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Vandals hit series of Salt Spring cars on Monday night Page A8

Island marathon participants undergo a variety of adventures Page B1



Chek 6 camera crew Adrian Charman (left) and Nick Hellyer capture a reenactment of the logging equipment sabotage which took place on Mount Bruce late last month. Playing the roles of

the culprits are Ken Cornell (left) and Brien Foerster. The Crime Stoppers segment will be shown on Chek 6 tomorrow (August 30) at noon, 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Driftwood photo by Susan D. Lundy

Crime Stoppers films Mount Bruce and Harbour House Hotel crime segments

Back at the scene of the crime — a clearing at the end of a steep, pot-holed dirt road on Mount Bruce — a man shouts "it's all clear!" He and an accomplice run towards a bulldozer, climb onto the hood and funnel sand into the engine. They hurry to another piece of heavy logging equipment and repeat the task.

The group standing on the sidelines — director Lynn Charmand, Crime Stoppers members Wayne Zimmerman and Petra Dornblut, and Ganges RCMP Constable Chris Bomford — is silent as the Chek 6 camera rolls and an extension microphone picks up the sounds of feet hitting the earth and metal clinking against metal.

By SUSAN DICKER LUNDY
Driftwood Editor

At the Harbour House Hotel in Ganges a "masked" thug bearing a wooden club grabs the night watchman from behind and throws him to the floor. He wraps wire around his wrists and makes off with \$10,000 in cash. The camera crew films one segment outside the hotel, and others in the lobby, banquet room and kitchen in order to fully document the crime which occurred on Salt Spring earlier this year.

The two film clips — scheduled to air on Chek 6 August 30 and September 6 — represent the most visible portion of the multi-

faceted, international Crime Stoppers organization.

In 1989 alone, the Greater Victoria area (including the Gulf Islands) Crime Stoppers provided information leading to 123 arrests. It cleared 106 cases, recovered \$198,583 in stolen property and \$384,361 worth of drugs. It received, coded and processed 530 pieces of information and paid out \$16,650 in rewards.

The 1989 statistics bring the total number of cases solved over a six-year period to 989. This breaks down to 756 arrests and more than \$5 million worth of recovered property and drugs. Victoria Crime Stoppers has cleared one murder case, more than 240 break and enter offences, 246 drug-related crimes, seven assaults and 64 robberies.

Conceived by Canadian Greg MacAleese in New Mexico some 14 years ago, Crime Stoppers uses a system of guaranteed anonymity coupled with rewards up to \$2,000 to help municipal police and RCMP crack unsolved and often "dead-end" cases. There are now more than 700 branches of Crime Stoppers established all over the world.

Although the local branch operates from the Victoria municipal police building, it is overseen by a civilian board of directors and operates almost entirely on funding donated by various corporations and individuals.

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Erskine property

Purchase deadline closes in

Islanders have just over two weeks to "put their money where their hearts are" and help in the community purchase of more than 60 acres of Mount Erskine property.

Property owner Martin Williams has offered to sell the parcel, located on the south slope of Mt. Erskine, to the Islands Trust for \$500 an acre. This represents at least half the land's market value.

The Trust, which can now own land under the new Islands Trust Fund, would like to purchase the land, however, it does not have the necessary money. Instead, the Trust is calling on "community-minded citizens" to make tax-deductible donations towards its acquisition.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to put aside a piece of property for the community to use," Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said.

Gilbert and Salt Spring Trustee John Stepaniuk agree the Williams property would be an ideal "first acquisition" under the Islands Trust Fund.

(The Trust Fund currently holds a covenant protecting trees on a Musgrave Landing-area parcel, but does not yet hold property.)

The recently formed Salt Spring Island Foundation is acting as a conduit for funds contributed towards the purchase. About \$2,000 has been donated to the cause so far.

Chamber of Commerce president Glen Moores has spoken in support of the property acquisition.

"Any piece of property which we can maintain as green space for hiking and recreation enhances our island as a tourism destination," Moores said.

Fiona Flook of the Crown Lands Use Coalition (CLUC) has evaluated the property from a public use point of view and was impressed with its beauty. She also noted its potential as a valuable access route to the mountain.

Much of Mt. Erskine is in the hands of the Ministry of Crown Lands which is debating its disposition.

Past CLUC chairman Maureen Milburn said the acquisition of the

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Labour Day means changes to all advertising deadlines

The celebration of Labour Day weekend will mean changes in advertising deadlines at the *Driftwood*.

Deadlines for the September 5 edition of the *Driftwood* are as follows:

DISPLAY ADVERTISING:

• the deadline for C Section (Real Estate) is today (August 29) at 3 p.m.;

• all other display advertising is due by 4 p.m. Friday (August 31).

CLASSIFIED ADVERTIS-

• the deadline for regular classified advertising is 4 p.m. Friday (August 31).

• ads placed in the Too Late to Classify section may be brought in Tuesday morning (September 4) until noon.

The *Driftwood* office will be closed Monday, September 3. Editorial submissions — including letters to the editor — may be made through the mail slot at the side of

Islanders, ferry officials debate local needs, company problems

B.C. Ferry Corporation officials heard the concerns of Salt Spring Island residents last week.

Two representatives — Bill Bouchard of public relations and Mike Gray, traffic manager for the southern routes — met with 80 islanders at a meeting in Fulford Hall Wednesday, August 22.

Salt Spring Transportation Committee chairman Danny Evanishen began by saying, "We're really not all that happy about what's going on

noted, "We have one of the best ferry systems in the world."

The meeting acknowledged the ferry corporation faces problems such as budget restraints and the size of the fleet to serve so many locations. The fractiousness of islanders is also a problem, Evanishen said.

"One of the hardest parts is trying to determine what islanders want," he said.

Whenever two Salt Spring Islanders meet to talk, he said, there are

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert agreed, noting islanders are split on what ferry service is needed. He urged B.C. Ferries to involve elected representatives in discussions on how transportation needs of the island would be provided.

"We need to know what's happening," he said. "We need to be involved."

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, noted the ferry corporation had helped the

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NEWS BEAT

Highways ministry undertakes Ganges traffic count and study

Salt Spring islanders may have felt their every movement was being watched on Monday and Tuesday, and for anyone driving through Ganges, it was.

While Ministry of Transportation and Highways planner Don Smith says the ministry completes a regular traffic study in the area each summer, the current count is for a more long term purpose.

Smith said the Islands Trust requested a more detailed survey from the ministry in order to provide data to the Task Force on Parking, Drainage and Pedestrian Circulation in Ganges. The task force was commissioned and is funded jointly by the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District.

Task force chairman Bob Currie says the traffic data is being gathered to "identify the amount of local traffic and visitor traffic, and to see how much of each component, including truck traffic, is going through or is destined for Ganges."

Once the data is analyzed, the need for an alternate route or bypass around the downtown core of Ganges may be identified, he said.

The survey was conducted by Transtech Data Services Ltd., a private company contracted by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. Traffic counts were undertaken at the intersections of Fulford-Ganges and Beddis roads, Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads, Lower Ganges and Hereford roads,

Rainbow and Jackson roads and Upper Ganges and Robinson roads.

An intersection count was also done at Central.

The people stationed at these corners were charged with several tasks. As Smith explained, they recorded all vehicular movements, including the directions of turns made and the length of the delays between movements.

On Tuesday, licence plates were noted to identify the amount of local versus off-island traffic. Finally, Smith said, the number of heavy trucks moving through town during the sample period was determined.

Smith said \$5,000 of ministry funding was allocated to pay for the Ganges traffic count.

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Driftwood hires new reporter



Driftwood reporter Gail Sjuberg

The *Driftwood* has hired a new staff reporter to replace Nancy Vail who left the paper in early July.

Gail Sjuberg (pronounced Shoeberg) was recently selected by *Driftwood* publisher Joyce Carlson and editor Susan Lundy from a field of more than 30 applicants.

Sjuberg, 28, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Canadian Studies from Simon Fraser University, did reporting, photography and arts reviews for the Williams Lake *Tribune* prior to moving to Salt Spring Island in 1985.

She was also employed as a program co-ordinator for non-profit societies in Williams Lake, a copy typesetter at *Driftwood*, and for the past three years, a legal secretary in the law office of James Pasuta.

Sjuberg was born in Courtenay and has lived most of her life on Vancouver Island.

The position for a *Driftwood* reporter was advertised locally and throughout the province. Applications were received from as far away as Ontario.

Six applicants were short-listed for the position. Interviews took place earlier this month.

Having lived on Salt Spring for the past five years, Sjuberg brings with her a working knowledge of the Gulf Islands. Her hobbies include literature, writing, skiing, "hacker" volleyball and badminton and the arts.

Her responsibilities at the *Driftwood* will include all areas of news reporting and feature writing.

Both Carlson and Lundy welcome the addition of Sjuberg to the *Driftwood* newsroom.

"It will be good to have the staff back up to full strength," Lundy said. "I know Gail will do an excellent job."

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THE WEATHER

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Cloudy Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Looks

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NEWSBEAT

Residents express concern on the lack of information

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youth of the island. He outlined how ferry service impacted on schools and students.

The island is dependent upon ferry service, he pointed out, whether it is the business community or seniors who need to travel off-island for medical purposes.

The lack of information about the proposed terminal move to Isabella Point causes concern with school district officials, he noted. The board is concerned about the potential rapid development of the island following such a move, and the impact this would have on the district.

The Isabella Point issue was of concern to other islanders as well.

Bouchard explained the research studies of service to Salt Spring would be presented to the ferry corporation board of directors at a September meeting.

Until the board made a decision, nothing could be said about the matter, Bouchard said.

Other concerns of islanders included the lack of return tickets for residents. Gray said the return tickets are available at the ticket booths at both Swartz Bay and Crofton.

Another topic was the congestion at Swartz Bay when a Mainland ferry is loading as a Gulf Island ferry is unloading. Gray acknowledged the problem and said the matter was being studied for a solution.

Gray also explained the problems

with co-ordinating the Fulford ferry with the boats travelling to the Mainland. The schedules don't divide evenly, he said. Ideally, people seeking a transfer to the Mainland should be in the terminal 20 minutes before the boat leaves.



Public relations officer for the B.C. Ferry Corporation Bill Bouchard emphasizes a point at last Wednesday's meeting at Fulford Hall.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

But if the ferry from Fulford arrives 20 minutes before the Mainland ferry leaves, the Salt Spring ferry would have to wait even longer to pick up any passengers from the Mainland.

"A ferry sitting at a dock is a waste of money," he said.

Bouchard urged patience. The ferry fleet is being expanded and, he said, in a couple of years with more vessels, the corporation will be in a position to have flexibility in scheduling.

Business concerns on Salt Spring centred on the loss of the early afternoon ferry from the Mainland. But, said Gray, more buses were transported this year than last year.

Tourism is down across the province, he noted.

"It's a strange year," said Bouchard. "I don't think you can look solely at the Long Harbour schedule."

Bouchard promised to take the concerns of islanders to a meeting of managers of the corporation this week. The new head of the corporation, Frank Rhodes, was attending a cabinet meeting and could not be at the Salt Spring meeting, he explained.

Rhodes issued an invitation to meet with the transportation committee to discuss problems, Bouchard said.

Might solve several problems

Terminal alternative offered

Concerns about the possible relocation of the Fulford ferry terminal to Isabella Point include a determination to offer B.C. Ferries a viable alternative.

Fulford area resident Harry Leader believes he has a solution which would solve many problems — including congestion at Fulford Harbour — and give the ferry corporation a less expensive alternative to building a new terminal from scratch.

Leader, who came up with the proposal several years ago, presented his ideas to the corporation but has heard little about it since.

He espouses filling a part of the harbour at the current terminal to enlarge the space available. The landfill would mean moving the government wharf but, as Leader pointed out, it is used primarily as a fuelling stop.

If the wharf was moved closer to the oil storage yard, room for the landfill would be available.

The harbour would be filled to a point just past the area where the government wharf currently sits. Further fill could be placed along the westerly side of the terminal and along the walkway to the second government wharf.

In that way the terminal would be more than doubled in size.

Leader points out the enlargement of the terminal would allow for commuter parking thus easing the strain on parking spaces along the streets of the village.

An enlarged facility would be capable of handling expected increases in traffic for many years. If the ferry corporation decided to abandon the Long Harbour facility, the enlarged Fulford terminal would also be capable of handling the traffic bound for Tsawwassen, Leader commented.

Maintaining the Mainland-Outer Gulf Islands link would mean no dislocation of ferry workers, he added.

"With the more efficient use of one terminal serving two runs," he noted, "significant cost reductions should follow."

Leader suggested a breakwater located south-east of the enlarged terminal would offer protection from storms. The breakwater would act as protection for the ferry terminal as well as the re-located government wharf.

Expansion of the terminal and relocation of the government wharf would ease the strain on the village, he noted, "and the village itself, relieved of its traffic problems, would hopefully regain its status as an attractive seaside village."

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Property reviewed

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Williams property might assist in establishing the island's claim to the Mt. Erskine property held by the Crown.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to come together to help preserve an asset of great value for our future well-being," Moores said.

The challenge, he added, is to come up with the funds before September 15 when the initial offer on the property must be tendered.

Fund-raisers were hoping to find 300 people willing to donate \$100 each, but will now settle for anything anyone wants to donate.

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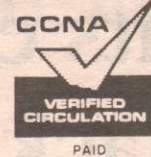
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Canadians watch blunderings of two governments

While the nation looks askance at the blundering and brutal ineptitude of our leaders in dealing with the near-riots of Oka, the rest of Canada might do well to consider the warning of Martin Niemoller during the Second World War.

Niemoller was a Protestant minister in Germany who spoke out against the National Socialist regime and went to a concentration camp for his temerity. If he did not speak out when the Jewish people were taken, nor when others in their turn, were taken, who, then would speak out for him when he was taken? He spoke out against the administration and he suffered for his courage.

What the Quebec Indian band has done may well be illegal. That they have borne arms and that a man has died transgresses those basic principles on which Canadian society hinges. These things are self-evident. They don't require repeating in detail.

The offensive feature of the incident in the east is not that a group of people, Canadian people, have challenged the laws of the land. It is the manner in which the incident has been handled by two governments, a procedure that leaves an ill odour in the nostrils of Canadians and others from other lands.

The incident appears to have arisen from the indignation of an Indian community and its frustrated efforts to be heard. It has grown beyond the bounds of civil unrest and two governments have aided and contributed to the state of affairs even now prevailing. Two administrations have revealed their helplessness in face of defiance. Two governments in this country have shown only a childish spite when the occasion called for adult wisdom. Two levels of administration have found no useful, effective measure available against civil disobedience.

There has been some debate, but only when all else appeared likely to fail. There has been an unhappy picture of two childish groups ganging up on each other, each seeking to annoy the other. We have the broad report of what is going on, but even the broad reports leave Canadians in other parts of the land completely mystified. In British Columbia we don't know what should have been done or what could have been done. We merely see a distant picture of the province of Quebec goading a native group into anarchy. The picture changes in minor detail, but we are so far away the shadows hide the reality. The federal government is then engaged in a similar cat-and-mouse behaviour with all those same citizens.

The clear picture in the west is this. If no one speaks out against the ineptitude of our government: if nobody seeks to restrain the federal government in its mockery of law and order, who, then, will speak out

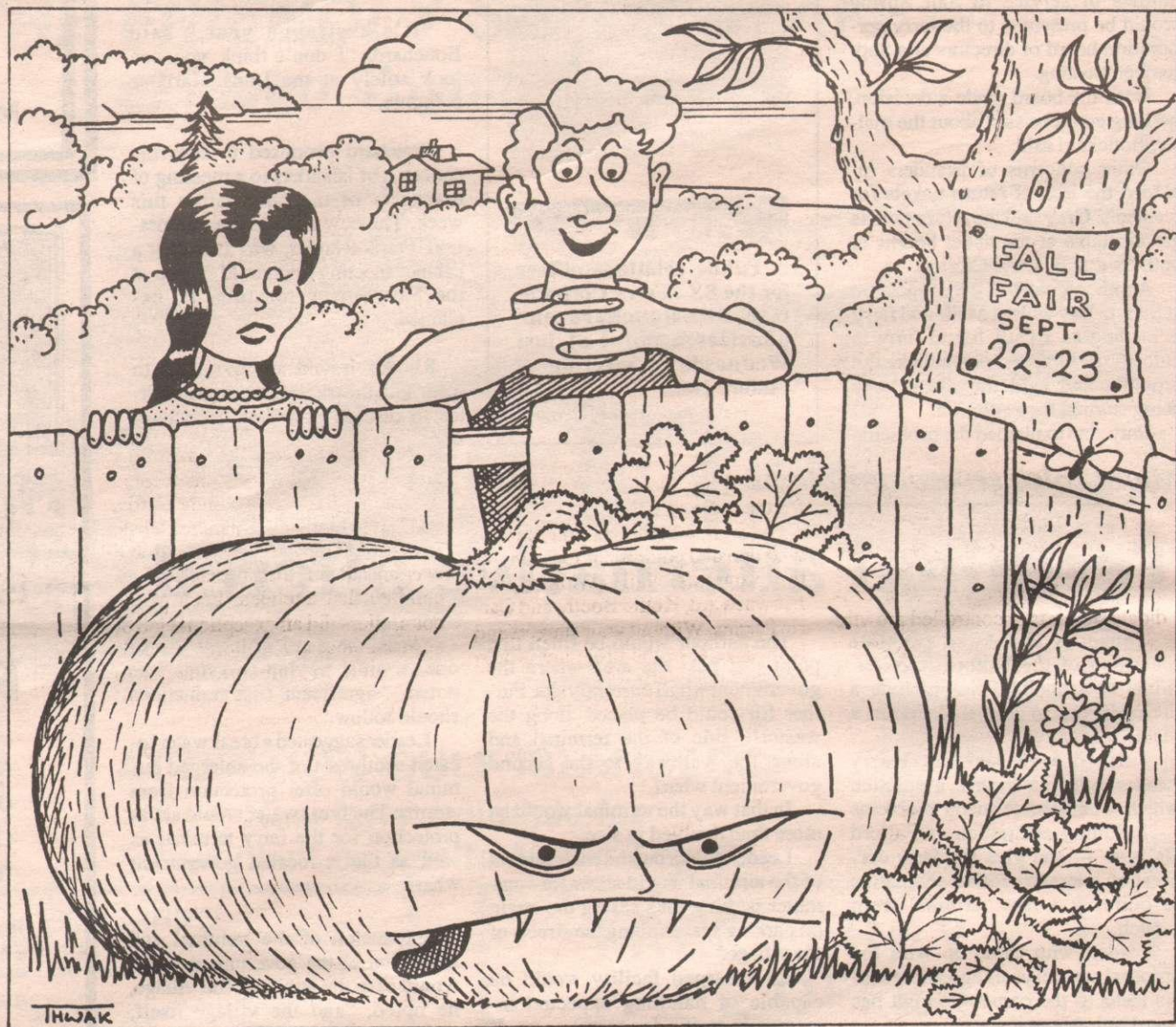
for us when the federal government applies its same philosophy in British Columbia?

There are good and proper devices already in force for the handling of disturbances without riot. There are, we hope and pray, enough wise men in all of Canada to recognize the proper way to deal with a hurting people and what might well be an overbearing local administration.

And there must be others here, so far from the

scene of unrest, who find shame in the treatment of that small group of Canadians who are not bearing arms, who are not defying governments or armies but who are penalized for being on the scene and for the failure of their government to apply common sense instead of brutality.

And, of course, as Niemoller asked, "who will speak up for me?"



(GETTING READY FOR THE 1990 FALL FAIR.)

"I've been feeding it blood meal and steroids."

Computer altercations could spell "n" of story

I once worked with a reporter who just could not cohabit with his computer. The two were completely incompatible and no amount of counselling could reconcile their differences.

A separation agreement was in order.

Some people can't wear watches because the mechanical workings shutdown the minute they strap them onto their wrists: some sort of insonant electrical pattern.

Well, it was the same with this reporter and his computer. He must have lost a story a week — sometimes a split-second power-shortage would wipe out everything on his screen (he'd be the *only* one working on an original, "unsaved" story) and sometimes his stories would just... well... disappear.

Like the computer fancied his writing style and wanted to *eat* the finished product.

Off the Record

SUSAN D. LUNDY



and hair-pulling of the newsroom's computer pro accomplished nothing.

Every morning we'd surreptitiously watch this reporter stalk into his office (he'd be exhausted by 8:30 a.m. just anticipating pending computer altercations) and fire up his beast. Every morning, our palms would sweat ever-so-slightly and we'd pause momentarily, quietly holding onto our desks, preparing for the inevitable explosion when the computer would finally spit back all those stolen stories in one ultimate display of supremacy.

hazardous job like working on oil derricks in Kuwait.

Computers were starting to get big when I attended high school. I wanted absolutely nothing to do with them — on principle. At the time, I still intended to become Alice Munro. I wrote fiction daily, wore weird-but-artistic clothes and practiced signing my autograph in preparation for the Canadian best-sellers' list.

Then someone told me fiction writers would be obsolete by the year 2000 because any idiot could program a computer to write a book. So

my list of prerequisites for the UVic Journalism course, but I eventually landed in a classroomful of beeping monitors. The class, of course, was riddled with tricky situations. My computer partner, who, it turned out, learned the first part of the course at the William Head Correctional Centre, disappeared halfway through the year. I chose not to speculate on his whereabouts.

But since that time computers have become a welcome part of my life. I need a blank screen — not a blank page — to inspire me. The "delete" key is a particular favourite of mine: without great slashes of ink throughout a page, it is never quite so obvious how long or how many tries it took to create something.

Last Monday things got a bit dicey. I became over-exuberant in my ability to manipulate this bits and bytes box. I had an 1,800-word story on the screen. It was not the most

to move a whole section of it to another story.

This is not a big deal. In fact, I've done it before. But somehow, in my over-exuberance and haste, I neglected to accurately follow instructions. I pressed the final key and sat back, ready to admire my handy work. The screen went momentarily blank and then the story re-appeared. Minus every single "n."

The word *nine* came out *ie*. The first paragraph of this column would have looked like this: I oce worked with a reporter who just could ot cohabit with his computer. The two were completely icompatible and o amount of cousselling could recocile their differeces. Seems a sensible line to conclude with: after tediously replacing many, many "n's" I was ready for a separation agreement. However. The glory of computers is their extraordinary logic. I decided to dump the n-less story, search the undelete program and recall the original

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LETTERS SECTION

Positions must be clear

To the Editor,
This Fall is election time. Island residents will be selecting representatives who will presumably be a voice for the majority of those who take the time to vote. Those who choose to avoid the process have said in effect "it matters not to me." Our representatives will have a say in land zoning, project approvals, our schools, health services, sewers, and an assortment of issues which will surface as we move from day to day. Those who choose to run as our representatives must show their positions and make it clear as to their commitment to what is left of our rural atmosphere, our green cover, our water. We, as voters, must assess their sell-out point. Representatives who have learned the art of out-presuring the pressure are sorely needed.

One can see growth problem indicators: roadway congestion, schools, portable classrooms, larger classes, tax load increases; hospitals — extended care overloads; sewers, the catalyst for major population expansion. Why abandon effective ground disposal for costly treatment and ocean disposal for the "glory of growth?" Development brings servicing demands that can barely be offset by increased tax revenue.

It is shown in areas holding G & D to three per cent that the local tradesmen work 40 hours per week and smaller jobs actually get done. Free enterprise means the freedom to make choices, and more and more choose to set profit margins aside for the good of the whole.

So trustees and C.R.D. candidates need to be flushed out if their positions are unclear. Fence sitting politics are obsolete as one becomes a target, a loose cannon. If a candidate supports uncontrolled growth, why hide the fact? One simply cannot be a little pregnant. So candidates be up front and be elected by clear positioning or face three years of hell on earth Salt Spring style.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges

Bridge preferable?

To the Editor,
I, for one, support the new Isabella Point ferry terminal. The vast savings of "fuel" will be enormous. The undeveloped lands at the south end area which might be developed have very little density potential. Presently, any owner of these lands who desires to develop can do so within the guidelines of the Official Community Plan.

Your editorial suggests that the status quo must change! What is wrong with "improved access" via Isabella Point? Would you and the 50 others prefer to see a bridge?

M. CYPRUS,
Ganges

Startling statistics

To the Editor,
Some startling statistics from Ministry of Forests Annual Reports reveal that: from 1911 to 1989, we have logged 2.5 billion cubic metres of wood in this province. That is enough lumber, (if we stacked it

waist high and axe-handle in width), to circle the globe at the equator 63 times!

Even more frightening is that it took from 1911 to 1972, 62 years, to cut the first 50 per cent of this volume. We have cut the second 50 per cent in the last 17 years!

The contrast is even more striking in the Interior, where it has only taken from 1977 to cut the second 50 per cent of all that we have ever cut in the Interior.

The heroic perception of loggers topping spar trees and burling logs on raft booms has been usurped by mechanized harvesting, corporate greed and government acquiescence.

There is a green goldrush taking place in British Columbia and it is time that we woke up before we have been strip-mined of our future.

JIM PINE,
Victoria

Thank you

To the Editor,
I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm thank you to the Salt Spring Island community for its continued support for the recreation programs this summer.

I would particularly like to thank Kellie Booth and Ian Fraser who are members of the Recreation Commission. Kellie and Ian consistently backed me in my recreation endeavours, which was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Ken Starling who kindly arranged for the use of the elementary schools for Summer Discovery Day Camp. All of these locations were ideal settings and provided an excellent environment for the camp.

As well, a big thank you to those who donated equipment for many of the programs: Sally Walker, Bob Brownsword, Kellie Booth, and Carrin Parrins. Without your support and help, several of the programs would not have operated.

I would also like to thank the Ganges Fire Department for allowing us to conduct a 35-hour staff training workshop in the board room. Your generosity was much appreciated.

Several of the children's recreation programs were made possible by individuals who volunteered their time and effort. A warm and sincere thank you to Bev Francombe who supervised the Outdoor Expeditions for preschools. All the youngsters had a wonderful time. Leanoir Hearsey did a wonderful job of organizing and conducting the children's cooking classes. Throughout the weeks many different kinds of foods were created and consumed.

Finally, thank you to Orion Holtby for overseeing the children's ball hockey program. Although at-

tendance was low, those who came out had a great time.

The tennis program was a huge success this summer with lessons taught by Betty Boyd, Tony Mason and Lous Holland. A special thank you to Betty for all the volunteer time and effort she put into the children's lessons. In addition, thank you to many of the parents who came out and donated their time to help the youngsters improve their skills. Due to the tremendous support the children's tennis program has grown and there are many keen players.

This summer there was a new program offered which involved computers and softball. Throughout the camp the children enjoyed learning new softball skills and playing games on the computers. Many thanks to David McKerrell and Tom McKeachie who spent time making sure the computers were in order and ensured that the children were having a good time.

Again, the aquatics program was a huge success. Thank you go out to all the instructors — Rob Armitage, Lissa Stevens and Jane Cunningham — who did a wonderful job. Besides the mix-ups that occurred as to where lessons were being held, many children benefited from the program and passed onto a higher level of water awareness. In addition, had it not been for the DeLong's and Parsons's pools, and Wayne Taylor, it would have been very difficult to run the aquatics program. Their generosity and hospitality has been sincerely appreciated.

Again, Summer Discovery Day Camp offered a variety of activities and events. This year's programming and counselling were implemented by Andrea Redden, Malinda Curtis, and David Marshall. Chandra Delisle joined the camp part way through and was an aid for the special abilities children that attended. Each of the counsellors did an exceptional job of ensuring that the children's needs were met. My sincere thanks to Andrea, Malinda, David and Chandra for their time and dedication to the program.

Finally, I would like to thank Ross Huff for helping me throughout the summer with programming and lending a hand when asked. Many times his support and opinion were welcomed and helped me in my decisions. Ross has done a terrific job in opening up the recreation field on Salt Spring by providing a variety of programs for teens and adults. Thank you.

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OPINION

Capital Comment

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VICTORIA — A former Socred cabinet minister says he's got a deal the government can't refuse.

Sam Bawlf, who served as cabinet minister in the Bill Bennett administration, is busy these days marketing a proposal he says will not only solve all of B.C. Ferries' problems and revitalize the province's ailing ship-building industry, but save the tax payers an estimated \$400 million in the process.

Bawlf proposes to achieve those ambitious goals by shifting the existing ferry fleet's deployment, adding a third crossing, and pressing into service made-in-B.C. aluminum catamaran ferries.

Initially, Bawlf's plan calls for the conversion of two existing vessels to 470-car super ferries, the first of which would be completed in 1991, the second in 1992.

The cost of converting the vessels would be \$80 million each; the project would create 635 man years of employment in British Columbia's shipyards, according to Bawlf's estimates.

Next, Bawlf proposes to initiate Express Ferry service between Vancouver Island and the Mainland by augmenting existing service with four fast catamaran ferries.

Able to make many more trips per day

A third crossing of Georgia Strait between Tsawwassen on the Mainland and Crofton on Vancouver Island with two catamarans would enable B.C. Ferries to make the trip in less than half the time.

The catamarans could make the crossing in 45 minutes, compared with the one hour and 35 minutes it takes conventional vessels, Bawlf says. And while the catamarans can transport only 80 cars and 450 passengers, they can do so more often than the existing vessels and cost much less to build.

"Aluminum ferries, because of their light weight, are far faster and more manoeuvrable than conventional ferries, and able to make many more trips per day, providing much more capacity per dollar of capital cost," Bawlf says.

Aside from keeping up with the ever-increasing demand for ferry service between the Mainland and Vancouver Island, it is the prospect of giving B.C.'s ship building industry a shot in the arm that will probably make the government take a very close look at Bawlf's proposal.

B.C. ship-building industry is capable

Bawlf says British Columbia's ship building industry is capable of constructing the catamarans. The number of jobs created would be in the neighbourhood of 2,800 man years.

Bawlf says his proposal makes a lot more sense than B.C. Ferries current expansion program which calls for construction of a series of new steel super ferries.

Not only would the latter cost more than his catamaran option, but there was absolutely no export potential for conventional ferries. What's more, at least half the work would go to off-shore companies, according to Bawlf.

While B.C. Ferries' expansion plans promised sporadic job creation at best, continuing the status quo for B.C.'s troubled ship building industry, "meeting vessel procurement needs with fast-ferry technology, levers B.C. ship building into the role of an export producer, providing steady employment for shipyard workers for the foreseeable future," says Bawlf.

Needless to say, shipyards wouldn't mind getting a piece of the catamaran action. Roland Webb, general manager of West Coast Manly Shipyard in Vancouver, says the industry is capable of doing the job required.

Stresses environmental advantages

Betraying his political experience and knowing what's important these days, Bawlf stresses the environmental advantages of aluminum ferry production.

"A major difference from steel production lies in the fact that aluminum fabrication requires an environment in which temperature, humidity and cleanliness are strictly controlled," Bawlf says.

"Marine aluminum fabrication is an inherently clean activity which poses no threat to the natural environment of the human habitat. It constitutes a classical "greenfields" industry, in contrast to conventional ship building," he adds.

You may ask why Bawlf is so interested in the subject of aluminum ferries. Well, he is president and chief executive officer of CANCAT Catamarans Inc., the company trying to give the high-speed catamaran technology a foothold in Canada.

The government could do worse than at least giving Bawlf's proposal serious consideration. As a politician, he wasn't half-bad. As an entrepreneur, Bawlf has a proven track record.

Traffic between Vancouver Island and the Mainland will continue to grow. One way or another, B.C. Ferries will have to cope with that growth. If Bawlf is right in claiming that his plan would save a lot of the taxpayers' money and revitalize the ship building industry at the same time, the government would be criminally negligent if it didn't closely examine the proposal.

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To the Editor,
After 10 years on this gorgeous island, we have to say "goodbye." We feel, however, compelled to tell you all that you are very special.

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Enough is enough

To the Editor,
Canada geese, in flight, are quite a remarkable sight, and on the water they are very graceful. However, on the shore they are something else.

A few years ago a friend of ours sent us a clipping out of a Toronto paper regarding the serious problem of too many Canada geese in one place and in particular — geese droppings. The article stated that one-half hour after geese commence grazing on grass — they start dropping "you know what" and they continue to "drop" every five minutes for up to one-half hour after grazing is finished.

Thus in a two and one-half hour period one goose would make 25 drops.

Now, from where we live, I have tried to make some count of these birds, and I figure there are about 125 Canada geese that spend time in and around St. Mary Lake, the golf course, and last but not least Portlock Park where many children and adults play various sports.

Now you math buffs can figure out what 125 geese can do in two and one-half hours — and then consider the health hazard — particularly for the kids.

Earlier this past spring they had a similar problem in Vancouver at Deer Lake (not as many geese as we have) and had to close it for swimming until the parks people removed the geese to the upper Fraser Valley. Stanley Park does the same thing periodically.

Last year we had about 75 geese which was still far too many. Now we have 125.

Enough is enough, something should be done.

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NEWSBEAT



LOOKING FOR SUPPORT: Jim Olding, Norm Mouat and the Liberal candidate for Saanich and the Islands, Clive Tanner (right), discuss ideas at St. George's Church. Coffee and snacks were served as a welcome to Tanner last Saturday. Tanner also spent time in the Saturday Farmers' Market, chatting with islanders and visitors.
Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

PRC directors look into mid-week park vending

The Parks and Recreation Commission considered a local artist's request to do mid-week portrait painting in Centennial Park at its regular monthly meeting last Monday.

Del Seagrave-Peel was informed by the commission on August 25 that her business of painting portraits during weekdays in Centennial Park constituted unauthorized commercial activity. Seagrave-Peel responded with a written request for authorization of her painting to PRC parks committee chairman Bill Curtin.

While agreeing that Seagrave-Peel's presence encouraged people to use the park, members expressed concern a precedent would be set by authorizing her to operate from the park when the three spots available for mid-week vending had already been reserved by others.

The Fryin' Scotsman, Sweet Arts Patisserie and Wendy Beatty's cappuccino wagon were granted permission to use Centennial Park for vending on weekdays. However, members noted, only Myles Wilson has used his permit on a regular basis to operate the fish and chip truck.

Lawrie Neish suggested Sweet Arts and Beatty be asked if they planned to use their mid-week vending privileges for the remainder of the year. If so, they would have to sign the contract drawn up for them — something which was never done or pursued by the commission. Members agreed if Sweet Arts and Beatty did not want to complete their agreements, the resulting vacant spaces would be advertised as available to all potential vendors, including Seagrave-Peel.

Bruce Grey asked how the issue

could be dealt with in the future. Fraser said it is important the commission "actively pursue public ideas about what should be done with mid-week vending."

"It's a sleeping dog," joked Neish.

"If we kick it, it might get up and bite us."

PRC directors decided to add the question of mid-week vending in Centennial Park to the community survey it plans to circulate in the fall.

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The permit is required under the waste management act and the storage will be secure, said Gulf Islands manager for Hydro John Langston.

"It really doesn't have the sinister connotations that people read into it," he said.

Use of PCBs in transformers was curtailed about seven years ago, he explained. The transformers being stored contain mineral oils, he said. While most of the transformers are not contaminated with the toxic material, some may contain traces.

The permit calls for a storage of transformers containing a maximum of 450 litres of special waste. The transformers would be shipped to Surrey where the contents would be treated.

Langston explained the site is enclosed by a high fence and locked gate. Signs are posted to warn against trespassing.

The transformers would be stored in a metal container which is, Langston stressed, leak- and tamper-proof.

"We have to have the capability to meet the requirement," Langston said, stressing the storage would be secure.

POLICE News

Four vehicles and a motorcycle parked in the Ganges village core were vandalized early Tuesday morning.

Windows were smashed on three of the vehicles, and a hole punched in the ragtop of a convertible car.

The motorcycle was thrown into the water at Ganges Harbour from the edge of Centennial Park.

A case of beer, some cash and minor items were also stolen from the vehicles.

Two of the cars and the motorcycle were located in the Centennial

Park area. One vehicle was parked on McPhillips Avenue and another in the vicinity of the post office.

Ganges RCMP Constable Pat Wilkinson said the damage is believed to have been done between midnight Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The investigation is continuing.

Sentenced

A man charged with several offences on Salt Spring Island last week entered guilty pleas in Victoria provincial court.

Richard Darrel Christensen, 31, who tangled with Ganges RCMP five times in one weekend appeared in court August 23.

He was given two years probation and a suspended sentence for the assault charge; a \$600 fine and two-year drivers' licence suspension for impaired driving and two years probation (concurrent) for breach of undertaking.

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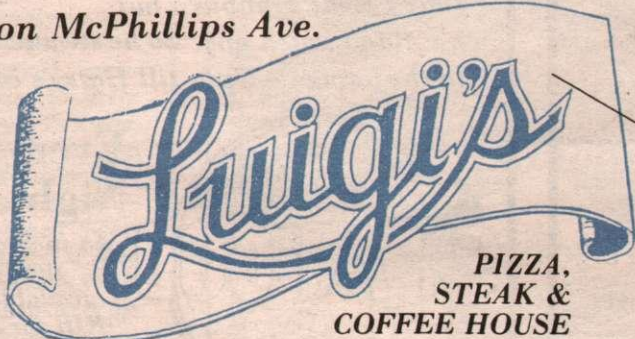
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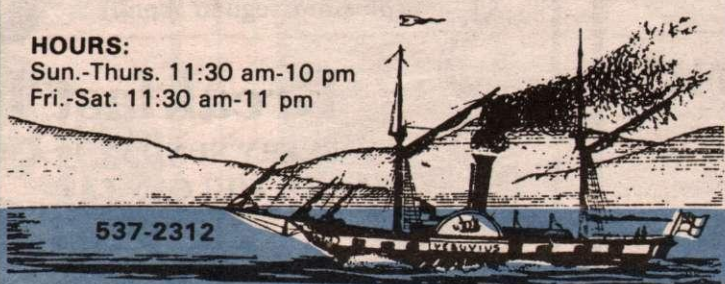
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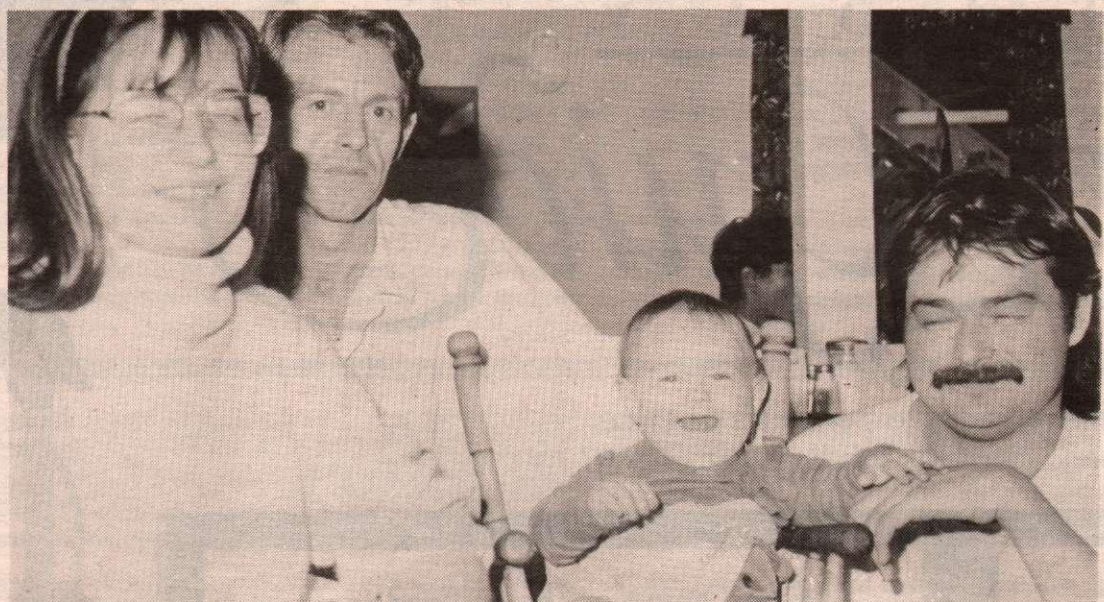
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



The McEamondys are a duo now, but son Dougal is practising his vocals for a future engagement with parents Mary (left) and Derrick (right) Cundy. Cheshire Cat owner Clive Williams looks on.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

McEamondys Celtic music offers good fun at the Cat

The music has a Celtic flavour and the fun is infectious when the McEamondys take the stage.

The duo performs regularly at the Cheshire Cat in Ganges and will be there this Saturday, September 1 at 9 p.m.

By BILL WEBSTER
Driftwood Staff Writer

Pronounced Mic-em-an-dees, the McEamondys are Mary and Derrick Cundy during the week.

The pair got together to play the music of their roots — Derrick is of Scottish decent while Mary's folks hail from Ireland. They had their "west coast premier" at the Cat a short while ago.

Clive Williams, owner of the establishment, heard about the duo from a friend. He talked with them

and offered to let them play for an evening. He said his "gut reaction" when talking with the pair prompted the decision.

And he's glad he did. "It's exactly what I was used to hearing in the English folk clubs," he said.

Mary Cundy teaches piano while Derrick offers instructions on stringed instruments. They are seeking space to set up a school of music on the island.

For now they work where they can, said Derrick, smiling. "Basically, we'll play anywhere we can make a dollar."

The two met on Prince Edward Island. He was stationed on the island province while in the Canadian army. At that point, he was a "failed rocker," he explained. Mary Cundy played Celtic music because she enjoyed it.

They got together and formed

their duo playing the folk music, "whether he liked it or not," she stated, firmly.

While he plays guitar, bagpipes, mandolin and various whistles, Mary alternates on fiddle, dulcimer, mandolin, banjo and guitar.

They cover the range of Celtic songs.

Williams offered another reason for liking their performances. They don't tune their instruments on stage. The pair sit in a back room to ensure every instrument is tuned, then go to the stage and perform.

"They make a decision to start and they start," Williams said.

The McEamondys are happy with their return engagement at the Cat.

"We're back by popular demand," they explained. "At least one person enjoyed us," they chorus, pointing an accusing finger at Williams.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Avalon Fair will include magic, medieval themes

Organizers of the upcoming Avalon Fair are mixing autumn harvest magic to create the second fair extravaganza at Shady Willows Resort from September 19 to 23.

April Curtis, who is an organizer and the publicist for the event, says the fair will be a mix of "fantasy and medieval themes" and "new age philosophy," experienced through arts and musical performances,

crafts, mystics, workshops and the magical atmosphere of the fair grounds.

A medieval castlefront will serve as the entrance-way to the grounds, the pathways will be marked with Celtic banners, and the site will be lit by flaming torches in the evening. Fair participants are dressing in medieval or fantasy costume, and visitors are also encouraged to dress

up for the occasion.

As Curtis says, "In costume, people feel freer to try something different and to play."

A press release invites fairgoers "on a journey to re-awaken that place that lies within each of us which is full of magic and delight even though it has long lain hidden or forgotten. For it is our hope that we may inspire one another, through this celebration of life, to remember that time when this magical place was still alive."

"A variety of new consciousness talent chosen for their excellence from Vancouver, Victoria, the Sunshine Coast, Courtenay and the Gulf Islands," will be performing at the Avalon Fair, says Curtis. Celtic singers, contemporary and folk musicians, African drummers, theatre and poetry, puppet shows and story-telling are some of the acts scheduled to date.

A medieval marketplace will be set up in an ecliptic shape at the edge of St. Mary Lake, with the performance stage, food booths and beer garden in the centre.

The number of booths has been increased to 60 from the 40 participating at last year's fair held at Shady Willows in late August. Organizers expect attendance to double from the 2,500 who came to the "almost spontaneous" fair last year.

Curtis says press coverage and advertising has reached from Courtenay to Vancouver, and two radio stations will be featuring the event.

The final day of the fair — Sunday, September 23 — is shaping up to be "family day," said Curtis.

A reader's theatre, a performance by *Nu Impressions* and the costume parade and awards are some of the events scheduled for that day. A number of children's activities, including the Rainbow Puppet Theatre, which performs non-violent puppet shows, will be ongoing at the fair.

More details of the fair's events and performers will appear in the next two issues of *Driftwood*.

Tickets for entrance to the Avalon fair will be available both at the gate and in advance. Adults pay \$8 for a one-day pass or \$30 for a five-day pass purchased in advance, and \$10 for one-day or \$40 for five-day passes bought at the fair gates.

Senior citizens, and children aged 14 years and under will pay half the price of adult tickets. Children aged five and under will be admitted without charge. Advance tickets may be bought at the Willow Studio in Ganges, or at The Crystal Web on West Broadway in Vancouver.

The Avalon Fair is being organized primarily by April Curtis, Mauveen Moore, Justine Hull, Brian Jewell and Dietrich Luth. Volunteer assistance in setting up booths and handling people at the gates would be appreciated. Free passes will be given to all volunteers. Interested persons should call the Willow Studio at 537-4622.



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

GALLERY OPENING: Salt Spring artist Lorne Fineday stands behind one of his sculptures, now on display in his newly refurbished gallery. The gallery, which opened last weekend, is located above Luigi's on McPhillips Avenue. Fineday's sculptures are created from natural soapstone alabaster and sealed with natural oils to maintain a pure state.

Two movies slated

A Walt Disney favourite and one of the summer's hit movies are the flicks to be seen at Island Cinema this week.

Jungle Book, based on Rudyard Kipling's "Mowgli" stories, is a delightful animated film that follows the adventures of a boy who wants to live in the jungle with his animal friends. This was the last animated feature personally produced by Walt Disney.

Jungle Book will be shown at 7 p.m. from Friday, August 31 to Wednesday, September 5. Matinees will also be presented at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2.

Showing at 8:30 p.m. from Friday to Wednesday will be Jerry Zucker's *Ghost*, the story of a New York City banker who tries to contact his girlfriend through a psychic after he has been killed.

Patrick Swayze (star of *Dirty Dancing*) plays Sam Wheat, the "ghost" who must attempt to save his

"I was intrigued by the idea of capturing the sensations and emotions of a person who suddenly realizes he has passed from life into an immaterial world. It's like a baby learning to walk. It's a new universe."

Ghost is rated Mature (occasional coarse language and suggestive scenes), while *Jungle Book* is rated General.

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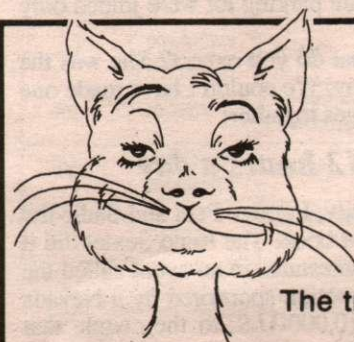
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— from A Complete Sexual Science and Guide to Purity and Physical Manhood (1894).

I remember when I first did it. Judy Page was her name. It was at my sister's wedding and I (rogue that I was) took advantage of all the nuptial confusion. I dragged Judy behind a curtain and we did it.

Just once. I was a beginner, after all.

Not like Paul and Sadie Andover, two passionate Americans who hold the world record: 20,009 times in two hours.

Right there on the main drag

Not like the three couples sprawled in the parking lot of a furniture shop in Reno, Nevada last month. Tourists and shoppers practically had to climb over them as they did it *tout ensemble* right there on the main drag!

What's that Madame? You say you're cancelling your subscription to *Gulf Islands Driftwood* and faxing a petition to Joe Clark to have me drawn and quartered in the shade of the Peace Tower? Relax.

It's *osculation* we're talking about here. Paul and Sadie Andover *kissed* each other 20,009 times in two hours. Those three Reno couples in the furniture store parking lot were joined only at the lips.

As for Judy and me, well what do you expect? She was the flower girl and I was the page boy. We couldn't have made one teenager even if you added our ages together!

Smooched for 12 hours a day

Judy and I did it out of curiosity, I guess. Paul and Sadie did it to get their names in the record book. The Reno Sextet did it strictly for money. They were contestants in an event called the Great American Kiss-Off, a promotion sponsored by a Nevada furniture store which offered \$10,000 U.S. to the couple that could kiss the longest.

Contestants had to smooch for 12 hours each day, from nine in the morning 'til nine at night, right out there in the furniture store's parking lot. They got a five-minute break each hour to reapply their lipstick and water the flowers — otherwise it was nose to nose with their loved one from dawn to dusk.

How long do you think you could buss your sweetie under those conditions? Half a day? Three days? A week?

The Nevada Nuzzlers held out — and on — for *forty-two days*. In fact, they'd probably still be nibbling at each other except the furniture company got tired of not having a parking lot. Company officials awarded the ten grand to all six contestants and let them split it up any way they liked.

Two hours in stocks for Sunday kissing

Strange way to say hello, though — kissing. When I was a kid we used to laugh about the Eskimos and their habit of rubbing noses. But is that any more bizarre than our custom of planting juicy smackers on one another's lips? I wouldn't want to argue it in a court of law.

Which is where some kissers end up, by the way. Like the 24-year-old Oklahoman who was convicted of assault back in 1976 and fined \$200. His crime? Kissing the elbow — the elbow! — of a parking lot warden while she was giving him a ticket.

Things were even tougher in England during the early 1900s. Any chap caught kissing his wife on a Sunday could expect to spend two hours in the stocks.

All of which brings to mind a morsel of doggerel that's been dancing around in my head since I read about the great American Kisseroff.

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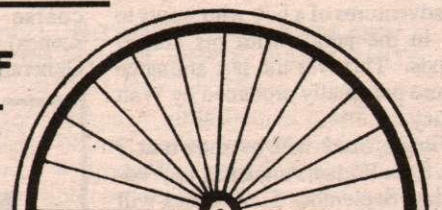
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NEWSBEAT



Crime Stoppers and Chek 6 film island crime reenactments. At top left, television crew members Nick Hellyer (camera) and Adrian Charman film outdoor segment at the Harbour House Hotel, while at the top right, Alan Wyatt (left) and Brian Brack play victim and culprit roles. At bottom right, Brien Foerster (left) and Ken Cornell perform and act of sabotage for the film crew.

Driftwood photos by Susan D. Lundy

Pays up to \$2,000 for tips

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Only the salaries of Victoria Sub-division RCMP member Wayne Zimmerman, who has worked as the Crime Stoppers Co-ordinator since January of this year, and another police officer are not covered by donations.

Chek 6 television donates the camera crew and air-time (three spots every Thursday) for the Crime Stoppers reenactments.

Zimmerman says the film reenactments are a useful tool in jogging the memory of individuals who may have witnessed a crime or overheard someone talking about one. The organization films reenactments of crimes that are major, under active investigation and in need of new information.

Crime Stoppers pays up to \$2,000 (usually anywhere from \$75) for information.

Individuals can call with tips 24 hours a day. The telephone calls are not taped and the person receiving the information does not want to know the caller's identity. The first time someone calls, he or she is assigned a number. Callers keep their numbers, using them again if they call back.

"It's a system whereby the person never meets a police officer," Zimmerman said. Rewards are paid out through use of drop-off points.

Crime Stoppers has no way of contacting a caller and it is the caller's responsibility to keep updated on the progress of the case (and his right to reward money) by re-calling the organization.

Zimmerman says the reward money is often not the main motivation for people to call in with tips: many rewards have never been claimed. The guaranteed anonymity is the biggest attraction.

Zimmerman places callers into two categories. The first is the

motivated by money; they want to see justice, but they don't want to get tied up in court.

The second category — the criminal element — can be broken into two sub-categories. Other criminals will sometimes provide information to Crime Stoppers in order to eliminate competition, collect the reward or to see how police operate, Zimmerman says. The final type of caller is a "fringe player" — the spouse, associate or parent of a criminal who is concerned about the culprit or seeking some sort of revenge.

"The revenge factor is big — jilted girlfriends will often call up," Zimmerman says. "It takes us between 60 and 90 seconds to figure out why someone is calling."

Once Crime Stoppers receives a tip or information, it disperses it to the correct investigating agency. In 1989, for example, the Victoria area Crime Stoppers gave information on 244 cases to Victoria police, 120

cases to Saanich police, 95 to area RCMP and 34 to Esquimalt police. Statistics also indicate information went to Revenue Canada, Social Services and Housing and numerous other police detachments.

RCMP Constable Chris Bomford, the Ganges detachment Crime Stoppers liaison, says the local police force has received four or five tips from the organization over the past two years. The tips have provided information on a number of crimes, including drug offences and robberies.

One tip led to an arrest, Bomford said.

Zimmerman is enthusiastic about the program. He points to the success rate of television programs such as *America's Most Wanted* and *Unsolved Mysteries*, describing them as spin-offs of the Crime Stoppers program.

Like Bomford says: "We can't do our work without public assistance."

Rotary group will involve island in Crime Stoppers

Members of the Salt Spring Rotary Club are organizing a group that will increase Crime Stoppers activity on the island.

Crime Stoppers, a civilian-operated organization, uses a system of monetary rewards and anonymity to encourage people to provide crime-solving information.

Over the past two years, Ganges RCMP have received four or five tips from the Victoria Crime Stoppers, providing information on a variety of crimes. One tip led to an arrest.

Crime Stoppers is funded almost entirely by donations. Money donated by a particular community will be put back into that area specifically for crime-fighting activity. One of the functions of the Rotary-organized Crime Stoppers group will be to raise funds locally. The group will also consider which local crimes merit a stepped-up investigation through Crime Stoppers posters and film reenactments.

In addition, members will help distribute rewards, which range anywhere from \$75 to \$2,000. In 1989, the Victoria Crime Stoppers paid out some \$16,650 in rewards.

Ganges RCMP Constable Chris Bomford, the Crime Stoppers liaison at

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Island Trail and Nature Club releases September schedule

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has released its September schedule.

All excursions leave from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER 11

• There are still places available for the fall outing to Squamish. Those interested should call Jean King at

Ruckle, Montague

Programs planned for parks

Interpretive park programs will take place in two Gulf Island provincial parks this week.

Following is a schedule of events planned for this week.

Ruckle Park

Salt Spring Island

All programs begin at the Ruckle Park "meeting place" unless otherwise noted.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

• More than Meets the Eye — a walk through the forest looking at plants used by people (7 p.m.).

• Dazzling Decapods — a show on the amazing array of crabs and shrimp which live around the Gulf Islands (9 p.m.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

• Gyu Taku — after a wander around the forest, participants will come back and try this Japanese method of print making. Wear old clothes (2 p.m.).

• Lullabies and Lies — songs and stories of life on the Gulf Islands. Bring a mug for tea (8 p.m.).

Montague Park

Galiano Island

All programs begin in the Montague Park "meeting place" unless otherwise noted.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

• More than Meets the Eye — a walk through the forest looking at plants used by people (7 p.m.).

• Dazzling Decapods — a show on the amazing array of crabs and shrimp which live around the Gulf Islands (9 p.m.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

• Gyu Taku — after a wander around the forest, participants will come back and try this Japanese method of print making. Wear old clothes (2 p.m.).

• Lullabies and Lies — songs and stories of life on the Gulf Islands. Bring a mug for tea (7:30 p.m.).

653-4292. (Trip is for members only).

• Walk: Southey Point area with leader Margaret Kaufman.

SEPTEMBER 18

• Hike: Mount Erskine — to view property adjacent to the Crown land which is currently offered for sale to members of the community. Excursion will be led by Bob Ball.

• Walk: Mountain Road area with leader Edna Watson. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25

• Hike: Cusheon Cove with leader Jean King. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15.

• Walk: Duck Creek area with leader Patti May Lawson.

• Easy walk: along the Cowichan River, followed by a visit to the new Indian Craft Centre in Duncan. Excursion will be led by Flora Crawford. Take the 10 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

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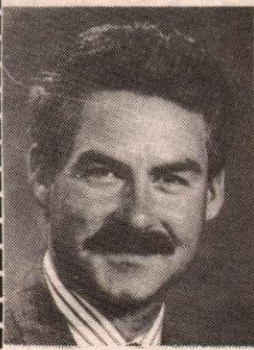
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NEWSBEAT

Construction workers start picket lines at Crofton mill

Construction workers at the Fletcher Challenge mill in Crofton set up a picket line Monday and refused to work until safety demands were met.

The pickets closed the mill as mill workers honoured the line but by Tuesday, the line closed the south gate only and mill workers returned to the job.

The construction workers had

Demanding safe conditions

walked out to protest conditions last Thursday, August 23.

Their complaint Thursday centred around allegations of the presence of noxious gas in the living quarters as well as at the job site.

Demands on the picket line

centred on having the camp evacuated when smoke could be seen there. The Construction Labour Relations Association, acting for the contractors, offered to have the campsite monitored and the trailers pressurized.

The matter was taken to the Labour Relations Board for arbitration, Tuesday.

Crofton mill manager Bill Clark said the site is monitored 24-hours a day to test for gases. Independent health experts say the site is safe according to the tests, he said.

He also noted the B.C. and Yukon Trades Council, representing the workers accept the campsite as being safe.

Construction workers at the mill are under private contract and not employees of Fletcher Challenge, he added. The workers are covered by a contract with the CLRA of Vancouver which negotiates for private contractors across the province.

A spokesman for the CLRA offered a different view of the work stoppage.

The construction workers are housed in mobile homes located near the mill. Several of the workers, the spokesman said, have been agitating for a living-out allowance rather than having to remain in the mobile homes.

The trailers are located on the mill property several 100 metres south of the mill. The CLRA spokesman said the "agitators" regularly complain about living conditions in an effort to receive the living allowance.

Tom Williams, of Fletcher Challenge, said the mill held an evacuation drill Thursday afternoon which interrupted the construction work. When the drill ended, some of the workers refused to return to work.

Construction employees have been working on renovations to bring the mill to standards set by the ministry of the environment.

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Summer winds down to the last few days of warmth and sunshine.

Visitors leave, taking with them various memories of the beauty which are these rocks. They'll also carry tales of how they were treated on their holidays.

How was your summer?

Back then, in the spring, rain — which returns soon — delayed many things. But when the wet left, it stayed away, perhaps too long. Sea Capers, the annual celebration of the visit of the tourist known as Captain Cook, splashed to a good time for all.

And the Festival of the Arts: it's becoming quite an event.

A word of caution for the two festivities for next year: the one event allows islanders to let loose before summer really gets underway while the other helps to attract people, and therefore dollars, to the island.

Should get involved

Mayhaps islanders in greater numbers will become involved in the two events. The more hands helping the less any particular individual has to do.

They are our events so perhaps we should get involved.

Over at Mahon Hall, ArtCraft filled the space. Again, the event means much to the island. As one listens to the visitors, a common comment involved marvel at the talent, and the prices.

Then again, prices prompted comments heard in Jasper and Tofino among other places along the travels of summer. Being a tourist and seeking a visual reminder of a visit can be expensive, eh?

Similar comments came from visitors at the Saturday Market in Centennial Park. They strolled past the stalls in awe and wondered at the items for sale, and the prices for those items. First-time visitors expressed disappointment, having read about a Farmers' Market offering local goods and crafts but seeing items imported from where ever.

Service in stores and eateries also leaves something to be desired. Poor service, l-o-n-g waits and mediocre food hardly induce visitors to tell their friends good things about Salt Spring.

It doesn't have to be that way

Before the letters and phone calls pour in, it must be said that most businesses and eateries on the island cope with the summer increase in demand nicely.

But it's the few locations where bad service prevails that are remembered when the visitors get home.

Salt Spring, and the Gulf Islands, offer beauty for visitors to behold. And they won't mind spending if value is apparent.

But the reputation we are acquiring centres on expensive dodads and surly slow service.

It doesn't have to be that way.

Encourage visitors to come. Let them know they are welcome. Lower prices so more is sold.

We end this monologue on a different note. Contrary to a story in the Green Islands' *Special Bulletin*, cyclists are reasonably safe on Salt Spring roads. RCMP have no file of a cyclist being killed.

Indeed, they have no file on any serious injury to a cyclist this year.

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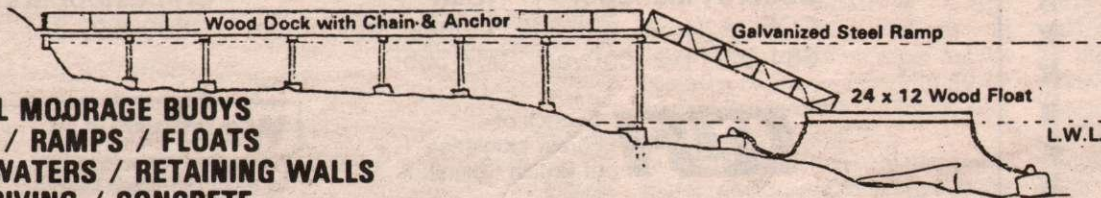
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COMMUNITY



A DAY IN THE PARK: Interpretive park programs have been offered in Ruckle and Montague parks throughout the summer. Here, children get a hand planning some old-fashioned activities at the Ruckle family barn on Salt Spring. See Page A14 for this week's park programs. Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Continuing Education gets set for another season of courses

The Gulf Islands Continuing Education program gets underway for another season of activity.

Maggie Warbey, co-ordinator for the program, expressed enthusiasm about the offerings this year. A brochure listing available courses will be a supplement to the *Driftwood* next week and she urges people not to discard it.

High on the list of offerings is a first year English, University transfer course from Camosun College. This course is special, Warbey said, in that a local instructor will teach the course.

Camosun has in the past offered the transfer program but with an instructor from the faculty of the college.

Courses are available for almost everyone from children to seniors.

The seniors can learn at afternoon programs covering art, quilting, how to use a satellite dish and creative writing among other subjects. The writing course is designed to help those seniors who wish to write their life stories.

For the young set, classes include gymnastics, art as well as cooking for boys.

Islanders of ages between youth and senior could be interested in earthquake preparedness, sign language, or Spanish, or French, or gourmet cooking in a microwave oven.

Continuing Education is offering a trip to Vancouver in early October to see *Les Miserables*. Warbey noted that if sufficient interest is shown, a second trip could be planned.

Continuing Education currently

operates out of an office in the Harbour Building beside Mouat's Clothing. An open house will be on the agenda, September 8.

Warbey invites islanders to drop in for a coffee, talk to instructors and register for the fall courses.

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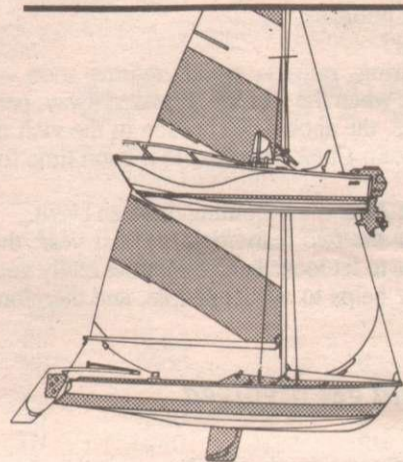


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A campfire ban remains in all Gulf Island parks

Despite cooler weather and a small amount of rain, campfires are banned in various provincial parks.

B.C. Parks issued a reminder last week of the ban in all provincial parks in the Gulf Islands. At Goldstream Park and Bamberton, among others parks, fires are restricted to cook fires but extreme caution should be used with cookstoves.

Visitors to Strathcona Park can use campfires, if the fires are carefully controlled.

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