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## Family boat launching big FLAC finally gets date feature at Wooden Boat Festival

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Ten lucky families and youth groups will again build a 12 ft. dinghy in four hectic days. A professional boat builder and knowledgeable volunteers will assure they are all seaworthy. Join them to cheer at their triumphant launching on the last afternoon of the festival.

#### 14th Annual Wooden Boat Festival on Granville Island August 23 - 26

Market Square and the docks around Granville Island will be chock-a-block with handsome wooden boats of all kinds during the four days of the Festival.

Afloat and ashore there will be displays and hands-on boat building demonstrations, including knot tyers and wood carvers. This is the chance to enjoy beautiful handiwork and get answers to all your questions about building canoes, kayaks or skiffs from a variety of skilled, enthusiastic craftsmen

Activities will take place at Triangle Square and the Market Courtyard. As the courtyard had become pretty over-crowded the Family Boat Building will occupy the Ocean Art Works site this year.

#### Three years in a 12' boat

Join Stephen Ladd who built the world's smallest live-aboard sailboat, Squeak, then rowed and sailed her alone for 3 years, through 19 countries and 15,000 After being robbed, capsized, arrested, shipwrecked on a desert island, chased by pirates and descending a 600mile South American river by night, he wrote a book. He'll share his stories every day during the festival, in the Market Courtyard.

#### Dave's Epic Sea Journey

On Thursday, Aug. 23 at noon (weather permitting) be on the docks by the Market Courtyard to welcome Dave Ryan as he completes his row from Nanaimo in his 1946, 20' lapstrake whale boat, Ryan's Freedom. This event is to help raise awareness and funds for the Cerebral Palsy Association of BC, motivated by Dave's 12 year-old daughter, Janelle, who lives with CP.

#### Moby Dick in Song & Verse

Howe Sound (Jake Galbraith, Jill King and Bryon Thompson) will again perform their 25 minute version of Herman Melville's classic Moby Dick

Sunday, Aug. 26 11:00 a.m. Under the tent in Market Courtyard

The trio will also sing Sea Shanties throughout the days of the festival and on Aug. 25 Jill King will give a concertina workshop at 4:00 p.m.

The Vancouver Maritime Museum will have displays and crafts for children. Throughout Saturday the bigger kids can haul their parents off to try their hands rowing the 18th century replica Spanish longboat Juanita - a chance to feel like the explorers did 200 years ago as you explore the Creek.

Terry Ridings has recovered from last year's tying of a 3.7m.sq. rope, with more than 2800 splices, for Disneyland in Japan. He will be in the Market Courtyard with his sea chest full of fancy ropework on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 10:30 & 2:00.

The Captain Vancouver Sea Cadets will be manning a booth with nautical displays and ropework, and be glad to talk to potential new recruits.

#### Races - there have to be races

The small wooden boats and canoes will race in Alder Bay on Saturday and on Sunday, in English Bay, festival registered wooden sailboats will compete for the coveted Spruce Cup.

# with City Council

by Audrey Gill

lmost three years after the FalseCreek Landlease Action Committee was created to try to get the City of Vancouver to negotiate its landlease prepayment prices, and over a year since FLAC submitted its independent appraisal, City Council has finally agreed to hear FLAC's position.

FLAC and individual leaseholders will be able to appear before a Committee consisting of the whole City Council at a public meeting on September 20.

The information now available to leaseholders regarding the prepayment program was not easy to get from City staff - FLAC has had to file more than 30 freedom of information requests. City staff did not agree to meet with FLAC representatives to discuss the disagreement over lease prepayment prices until this summer and then still did not negotiate.

On July 12, a letter to all leaseholders from the City Manager outlined the City's position. It continues to state that lease prepayment was voluntary - entirely up to the leaseholder. But many say they were intimidated into accepting the offer just before the City increased prepayment prices in 1998, and under the threat of a 500% increase in rent on review of the leases in

2006 or 2010 (different dates for different strata complexes).

The threatened increases were very public - in both the City's letter on prepayment to leaseholders and in The Vancouver Sun, quoting the Manager of Real Estate Services. The City's actions have lowered the values of leaseholders' homes and have made selling or mortgaging more difficult for those who want to move or refinance.

The City's current letter declares that "binding arbitration is not an option for the City." But the minutes of the in camera Council meeting of June 26 where landleases were dealt with do not show that the question of arbitration was even raised. (FLAC obtained the False Creek excerpt from the minutes through freedom of information, because the meeting was not properly in Council instructed camera.) staff to write the letter, to run an ad in The Creek (which has not been placed), and reiterated its antipathy towards negotiating freehold ownership of the land.

FLAC, on the other hand, believes that freehold is a win/ win for both sides, and avoids the prospect of more battles, and certainly arbitration, in the rent review years of 2006/10 and every 10 years thereafter until 2036/40.

#### **FLAC** at City Council

September 20, 2001

Leaseholders are urged to attend, and to speak

Book with the City Clerk's office at 873-7276.

The hit of the Festival for the under 12 set.

#### KIDS' TOY BOAT BUILDING

will, as usual, take place in the covered picnic area beside Cats Meow Restaurant.

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11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All the wood, nails, tools and glue you need to build a boat and a pond nearby to launch it

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As I finish this page I'm listening to the B.C. Legislature. MLAs are paying tribute to VOLUNTEERS. Rightly so and I am not mocking either the tributes or the essential contributions that volunteers make. Society worldwide wouldn't function without them.

But before that I listened to reactions to the government's handling of the dispute with nurses.

There's a quip on CBC TV that "In B.C. Politics is a blood sport". It certainly looks as though our new Premier and his merry band of MLAs intend to maintain the tradition

I'm glad they ran over the idiots at Translink/Coast Mountain and legislated an end to the bus strike, but their handling of the dispute with nurses was stupid. Didn't Gordie promise, during the election - over and over again - that British Columbians would get the health care they needed where they needed it. Now that he's got the nurses more brassed off than they were before it might not be as easy to deliver on that rash promise as it was to deliver healthy tax cuts to high income earners.

Maybe they plan to depend on relatives and volunteers to fill in the gaps, the way they have to do in under-developed countries.

Is it not odd that deputy ministers must be given a fat pay increase 'to attract and keep the best' but nurses can't be paid what they're worth, and have full-time jobs?

We'll be in for more hot times

Enjoy the rest of the summer - and stay healthy.

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#### Should we have a Fat Tax?

The topic on CBC's Cross Country Checkup on July 29 was the increasing problem of obesity in Canada. The question was:

"Should we have a Fat Tax?"

The question might have been somewhat flippant but the discussion was not.

The statistics about Americans' eating habits in the article on p.3, are likely applicable for many Canadians:

about 90% of the money that Americans now spend on food goes to buy processed food.

· on average Americans now eat about four servings of french fries every week.

A caller from our northern territories remarked that up there Coke is cheaper than juice!

Another asked does it not seem a bit strange that people hop into SUVs to drive to gyms and fitness classes? Not to mention a huge proportion of kids being driven to school - in the name of safety and parents being in too much of a hurry to walk with

A teacher called to observe reductions in school budgets has necessitated school boards going into 'partnerships' with corporations So we have the bizarre situation that not only are sports and PE programs cut, the corporations who come to the rescue are often those that peddle junk food and drinks!

(There are 8 tsps. of sugar in a soft

She added we were lucky to be such an affluent country that we even have a problem like obesity to

Maybe that's one of the definitions of being The Best Country in the World to Live In (as the Prime Minister loved to prate, before we were bumped to No.3) - there's enough money to buy rubbish and In days gone by, being heavy was a sign that you could afford to eat more.

Not long ago it was fashionable to smoke. When it was deemed to be unhealthy, governments plucked up the courage to defy big tobacco companies, launched a massive antismoking campaign, legislated smoking 'outdoors' and forbade tobacco advertising. (A little Internet research might reveal that tobacco companies have bought junk food companies.)

As obesity is as unhealthy as smoking, in the long run, surely the government could undertake a similar advertising campaign, limit the places junk food and drinks could be so sold and prohibit sales to under 18 year olds.

#### An alternative to Ticketmaster

FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE, established by First Vancouver TheatreSpace Society (which produces the Fringe Festival), is a new community box office service for the performing arts community.

FBO offers a host of services, at a reasonable cost, from advance ticket sales to bulk ticket printing to managing entire patron databases. Its aim is to work with small companies just starting out as well as established companies with a devoted following.

Located at 1402 Anderson St. on Granville Island (opposite the Community Police Office) Festival Box office has five terminals and five phone lines. It can sell general

Even 5 minutes is

hot day!

too long to leave, a

dog in a parked car

or reserved seating as well as subscriptions. It handles in-person and phone sales; accepts credit and debit card sales.

It will be selling tickets for the FRINGE FESTIVAL which takes place on Granville Island in September.

**Patron Ticket Charges** \$1 for tickets \$9 or less \$2 for tickets \$9.01 or more

Anyone involved with a performing group interested in contracting ticket sales with the new Festival Box Office could contact Office Manager Lisa Nielsen at 257-0362. She will be happy to send their information sheet on contract fees and ticket printing prices.

#### Work on the waterfall

Curious about the work that was going on around Charleson Pond and the waterfall last month?

City workers are attempting to locate and repair the mechanisms which were originally intended to recirculate the water between the waterfall and the pond - and never

Evidently the ParkBoard's bill for that lovely cascading water we all enjoy so much is now \$70,000/year, substantial enough to warrant persistence in what one of the workers acknowledged was a challenging task

## Miz B's Bminus B

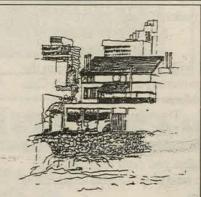
Animals

If you cannot have friends or relatives at your house, Miz B. occasionally has room for two people.

Queen size bed Private bathroom

DO REMEMBER that Miz B doesn't do breakfast any more

(Two cats also live here)



Tel. 734-3369

#### **Depend on The Universe**

If it's true that "things come in The Universe Provides threes" then I've fulfilled my quota in the car theft category, having recently had a car stolen for the third time. Oddly the incidents have all been four years apart.

The first time it seemed someone just wanted a ride home from False Creek to Kerrisdale, for my old Datsun was left in the parking lot of an Arbutus Street apartment - not in the visitors' section, but most thoughtfully in the residents' covered section (he must have known 2 ft. of snow would fall that night!) By midnight the police called to report it found.

The second time the theft (by then a nice Toyota) was from a Park & Ride lot in Surrey. Not a good advertisement for the Park & Ride concept! Again the police called by midnight, unfortunately reporting the joyriders had crashed it into a tree. Damaged beyond repair.

When the latest (even nicer) Toyota disappeared I was astonished when midnight passed and the police had not phoned to report it found. Since I had become a regular, I thought we had an 'understanding' that Beryl's cars are found by midnight! This time it took eight days.

An unkind twist of fate was that half the July issue of The Creek had been delivered when the car was stolen; the other 3000 were still in it. A re-run cost another \$160. THEN, barely two hours after finishing delivery of the re-run, walking through our garage I spotted, half-way down, in an empty parking stall, neatly stacked against the wall .....the missing 3000 copies. Grrrrr! (The thief nicked some equipment from a nearby van and needed an empty trunk to stash it).

As I've had my share of stolen car expense I advised The Universe all that would suit me would be for my nice Toyota to be returned in good order. AND SO IT WAS.

I did think The Universe might consider Miss Wilson's share of good fortune was used up for this year and it was only fair to move on to some other deserving person. But you never know your luck (and as I never let a SOLD OUT notice discourge me) on July 30 I called the Seaattle Opera Box Office.

I'm calling from Vancouver. I'm expecting the Universe to provide me with a ticket to the second cycle of "The Ring" and as it starts on August 13 I thought I'd better call to see if The Universe turned up this morning.

(Only a slight pause from Don at the end of the phone)

What number are you on the waiting list? he asked.

I'm not on it. I was told there were 400 on it; it seemed pointless adding one more name.

Most people want a pair of tickets. I only want one Another slight pause from Don.

I have one in row T for \$672 US ["The Ring" comprises four operas]. That will do nicely thank you.

And Thank You Universe - I knew you'd deliver.

Several attentive readers remembered my RING TICKETS WANTED message in the April issue of The Creek and, over subsequent months, have asked "Did you get your Ring tickets yet?" They will be glad to know I GOT 'EM.

Beryl Wilson



#### Want to help inner-city kids attend the Writers Festival?

always incdudes some wonderful programming for young people.

In browsing through the Festival's respond to it. Newsletter on their website

The Writers (& Readers) Festival (www.writersfest.bc.ca) we found this item and thought some of our book-loving readers might want to

If you would like to assist us in providing tickets to Writers Festival school events for students who may otherwise be unable to attend, please consider making a donation to the Cynthia Woodward Development Fund. This fund enables us to subsidize tickets for inner-city school groups.

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#202 - 1398 Cartwright St. Vancouver V6H 3R8

Please include your name, complete mailing address and request that these funds be directed to the Cynthia Woodward Development Fund.

We can also accept VISA and Mastercard donations over the telephone. Call Ann McDonell at 681-6330, ext. 104.

Charitable tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20.

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the

False Creek Community Centre Board Room

Representatives of all housing enclaves are welcome to attend

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST

by Beryl Wilson

## Why the processed food you eat tastes so good

HAT the scent of fine perfumes is manufactured in a chemical factory is not so surprising, but it's a bit of a shock to realise the basic science that creates the scent of shaving cream also creates the flavour of a TV

Did you think the flavour of the food you buy in fast-food chains originates in their kitchens? Not so. It's more likely to be manufactured in a chemical factory in New Jersey.

We think of processed foods as being a 20th century phenomenon but the industry began in the mid-19th century. As it grew so did the flavour industry, with European perfume houses producing many of the first flavour compounds.

About 90% of the money that Americans now spend on food goes to buy processed food. The canning, freezing and dehydrating techniques used in processing destroy most of food's flavour - and so a vast industry has arisen to make processed food palatable.

The American flavour industry now has annual revenues of about \$1.4 billion. Most of it is located in New Jersey and environs where dozens of companies manufacture about two-thirds of the flavour additives sold in the U.S.

The company that manufactures scents for Estee Lauder, Clinique, Lancome and Calvin Klein, International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF), also makes the smells of deodorant, dishwashing detergent,

bath soap, shampoo, furniture polish and floor wax. It creates the flavours of potato chips, corn chips, bread, crackers, breakfast cereals, pet food, ice cream, cookies, candies, toothpastes, mouth washes and antacids. From its beverage lab come flavors for soft drinks, sports drinks, bottled teas, wine coolers, for 'all-natural' juice drinks, organic soy drinks, beers and malt liquors.

If you were able to visit a flavour factory lab you might have the opportunity to dip fragrance-testing filters into a collection of little glass bottles; to close your eyes and smell fresh cherries, black olives, sauteed onions, shrimp and even grilled hamburger.

'Flavour' is primarily the smell of gases being released by the chemicals you've just put in your mouth. The aroma of a food can be responsible for as much as 90% of its taste and the fortunes of soft drink, snack food and fast food corporate empires can rise or fall depending on how their products taste.

Of approximately 10,000 new processed food products introduced every year in the United States (most of them requiring flavour additives) a large percentage of them fail. Is this because they didn't get the chemical mix just right?

Complex aromas such as those of coffee and roasted meat, are composed of gases from nearly a thousand different chemicals. The smell of a strawberry arises from the interaction of about 350 chemicals.

Although flavours usually arise from a mixture of many different volatile chemicals, often a single compound supplies the dominant aroma. Ethyl-2-methyl butyrate smells just like an ample. Methyl-2-pyridyl ketone makes something

In 1960 Americans ate an average of 81 lbs. of fresh potatoes and 4lbs. of frozen french fries.

By 2000 they were consuming an average of 50 lbs. of fresh potatoes and 30 lbs. of french fries. On average Americans now eat about four servings of french fries every week.

Are Canadians far behind?

taste like popcorn. Adding ethyl-3hydroxy butanoate makes it taste like marshmallow.

A typical artificial strawberry flavour, found in strawberrymilk shake, contains 38 chemical ingredients, and solvent.

For the past twenty years food processors have tried to use only 'natural flavours' in their products because consumers prefer to see 'natural flavours' on a label, believing that they are healthier.

According to the FDA (U.S. Federal Drug Administration) 'natural flavours' must be derived entirely from natural sources-herbs, spices, fruits, vegetables, beef, chicken, yeast, bark, roots, etc. Distinctions between artificial and

natural flavors can be arbitrary, based more on how the flavour has been made than on what it actually contains.

Amyl acetate, for example, provides the dominant note of banana flavour. When it is distilled form bananas with a solvent, amyl acetate is a natural flavour. When it is produced by mixing vinegar with amyl alcohol and adding sulfuric acid as a catalyst, amyl acetate is an 'artificial flavour.' Either way it tastes and smells the same.

Natural and artificial flavors are now manufactured at the same chemical plants

A firm which specializes in smoke flavor, which is added to barbecue sauces, snack foods and processed meats, manufactures natural smoke flavour by charring sawdust and capturing the aroma chemicals released into the air. The smoke is captured in water and then bottled

Some flavour companies also manufacture the colour additives which are used to make processed foods look fresh and appealing.

Many products get their colour from carmine, for example strawberry yogurt, pink grapefruit juice, fruit bars, candies, fruit fillings.

The source of carmine may be slightly off-putting. Cochineal extract (also known as carmine or carminic acid) is made from the desiccated bodies of female Dactylopius coccus Costa, a small insect harvested mainly in Peru and the Canary Islands. The bug feeds on red cactus berries and colour

from the berries accumulates in the females and their unhatched larvae. The insects are collected, dried and ground into a pigment. It takes about 70,000 of them to produce a pound of carmine, which is used to make processed foods look pink, red or purple.

Now you know why McDonald's has managed tomaintain the unique flavour of its french fries, long praised by custsomers and even food critics. It's been along time since they were actually fried in McDonald's kitchens. The company responded to complaints about the amount of cholesterol in its fries by switching to vegetable oil. But how to keep the beef flavour without using beef tallow? By adding 'natural flavour.'

(It's hard to believe people who consume great quantities of fried potatoes are really health conscious. Perhaps they should start fretting more about the amount of chemicals than the amount of cholesterol.)

The information in this article comes from a much longer, much more 'chemically detailed' one by Eric Schlosser in The Atlantic Monthly (January 2001) which he entitled Why McDonald's Fries Taste So Good. It is no longer available online. Perhaps that's just as well; it was a bit disconcerting even though I eat mostly fresh fruit and vegetables and a tour through my own food cupboards revealed relatively few 'artifical flavour' and 'natural flavour' on ingredient lists.

A flavourist is a chemist with a trained nose and a poetic sensibility.

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#### A pair of winners to end Arts Club Theatre summer season

FOREVER PLAID continues on the Granville Island Stage until September 1st. It's a delightful reminder of all those four-singer groups of yesteryear who were such nice, clean-cut young men and women. They sang songs you can still remember, in great harmony and so clearly you could hear all the

Peter Jorgensen, Matt Palmer, Bruce Thompson and Sanders Whiting do a marvellous and uproarious spoof of the Ed Sullivan Show. Could the 'turns' really have been that bad?

If you've seen the show before, go again and take someone whohasn't. You'll both have such anice evening. Guaranteed.

At the Stanley Theatre, Agatha Christie's AND THEN THERE WERE NONE will have you guessing until the end. There is plenty of suspense but apart from one jolting stage effect it's not a scary plot.

Ten guests, invited to aremote British island by a host none of them knows, and who never appears, begin to die, one by one, in themanner of a Ten Little Indians rhyme on the mantelpiece. Once it's evident the killer is one of the group, the audience starts picking the murder. But no sooner have you whispered to your companion 'It's xxxxx" than he, or she, pops off. After a couple of wrong guesses you give up. ending is quite asurprise.

The large cast acquits itself well, especially Donna Carroll White as the prissy, purse-lipped spinster who's neverwithout her knitting and her prayer book.

The show continues until Sept. 16. ARTS CLUB BOX OFFICE: 687-1644

#### **Stanley Art Auction**

When you are at the Stanley Theatre be sure to notice the art on display in The pieces are all the lobby. available for sale by 'silent' auction.

The first art display and auction was organised this spring as a onetime promotion in conjunction with the play "Art." It was such a successful fundraiser the Arts Club Theatre Company has continued it, providing exposure to local emerging artists. 75% of the proceeds benefit the Arts Club Theatre and 25% goes to the artists.

If you bid on a piece while at the show you can track the latest bids at the website: www.artsclub.com and update your own bid by calling the Box Office at 687-1644.

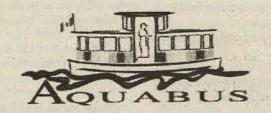
Bidding closes on September 18 at 4:00 p.m.

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#### The Duchess of Death

Agatha Christie is a 'househoold name', like Shakespeare, whether or not you've read or seen any of their We have the Arts Club Theatre's publicity department to thank for these biographical notes.

Seven-nine novels. More than a hundred short stories. Published in more languages than Shakespeare. Over 2 billion copies sold. Bestselling mystery novelist of all time.

Born in 1890, the youngest of three children of upper-middle class parents, the famed Duchess of Death's life had quite ordinary beginnings.

A skinny and notoriously shy child, Agatha was educated at home. Her wise grandmothers, her mother Clara and older sister Madge taught her a love of books and reading, while her father Frederick taught her mathematics. Agatha excelled in music, playing the mandolin and piano. She attended various finishing schools in Paris where she also took dance lessons. For a while Agatha considered a future as a musician or a singer, but later changed her mind, concluding that her shyness in public would be an insurmountable barrier to a concert career.

Agatha first experimented with writing at the age of 18 when she was bored and bed-ridden due to an illness. Her first story House of Beauty was a remarkable 30 pages long and riddled with suspense and the world's longest running play.

images of the occult. However it was not until Agatha was in her twenties and volunteering as a nurse and medicinal dispenser during World War I that she seriously considered writing as a career. During the war years she became both fascinated and well learned in the ways of chemistry. This arsenal of knowledge about chemicals and poisons would later be of use in her detective stories.

Her first novel The Mysterious Affair at Styles (rejected more than six times by publishers) introduced the world to the eccentric Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.

Agatha's work first gained major recognition with the publication of The Murder of Roger Ackroyd in 1926. The most popular of her novels that followed were Murder on the Orient Express in 1934. Death in the Nile in 1937 and And Then There Were None in 1940. It was Agatha's flair for writing ingenious plots centered around calculated murders that earned her the respect of mystery writers everywhere.

After years of being dissatisfied with the way her stories were being adapted for the stage, she decided to write her own plays. In 1943 she adapted her novel And Then There Were None to the stage and her career as a playwright later peaked with the production of The Mousetrap in 1952. It has been running continuously ever since its London premiere and is renowned as

In addition to mystery novels, short stories and plays, Agatha alsowrote a series of romance novels under the pen name Mary Westmacott. Her own romantic life read something like a novel itself. She declined more than five proposals before wedding fighter plane flier Colonel Archibald Christie in 1914 when she was 24. The romance got off to a rocky start in lieu of the onset of World War I, but the two were passionate about each other and the marriage produced Agatha's only child, Rosalind. Archie and Agatha divorced in 1928. Agatha finally found true and lasting love when she was on holiday in the Middle East and met archeologist Max Mallowan. The two were married

Agatha remained shy throughout her adult life and dreaded public appearances. Ironically she gained outstanding publicity when she mysteriously disappeared for 10 days in 1926 at the culmination of a nervous breakdown due to the death of her mother and severe marital problems with her husband at the time, Archie Christie. All of England became obsessed with the case of the missing writer. Police later found a disoriented Agatha staying in a hotel under an alias. To the day she died, Agatha insisted she had no recollection of what really went on during those suspenseful 10 days. Agatha Christie died of natural causes on January 12, 1976 at the age of 85.

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[Received on the Editor's Email]

#### A Tough Question

It is time to elect a new world leader, and your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A: - associates with crooked politicians

consults with astrologists

- has had two mistresses

- chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day

Candidate B: - was kicked out of office twice

- sleeps until noon

- used opium in college

- drinks a quart of whisky every evening

Candidate C: - is a decorated wear hero

is a vegetarian

- doesn't smoke

- drinks an occasional beer

- hasn't had any extramarital affairs

Which of these candidiate would be your choice?

Well, Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt Candidate B is Winston Churchill Candidate C is Adolph Hitler

#### Winter London Theatre Tour

If this annual Arts Club Theatre tour (which always garners great reviews from participants) is on your 'one-of-these-years' list it is none too soon to be thinking about it.

This year's tour (the 10th) includes a day trip to Paris on the Eurostar from the centre of London to the centre of Paris in less than three hours. The day includes a tour of the Royal Opera House, site of the original Phantom of the Opera.

Bill Millerd, the Arts Club Theatre's artistic and managing director for the past 30 years, leads the tour together with Uniglobe's Elaine Ross. Bill will give pre-theatre chats in his inimitable fashion),

One is always spoilt for choice in the London theatre scene. For this year's tour (which includes four shows) Bill is considering Mamma Mia!, Stones In His Pockets and The Beautiful

Cost: \$3299 CAD per person (based on double occupancy) plus applicable taxes.

Tour dates:

November 30 - December 9, 2001.

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## The Granville Island Rambler

To tip or not to tip .....

uring a recent discussion-or down. He wasn't sure if people rather, a heated debate-over dinner with five friends, we called a time out and all of us spent six or seven minutes just eating our food, sipping our wine and collecting our thoughts.

Three of my companions work in the food service industry: one owns a popular local restaurant and the other two work as waiters in another establishment.

The topic that prompted the heated dialogue was TIPPING.

The three of us who work outside the "biz" expressed our concern about almost being forced to tip whenever we dine out. With serving staff expecting between 15 - 20% of the total bill, we felt, in many respects, that tipping had got out of hand.

We related our experiences of being ignored while dining out, of watching restaurant staff talking to each other and ignoring patrons. We told tales of having to wave at staff who eventually deigned to take notice of us; of watching our orders sit on side counters getting cold while our tummies rumbled; of having to ask for our water glasses and coffee cups to be refilled and being studiously snubbed when we wanted to pay the bill and get to the symphony on time. And we knew, on top of all this, our waiter or waitress expected another 15 -20% gratuity.

We non-professionals griped and complained and then sat back and watched the fireworks start!

The restaurant owner said he liked tipping. He felt it encouraged staff to be more attentive to his patrons and kept his wages and benefit costs would like it if he included gratuities in his bill; he thought that customers would resist such a change. He wasn't sure how to address his patrons' recurring comments.

The two waiters said they would probably have to change careers if the current tipping system changed. They were concerned they wouldn't make as much money and, heaven forbid, they would have to pay taxes on everything they earned rather than beating the tax man on most of the cash tips they received. One of them made \$50,000 a year; the other garnered over \$40,000. Not bad if one considered that about a third of it is tax free.

Dan, one of the non-professionals then waded in. He felt that tipping wasn't about personal choice; it was a convention aimed at wringing an automatic fee from a customer without the establishment having to face the embarrassment of writing it on the bill. He felt that not only was he being forced to pay up but that people who avoided taxes were forcing him to carry more of the tax burden than was his fair share - a sentiment with which I agree.

Idon't think it is fair for the customer to 'voluntarily' cough up a larger and larger chunk of a service worker's salary through their gratuity.

One argument is that because restaurant service workers earn a minimum wage they need to be tipped to top their earnings. However this argument fails when one considers there are countless minimum wage jobs that are just as essential and for

Midwives' Midsummer Party

which tips are non-existent. Janitors, retail staff, security guards and house cleaners are just a few examples.

by David McCann

I have watched the staff in my gallery give exceptional customer service and be rewarded with a heartfelt "Thank you." Occasionally a thank you letter also arrives when the customer arrives home and wants to make sure my staff know they were appreciated. I am sure if they received a tip it would be appreciated, but it certainly isn't expected as a matter of course.

Another argument is that waiters and bartenders are skilled and so we should give them extra money. How about the managers of the restaurant and the all-important cooks and kitchen staff? We don't tip them. Why the difference?

My staff have developed an extensive knowledge of the art and hand-made art objects we carry in the gallery. They know how to ship and receive; how to deal with suppliers and track things being shipped around the world. They know where to send customers if we can't help them and amaze me with their knowledge about what is going on in the city. This is just one example of the skills that most entrylevel staff acquire and none, or very few of them, ever get tipped, or expect it.

Tips originated to reward exceptional service. It was rare and conveyed a deep appreciation for outstanding service. It is a pity we have lost sight of the origin and essence of the idea.



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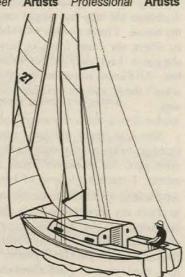
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One of the happiest events taking place around the Creek this summer was the family party at the Pacific Midwifery Practice in Leg-in-Boot Sq. Since Elizabeth Ryan and Patti Thompson opened the practice in the Square in October 1998 they have delivered 240 babies. On a sunny evening in June, scores of Mums and Dads, and their treasures, gathered to celebrate. Elizabeth and Patti must have been thrilled to see so many of their beautiful babies altogether.

#### Preview on Writers (& Readers) Festival line-up

Featured authors at this year's Festival will include Gordon Downie. Richard Ford, Ursula K. LeGuin, Esta and Linda Spalding and explorer/ adventurer extraordinaire, Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Wade Davis will give the Bill Duthie Memorial Lecture. The line-up of talented young writers will include Madeline Thein, Kevin Chong, Aislinn Hunter and David Rakoff.

British clairvoyant and white witch Titania Hardie will help you put a little magic into your life and

introduce her new book at a psychic

The Festival Program Guide will be available by mid-September, most conveniently at Festival House and the Granville Island Information

The Short Story & Poetry Contest has become a regular and popular feature of the Festival. Anyone interested in submitting a piece can find the rules and criteria on the Festival website:

www.writersfest.bc.ca/contests

#### "As You Like It" on the Mound

(Yes, the mischievious heading is deliberate!)

One of the highlights of summer on Granville Island is the annual Shakespeare production from Carousel Theatre's Summer Acting

It is taking place nightly at 8:00 p.m. (except Sunday) at the outdoor Performance Works stage.

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Read the fine print. It may take some serious study to determine what scenarios would be covered by your policy. Will your insurance pay to get you home if you break a leg trekking in Nepal, or will it cover the cost of sending you to a nearby medical facility? Evacuation is more often required in the case of injuries, not illness, so keep this in mind if your travel plans include some adventure. An impromptu flight home for you and your stretcher can be costly if you're not covered.

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Pack your policy number and details. Your proof of coverage will direct doctors or hospitals to seek payment from your insurance

Have a back-up plan for obtaining cash on the road. Settling your claim can take weeks or months, so it's good to have a cushion for any bills that you can't defer. Bump up your credit card limit so you can obtain a cash advance, and carry travellers cheques that you can save for an emergency. Line up an emergency contact at home. If you run into trouble of any sort while travelling, you'll be grateful that you prepared a friend or family member to send money or act on your behalf.

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#### Just the three of us

by Suzanne Pauline Scott

We never quite saw it coming, but here we are. A night out on the town, the three of us. It was my husband's birthday and we celebrated by rushing through our meals at The White Spot at Oakridge Mall, taking turns holding our squirming child. Good restaurant critics pay close attention to the ambiance, the service, the food. The general dining experience is observed with accurate detail. However, our 25 minute meal was pretty much a blur.

It matters not that I came equipped with cheese slices, juices, cubes of mango, watermelon and banana; that I had made, in advance, a tuna pasta salad; that I came armed to the teeth with bibs, paper towels and the ubiquitous wipes. We still managed to spend our time bent over picking up spoons covered in yogurt, menus tossed over the high-chair, tripping the wait staff.

Here we are, the three of us at the White Spot. We took turns walking our little man around the mall, and breathed a brief sigh of relief before plunging ahead into our tasty burgers and fries and steak sandwich. My burger was good, but I kept sneaking the tasty beef dip from my mate's order of steak sandwich. Our waitress, a very young looking grandmother who had a very kind and understanding soul, indulged us with more and more paper towels. Unfortunately our table was right by the entrance to the kitchen, which meant we were in a high-traffic zone. Istiffened whenever a teenaged coffee-toting waiter came wheeling

Upon reflection, most of the squirming from our offspring had to do with a new pair of shoes he was now sporting. He was thrilled to hear the new sounds of pounding his heels

into the high-chair, the metallic sound of stepping on metal grates. New sounds and explorations lay within his grasp and so off he went, with yogurt spoon in hand, into the unknown mall, with his father in close

Next, my turn. The changing of the guard. I managed to sneak in some more fries and pulled on the coke straw for a caffeinated fuel surge while squeezing my husband's hand. Off we went, mother and son, for another tour of the restaurant, up and down the same flight of steps.

Standing over the divider, which isolates The White Spot from the rest of the mall, I managed to eat some more of my very tasty burger. It seemed to taste better with longing. And then we were off again, into the crowds of teenagers standing in line for the latest flick. A former movie buff, I was confronted yet again with the fact that motherhood has taken over as I could not recognize the film, nor its actors. Teenaged hormones and the first really warm night spelled trouble and soon enough someone had pulled the fire alarm, creating an even more relaxing dining experience.

I looked across the mall entrance over to the White Spot and smiled at my mate. There he sat enjoying his steak sandwich with all the trimmings, amidst the din of the fire alarm, while I took off after our little guy who had found the earth under the Chilean pine tree. I watched as he hurled dirt onto the floor. Catching my husband's gaze again I mouthed "Happy Birthday." He grinned, gravy dripping through his fingers. At least one of us enjoyed thebirthday meal.

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A CONTRIBUTION FROM A READER

### There's a stranger in my house

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly did not invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she

She is a clever old lady, and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her. And whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is, hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my lovely face and body. This is very rude. I have tried screaming at her, but she just screams back.

If she insists on hanging around, the least she could do is offer to pay part of the rent, but no. Every once in a while, I find a dollar bill stuck in a coat pocket, or some loose change under a sofa cushion, but it is not nearly enough.

I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is

stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw \$100, and a few days later, it's all gone. I certainly don't spend money that fast, so I can only conclude the old lady is pilfering from me.

And money isn't the only thing I thing she is stealing. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate especially the good stuff like ice cream, cookies and candy. I can't seem to keep that stuff in the house any more. She must have a real sweet tooth, but she'd better watch it, because she is really packing on the pounds. I suspect she realizes this, and to make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scale to make me think I am putting on weight too.

She likes to play nasty games, like going into my closets when I'm not home and altering my clothes so they don't fit. And she messes with my files and papers so I can't find This is particularly anything. annoying since I am extremely neat and organized. She also fiddles with my VCR so it does not record

what I have carefully and correctly programmed.

She has found other imaginative ways to annoy me. She gets into my mail, newspapers and magazines before I do, and blurs the print so I can't read it. And she has done something really sinister to the volume controls on my TV, radio and telephone. Now all I hear are mumbles and whispers.

She has done other things - like make my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier and all my knobs and faucets harder to turn. She even made my bed higher so that getting into and out of it is a real challenge. And she glued the lids on all my jars to make them almost impossible to

I thought she couldn't get any meaner, but I was wrong. She came along when I went to get my picture taken for my driver's licence, and just as the camera shutter clicked, she jumped in front of me! No one is going to believe that the picture of that old lady is me.

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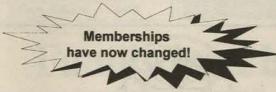
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August 1, 2001 - December 31, 2002

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Kayaking and tennis seasons have been extended...

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## Letter from Sayward

From Janna Bowers

There is a very distinct sound, a dull but short thwack, made by a small bird flying into a sheet of glass. Lying in bed the other morning, deciding it really was time to stir my bones and go downstairs - but also waiting for the dog to tell me urgently that NOW would be a very good time to get up - I heard the noise again. It had been happening with sickening frequency in the past weeks, mostly into our big kitchen window, but I had also found a dead finch in front of an upstairs balcony door.

I dashed down to the kitchen and there was a stunned little fellow in front of the window, on the back deck, alive but not at all sure what he had hit. So the dachshund had to be let out at the front of the house, and persuaded to come back in by that door. While preparing breakfast, on the lookout for predatory and opportunistic cats, we kept glancing at our patient to check on his recovery. After fifteen minutes or so he rearranged himself to a less warped

position, but continued to sit in the sunshine, recovering. Within the hour he had gone, rejoining his flock. However, we felt terribly responsible for these bird crashes and knew we had to try to minimise them.

From the exterior, looking into the kitchen window, the forest seems to reflect back, and there is not much we can do to eliminate that. (I had read that birds fly into windows when they can see light on the other side; for instance a sunroom with windows on three sides.) We hung some coloured table napkins in the window, taping them to the glass. We also moved a big pot of honeysuckle in front of the window. Since then, no more crashes.

Our bird feeding station is such a busy airport it has also attracted a tailless cat to our garden (a Manx, or by accident, we do not know). We found him leaping at the bird feeder this week, so a new and improved version of the Sunflower Seed Diner has been built now, in a tree, out of his reach. Peanuts in the shell are now served to the Stellar jays on a flat landing strip.

Hummingbirds at our syrup feeder are such a belligerent lot, spending more time fighting each other away from the food than feeding themselves. The honeysuckle at the window has an added benefit to us in that the hummers come right up to the glass now, helicopter-hovering at eye level. When they buzz me in the garden I do not think they are tame so much as fearless. We found one trapped in the garage, desperately trying to get out of the window. He allowed himself to be tenderly caught by hand, lying perfectly still until he was released into the sunshine. Now we have taken the screen off the garage window, leaving it open a little so that any adventurous bird will be able to make its escape.

Soon we will host some of the returning migrants from their northern breeding areas, and sadly say farewell to the seven Stellar jays in our trees, and the hummingbirds will go too.

How much pleasure just a few grams of feathers can give.

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Adam and Eve said "Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and love you as I do, in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and

And Adam said "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said "No problem, because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, an angel came to the Lord and said "Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved .... but perhaps too well."

And God said "No problem! I will create for them a companion who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so that they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.

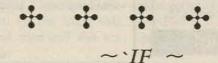
And God created CAT to be a companion for Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.

And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased.

And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn't give a @\*#&\$! one way or the other.



(with apologies to Mr. Kipling)

If you can start the day without caffeine, If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains, If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles, If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you

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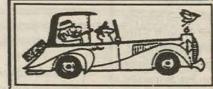
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