

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



A pair of robins camped out in a balcony light fixture at Chateau Gilderdale to hatch and raise their chicks this spring. They left without paying the rent.

Ramblin' Ruth



Rocks in Your Head

By Ruth LeBlanc

For years I scoffed at the suggestion of having a computer at home, but eventually I broke down and bought a laptop.

Now my computer has become a good friend, introducing me to Kijiji, a great site to buy and sell almost anything. Recently I decided to put a stained glass window up for sale and listed it on Kijiji under the category of collectables.

While checking for my ad, I browsed through the hundreds of items for sale and spotted one that immediately got my attention: a rock with the face of Jesus on it. The asking price was a mere two hundred dollars and the seller wrote that it was found in a river bed when he was visiting British Columbia and bore an uncanny resemblance to Jesus.

Over the years I have read newspaper articles that reported sightings of Jesus' face on a number of foods and household items. Bathroom mirrors and water marks on shower curtains have been photographed showing such 'faces' as foggy images.

The face of Jesus has been seen, allegedly, on a piece of toast, a tortilla, a flapjack, a fried potato, a dental X-ray and a grilled cheese sandwich. As far as I'm concerned, these reports and items are

offensive, designed simply to take money from the gullible.

To my mind, if the rock advertised on Kijiji resembled anyone, it was Kris Kristofferson, a bearded singer who in his heyday was quite a looker. Much to my partner's dismay, I responded to the ad by pointing this out to the seller.

When I checked my emails later in the day there was a response asking if I "wanna buy it." I replied that I had two such rocks myself which I had found in the pond behind my house. Imagine my shock when he sent a message asking to see them. I took a rock from the flower garden and drew a face on it with a marker, took a picture and sent it back with the asking price of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Another email response followed, but by this time I was creeped out and deleted it. I was amazed to discover that people have always found faces in inanimate objects like food, cloud formations and even bathroom shower curtains. The technical term for this is pareidolia and for as long as there have been people there have been sightings of faces, usually those of famous historical figures.

Ask me and I will tell you computers and the information they store are among humankind's most remarkable achievements. Ask me to buy a rock with the face of Jesus on it and I will tell you that you have rocks in your head.

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Stouffville Therapeutic Centre Massage Therapist Wins Readers Choice Award

Congratulations to Sheila Graham, RMT, for being voted a "2009 Readers' Choice Winner" and favored massage therapist. Sheila would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their vote of confidence.

Sheila has been a Registered Massage Therapist for 16 years and a part of our team at Stouffville Therapeutic

Centre for 10 of those years. In the past, Sheila has worked as a clinical and classroom instructor at the Canadian College of Massage and Hydrotherapy which has definitely been an asset in developing and explaining individualized treatment plans for her clients. Sheila has also applied her knowledge and skills as an independent insurer assessor. The 5 year experience helped her to gain insight into both sides of the automobile accident and injury rehabilitation process.

When asked, Sheila explained what she likes the most about her work. "Working as a massage therapist provides me with a sense of accomplishment. Providing pain relief and helping others is relaxing for me and helps to bring me into balance with the rest of my life activities. As a massage therapist I have had the privilege of meeting many unique and interesting people."

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