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'Spring Spheres' Anyone?

PERHAPS THE ROMAN EMPEROR NERO was right ... those darn Christians can be a pesky lot! With Easter, perhaps THE most important event on the Christian calendar coming up, the Public School Board in Seattle, Washington is taking aim at that offensive Christian symbol, the Easter Egg!

A 16 year old sophomore at a Seattle private high school has found herself in the eye of a growing firestorm of controversy. Her crime? Violating the school board's 'abstract behaviour rules'! The girl and her classmates had committed themselves to performing a community service project in the week before Spring Break. Her choice was to volunteer in a third grade class at a local public school.

The girl, identified only as Jessica, told a Seattle radio interviewer "At the end of the week, I had an idea to fill little plastic eggs with treats and jelly beans and other candy, but I was kind of unsure how the teacher would feel about that," she said. The student was concerned how the teacher might react to the eggs, after a meeting earlier in the week where she had learned about their 'abstract behaviour rules'.

"I went to the teacher to get her approval and she wanted to ask the administration to see if it was okay," Jessica explained. "She said that I could do it as long as I called this treat 'Spring Spheres.' I couldn't call them Easter Eggs."

This is due to the School Board's 'Religion and Religious Accommodation' policy, which states that "no

religious belief or non-belief should be promoted by the School District or its employees, and none should be disparaged."

But it appears that the third graders didn't get that particular policy memo. When Jessica took them out of the bag, although the teacher called them "Spring Spheres", the kids said "Wow! Easter Eggs!" And now, poor Jessica is in trouble.

Religious reference or not, the last time we looked, an 'egg' is oval in shape, not a 'sphere', but who are we to be arguing with the education experts!

The 'political correctness' issue aside, the egg's importance as a religious symbol goes back thousands of years beyond even Christianity. Although it was adopted by early Christians as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus, it was originally a pagan symbol celebrating spring and the 're-birth' of the earth.

The egg is widely used as a symbol of the start of new life, just as new life emerges from an egg when the chick hatches out.

To Christians, it's a symbol of resurrection: while being dormant, it contains a new life sealed within it.

While the old tradition of dying or painting chicken eggs is still observed, it's become acceptable in modern times to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery such as jelly beans. These eggs are often hidden, allegedly by the Easter Bunny, for children to find on Easter morning. Otherwise, they are



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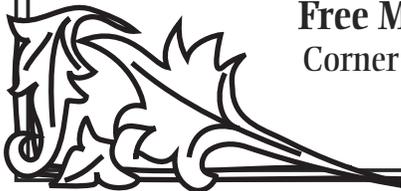


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Vegreville, Alberta's pysanka

generally put in a basket filled with real or artificial straw to resemble a bird's nest.

At least 2,500 years ago, the Zoroastrians in ancient Persia painted eggs for their New Year celebration, which coincided with the Spring equinox. The Hebrews also picked up the custom. At the Jewish Passover Seder, hard-boiled eggs called 'Beitzah' are dipped in salt water to symbolize the festival peace-offerings sacrificed at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Then there's the 'Easter Bunny', whose heritage can be traced back to old Celtic folklore about a 'hare' caring for eggs. As the years went on and the tale was told and retold, the 'hare' evolved into its cousin, a 'rabbit'. Then, a 10th century German lullaby first credits the 'rabbit' with leaving eggs for children as Easter gifts. Eventually, his image softened further into the cuddly bunny we know him as today.

Easter Eggs are a widely popular symbol of new life in Bulgaria, Russia, Romania, the Ukraine, Poland and other Slavic countries' folk traditions. A batik (wax resist) process is used to create intricate, brilliantly-colored eggs, the best-known of which is the Ukrainian 'pysanka'. The town of Vegreville, Alberta, near Edmonton, boasts a 27 foot (9 metre) high sculpture of such a pysanka.

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The celebrated Fabergé workshops created exquisite jewelled Easter Eggs for the Russian Imperial Court. Most of these creations themselves contained hidden surprises such as clock-work birds, or miniature ships.

There are many other decorating techniques and numerous traditions of giving Easter Eggs as a token of friendship, love or good wishes. Scotland and parts of Northern England have a tradition of rolling eggs down steep hills on Easter Sunday. In the U.S., such an Easter Egg roll (unrelated to the oriental eggroll) is done on flat ground, pushed along with a spoon. Indeed, the Easter Egg Roll has become a much-loved annual event on the White House lawn.

Then there is the always-popular Easter Egg hunt, where eggs are hidden for children to run around and find. This may also be a contest to see who can collect the most eggs. Now, modern technology has developed *beeping* Easter Eggs, making it possible for visually-impaired children to join in the fun as well.

But regardless of its Pagan origins, we must confess that the Easter Egg IS definitely closely entwined with Christianity, particularly with celebrating the end of the privations of Lent. Traditionally, all of the household's eggs must be used up before Lent begins. This established the tradition of Pancake Day being celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. This day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is also known as Mardi Gras, a French phrase which translates as "Fat Tuesday" to mark the last consumption of eggs and dairy before Lent begins ... a practice that residents of New Orleans and Rio De Janeiro understand oh so well!

Since chickens don't stop producing eggs during Lent, the surplus had to be eaten quickly to prevent spoiling, leading to the practice of hard boiling them so that they wouldn't be wasted. That's why so many traditional 'Easter' meals around the world feature hard-boiled eggs as the primary ingredient.

So perhaps the Seattle School Board is on to something after all. Perhaps Easter Eggs ARE in fact "guilty" of being closely tied to Christian (and Pagan) beliefs and practices, and therefore subject to being zealously stamped out, lest they corrupt the minds of Seattle's impressionable youth.

And, the city's parks department has climbed on the correctness wagon as well, removing the term 'Easter' from all of its advertised egg hunts. Too bad ... a 'Spring Sphere' hunt just doesn't seem anywhere near as exciting.

We wish everyone a Happy, um, er, ah, Spring!



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On **Thursday, April 21st**, we will be holding **The Lord's Supper/ Eucharist**, around the table, at 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity. This service makes the connection between Jesus at The Last Supper and our present-day celebration of the Eucharist.

This **Friday, April 22nd**, join us in the 41st Anniversary of the non-denominational **Good Friday Walk**. Rev. Peter Hill started this tradition in 1970 and it continues today.

This year, folks will meet at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn at 10 am for a short service and then carry the cross up Highway 548 to the Hilton Road and along to the 10th Side Road where we stop for a bag lunch at the Free Methodist Manse. (Bring your own lunch) We then head down the 10th Side Road to Harmony St. Marks United Church for a short service at 3 pm. During the walk, we stop along the way at each station of the cross. A car will be accompanying us for anyone needing a rest.

On **Sunday, April 24th**, join us for a **Sunrise Service at Holy Trinity**, which begins at 6:30 am. We will have communion followed by a procession to the Cemetery, with prayers for those who have died this past year. Continental breakfast to follow. There will also be the regular service at 11:00 am.

Everyone is welcome!



Island Insight

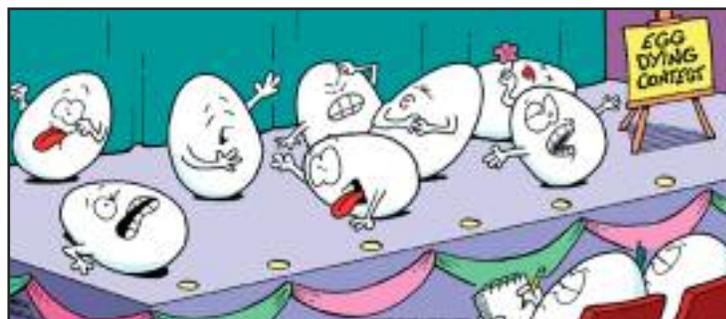
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female and the urine stains on my shed from other dogs are knee high!

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I find it highly irresponsible of people who let their dogs roam free. Dogs should be cared for and not put at risk, running around the Landing. Some have almost been hit by cars. Now that tourist season is upon us, this will be an even bigger problem. People can hurt, or be hurt, by an unknown dog.

Make sure your dogs have a collar and proper identification, so if someone finds them they can bring them back home safe. If your collar keeps breaking or your dog can get out of it, get a new one or tighten it.

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*Sincerely yours,
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Greetings from B.C!

I recently added your site to my list of favorites, along with sootoday.com, and enjoy catching up on the news from the Island and the Soo. Really missing the annual syrup festival this year! Just this past week I finished the last few teaspoons of maple syrup my brother, Keith, had produced and sent to me last spring. Heavy sigh! Looking forward to visiting the Island this summer.

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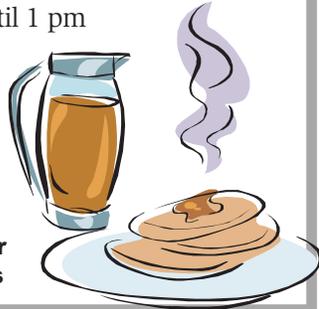
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Because of their hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel arrangements, so the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife to fly down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

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I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in.

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FOUND: An earring at the Jocelyn Town Hall on the P Line on Saturday at the end of the Meatball Fundraiser. Contact Twp. office 246-2025.

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YARD / GARAGE SALE

Moving Sale: Saturday April 23rd. 3393 Walnut St. Hilton Beach. 10 am to 5 pm. Household furniture, washer, dryer, tvs, and much more.

Garage Sale: Saturday, April 23rd, rain or shine, 8 am to 11 am, 2816 Canoe Point Road. Downsizing - home decor, garden art, furniture, elliptical trainer, universal home gym, household items, lamps, garden utensils, much more. Anything unsold will be available for viewing after the sale by calling 705 246-0007 until April 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Voyageurs Snowmobile Club will be holding their general meeting & elections on Wednesday, April 27th at 6.30 pm at the clubhouse, 1125 P Line. This will be a potluck supper and the meeting is to follow. Everyone welcome.

We need your good used stuff now! Support our "Island Girls" Relay Team (we will be a part of the Cancer Society's Relay for

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374

Part Time Bookkeeper Clerk

Closing Date: Friday, May 6, 2011



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374, located in Richards Landing, seeks a part time Bookkeeper Clerk to perform accounting, bookkeeping and payroll duties, in addition to routine office administration. A minimum 3 years experience with Simply Accounting is required.

Reporting to the Treasurer, the successful candidate will assist with a wide variety of general accounting functions in addition to hall bookings, advertising, lottery licensing, ordering and stocking supplies for a variety of events. Volunteer support and public liaison are a large component of this position and require excellent time management and prioritization skills. The ideal candidate will be proactive with an eye for organization and detail.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Qualified Candidates are asked to submit a detailed resume and cover letter in a sealed envelope, by 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011 to:

Carol Trainor, Branch Secretary
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374
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Rita @ 705-246-1687 for
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Please join us at the Free
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Easter weekend (Apr 22 - 24).
Good Friday Service 10:30 am,
followed by lunch. Easter
Sunday Sunrise Service 7 am,
followed by a potluck breakfast
and a youth drama. Easter
Sunday Celebration Service
11 am. Family Art Show Friday to
Sunday. 10th & Hilton Road.

The next meeting of the St.
Joseph Island Chamber of
Commerce will be on Thursday,
May 19th at 7 pm, in the Village
of Hilton Beach Council Cham-
bers. Please note that
Membership renewals will be
mailed or emailed shortly. New
members are always welcome!

The Clansmen Motel will be
closed from Monday April 25th
until Monday May 16th. Sorry
for any inconvenience.

The Lighthouse Grill is looking
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The Matthews Memorial
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with the Trefry Centre and St.
Joseph Island Cancer Society
Branch will be hosting the
annual Health Week Luncheon

on Thursday, May 12th, 2011
from 11 am to 2 pm at the Royal
Canadian Legion in Richards
Landing. The cost is \$7.00, with
proceeds going to the hospital
and local health and seniors
programs. There will be draws,
door prizes and information
display tables. Everyone is
welcome. Your support is
greatly appreciated.

Matthews Memorial Hospital
Association is seeking volun-
teers interested in forming a
Fundraising Committee.
Creative ideas are welcomed.
Please contact Wayne Desing,
Hospital Administrator,
mmha.desing@gmail.com or
705 248-2330.

"Managing your Woodlot" is the
topic of our guest speaker at the
April 28th meeting of the Horti-
cultural Society. The public is
welcome to join us at Harmony
St. Marks Church Hall 7 pm.
Laurie Kokkinen will present.

The Children's Library has had
authors and illustrators visit our
island over the past years and
next month we have the privi-
lege of a storyteller. M. Jennie
Frost will be presenting her
stories at the Island School on
Wed. May 4th at 1:45-2:45.
Everyone in the community is
invited. You are never too old to
hear stories!! For more info
contact Dawn at 246-2877.

The St. Joseph Island Hunters
and Anglers Association have a
New Website!
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THANK YOU

Thank You to all those who helped and supported our meatballs and spaghetti sauce fundraiser on Sat. April 16. To all those who purchased meatballs we hope that you enjoy eating them as much as we enjoyed making them for you. The profits from this event will help to fund putting a roof over the antique saw mill recently donated to the Jocelyn Centennial Grounds by Mary and Harvey Stevens.

We wish to extend our thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their cards, flowers, donations, food and kind words, for the loss of our son Timmy. A special Thanks to Eliza Tammy & Sandra & Toni for all the help.
Ron & Sylvie Doucette.

Thank you from my heart to my good friends and neighbours for their kindness and caring, on the loss of my dear companion Alice Trainor. Your thoughtfulness is so very much appreciated.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

Friday

Seniors Walking Program, Legion - 9 am to noon
Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm
Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am
Friday Foods at the Legion
AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm

Saturday

Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm
Story time - 10:30 am
Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm -
New phone number: 255-3520.
St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm
Nordic Walking Group, Tranter Park - 10 am
Free pool all day in the Legion lounge
St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach at 4:30 pm.
Jam Session, Legion - 4 pm to 6 pm

Sunday

Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn, 11 am.
Free Methodist, 10th Side Rd. Coffee, tea and friendship at 10:30 am. Worship service 11 am.
Island Bible Chapel, Richards Landing.
Lord's Supper 10 am, Family Bible Hour 11:15 am.
Grace United, Hilton Beach. 9:30 am.
Harmony St. Marks United, Richards Landing. 11 am.

Monday

Seniors Walking Program, Legion - 9 am to noon
Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm
(Open to all seniors)
60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:00 am
Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person)

Carpet Bowling for 50 Plus, Legion - Refreshments Available - 1 pm

St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 6 pm to 9 pm
Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm &
7 pm to 9 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.
Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesday

CAPC Play & Learn, Free Methodist Church - 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm
(\$3.00 per person)

Quilting - 1-3 pm, Downstairs Hilton Hall except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre.

Wednesday

Seniors Walking Program, Legion - 9 am to noon
Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm
(Open to all seniors)

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing (side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm

Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm
Story time - 10:30 am

Hilton Union Public Library - 3 pm to 5 pm -
New phone number: 255-3520.

Thursday

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm and
7 pm to 9 pm

Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 4 pm

Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm; 3:30 - 5 pm
Story time - 10:30 am

Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm

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