to find some flaw or inconsistency that can be used against him to nullify the message. The epithet of "hypocrite" is hurled at people who are unafraid to make judgments based on a set of standards by people who have no standards at all. Yet this fact is rarely observed, much less commented upon by the media and others, who blithely repeat the charge of hypocrisy far and wide.

The truth is that every human being, even those who aspire to higher levels of moral living, has lapsed in his or her journey because of immaturity, emotional upheaval, curiosity, impulsiveness or temporary stupidity. While sins are inevitable, atonement and change are the hallmarks of teachers, not hypocrites.

I wish the folks who scream "hypocrite" would at least know what they're talking about. A hypocrite is one whose words and deeds are lies constructed for pretense - with the sole intention of generating a positive opinion

toward him or herself. If one's words are spoken and deeds performed only for the sake of that opinion, are superficial and not the true reflection of reality or the honest expression of one's heart or intent, only then can one be condemned as a hypocrite.

Having once lived in a way that one now disavows on moral and ethical grounds does not make one a hypocrite; it makes one a teacher. Furthermore, atonement does not require one to publicly embarrass oneself, although the endless, nauseating TV talk-show confessions have really whet the public appetite for such tasteless displays.

I find it remarkable that so-called celebrities on radio and TV or in print, who blatantly espouse, enact or produce vulgarity and viciousness, are not only tolerated but encouraged by the media, while people these celebrities mock and attack for their beliefs are seen as fair game. Perhaps the "bad boy syndrome" is treated as amusing and the toxicity spread by these personalities ignored because reporters fear retribution. That may explain why this disgusting public discourse is wrapped in the First Amendment and excused as modern satire or harmless sophomoric banter. Or maybe it's just that on some level, when this trash is portrayed as entertainment or silly fun, people feel less guilty about the darker side of their own human nature.

Whatever the reason, the most savage attacks are usually reserved for those who dare to challenge that darker

side, remind us we could and should do and be more and better, exhort us to live for more than the moment. These voices should be our heroes, not objects of derision and disrespect.

My radio program is about exploring "right and wrong." The most typical question has to do with a fear, an actual fear, of standing up for what's right. People legitimately fear being ostracized, bullied, hurt or, perhaps worse, ignored, permitting wrong to continue.

Parents are reluctant to set standards for their children because they themselves fell short in their own youth and did things they now regret. "I don't want to be hypocritical," they say. Let's get clear about this. It is parents' responsibility to teach their children to behave morally and ethically, because it is in the child's best interest to have clear-cut standards. Parents' own past behavior is irrelevant. Assuming you are no longer behaving "that" way, there is no hint of hypocrisy in setting standards for your children to aspire to. You are a lousy parent if you don't.

While it is painful that society seems so determined to demoralize itself, there is an even deeper problem: the growing reluctance to publicly acknowledge and stand up against wrongdoing and wrongdoers, and the general willingness to discount as hypocrites those who do. We need people to clang the warning bell. We also need people to listen!

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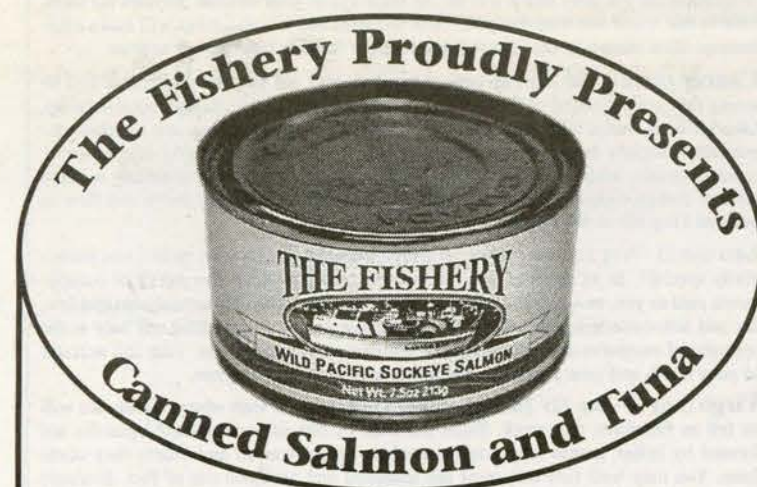
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Physicians are accountable to parents first of all

QUESTION: Our family physician wants to examine my 13-year-old son without my being in the room. That's OK with me, but I expect him to tell me what my boy says and what his medical condition is. That's where we disagree. He says he must keep their conversation confidential. Am I right to expect to be informed and involved?

DR. DOBSON: Teen-agers are typically sensitive and modest about their bodies — especially when their parents are around — so I can understand the need for privacy during a physical exam. The larger issue here, however, is the physician's accountability to you as the mother, and at this point, I agree entirely with the position you have taken. Other parents have expressed similar concerns to me.

I'm reminded of a mother who told me that she took her 14-year-old daughter to their pediatrician for a routine physical exam. The mother was aware that her daughter was beginning to develop physically and might be sensitive to her being in the examining room with her. She offered to remain in the waiting room, but the girl objected.

"I don't want to go in there by myself," she said. "Please come with me." After arguing with her daughter for a moment, the mother agreed to accompany her to the examining room.

When the exam was over, the doctor turned to the mother and criticized her for intruding. He said in front of the girl, "You know, you really had no business being in the examining room. It is time I related directly to your daughter. You should not even be aware of the care that I give her or the medication I prescribe. Nor should you know the things that are said between us. My care of your daughter should now be

a private matter between her and me."

The girl had been going through a period of rebellion, and the mother felt her authority was weakened by the doctor's comments. It was as though he were saying, "Your day of supervision of your daughter has now passed. She should now make her own decisions." Fortunately, that mother was unwilling to do as she was told, and promptly found a new doctor. Good for her!

I have discussed this conversation with several pediatricians, and they have each agreed with the doctor in this case. They emphasized the importance of a youngster having someone to talk with in private. Perhaps. But I object to the autonomy demanded by the physician. Fourteen-year-old boys and girls are not grown, and their parents are still the best people to care for them and oversee their development. It is appropriate for a physician to have some private moments with a young patient, but he or she should never forget to whom accountability is owed.

Furthermore, if greater authority is to be granted to the doctor, the parent had better find out just what he or she believes about contraceptives for minors, premarital sex, spiritual matters and the like. Be careful whom you choose to trust with the body and the soul of your child.

The pace of living is so frantic today that we have become dangerously willing to accept surrogate parenting from a variety of professionals who meander through our lives. Educators, youth ministers, athletic coaches, music instructors, psychologists, counselors and physicians are there to assist parents in raising their kids — but never to replace them.

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SOCCER KICKS *by Malcolm Legg*

With the Geezers not in action last weekend due to all the liquid sunshine we had over that period, it seemed to be appropriate to feature the Bank of Montreal Slashers, our local U-19 girls squad, who played to a thrilling 1-1 tie last Wednesday at the High School.

The Slashers have been on a roll this season, going into this game unbeaten in nine games (7 wins and 2 ties)

and have only surrendered two goals to their opposition so far.

Consequently, the girls knew this match would be tougher as Gordon Head were the top team from Division II women's soccer and had been thrashing all their opposition by 5 or 6 goals each game.

Couple that with key injuries to centerback Heidi Straarup and wing-half Stephanie "The Streak"

Collette and the Slashers were in for a real challenge.

In the early going the Slashers seemed to have the early jump as the K Twins, Kyla Dares and Kate McNair and Tenisha "The Terrier" Von Pelt had several good chances to score but failed to convert.

Slowly, as the half wore on, Gordon Head came on in the game and started to press and with the start of the second half they poured on the pressure, looking for goals.

But the Slasher defense had played through pressure

before and always had made the big play. Anchored by Maia Vaillancourt in goal and Jenny "Killer" Kerr, Robin Morris, Ruth Siagbill, Hannah Smith and Alana Scott in defense most threats were handled relatively easily.

As the half wore on the Slasher mid-field of Corey Schwagly, Aslin Sinclair, Lauri Legg, Joelle Morrison and Molly "Good Golly" Lynesford started to regain some control and late in the half they pushed the girls forward for goals.

Unfortunately, it was Gordon

Bank of Montreal Slashers 1 Gordon Head 1

Head who struck on a counter-attack and with only five minutes left had a 1-0 lead and appeared heading to victory.

Ah! but nothing is certain with the Slashers, as the girls dug down drop and rallied, led by Van Pelt's gritty run down the wing she centered to McNair who fired the loose ball home for the equalizer in the dying seconds.

It has been this kind of grit and determination that has the Slashers on top of their league, something they hope to add to this weekend in Gordon Head.

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Congratulations Connie!

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An emergency SD#64 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting was held last week to address the November 4, 1998 response from the Minister of Education to the Financial Plan submitted by the Board on October 31. All 10 Gulf Island schools were represented. Highlights of the discussion at this meeting, along with the over 1300 signatures that have been collected to date in the petition campaign, were sent to the Minister in a responding letter on November 12. This letter is capsulized below.

"SD#64 DPAC is both angry and disappointed that a substantive financial plan was submitted, yet no commitment of the Ministry's planned involvement in process and negotiation has been received, only a basic rejection of the plan. This is not what SD#64 DPAC representatives were led to believe in their meeting with the Minister on October 27, 1998. The parents that met with the Minister on October 27 had endeavoured to act in an intermediary capacity and left the meeting feeling hopeful that if SD#64 was willing to bend, then the Minister would also exhibit some flexibility. To SD#64 DPAC, the Minister's response to the Board's plan is a 'breach of trust'.

How can the Minister expect SD#64 to cut a total of \$687,500

from our budget when:

- to quote from a Ministry Gulf Islands Deficit Situation Fact Sheet, 'The district is over-spent by \$831,000 in instruction. This over-expenditure is due chiefly to the class size and composition language and the provision of paraprofessionals to assist regular classroom teachers.'? This is the area of our budget that the Ministry negotiated and is now not willing to fund.

- the Minister's own Efficiency Advisory Team found that our Board 'has thoroughly examined and reduced expenditures in the district' and that 'the school district now requires the assistance of the organization responsible for funding school districts to recognize the unique situation that exists in the Gulf Islands School District and to take action, possibly unprecedented action, to develop a realistic level of funding for the school district.'?

- at the meeting on October 28, it was stated that the Dispersion Report with \$125,000 to \$150,000 in non-funded expenses is now with the Finance and Facilities Advisory Committee for consideration, and it was acknowledged that the \$400,000 overrun in our Middle School funding is part of a larger, Provincial Middle School funding problem is currently under review?

With a total of over \$500,000

still under question, how can SD#64 be expected to go all the way in solving the shortfall problem? Isn't it appropriate that SD#64 have a definitive resolution from the Ministry on these items first, so that our Board assess the overall situation properly?

How can the Minister point to SD#64's class sizes, when:

- in the Fall 98 issue of BC Education News the Minister states that 'Making classes smaller makes good sense - for children and for teachers. It means that each child can get more individual attention and has a better chance of developing those critical skills of reading and writing that they need to succeed in school and life.'

- at the recent BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils conference, the Minister addressed the government's commitments to reduce class sizes in kindergarten to Grade 3 (to less than current Gulf Island primary class sizes) and to fully fund the three-year agreement to provide 2,000 new teachers over 3 years, telling delegates that he was 'all for BCCPAC holding our government responsible for the commitments that it has made, because they're real commitments'.

How can the Minister portray an air of good will towards SD#64, then try to discredit the

Gulf Island situation with statements such as those referring to:

- 'locally-negotiated clauses agreed to by local teachers and local trustees' as if they are separate entities. This appears as an attempt to cause confusion in an area that is clearly part of the Ministry's responsibility. These clauses do exist, but as part of the whole contract, along with the Provincially-negotiated components, all rolled over together by the Ministry.

- the Revelstoke school district that 'with a very similar enrollment and similar challenging issues... managed with almost 40 fewer staff'. This creates a tainted perception when, last year, the actual student teacher ratios were: Revelstoke: 1,718 students to 73.3 classroom teachers; Gulf Islands: 1,739 students to 74.1 classroom teachers; roughly the same ratio.

In closing, SD#64 DPAC remains hopeful that somehow the inclusive and collaborative process that was established from the Efficiency Advisory Team (EAT) report can still be re-initiated, and will include all partner groups, including the Ministry. Definitive actions by the Minister to renew this process would demonstrate that the Minister is sincere about collaborating with the Gulf Islands school district to solve the deficit problem."

Submitted by Michelle Mech, co-chair DPAC.

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