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Islanders to receive Medals of Bravery

Two Salt Spring Islanders are among seven men receiving Medals of Bravery for their part in a daring rescue attempt to save six people trapped under a capsized boat in Active Pass last July.

Local commercial divers Ken Perry and Dave Rayment and Vancouver Coast Guard rescue specialist Dave Percy spent hours pulling four victims from under the overturned, 40-foot Bona Vista, which struck a 393-foot barge near Galiano Island.

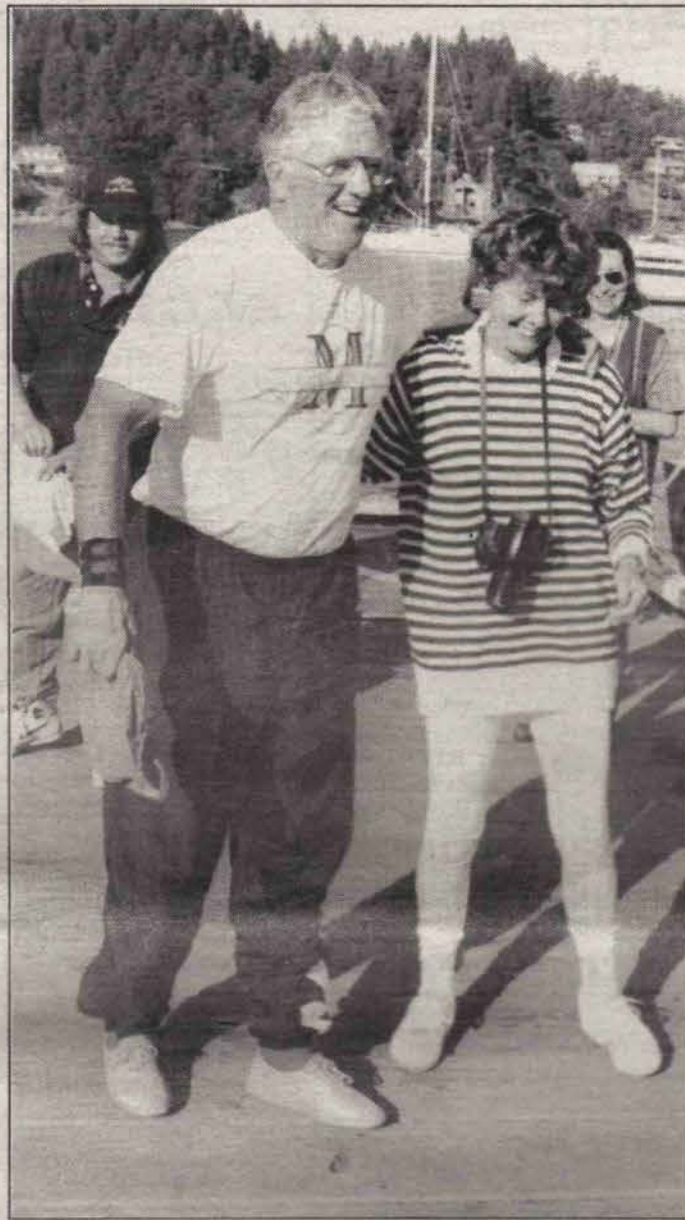
Search and rescue technicians Master Corporals Michael Simpson and Gavin Lee (from Lazo, B.C.) brought out another person, and Leading Seamen Brian Clark and Njord Olsen, both navy divers from Victoria, removed the remaining victim, who was disoriented and resisted the rescue attempt.

Throughout the ordeal, the rescuers had to deal with floating debris and poor visibility in a confined space, plus diesel fuel in the water, Governor-General Ray Hnatyshyn said in a statement last week.

"Despite their valiant efforts, none of the victims survived."

All seven men involved in the rescue will be awarded their medals by the governor-general in a ceremony at Rideau Hall sometime in December. Presentation of five additional Medals of Bravery, for various acts of heroism, was also announced. The Medal of Bravery is Canada's third-highest citation.

"Today's awards demonstrate the tenacity of the human spirit to overcome great danger in the struggle to save the life of another person," Hnatyshyn said. "Canada is indebted to these 12 brave citizens."



No medals

There were hugs and handshakes but no medals for Tom Toynbee Sunday, greeted here by wife Yvonne after completing a 12-hour row around Salt Spring. The one-time gold medal oarsman raised \$6,000 for Lady Minto Hospital with his 50-mile trip. Story, A3.

Photo by Tony Richards

Trustees disagree on office move

The Islands Trust is not yet ready to pack its bags and move out of its Victoria office.

Despite an appeal to Islands Trust Council Saturday by Tony Hume of the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association, the main office will stay in Victoria for at least two more years.

Hume urged the trustees to relocate the head office to one of the islands under Trust jurisdiction, preferably Salt Spring, which has the largest population.

"A civic government must be placed in the midst of the people it

serves," Hume stressed. He added that alienation is developing between island communities and the Victoria-based Trust office, which an increasing number of islanders are seeing as a distant bureaucracy.

"We urge you not to underestimate the potential of alienation toward a bureaucracy removed from the people it is supposed to understand and serve," Hume said. He recognized the reasons for keeping the office in Victoria: access to other government agen-

MOVE A22

Man jumps from ferry, drowns

A 70-year-old Maple Ridge man died after jumping from the Queen of Nanaimo Thursday night. Foul play is not suspected, according to Ganges RCMP. The man was a walk-on passenger and jumped overboard about 10:15 p.m., 300 metres from the Long Harbour terminal.

He was in the water for about 10 minutes before B.C. Ferries employees used a lifeboat to pull him out. He was taken to Lady Minto Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

His name was not released.

Trust needs to be stronger —minister

A stronger Islands Trust able to deal with increasingly complex issues was advocated by Municipal Affairs Minister Darlene Marzari last Thursday.

But she was also not averse to custom-designed municipalities within the Trust. Salt Spring trustee Grace Byrne asked if the Ministry of Municipal Affairs would permit development of a municipality designed to exist within the Trust.

"Yes," Marzari responded.

Byrne later said she was delighted with the minister's response, which resolves one of the objections raised to local government on Salt Spring.

During a meeting with the Islands Trust Council Thursday, Marzari noted circumstances have changed dramatically since the Trust was formed 20 years ago.

"Real estate is this province's biggest product right now," she remarked. Lying between the fast-growing Lower Mainland and the burgeoning east coast of Vancouver Island, the islands in the Trust are also swept up in an unprecedented demand for growth.

"Islands Trust is in the thick of everything these days."

The provincial government is seeking ways to manage growth to ensure that the current quality of life in the province is retained, Marzari said. Part of managing growth is ensuring local government has the ability to deal with increasing development pressures.

To this end, Marzari promised a review of Islands Trust legislation.



Darlene Marzari

"I think you need strengthening . . . something between a municipal council and what you are now."

At the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention September 20-23, Marzari plans to present a paper on growth management. In the two months following the convention, she plans to work with regional districts to develop better communication to manage growth in specific areas.

She pointed out there are four different regional districts overseeing the fast-growing east coast of Vancouver Island. The upper Fraser Valley is also divided among different regional districts.

"At this moment, there is nothing to bring together those regional districts to begin to discuss their common growth," she said.

Growth management has to be done at the community level, not

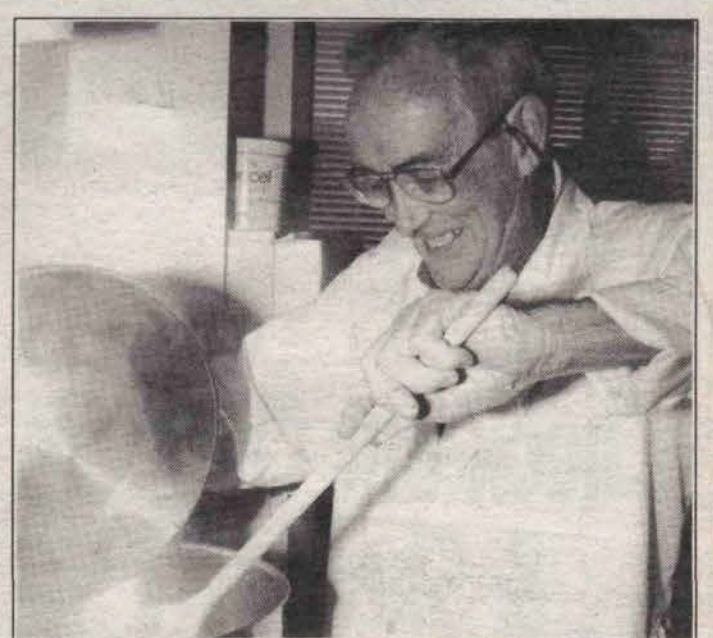
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INSIDE



• Salt Spring's Juno Ruddell has won a part in a film about the Japanese-Canadians' internment during the Second World War. Page A23

• The Islands Trust Council met last week on Denman Island. Full coverage begins on Page A1 and runs from A17 through 22.



Soup for seniors

Don Boyes gives the soup a stir at Seniors for Seniors last Thursday in preparation for weekly seniors' lunch. More photos, Page A27.

Photo by Tony Richards

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Fair Change

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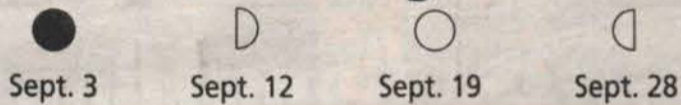
Weather

High: 19 Low: 10

Precipitation: 40 per cent chance of rain Wednesday, 60 per cent chance Thursday.

Outlook: Wednesday will be cloudy with sunny periods and a chance of showers. Thursday will be cloudy with a chance of showers. Friday and Saturday will be mainly sunny. Highs will be 19 to 20, lows will be 8 to 9.

Lunar Cycle



Lottery Results

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Sept 10, 1994	03-07-08-21-27-37 B40
	Sept. 7, 1994	02-03-13-27-30-49 B07
BC/49	Sept 10, 1994	11-20-24-26-42-44 B33
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15	0700	3.1	19	0415	9.1
TH	1455	10.4	MON	1010	4.6
	2030	7.8		1650	10.1
				2255	5.1
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	1530	10.4	TUES	1050	5.2
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				2325	4.5
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A four-vehicle fender-bender on Rainbow Road Monday occurred after a Salt Spring driver took her eyes off the road and ran into three other vehicles that she was following. Total damage was estimated at approximately \$1,500. There were no injuries.

There were 53 complaints reported to Ganges RCMP this week. Among them:

- An accident involving two vehicles and a piece of furniture took place a week ago Saturday,

but was only reported last Tuesday. About \$700 in damage was sustained by a vehicle when a piece of furniture fell from a truck going in the opposite direction. There were no injuries and the driver of one vehicle has been charged with not having a valid driver's licence.

- Two single-vehicle accidents were reported but the drivers had both left the scene when police arrived. The first was at the corner of Lower Ganges and Booth Canal roads about 9:15 p.m. last

Tuesday; the second was about 11 p.m. Thursday near Ganges Village Market.

- Police have a number of bicycles which have been turned in during the last week. They may be claimed by their owners from the detachment office.

- A large sum of money was reported stolen from a vehicle parked near Hastings House Saturday between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Anyone with any information about the incident should contact police.

Boat runs aground off Wallace Island

Ganges Coast Guard reported that a commercial vessel ran aground off Conover Cove on Wallace Island last Saturday night. The Recon, owned by a Pender Island resident and salvager, was later floated off and taken to Canoe Cove for repairs.

Coast Guard officer-in-charge Dave Howell said many drifting boats were recovered during the summer around the islands. He said owners should take more care securing their dinghies.

Sidney firm wins mail contract

Canada Post has awarded the contract for mail delivery in the Outer Islands to Inter Island Launch Ltd.

The Sidney-based water taxi service will depart with mail for Pender, Galiano, Mayne and Saturna islands from Canoe Cove Marina at 6 a.m. daily. Until now the mail has been carried aboard the ferries.

Alan McGillivray of Inter Island Launch said "ongoing disruptions to the ferry schedules" prompted the post office to seek an alternative delivery system.

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Toynbee completes row in 12 hours

"It's a long way around Salt Spring."

Those were the first words uttered by islander Tom Toynbee after he moored his 14-foot fibreglass rowboat at the Ganges Coast Guard dock Sunday. And he should know.

The gold medal winner in the 1954 British Empire Games (now the Commonwealth Games) spent most of the weekend rowing around the island, a voyage that was assisted by favourable tides and cooperative weather throughout. But Toynbee's long-time dream of making the rowing trip was not the only wish fulfilled.

As of Monday, the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation was more than \$6,000 richer as a result of pledges made for the rowboat voyage.

Toynbee, 60, president of Mouat's Trading Company, left Ganges Harbour at 8 a.m. Saturday with a send-off by a crowd of about 50 well-wishers. He chose a counter-clockwise course that took him up Trincomali Channel, around Southey Point and down as far as Sansum Narrows well before nightfall.

He returned home Saturday night aboard Stan Davis' 28-foot boat, which accompanied him on the trip. Late Sunday morning Toynbee resumed rowing at Bold Bluff Point, arriving in Ganges shortly after 5 p.m. He completed the 50-mile trip in 12 hours, 25 minutes and 28 seconds, well under an anticipated time of between 15 and 20 hours.

Hospital foundation spokesman Gordon English said Toynbee's speed ranged from 2.8 to 4.5 knots in the double-ended boat, a replica of a wooden vessel used to cross Georgia Strait for many years.

George Gray was an engineer and a fisherman who had a girlfriend near Victoria. He courted her for 10 years, rowing across the strait from Steveston every weekend in his cedar-planked boat.

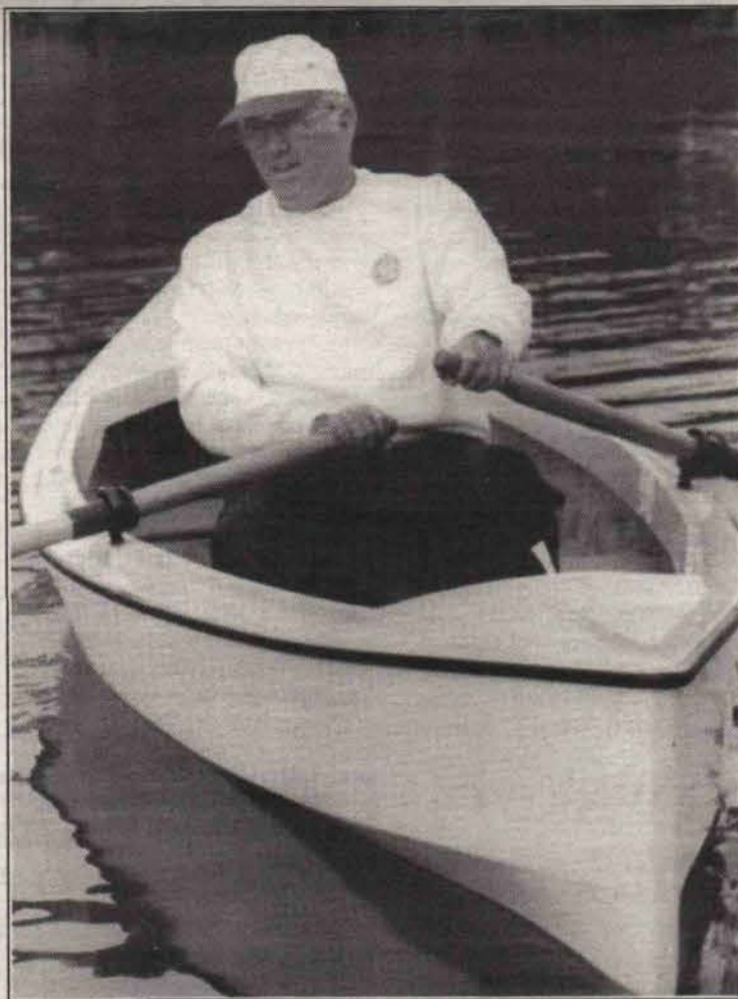
The boat remained in the family and years later Trisha Gray, one of George's three daughters, decided to copy the vessel's design. The result is the Handliner which Gray and some partners are manufacturing on Vancouver Island. Tom Toynbee owns one of six that have been built so far.

On Sunday, Trisha Gray joined a large crowd of islanders to welcome Toynbee back to Ganges.

Toynbee said his trip was highlighted by islanders who cheered him on from various points along the route. Stewart Road resident Jonathan Oldroyd paddled out in a kayak to meet Toynbee and deliver a pledge.

Pledge-makers were also given an opportunity to estimate Toynbee's time. Winner was Robert Vance with the closest estimate of 13 hours and 37 minutes.

English is asking those who



ON HIS WAY: Tom Toynbee begins rowing trip around Salt Spring Saturday in his 14-foot Handliner rowboat. Photo by Tony Richards

made pledges to drop off payments at the hospital or mail them to Lady Minto Hospital, P.O. Box 307, Ganges, V0S 1E0.

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ArtSpring adopts 'money-wise' course by reducing borrowing to \$90,000

ArtSpring construction plans have been scaled down in the wake of a financial revision. The arts centre's building committee looked at the money-in, money-out figures again last week and developed a "prudent" course of action for the next six or seven months, which includes a \$50,000 smaller budget. Construction work has been pared down accordingly. The committee is being "money-wise," treasurer Bill Curtin told Island Arts Centre Society board members last Tuesday when it recommended \$90,000 worth of loans be taken out, and not the \$140,000 originally planned.

since we last met," he said. "We managed to defer parts of the work and break up some of the large contracts so that they could be deferred." The drywall will be finished inside the building and some heating and lighting will be completed. Additional work includes landscaping and repairs to the roof and siding. Two items which will not be finished at this time are the sprinkler and heat pump systems. They would have cost some \$70,000.

A donation of \$10,000 came in on the weekend as a result of a tour of the building, Curtin said, and the new budget includes a \$10,000 cushion against "unforeseen eventualities." "We feel we should probably not seek loans at this time but obviously seek grants and donations," president Bob Weeden said about the new budget. "There is not a great deal of sense borrowing money and not doing something substantial with it."

"We can get by with the smaller heating capacity. It is sufficient to keep the drywall safe and have volunteer work take place there," Weeden said. Pat Fraser approved of the board's decision to proceed "somewhat conservatively" from both a business and energy-level point of view. Construction manager Bob Jankura said the plan for the building is to leave it in a good state with some heat and light, with the drywall finished and some minor landscaping done. Then the board wants to build up a "war-chest" before resuming building. He said the board was "very conservative" and "not taking any risks."

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Construction scaled down in wake of budget cuts by arts centre board

ArtSpring construction has taken a different tack this week with some fine tuning by the building committee. A decision to borrow \$90,000 — and not \$140,000 — has meant the board has had to pare down and postpone some of its plans for the current stage of construction. With the help of construction manager Bob Jankura, a list of priority tasks under the new budget was drawn up and eight items were agreed upon, costing some \$34,000.

About \$7,500 worth of landscaping work will be done before the present work winds up next month: concrete steps at the entrance to the building, rough grading at the front and seeding

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About \$8,000 worth of electrical and heating work will be done, while another \$7,500 is slated for drainage work at the rear of the building. A sink, toilet and hot water tank will cost about \$3,500. Repair work on the roof will cost \$3,400 and repairs to the front siding will cost about \$900.

and grounds clean-up. An addition to the list may be the construction of interior steps at the front entrance for about \$2,200. All that adds up to about \$34,000. Two other items which were scheduled to be done this fall — heat pumps and sprinklers — have been set aside for now.

A building committee retreat was set for early October to consider the orderly shutdown of the current phase of the project and its eventual start-up. Building committee members will discuss how to keep the building warm and clean during the winter, how to organize volunteer work parties and order work priorities, and provide security on the site.

"We will proceed with this work with prudence," building committee chairman Denny Thomas said.

Board members praised the "extreme good will and assistance" of the contractors and the "intelligence and sensitivity" of construction manager Bob Jankura. His company, Dawn Wind Construction, has already provided future construction scenarios for various budgets.

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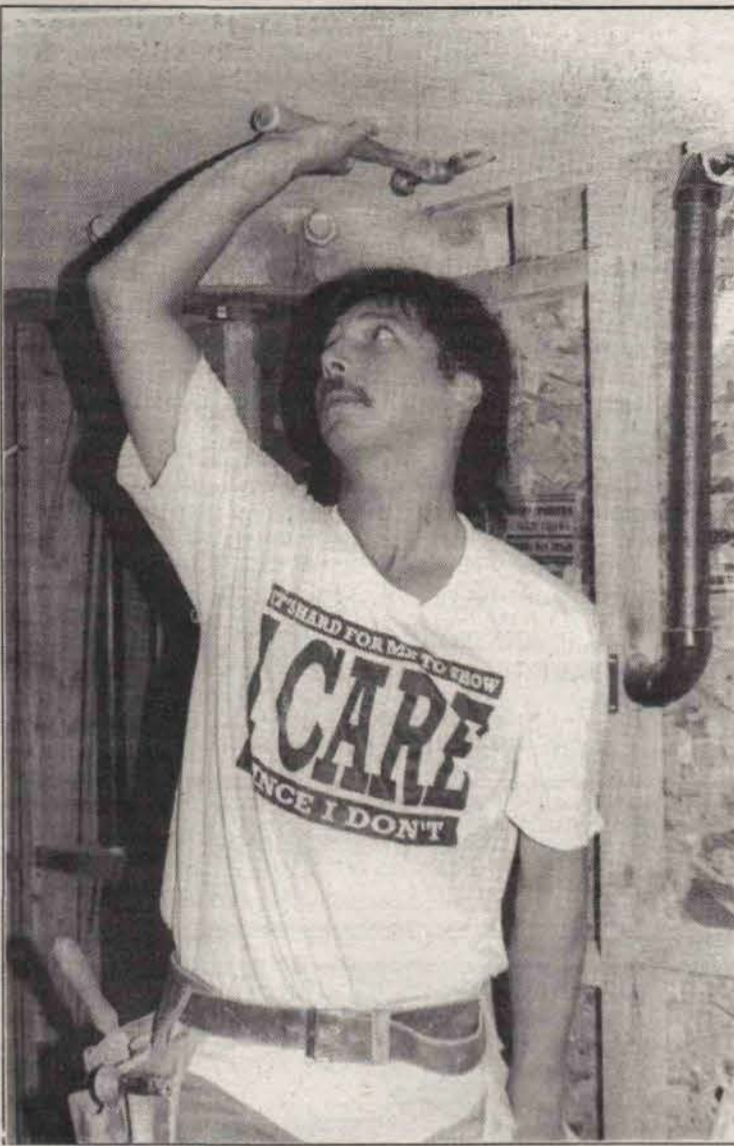
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ArtSpring search committee struck to hire administrator



A PERFECT FIT: Phil Kitchen was on a drywall crew at ArtSpring last week. The arts centre's many odd shapes have meant more corners than usual and more cutting of drywall.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

Arts centre finds savings

Volunteer work is continuing at ArtSpring, under the direction of volunteer coordinator Reg Taylor. He has been in, around and behind stages for years both here and in Victoria and has already spent many hours in the arts centre. He was one of four islanders who built the risers in the theatre — at cost.

Last week Taylor was working on two hatches for the roof. They will cover accesses into the roof for the heat pump system which is to be installed later. But the hatches will also prevent anyone from entering the building through the roof, which slopes low to the ground at the back.

Taylor spent two days on the hatches, saving ArtSpring about \$1,000.

ArtSpring has also been saving money by not hauling away tons of garbage.

Almost all the construction waste on the arts centre site is recycled, construction manager Bob Jankura said last week. Careful ordering of material cuts down on waste, but he said he learned more about recycling from construction jobs in national parks.

"You learn that because of the economics of moving garbage (out of parks), it's simpler and easier to recycle it.

"The total garbage bill for \$300,000 of work this summer has been \$70. That's one pick-up truck load."

Volunteer work continues at the site every weekend.

The search is on for an administrator for ArtSpring. A search committee has been struck by program committee chairwoman Margaret Jardine, the arts centre board was told last week.

The committee, whose job will include deciding on a job title and job description for the new position, will consist of Jardine, Phyllis Webb, Brian Cornwall, Trish Nobile and Bob Burbidge. Webb and Burbidge were chosen for their artistic talents, Nobile for her administrative experience and Cornwall for his business experience.

Board member Hetty Clews said the hiring process was "not a very quick business" and would take some months between advertising across the country, selecting candidates and hiring someone.

The board will decide when to begin advertising, basing that decision on the forecast for an opening day. Fundraising for the "last push" would thus have to include money for the first six months of the administrator's salary, board chairman Bob Weeden said.

In other ArtSpring news:

• The date has been set for the annual general meeting. It will be held in Mahon Hall November 22. All ArtSpring board members but

two are up for re-election. Denny Thomas and Adlai Rust are halfway through their two-year terms. A nominating committee will be struck by the next board meeting.

There was some discussion as to whether to have all the nominees on one ballot or two during this year's elections. One option would be to have all those nominated for two-year terms on one ballot and all those nominated for one-year

\$230 and \$280. Lawrie Neish said the money would only result in a "legal opinion" and would not prevent any legal battles if the name was used by another company or organization. Other board members wondered if the expense was justifiable, given that no one had challenged ArtSpring since 1989.

• ArtSpring volunteers who want to learn how to run a casino are asked to contact Sheri Israels at the office. A training course in Nanaimo is set for September 27 and takes most of the evening. ArtSpring is running a casino October 11 and 12 in Victoria and must supply four people to verify all money matters. In effect, they "do not let the chips fall where they may," Hetty Clews said.

• Weeden reported the provincial registrar of companies had accepted the bylaws which were changed at the extraordinary meetings in April. That means the changes in the composition of the board are now legally in effect. A letter will be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Arts Council inviting them to appoint a non-voting "but very valuable" board member, in keeping with the new status of their representation at the board.

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terms on another. Another option would be to have all nominees listed on one ballot. Seven new board members will be elected, unless the membership votes in favour of a larger number. Of the new board members at least four will be elected to one-year terms, and at least two elected to two-year terms, with the seventh a discretionary one or two-year term.

• The board debated the merits of a legal check across the country for the name ArtSpring. Pat Fraser said a legal check would cost between

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READY TO RUN: Bank of Montreal staffers, from left, Sharon Kowal, Cal Mackay and Ann McPhee check out their new Terry Fox Run t-shirts last week. The bank is one of many organizations that will be represented in Sunday's Terry Fox Run.

Photo by Tony Richards

Terry Fox fundraiser set for Sunday morning

The pledge sheets are out and the participants are limbering up: the Terry Fox Run takes place Sunday in locations around the world. At least two of those locations are in the islands. Runs are scheduled to be held at both Salt Spring and Galiano islands. (For Galiano run information, see Galiano Notes, Section B.)

Marilyn Marshall, who is coordinating her third run on Salt Spring, says both the route and the schedule remain unchanged from last year. The run begins at 11 a.m. at Fernwood School, following a seven-kilometre course up Fernwood Road to North End Road, off North End to North Beach, from North Beach to Fernwood Road and back to the school.

The route will be closed to all but local traffic for two hours from 11 o'clock on, Marshall said. Portable toilets and drinking water will be provided on the route.

Last year's event saw 157 participants, an even split among walkers, runners and cyclists. A total of \$9,093 was raised on Salt Spring.

Marshall said there were a lot more families in the run last year, a change she attributed to the

later start time of 11 a.m.

Other run-related events have been scheduled for golfers and darts players. A Terry Fox golf tournament will be held at the Salt Spring Golf Club on September 17. Club pro Gordon Fergusson is organizing the affair.

Darts tournaments will be held October 4 at the Harbour House Hotel and October 5 at the Inn at Vesuvius. Bill Webster is organizing both.

More than 120 communities in British Columbia and Yukon are expected to hold runs this year, as well as more than 500 schools. This year's run has taken a new direction, according to the Terry Fox Foundation, with the adoption of a new theme: One Dream, One World, One Run.

Pledge sheets for the Salt Spring run are available at Ganges Pharmasave, Mrs. Clean Laundromat, the tourist information centre, Ganges Post Office, the Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal and the bulletin board outside Rodrigo's restaurant in Fulford Harbour.



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Deer hunting season means no more walks at Musgrave

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

The hunt is on. Deer hunting season opened Saturday and continues until November 27. But the start of the hunting season means the end of walks in the wood for at least one islander.

Susan Berlin lives in Musgrave Landing, a small community of some 20 people at the end of Musgrave Road. Musgrave Landing is separated from the rest of Salt Spring by the four peaks of Mount Sullivan, Mount Bruce, Hope Hill and Mount Tuam.

These four mountains hold the largest open lands on the island, and the largest parcels of Crown lands, where deer are abundant and hunters come every fall. For the next six or eight weeks, Berlin does not feel safe walking around her community. So she will stay inside.

Salt Spring Island has outgrown hunting, Berlin believes, for essentially two reasons: the fire hazard campers pose when they hunt and the safety of residents.

"People who come here are not woods people," she said.

Their poor camping sense poses a fire hazard to the whole area, which she points out is not part of the Salt Spring Island Fire

Protection District. If a fire started, she does not know how soon planes could come from Duncan to fight it.

The second problem, she said, is that many hunters are not good hunters. They shoot at night, disobey "no trespassing" signs and shoot from the road. She says she found three dead sheep at the side of the road once, victims of hunters.

"It's increasingly densely populated on Salt Spring," she added.

Berlin does not feel safe walking around her community. So she will stay inside.

"People who come here for years to hunt don't register that."

Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club caretaker Jock Stewart agrees with Berlin that visiting hunters cause a mess and pose fire hazards.

He says some hunters "don't give a damn" about fences and signs warning them to stay away. Last year, the club put out 160 plastic Wilderness Watch signs — which cost the club \$1.50 each — and most were torn down. Those

small ones were in addition to the four large ones posted at the three ferry terminals and one on the road to Mount Bruce.

The problem, he said, is that there are not many areas on the island where hunters can discharge firearms. Mount Bruce is one of them. Hunters can also hunt on private property but, Stewart said, more and more property owners are saying no to off-island hunters.

"The most trouble is when the doe season comes in," Stewart said. "That's when most of our patrols run."

Doe season runs from November 5-13. At an upcoming meeting of the 167-member Rod and Gun Club, members will be asked their opinions on a proposal to close doe season on Salt Spring.

Berlin gives credit to the local club for their work implementing the Wilderness Watch program and for their patrolling during the hunting season. But they cannot be everywhere at once, she said. The long and short of it is, there isn't really a safe place to hunt anywhere on the island.

She would like to see the community address the issue of hunting and what can be done. In the meantime, she'll stay indoors.

Hunting regulations fall under provincial environment ministry

Hunting in British Columbia is regulated by the provincial Ministry of Environment, and all people discharging firearms in the province must hold a licence. Hunters in the Gulf Islands area, which includes Gabriola, Valdes and Sidney islands, must also have a special area licence and evidence of \$100,000 public liability and property damage insurance.

The annual hunting licence fee is \$21, plus \$2 for the Gulf Islands special area licence. Hunters are reminded they must have consent of private landowners before they hunt on private land.

Hunting is prohibited on Mayne, Mudge, Link, De

Courcy and Valdes islands, part of Sidney Island, East Point on Saturna Island and within Ganges Harbour on Salt Spring.

The mule deer season opens September 10 and runs to November 27 for bucks. Buck season for those with two or more points on at least one antler extends from November 28 to December 11. Antlerless deer can be shot between November 5 and November 13.

Cougar season runs from December 1 to April 30; grouse season is between September 3 and December 31; ducks, coots, common snipe, snow geese and Ross' geese can be shot between October 8 and January 22.

Local boat wins award at show

A 30-year-old Salt Spring sailboat took first place as the best restored sail vessel at the Victoria Classic Boat Festival last weekend.

Owner Dr. Robert Rudell said he and his wife Debbie took four and a half years to restore Elixir, which was built in 1964. The boat measures 42 feet on deck and 55 feet overall.

The couple restored the boat in Hawaii and sailed it to Salt Spring, their new home, two years ago. Rudell estimated there were close to 100 sailboats in the competition.

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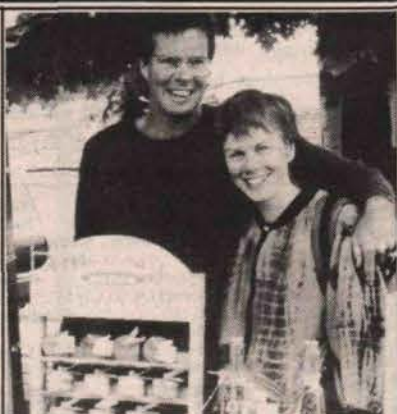
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No secrets

The cat (dare we mention the animal?) is out of the bag. The beans have been spilled by an astute correspondent this week, who notes that our hidden agenda has been revealed.

We have to express a sense of relief that hitherto secret information has been placed in the open. Doing so, after all, is one of our chief objectives as a newspaper. However, we are dismayed that readers would suspect a secret to begin with.

Our interest in and concern for public discourse on the various merits of the various options for local government stems from nothing more than an interest in and a concern for the well-being of Salt Spring Island.

There are no secret yearnings among Driftwood staff for the mayoralty, should such a position become available (option 5). There is nothing to be gained by this newspaper should the Local Trust Committee and the regional director decide they are fond enough of each other's company to form a joint commission (option 3). We are not prepared to stand and cheer should Salt Spring sever its ties with the Islands Trust and chart its own course towards preservation and protection (option 6).

But we will welcome any opportunity for the public to gather and share information about the possibilities for improving the system whereby we govern ourselves. Our position is based on the premise that the present system is not workable given our population size and ongoing rapid rate of growth. And the only way to change it is through public discussion of existing ideas and forums to entertain new ones.

Saturday's meeting offers such an opportunity. Given that participants will attend in a reasonable frame of mind (i.e. tolerant of others' views and cognizant of the fact that few hidden agendas actually exist), the event should prove useful.

It would have been more useful had consultant Bill Lane not been pressured into staying home instead of voluntarily joining islanders curious about their options. It was he who conducted the options study, which makes him the kind of resource person whose presence might have been valuable.

But comments from three different people during the past week have convinced him that there is a local controversy, into which he has no wish to step. Controversy? We've barely done with the cuddly vs. vicious cats debate and here we are into a dispute over a simple public meeting.

Most islanders will admit to a liking for their home and a wish that it remain likeable. When we go to Saturday's meeting at Fulford Hall, we ought to bear in mind that that one sentiment will be shared by most of those present. Recognizing that, and the fact that our objectives are not dissimilar, will serve us well in the task of mapping a future with which we can all live.

Nothing doing

The Islands Trust's inability to make a decision on moving its headquarters out of Victoria was a disappointing feature of last week's council meeting.

A staff report commissioned to look into moving to Salt Spring estimated it would cost \$70,000 to do so. The recommendation? Extend the lease on the Victoria premises for a further two years.

It is unlikely that the 30 or so staff members working out of the Victoria office would relish a move. They are likely familiar enough with Salt Spring to know that rental accommodation is often difficult to find and that real estate prices are not cheap. They probably have family ties and other connections they would rather not break.

A staff report, therefore, is unlikely to find favour with relocation.

At the council level, meanwhile, trustees decided that doing nothing was the best course of action, and went along with the lease extension.

The most entertaining suggestion that came out of the meeting was that a Trust office be opened on each of the 13 islands.

Salt Spring taxpayers — who would foot the bill for such a maze — will sleep well knowing that it won't happen.

Until the Trust is able to limit its discussion of the options to those which can be considered under the broad heading of reality, the head office will go nowhere, at the same time as its bureaucracy moves yet farther away.

AT LEAST SOME PEOPLE ARE GLAD SUMMER IS FINALLY OVER.



In our dreams the future lies

I want to be a teacher."

The words were uttered in no more than a whisper so I moved a little closer to the young girl sitting across from me at the table. She was about 12, dressed in a school uniform that had probably done service for other, older family members. She had a serious look on her face, and her shyness kept her eyes down.

"I would like to help others to learn."

Her name was Helena and she was confiding in me — somewhat reluctantly — her ambition. She was not taking me into her confidence by choice: she had been instructed by her teacher that she must speak with me, the white man from Canada who had accompanied a delivery of school supplies.

I had asked Helena the same question I had posed to dozens of other youngsters in African schools: what would you like to do when you finish school?

Helena's goal was not an overly ambitious one compared with those of her fellow students at Masumani Primary School, a dirt-floored, sparsely-furnished adobe structure housing a few hundred students. The school was located in the town of Mbinga in southwestern Tanzania, a country where one's schooling is usually over after primary school. But the experience of others before them didn't prevent Helena and her fellow students from aiming high.

Of the five children I spoke to that day at the rough but ready Masumani school, three intended to become teachers, and two revealed they had chosen medicine. This in a country where less than 70 per cent of students complete their primary schooling, and only four per cent of students go on to secondary school.

The odds are stacked high against those youngsters in Mbinga. But Tanzanians are a good-natured people with an easy acceptance of fate. And if you live in Mbinga, where food is in abundance, the climate moderately hot and the scenery very beautiful, it's easy to concoct wistful dreams and enjoy



VIEW POINT
BY TONY RICHARDS

being where you are.

But I heard of similar goals from children in other countries where choices were limited by the lack of resources. They were unfazed by the challenges stacked

up against them, the libraries without books, the classrooms without paper. They had only the visions created by the dreams that only the young can dream, but for most of those children in Africa, theirs are impossible dreams.

It does not have to be so but change will be slow in coming on a continent whose economic prospects appear worse than a decade ago. But such prospects are evidently not on the minds of some Salt Spring Islanders.

On Saturday, local churches will band together and stage their annual World Development Tea, an event delayed this year so as to utilize the new Anglican Centre. The money raised is paltry when compared against that spent by the Canadian government through the Canadian International Development Agency.

But the value of funds directed to aid through grass-roots, non-government organizations can assist projects that are far from paltry in their effectiveness.

On the following weekend, islanders can see what local scout groups have in mind with a new focus on international aid. They are sending money to world scout

headquarters that will help reopen vocational training centres in Rwanda. Information about their plans will be dispensed at the fall fair next week. After Rwanda, there are other countries that scout leader Terry Owen feels could be served by assistance from the local organization.

Owen said Monday that his ideas may seem like "pie in the sky." And he's right, they do. But the greatest of humanity's achievements began in the same fashion, the dream of a single person and the vision to make it happen.

Maybe, just maybe, a young woman named Helena will a few years from now join the ranks of

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: Should there be controls on cats?



Sandy Sanford
Kelowna

No. I think people have got to relax a little bit about cat poop in their yard.



Wendy Duke

No, because cats are cats. I just feel that cats are harmless.



Martin Richmond

Sure I guess, if they're a problem, but it's up to the SPCA to do something about it and they probably don't have the money.



Sheila McMaster

You couldn't possibly control a cat. I've had lots of them.



Derek Duffy

No, because cats' nature is that they're wild and free.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Secret agenda

Your editorial of August 31 shows that you have now come out of the closet — "It's time we filled the vacuum with something designed to give us the control we need." So the hitherto-secret agenda which includes incorporation — of one kind or another — is now clear to us all.

Cold reasonable study shows that something less than 200 Salt Spring Islanders have the least interest in incorporation — or indeed, in any change from the system (?) which we now have. Talk to David Borrowman, or Bill Lane — you will find they cannot claim to have interested any more than that number in "Options for Local Government," and they have held well over six meetings on the topic.

I recognize that the "system" we now have takes a little understanding. The concept that the Trust fix the height of a garage, but the CRD inspects it to see if it meets the permit, and other Gilbertian oddities, are for some people quite impossible to understand.

But — as you point out in your fourth paragraph — local government means shackles! My suggestion is that, in spite of your suggestion (and the totally improper similar ones put forward by the senior bureaucrat in Parks and Recreation) we should remain as we are. Nevertheless, the sugges-

tion that people should come to the meeting in Fulford, on September 17, is a good one.

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Ganges

P.S. Not only shackles. More bureaucrats — and higher taxes — as well!

Vegetarian cat

As I was cuddling my little carnivore, Tawny, the other day, I was musing over the latest Viewpoint and cat comments in the Driftwood.

She purred with great intensity and interest as I recounted some of the stories and tried to explain some of the attitudes being expressed.

Oddly enough, she didn't seem to mind cats being referred to as "vicious" carnivores; rather, she smiled, arched her back and seemed to dare any mouse to show itself. I suppose I should say that Tawny is trying very hard to become a vegetarian, but nature does tend to have its own way.

I know that there have been dozens of books written about these fascinating, canny creatures, but I rather like T. S. Eliot's views about cats, in preference to most of the others.

Do you remember that verse about that wonderful cat, Macavity?

"Macavity, Macavity, there's no

one like Macavity,

There never was a Cat of such deceitfulness and suavity,

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At whatever time the deed took place — Macavity wasn't there!

And they say that all the Cats whose wicked deeds are widely known

(I might mention Mungojerrie, I might mention Griddlebone)

Are nothing more than agents for the Cat who all the time

Just controls their operations: the Napoleon of Crime!"

LOWELL HICKS,
Ganges

Histrionic drivell

Thank you for the apt and timely article by Marilyn Henderson (Driftwood, September 7) expressing the view of the majority after being subjected the week before to the histrionic drivell of the "cat lovers!"

Now that we have dealt with the cats perhaps you could find an equally skillful writer to reach the so-called "dog lovers!"

Although dogs are not predators they definitely devastate and destroy the peace of a neighbourhood. Why these irresponsible people who go out to work all day or out on other pursuits have a dog and then leave their animals lonely

and lone either tied on the end of a rope or in a confined enclosure, whining, howling, yapping and barking and still profess to be dog lovers boggles the mind.

With Salt Spring becoming more heavily populated we will all have to consider our neighbours more closely than ever before.

N. KEITH-MURRAY,
Mount Baker Crescent

A fascination with flowers

I first became aware of Derek Duffy when we performed together in a play a couple of years ago. He was the first Halberdier in a Reader's Theatre production. I was the second Halberdier. Between us we had five lines.

I think I recognized from the start that his fascination with flowers was somewhat unseemly. In addition to the bouquet which he carried everywhere, and the Lily of the Valley cologne he affected, he seemed overly obsessed with stamens and pistils and similar indelicate botanical parts, acceptable possibly in the lay gardener but surely not in Derek's capacity as poetic horticultural columnist.

I am no prude, being a scatologist of some renown, but the line must be drawn. A gardening column is no place for prurience. It is enough that we grudgingly accept the profane part that pollen plays in nature — let us not extol it.

I take off my Halberdier helmet to the Cosgroves, O' that Mr. Duffy would do the same.

The world is sorely in need of the fundamental, God-fearing, "back-to-the-basics" philosophy of the doctor and his good wife.

ALEX MITCHELL,
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Political promises are sometimes kept

VICTORIA — How would you like to knock on the door of Haiti's military junta and demand access to the list of people whose death they ordered? Thanks but no thanks, you say. You'd rather confine your political activism to turfing out undeserving governments here in Canada.

Good plan. You may not always succeed, but at least your efforts won't land you in the torture chamber and subsequently, a lime pit.

Such are the advantages of living in a parliamentary democracy, and one of the best in the world at that, if I may say so. While elsewhere, those in power oppress the masses to serve themselves, our politicians are there to serve us and, for the most part, do.

Now, we tend to make a big deal of broken political promises. Most Canadians are firmly convinced that politicians are born liars, who when they're not kissing babies, are stealing their lollipops.

I hate to ruin your cynicism, but that's not true. In fact, the greatest strides in improving our political system and, therefore, our society, began with political promises, promises that were kept.

Way back, during the 1972 election campaign, David Barrett promised that, if elected, his NDP would set up a human rights commission. It had been long overdue, but there was little time for such esoteric ideas during the expansionist times of W.A.C. Bennett.

Barrett won the election and promptly established British Columbia's Human Rights Commission. A promise kept.

In the 1970s, then Liberal MLA Garde Gardom introduced several private member's bills, calling for the establishment of an ombudsman's office. Like most private member's bills, they didn't go anywhere.

But during the 1979 election campaign, then premier Bill Bennett incorporated Gardom's idea in his election platform. If re-elected, he promised, the government would bring in legislation to establish an ombudsman's office.

The Social Credit government was re-elected and Bennett kept his promise. On October 1, 1979, Karl Friedmann became British Columbia's first ombudsman. And for the next six years, Friedmann went about his task — protecting the rights of the individual against injustices at the hands of government and bureaucracy — with a vengeance, often to the extreme dismay of the government.

During the final throes of the Vander Zalm years, conflict of interest dominated the newspaper headlines on an almost daily basis, and it became clear that Bill Vander Zalm's "guidelines" governing conflict of interest were inadequate.

The NDP, which, for some time, had been calling for an independent commission to rule on allegations of conflict of interest, included the issue in its 1991 election platform, along with a promise to introduce access-to-information legislation.

Today, Ted Hughes, former judge and former deputy attorney-general, is British Columbia's first Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and David Flaherty the province's first commissioner to guarantee access to government information and protection of privacy. Mike Harcourt had kept two very important election promises.

The four institutions I mentioned have made British Columbia a more open, a more protected and, therefore, more free society by curbing the powers of the very people who promised and established them.

Phil Gaglardi, British Columbia's flamboyant highways minister during the 1960s, thought nothing of using government airplanes for private jaunts. On one occasion he flew his family on a government aircraft to some church-do in the U.S.

Today, cabinet ministers, backbenchers and opposition MLAs check with Hughes to make sure they steer clear of conflict of interest before they get into trouble. In one case, an MLA asked Hughes if he could accept a free lunch laid on by a forest company during a forestry tour.

While sexual harassment of women by bosses was, at one time, considered to come with the territory, such activity would be ill-advised today, unless the perpetrator is prepared to be dealt with by the Human Rights Council, pay a heavy penalty and have his name splashed over the front pages.

Meanwhile, the ombudsman's office has proved that you can fight city hall and win, and Flaherty makes sure that you get access to information the government has about you. In one recent case, a school teacher who was fired 20 years ago by the Alberni school district was finally able to get a copy of a letter that had been instrumental in her dismissal.

All in all, I'd say that these institutions have brought about some profound changes in the way government deals with the public. And before you accuse politicians again of breaking promises, remember the promises that gave us these institutions.

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



More letters

Creepy clock

Re: the "Local advertisers purchase score clock" issue; Perhaps it would be healthy for the students and staff to organize various fundraisers — shows, sports events, tours, etc. — where the public could buy or donate towards the things that we've not been able to afford from the public purse.

There's something a little creepy about trading dollars for advertising, just so we can supply the kids with all "necessities." It makes me wonder if we're attempting to compensate materially for something that we haven't given.

On another subject, overall cost and financing of the new school: What is the cost? Where does/did the money come from? How much, if any, has the public debt been increased? Hopefully these ques-

tions are not going to create inflammation of the disclosatory glands.

KEITH MacHATTIE,
Salt Spring

No free ride

On Sunday, Sept. 11, I caught the 6:40 a.m. ferry at Long Harbour. While purchasing tickets for my passenger and myself I asked the ticket agent, Mr. Lam, to charge me two extra fares for people who were arriving slightly later but would be traveling in my car. My two other guests, who knew about this arrangement, reached the terminal about 10 minutes later and joined me in the line-up waiting to board the ferry.

As we disembarked at Tsawwassen we found the following note on my windshield:

"Didn't we forget to pay for two?"

Next time I'll feel free to take it from the drugstore no charge like you."

The person who wrote this note was quite correct to protest what he or she perceived as wrong-doing but I would like to suggest a more appropriate method. If asked, we would have produced our receipt showing four adult fares and set your mind to rest immediately.

If anonymity was a concern, you might have described the situation to a B.C. Ferry employee who could have investigated for you. Either method would have produced a fast and satisfying conclusion.

It is unfortunate to waste valuable Driftwood space on what is essentially a personal matter but this seemed the most likely way to communicate with our anonymous author.

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Conflict claims will keep consultant away Saturday

Claims of a "clash of interest" are keeping lawyer Bill Lane away from Saturday's meeting to discuss Salt Spring's future government options.

Lane, the consultant who headed preparation of the initial government options report, had volunteered to attend Saturday's meeting as a resource person to answer residents' questions.

But in preparing for his visit, Lane said he heard from three different sources that his visit was being discussed on the island as a "clash of interest" because he had prepared the first report. "Those are serious words being bruited around the community," he observed.

"It doesn't matter that it's wrong," Lane said, denying there was any conflict. "Three-quarters of the damage is just that it is said," he added. "Isn't that a sad commentary on our society?"

A Vancouver resident, he had volunteered to attend the meeting because of his interest in the island. But the controversial state-

ments he heard convinced him to stay home. "It turned out to be a more onerous thing than I expected."

The only possible conflict Lane could see was if he was doing a second study into incorporation on Salt Spring — but he stressed that he has not been approached about that possibility and is not even sure he would be able to participate in a second study.

In place of attending the meeting, he has volunteered to answer any written questions from residents about the legal side of the original study.

The chairman of the South Salt Spring Residents and Property Owners Association, which is sponsoring Saturday's town hall meeting, was unhappy Monday with Lane's decision. Denis Browne said the meeting will go ahead anyway, with several islanders having been invited to speak on the options.

Gary Holman will speak on option three, David Borrowman on option four, Pat James on

option five and Lyda Smith on option six.

Browne said regional director Dietrich Luth had been critical of the association for holding the meeting without input from himself and the Salt Spring Trust Committee.

Luth was away Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

Saturday's meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at Fulford Hall.



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Scouts adopt global outlook with fundraising for Rwanda

Terry Owen is a Salt Spring Islander with an international outlook.

The island scout leader is mobilizing local scout troops to provide assistance in countries where other scout groups are helping to make a difference.

The first beneficiaries of aid by Salt Spring scouts will be Rwandan refugees. Owen said this week that the island scout group is sending a \$500 cheque for Rwandan relief to world scout headquarters in Geneva, the only Canadian scouting group to offer aid to the central African country.

The money will come from the organization's programming funds, most of which is generated through the annual sale of Christmas trees. But assistance won't stop there.

Scouts will be operating a booth

at the Salt Spring Fall Fair next week to solicit donations as part of an ongoing project for international aid. "Haiti is coming up," Owen said, as are the Balkans and Ukraine as countries which require assistance and have active scout organizations.

According to information from scout headquarters, scouts in Rwanda's neighbouring countries of Burundi, Tanzania and Zaire have been providing assistance in Rwandan refugee camps. Scouts are assisting orphans by trying to integrate them into families and helping children by organizing activities and providing food.

The assistance goes beyond relief work: scout groups are making plans to assist refugees when they return home, and take care of orphans. The international scout-

ing organization believes scouting will "have an important role in education for peace and mutual understanding," in the wake of Rwanda's bloody civil war.

There were 16,500 scouts in Rwanda before the war began and the country's scouting organization ran three residential vocational training centres for school leavers and street children. The civil war shut down all three, but the children were removed safely.

Owen said one has reopened in the capital of Kigali and efforts are under way to reopen the other two. "My hope is to get an ongoing project (started) to help at least one more of the residential schools to open," he said.

There are about 50 scout members on Salt Spring, where the organization has been operating for 81 years.

Committee scales down plans for upgrade of Ganges sewer plant

The Ganges sewer treatment plant will not be doubled in size as originally planned. Instead, the plant size will be increased by 50 per cent next year.

"It appeared to be the most cost-effective way to go," said sewer committee chairman Tom Toynbee last week.

Toynbee said the \$505,000 upgrade will meet the needs of the community until the turn of the century. The preliminary design has been done, studies done at the outfall and an application made to the provincial waste management branch for a permit to allow the upgrade.

Toynbee noted the treatment plant is already at capacity. The upgrade will meet anticipated demand over the next few years and allow time for the Official Community Plan review to be completed.

In the meantime, he said, the sewer committee will examine its options.

Prior to last year, the Capital Regional District had been considering doubling the size of the Ganges plant. According to the 1993 capital expenditure program, a \$5 million expenditure was projected in 1995 to pay for the work.

However, in the 1994 capital expenditure program, the \$5 million expenditure is gone. Instead, \$505,000 is allocated for a smaller upgrade of the plant this year.

Toynbee said the permit application went to the government about five months ago. However, he expected it would take some time to process the application and predicted work on the upgrade would not start until next year.

Core Inn eyes fall opening after successful fundraising activities

After a successful summer of fundraising, the Core Inn may be opening its doors by the end of next month, spokeswoman Trish Nobile said this week.

Last weekend the Core Inn was the scene of a summer-end party and barbecue which attracted some 150 youngsters. Two youth bands — Pogo and the Carrot Revolution and Twitch — played to an enthusiastic crowd. With a small entrance fee and inexpensive barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, the event raised another \$400 for the McPhillips Avenue youth centre.

That brought the total money raised in the last year to about

\$14,000, Nobile said. The building still holds IOUs for about \$25,000, which was used for its purchase last October.

Work on the building has continued since then, including construction of a cement patio which provided the space for the band and barbecue on the weekend. Two students operating on a grant did preparatory work for renovations. Clean-up of the site was also part of the summer project.

The building needs approximately \$8,000 worth of work done to prepare it for functions inside. Construction of sheer walls on part of the first floor and a small snack bar and kitchen, cosmetic

renovations and safety requirements like fire doors, fire safety lights and an upgraded bathroom fill out the essentials required to get part of the ground floor open and usable as soon as possible.

"The immediate goal now is to use the funds raised over the summer to get the ground floor open," Nobile said. "We're anxious to open as soon as we can."



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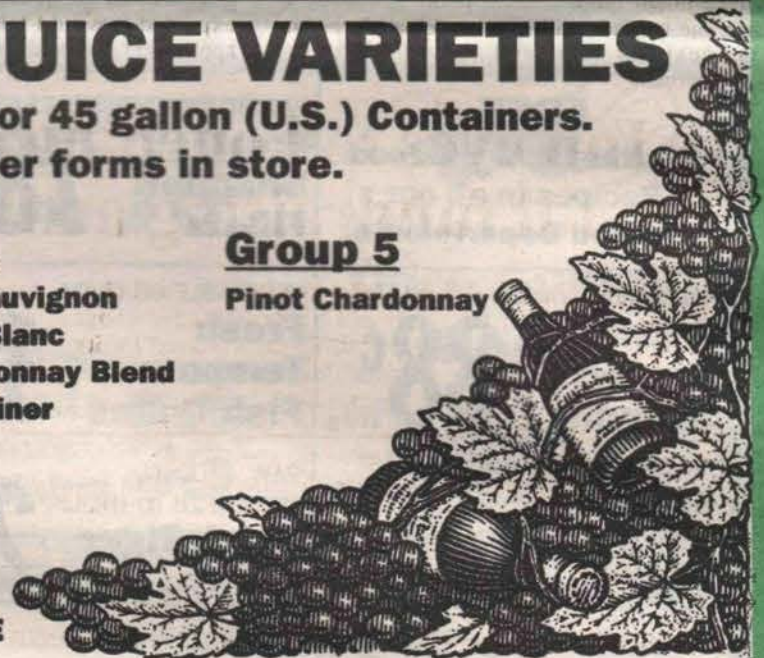
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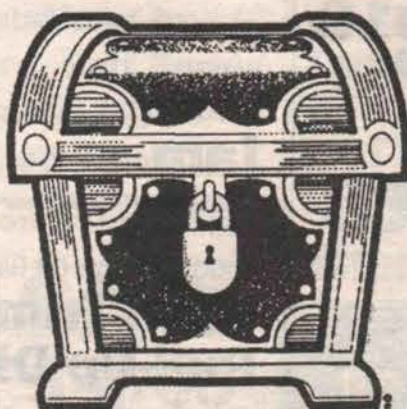
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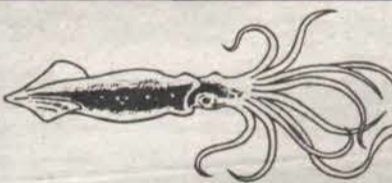
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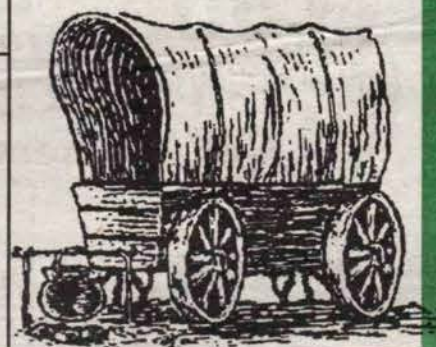
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Trust will prepare proposal for property tax incentives

Tax incentives to encourage islanders not to cut trees or develop their property would be considered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Minister Darlene Marzari told Islands Trust Council last Thursday.

"It's a great thought," the minister said after the idea was raised by Gambier trustee Ozzie Sexsmith. He pointed out some people are forced to log their property or sell parcels in order to pay taxes.

Marzari said some American states have conservancy legislation and foundations. "It's worth studying the various models that already exist." Marzari also wondered if the Islands Trust Fund Board could be involved in conserving land.

The assessment authority, which operates under the jurisdiction of Marzari's ministry, now looks at a parcel's "highest and best use" when determining tax assessments, Marzari observed. She admitted the higher taxes produced by this policy could force owners to develop their property.

North Pender trustee Joy Ridley said people have actually been taxed off their properties on the Gulf

Islands. The growth and cost of government has to be controlled, she said.

Referring to Marzari's plan to strengthen the Islands Trust, Ridley said she hoped some other government function could be cut to balance any increase in the Trust budget. "If we're going to strengthen any arm of government, surely we can cut one arm off that's just hanging there."

Marzari remarked that increased growth and speculation on the islands has increased land values. Increased land values lead to high assessments and higher taxes.

Trustee Susan Yates of Gabriola pointed out that owning land does not mean the landowner is wealthy enough to pay high taxes, especially when the value of land leaps dramatically over a few years.

At the business meeting Friday, trustees agreed to ask the Trust's environmental planning committee and the Trust Fund Board to develop a proposal for such tax incentives. The proposal is to be completed by the March Trust Council meeting for presentation at the 1995 Union of B.C. Municipalities convention.

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regulated by the province, she added. "The big top-down solutions don't work."

Overall growth management extends beyond the community, the regional districts and the province. Parliamentary Secretary Joan Sawicki, who accompanied Marzari, invited the Islands Trust to join in the Georgia Basin initiative.

The "inland sea" of Georgia and Juan de Fuca straits are included in the initiative, Sawicki said. Within the region, the current population of five million is expected to double in the next 20 to 30 years.

To ensure this growth does not destroy the quality of life in the region, Sawicki said all communities bordering on and located within the inland sea need to have a shared perspective.

Trust vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg of Galiano suggested the Islands Trust has 20 years' experience in managing growth. She pointed out the islands are very different from the urbanized areas which surround them.

Sawicki agreed. She also admitted the Georgia Basin initiative was "visionary" but thought the concept could encourage better communication between the various communities and agencies dealing with growth on the west coast of B.C. and Washington State.

An agreement between Washington and B.C. signed earlier this month will encourage cooperation between the two to manage growth, Sawicki added. One result could be a meeting between the Islands Trust and officials on the San Juan Islands — a meeting which trustees have wanted for several years and which Marzari agreed to help arrange.

Trustees also had other requests for the minister:

• George Buyver of Hornby asked if the minister could stop land speculation, which he said was destabilizing the economy and

social structures of the islands. He reported seeing an advertisement which projected a 20 per cent per year return on a land investment in the Gulf Islands.

Marzari suggested non-profit, cooperative associations could take land off the market and noted the provincial government has come up with different categories of land use over the past year. Most at risk, she said, were areas on the outskirts of developed communities.

"It's the cancerous growth at the edge that takes you into urban sprawl."

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Sawicki suggested public opinion has shifted radically in the last 20 years so that people no longer see land solely as a marketable item. "Land isn't just a commodity like a table or a chair that anyone can buy and sell and use for whatever they wish," she remarked.

Trustee Kim Benson of Gambier Island said growth on small islands has a more dramatic impact. "On the islands the stakes are higher because every island is a self-sustaining ecosystem."

• Saturna trustee John Money pointed out the Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Gulf Islands yet the Ministry of Municipal Affairs does not allow the Trust enough funding to do the job. On Saturna, he said,

the community plan is 20 years old and has "holes you could shoot a cannon through," yet the island cannot get a planning grant to revise the plan. Mayne trustee Sonja Taiji raised the same point, citing a cut in funding to the Trust in 1994.

• Thetis trustee David Essig wondered when the Trust will get more power, adding that it "seems to spend half its time now in a colonial relationship with the regional district."

Denman trustee Roxanna Aitken pointed out her community is looking at a major development a short distance across the water, yet has no influence on projects occurring on the east coast of Vancouver Island. Fellow Denman trustee Rolf Ludvigsen agreed. "We are surrounded by development that is going on at a frightening rate."

Marzari said planning needs to be updated from models established in the 1960s to meet the growth pressures of the 1990s. For example, she suggested interactive planning with the regional district.

• Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew wondered if there was any legislation to deal with the speed and rate of growth, which he said is a major concern on Salt Spring Island.

Marzari said growth cannot be controlled by legislation. "We're not going to put up butterfly nets at Rogers Pass or issue passports," she remarked. However, growth can be directed by funding services in one area and not in another, she pointed out.

Trust chairman Graeme Dinsdale of Bowen Island said there was good rapport between the Trust executive committee and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

"It's not going to get any easier being a trustee even if you double the number of trustees," he predicted. "The issues will not get any easier to deal with."

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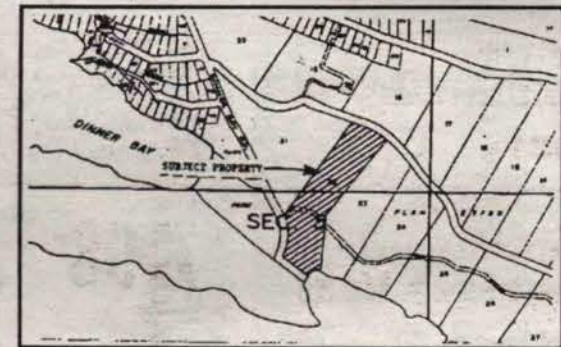
ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the public, including all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed Bylaw, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard respecting matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held at the **Community School, Mayne Island, B.C., on Saturday, October 1, 1994 commencing at 9:30 a.m.**

A. Bylaw No. 88 - "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1994"

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 88 is to amend the provisions of the CGH-B (Country Guest House - B) zone to increase the number of accommodation units to 12, to permit a separate dwelling unit, to reduce the setback of buildings, structures and stored materials from any boundary of the property to 8 metres, to limit the number of accessory structures and to increase the restaurant size.

The zone currently applies, and the amended zone will continue to apply, to Oceanwood Country Inn on Dinner Point Road, Lot 22, Sections 5 & 6, Plan 29750.



A copy of the proposed Bylaw and relevant background documents may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from Wednesday September 14, 1994 and up to and including Friday, September 30, 1994.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(a)(v) of the *Municipal Act*, an additional copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected on the Islands Trust Notice Board on Mayne Island, B.C.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust at 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, prior to 4:30 p.m., September 30, 1994; or
2. after 4:30 p.m., September 30, 1994, to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

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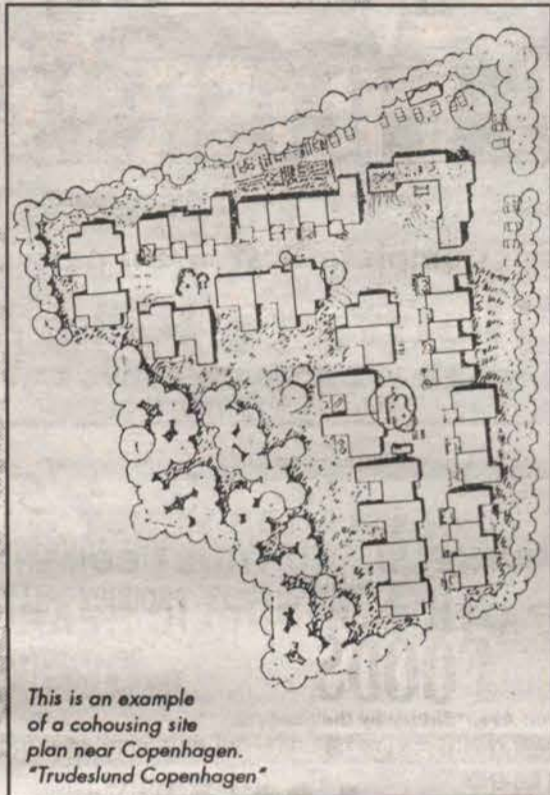
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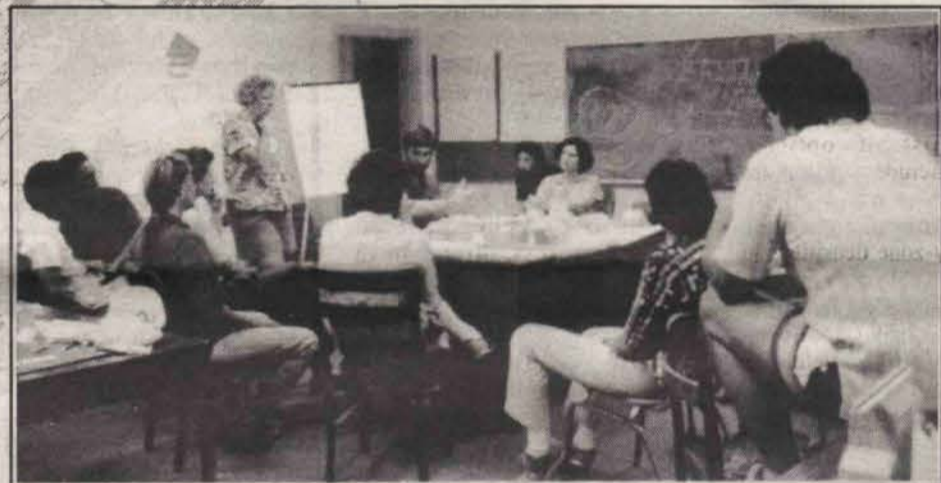
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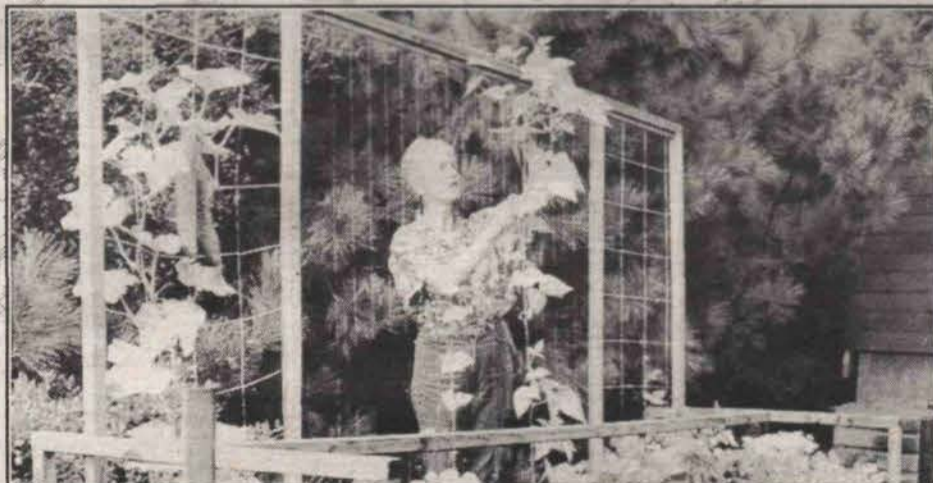
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From cycle paths to daycare centres, amenity zoning can pay dividends

"A.B.C. — Anything But Cash" is the basic rule of amenity zoning, a concept introduced to Islands Trust Council Friday by Salt Spring senior planner Linda Adams.

Salt Spring is the first island to take advantage of amenity zoning since the legislation allowing it was introduced a year ago by the provincial government.

Adams presented amenity zoning as a two-edged sword, describing it as a tool with "tremendous potential and tremendous danger."

The concept is simple. Amenity zoning allows a Local Trust Committee or municipality to trade higher density on a parcel of land for an amenity beneficial to the community.

What is an amenity? According to Adams, the list is virtually endless. A community centre, land for affordable housing, control over subdivision layout, preservation of historic sites, covered drainage, cycle paths, roads, libraries, school and daycare centres, waste management facilities and improved water supplies are just some of the options.

The only amenity which cannot be obtained is cash.

"I think amenity zoning can be very pro-active," Adams remarked. "You're creating a bridge between a developer who wants to develop and the needs of your community."

What does the developer get? Again, according to Adams, there is a long list of options. Possibilities include a minimum lot size reduction which allows more lots on a parcel, an increase in multi-family zone densities, an increase in allowable site coverage or an increase in allowable floor space. All of these allowances can put extra cash in the developer's pocket. Some of that extra cash then funds the amenity.

Although amenity zoning could

lead to overall increases of density in the community, Adams said it might be possible to transfer development densities between lots. As an example, Adams suggested, a situation where a local community club owned a piece of property which could be subdivided into four lots and a developer had the same.

The concept is simple: higher density on a parcel of land for an amenity beneficial to the community.

Under amenity zoning, the community club could trade its four-lot development potential to the developer in exchange for an amenity — perhaps a community centre — which the developer would build on the club's land.

The result would be eight lots on the developer's land and a community centre on the club's land but no net increase in the number of potential lots on the island.

The one amenity zoning done on Salt Spring was similar to that situation, Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew noted. Four lots of the potential development on a Parks and Recreation Commission-owned piece of property was "traded" to a developer in exchange for a ball park.

Adams stressed amenity zoning is not guaranteed zoning. The application must still go through the usual process, offer enough water and sewage disposal for the increased density and go through a public hearing.

Amenity zoning cannot be forced on a developer, Adams said. Instead, the amenity zoning is established as an option which

may or may not be exercised.

As an example, she suggested a 427-acre parcel could have a basic density of 11.5 acres per lot. Under amenity zoning, the density would drop to 10.4 acres per lot, allowing development of four extra lots.

In return for the amenity zoning, the developer would agree to provide a \$550,000 recreation centre to be built on public land.

To avoid increasing overall density in the community, Adams suggested covenants could be placed on public land which could otherwise be developed into four additional lots.

On Salt Spring, Adams said the idea of an amenity zoning advisory group has been discussed. She has also heard many suggestions for future amenity zonings. "Since we've done one on Salt Spring, I've heard lots of wild ideas."

The danger, Adams said, is that the community is tempted to trade away too much upzoning. "It can become like a credit card and you just go crazy with it."

Instead of finding other ways to meet community needs, Adams said there could be a temptation to

"look around for another lot."

Galiano trustee Diane Cragg saw another danger. In island communities with a strong history of land donations and volunteer efforts to provide community facilities, amenity zoning could wipe out "that incredible spirit of volunteerism."

"You could end up where amenity zoning is the only route."

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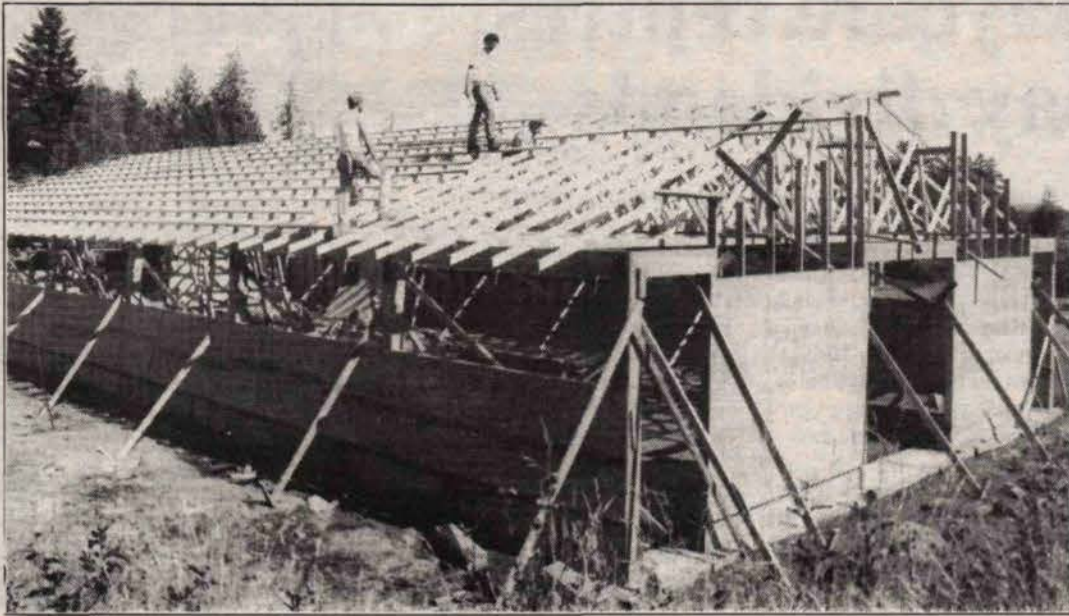
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Livestock will camp comfortably in new building at Salt Spring Fall Fair next week. Among volunteers working on the roof of the building on the Rainbow Road fairgrounds Sunday were Darren Craig, left, and Chris Schmah.

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Long-awaited groundwater study set to proceed at Galiano

A long-desired water study on Galiano Island has finally been initiated by the Ministry of Environment's water management program.

"We're desperate for a water study," Galiano trustee Diane Cragg said last week. The study into water supply comes as an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 acres of property on the island is on the threshold of development. Much of that land was sold by MacMillan Bloedel over the past two years, Cragg noted, and subdivision applications are flooding in.

Cragg said Galiano's Local Trust Committee, community groups and residents have been trying to get a comprehensive

analysis of groundwater on the island for many years.

Volunteers from the community are now needed to sit on a groundwater steering committee which will work as an advisory group with Ministry of Environment staff. Anyone interested should write a letter to the Galiano Island Trust Committee, c/o Robyn Addison, Senior Planner, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8.

Cragg said the Local Trust Committee is taking other measures to deal with the flood of development. For the first time, arrangements have been made to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways so

there is community input into the new roads which will be built in the newly developed areas.

Cragg said the district planner for Highways has agreed to work with Galiano's advisory transportation committee.

Fellow Galiano trustee Elisabeth Boshier noted the Local Trust Committee produced the first draft of its Official Community Plan at the end of May. Four major issues arising from the plan will be discussed at upcoming public meetings: minimum lot sizes, minimum lot sizes allowing cottages, environmental protection and hunting, and increasing development on the island.

Scofflaws beware: Trust has power to impose fines for bylaw infractions

Violators of Islands Trust bylaws could soon feel the pinch in their wallets.

In June the Islands Trust gained the power to issue tickets for some bylaw infractions and now plans to put the power to use as soon as possible.

On Saturday, Trust Council directed staff to prepare a model Local Trust Committee bylaw which would allow tickets to be issued levying fines for bylaw infractions. Executive director Gordon

McIntosh suggested the model bylaw could be forwarded to Local Trust Committees as soon as possible for local adoption. At the latest, the bylaw would be ready for the December Trust Council meeting.

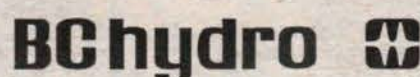
"Municipal ticketing is not a panacea for all bylaw enforcement," McIntosh observed. However, he said, tickets are a good way to handle such problems as derelict vehicles.

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No off-island polling stations for non-resident landowners

Off-island property owners should be willing to travel to the islands to vote in Islands Trust elections, trustees decided Friday.

The decision to continue with on-island polling booths only goes into effect almost immediately: a by-election is slated for October 15 on North Pender to fill the seat vacated on the death of Bob Allison.

Vying for the seat are Peter Campbell, a retired naval officer, and homemaker Gail Jamieson.

North Pender non-resident property owners who want to vote for either candidate next month will have to apply for a certificate to be included on the voters list, Trust administrative coordinator Linda Prowse told Islands Trust Council Friday. Trustees approved a \$450 mail-out notifying non-resident property owners that they must apply to the Islands Trust by September 30 for the voting certificate.

Prowse said the certificate was also required for the November 1993 Islands Trust election following changes to the elections act made 18 months ago by the provincial government.

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Last November the Trust used Capital Regional District voters lists. Prowse said the same list will not be used for the North Pender by-election, so even if people voted last November, they will still need to be added to the voters list. Residents can register at the poll but non-resident voters will need a certificate to vote, Prowse explained.

The matter of off-island polling stations came up at the meeting when Prowse asked for direction. For last November's election, a joint Islands Trust/CRD polling station was set up in Delta. Prowse said the station drew 180 voters — most from Galiano — and cost \$1,700.

Requests for off-island polling stations during the next election have come from non-resident property owners on the southern gulf islands, Bowen and Lasqueti. Setting up polling stations on the Lower Mainland, in Victoria and in Nanaimo to serve non-resident voters would cost the Trust over \$5,000, Prowse added.

Gabriola trustee Julian

Guntensperger pointed out polling stations in those three areas would still not serve all the non-resident property owners in the Trust islands. He questioned whether it was fair to make arrangements for some non-resident property owners to vote when the same arrangements cannot be made for all non-resident property owners. Denman trustee Roxanna Aitken echoed that argument.

"If you're going to have off-island voting, where do you stop?" Saturna trustee John Money asked.

Galiano trustee Elisabeth Boshier said non-resident property owners who used the Delta polling station were very pleased that they could vote without coming to the island.

Before last November, she said, some of those owners felt the Trust was blocking their ability to vote.

Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew said he would like to know more about the distribution of non-resident owners. If a large percentage could be served by polling stations in Nanaimo, Vancouver and Victoria, it would be easier to make a decision on the issue, he said.

Both he and fellow trustee Grace Byrne thought an Islands Trust polling station in Victoria would help Piers Island residents. In a local election, Byrne said, Piers Islanders are expected to cast ballots for three different jurisdictions: Salt Spring Island's trustees, the Outer Island's CRD director and the Saanich school board.

North Pender trustee Joy Ridley liked the idea of a mail-in ballot. "You can't expect people to pay \$100 to come from Vancouver to vote for you," she said.

Provincial legislation limits mail-in ballots to those physically unable to attend a polling station, Trust executive director Gordon McIntosh explained. To achieve mail-in ballots for non-resident property owners on the Gulf Islands, the Trust would have to convince the provincial government to change the legislation.

Given that two-thirds of Mayne Island's property owners are non-residents, Mayne trustee Sonja Taiji suggested the turn-out of 180 voters was not very high for the off-island polling station last November.

Trust vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg said there was intense lobbying on Galiano to have non-resident property owners use the Delta poll.

Thetis trustee David Essig said people who buy property on the Gulf Islands should realize that if they want to vote in island elections, they will have to come to the island.

Trustees voted 23 to two to abandon the idea of off-island polling stations.

Boshier noted property owners should be warned well before the next election that there will be no off-island polls.

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Budget only constraint to local subdivision approval

Subdivision approvals can be handled by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) even if the Trust Council does not take over the function, trustees learned at Saturday's Trust Council meeting.

At present, subdivision approvals are handled by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways — a lack of local control over development which frustrates many Salt Spring residents including trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne.

On Saturday, Tony Hume of the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association told Trust

Council that the high level of development on Salt Spring is creating a problem. "The island is presently being subdivided, with new roads constructed at a rate unlike anything seen in the past. The plans which are 'in the works' are huge, they cover large amounts of the island and will have an impact on the rest of the island like never before seen," Hume reported.

Yet, he noted, the responsibility for subdividing, dictating road locations and sizes, tree cutting requirements and other development details does not lie on the island but with an off-island

bureaucracy with an entirely different mandate.

Executive director Gordon McIntosh said there were no legislative constraints stopping a Local Trust Committee from taking over subdivision approvals although the Trust Council would need to approve the budget to handle the additional expense.

The Salt Spring LTC was invited by the Trust Council's executive committee to prepare a report on taking over the subdivision approval process. That report will be considered at the Trust Council's December meeting.

MOVE

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cies in the provincial capital, travel costs to islands, budget and staff preferences.

But he stressed the issue is political. "We see it to be politically wise to spend tax dollars where they have been collected.

"We also believe that the local knowledge and local accountability brought out through this move will provide a much stronger and more informed Islands Trust."

The lease on the Victoria office expires at the end of December 1995. Given the cost of a move at that time, estimated at a minimum of \$70,000, the decision must be made before the 1995 budget is finalized. The issue was discussed at a workshop Friday morning and again after Hume's presentation.

Two surveys of trustees failed to establish a consensus on where the Trust office should be located. Following the second survey, trustee Catherine Milsum of South Pender reported the most popular option was retaining the Victoria

office with two additional offices, one on a southern island and one in the north.

Trustee George Buvyer of Hornby Island suggested the first step should be a small office, even if not staffed, on each island. Denman Island has recently opened a storefront office, he added.

Trustee Joy Ridley of North Pender liked the idea of small, local offices. "I would love to get everyone out of our dining room," she remarked.

Salt Spring trustee Bob Andrew praised the effectiveness of the office in Ganges. "Outer offices work well when they are in place," he observed.

Trust vice-chairwoman Diane Cragg of Galiano agreed the "Salt Spring office is quite remarkably effective."

However, she added, until the Trust determines whether its future role will be towards more local government or as a regional government, it is difficult to deter-

mine future office needs.

"The organizational structure (of the Trust) will be evolving to kingdom come," Andrew remarked. But he thought the lack of consensus among trustees about the best office location indicated the council was not ready to move.

John Money suggested the offices will develop as needed during the future evolution of the Trust.

Claus Spiekermann of Bowen Island argued the Trust's head office should stay in Victoria, near the provincial government. However, he added that his island will need more services, due to increasing population growth.

Trustees agreed to maintain the present head office site in Victoria on a short-term lease until the organizational planning is completed.

Trustees asked the executive committee to provide an interim report on office requirements to the Trust Council meeting next March.

Driver fined after attempt to avoid police roadblock

Trying to avoid a police roadblock ultimately led to an impaired driving conviction for a Salt Spring man in Sidney provincial court August 26.

David Gilbert Mouat, 20, was found guilty of the charge by Judge Anthony Palmer. Mouat's trial began May 11 in Ganges provincial court but time constraints forced its conclusion in Sidney.

During presentation of the Crown's case on May 11, court heard that Ganges RCMP Const. Robert Doyle and auxiliary constable Patrick Byron were at a police roadblock at the Central intersection in the early hours of May 16, 1993, when a vehicle approached them from North End Road.

Doyle said they became suspicious when the vehicle turned right off North End Road approximately 75 yards before the roadblock. Believing the vehicle had gone down a one-lane gravel road that connects with Vesuvius Bay Road, Doyle and Byron got in their police vehicle and drove to the exit point on Vesuvius Bay Road. They waited by the side of the road for about one minute and apprehended the vehicle when it emerged.

Doyle said Mouat exhibited signs of impairment and was arrested for impaired driving.

Judge Palmer sentenced Mouat to the minimum \$300 fine and a one-year driving prohibition for a first-time offence.

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Hollywood is New Denver for Juno Ruddell

Island student gets part in film on Japanese-Canadian internment

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Silver was the metal that put New Denver on the map in 1891. Today, it is silver of a different kind that is enriching the locals: the silver screen. And Salt Spring movie-maker Anne Wheeler will be in the small Slocan Valley village with her latest, which also stars fellow Salt Springer Juno Ruddell.

Hakjun, a Japanese name for white people, is about the internment of Japanese-Canadians during the Second World War. Some 21,000 men, women and children — including some who lived in the Gulf Islands — were sent away from their homes to places in the Interior. Some 7,000 went to New Denver. The tensions that the sudden influx of people caused for the community, one particular family and the teenage character played by Juno Ruddell, provide the story-line of Hakjun.

It's not every day that an islander, let alone an island high school student, goes off to star in films. But then Ruddell is no stranger "on the boards" and her acting career thus far has also included several National Film Board films.

Ruddell went to her first big film audition last year for a 1970s-set film called Johnny's Girl. After an early start to get to Vancouver, she said she felt "out of place" among the other 1990s girls who were dressed to the nines in the latest retro-fashions and sporting lots of city make-up. Ruddell's clothes were regular island attire and she wore no make-up.

After the four-hour journey, the reading was over in 15 minutes. There was the customary "we'll call you" from the casting director, and she was on her way back to Salt Spring. She did not get to play Johnny's girl.

In June, her second film opportunity came knocking. After a Tuned Air choir practice, Salt Spring resident, film director and choir member Anne Wheeler approached Ruddell and asked her if

she would like to audition for her next film.

Naturally she said yes. Exams came and went. Summer came and she had a summer job at Thrifty Foods when the casting director phoned and asked her to come to Vancouver, with fellow islander Krista McKeachie.

Unfortunately for both of them, that day did not work out. But some 10 days later, the casting director phoned again and said more auditions were being held. This time, it was on a day Ruddell was not working. She took the early ferry and made her way to North

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Shore Studios in downtown Vancouver, where she took her place in a small waiting room with three other girls.

Film auditions are "totally different" from stage auditions, Ruddell said.

"The stage is less threatening. Actors can see what the ones on stage are doing. You can see that, and you're developing your character as you sit there."

In film, the actor sits in a small room in a chair. The casting director sits nearby, reciting all the other characters' lines in each scene. Someone else usually runs a video camera.

During the audition, actors have to concentrate on lines, delivery and emotion, she said. Another factor to consider is anticipation. Most actors know the lines which follow their own and have to learn to be surprised at appropriate times.

"I did a lot of anticipation, I think, because I was nervous," Ruddell said of her audition. "I would already have the face

down, the emotion, and (the casting director) wouldn't have finished the line."

Wheeler and the casting director were very patient with her, Ruddell said, and made her feel comfortable. She had not memorized all the lines, but that was not a problem. And she said the casting director was "excellent."

"When you're auditioning, the casting director doesn't usually play the roles back," she explained. "This particular casting director was reading the lines like she was the mom or the boy."

"She was the characters. That was really helpful, because you can play off that."

When she had read a few scenes, and had been videotaped, the audition was over. As before, she would now have to wait for a phone call. It was while she was getting ready for work one Friday afternoon that the phone rang.

"Hi. It's Anne. I've got some news. You've been short-listed," Ruddell recalled Wheeler saying.

"That's great," she replied. But there was a pause. "Anne... what is that?"

Short-listing, she discovered, meant that Ruddell's audition tape had been sent to Toronto with two others for the producer to see. The producer would then make the final choice. At 10:30 that night, Wheeler called back to say Ruddell had the part.

"I was so excited. I couldn't believe it. I thought there was some kind of catch."

There was no catch. Except that



SET FOR THE FILM SET: Salt Spring Island Grade 12 student Juno Ruddell is about to spend a month in New Denver, B.C., filming a movie about Japanese-Canadian internment there during the Second World War.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

she will miss a month of Grade 12. So she is taking her math books with her when she goes to New Denver at the end of this week. Her teachers have drawn up a plan outlining the material she should cover with the studio-supplied tutor on site.

But school exams are far from Juno Ruddell's mind right now. She is thinking too much about New Denver, circa 1945 and a Japanese boy-next-door who helps her flesh out the romantic sub-plot of Hakjun.

"I'd almost rather do Grade 12 over again to do this," she said. "It's going to be a shock but it's going to be great."

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Beth Hill assembles image of coast with new book

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

If former Salt Spring writer Beth Hill ever invites the world in for a cup of tea and a chat, Seven-Knot Summers is the tale she would tell.

It is a rambling tale of recollections, touched with occasional poetic imagery, a love of history and encyclopedic knowledge of Canada's west coast.

She compares her tales to the work of an artistic archeologist, one of the many unique characters she meets in her coastal wanderings. Like the archeologist who assembles an image of past life from fragments of bone and artifacts, Hill is also assembling an image.

"In the struggle to find meaning for my own life, I too attempt to save scraps and bits of this coast's present and past, trying to tease some pattern from the tangle," she writes. Although she now lives in Victoria, Hill lived on Salt Spring for 28 years, during which she and teacher husband Ray spent countless summers exploring the coast aboard their boat, the Liza Jane.

But Seven-Knot Summers is not about her life on Salt Spring. It is about her life offshore, when the couple cast off for explorations of the Gulf Islands, the Vancouver Island coast and the west coast of B.C. as far north as the Queen Charlottes.

Although the book appears to start as a straightforward narrative of a single summer's voyage, sailing out from Tsehum Harbour and returning to the same harbour at the close, it quickly becomes clear that Hill is weaving many summers and many voyages into one volume.

At first, the rambling tone is an irritant. Hill does not write a straight narrative. Reading Seven-Knot Summers is a bit like quizzing a garrulous great-aunt, who relates a torturous family history in response to a simple question.

But as the reader is drawn into the flow of the book, irritation evaporates. On its pages, Hill spreads out a feast of anecdotes gathered during 30 years of sailing around the coast and puts living people in place of the ghosts haunting long-abandoned cabins.

Fishermen and loggers, philoso-

phers and pioneers have built on the coast. Hill tells many of their stories: the Burdwood Bay murder, Tom Leask — the west coast's Paul Bunyan, the turn-of-the-century commune at Sointula and the madam of Ocean Falls who left a large bequest to the University of B.C.

"Many of the coast people are interesting and distinctive, not aligned in square streets, never cutting their grass to conform with their neighbour's lawn."

Petroglyphs throughout the islands and the coast take up a large part of the book, often combined with Hill's descriptions of how the images merged with native beliefs.

One of the most stirring passages in the book describes Hill's encounter with whales off Robson Bight.

The often massive stone carvings of First Nations tribes also draw her attention as do the bowls scraped out of stone throughout the islands and on the west coast.

She draws on her archeological background to sketch images of lifestyle from artifacts. Describing an archeological dig on Salt Spring in 1973, she recalls the discovery of thousands of tiny stone sequins. "Jars of the tiny beads, white, gray or almost black, were sifted from the midden soil around the burials . . . I was stabbed with joy. For a moment I was the woman who held the thin bone needle which pierced the tiny hole in each bead to fasten it in the design . . . For an instant, time had collapsed."

She dates her interest in archeology to her years on Salt Spring, then an island of 2,000 residents. She raised two children on the island, established a school library and worked in the school system for three years.

She was only away from Salt

Spring for two years between 1959 and 1987: once to study at Cambridge and once on an exchange to northern Ireland.

Her writing career also began on Salt Spring, despite the inconvenience of frequent ferry trips to do research in the provincial archives or in Victoria's libraries. Previous books include The Remarkable World of Frances Barkley, Sappers: The Royal Engineers in British Columbia, Upcoast Summers and books on petroglyphs and the Kettle Valley railway.

Hill's interest in history and her own time on the coast give her a perspective from which she sees the dramatic changes over the past 200 years.

One of the most stirring passages in the book describes Hill's encounter with whales off Robson Bight. The experience was part of a research project which included underwater filming of the whales.

"Six months later I sat cross-legged on the crowded floor of a Salt Spring Island living room and watched, mesmerized, as the whales glided silently in the 16 mm film . . . shot that August day. I could almost feel the cold water swirling around me as the blackfish came swimming toward me, sliding by so close that the screen went black as the camera photographed the wall of dark skin. Then a whale eye filled the screen, seeming to examine me as it passed."

Hill is also examining the world she has sailed through and leaving a record of her voyage. Ashore she has many interests: she has two more manuscripts underway, she is involved with the World Federalists and the Voice of Women and she has a daughter and granddaughter still living on Salt Spring Island.

But, she writes at the close of Seven-Knot Summers, it is hard to leave the sea behind.

"When we came ashore at the end of summer, we seemed to close the door on the universe. Instead of moon and stars, we had streetlights

and neon signs . . . It was not, I thought, just this particular summer whose departure I mourned. It was all the summers past, all the adventurous days . . . I bemoaned the thefts of time and knew that there would not always be another summer."

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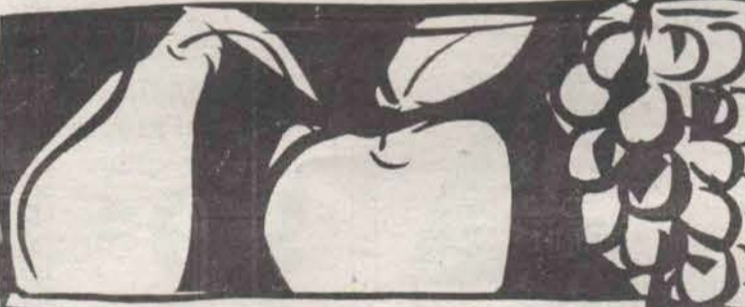
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THE SHADOW: Based on the 1930s radio program which gave millions shivers down their spines in the Depression, this latest Hollywood adaptation of the comic book hero genre promises much. Alec Baldwin plays the suave billionaire playboy by day and the dark unsightly Shadow by night. Penelope Ann Miller plays the telepathic woman who helps him fight the evil that lurks in the hearts of men, in this film mostly played by Genghis Kahn's descendant, Shiwan, played by John Lone. Mature, some violence, occasional swearing and may frighten some young children. Friday to Sunday, 7 p.m., Monday to Wednesday, 9:15 p.m.

THE CLIENT: John Grisham and Oscar-winning baddie Tommy Lee Jones spell big bucks for the movie moguls and big trouble for a young witness. This action-thriller is about a child who holds the key to a political murder/scandal and who needs the feisty attorney played by Susan Sarandon to help him. 14 years, some coarse language, occasional violence. Friday to Sunday, 9 p.m., Monday to Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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| 1. Four Weddings and a Funeral(1) | 6. Sirens(3) |
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| 4. Far Away So Close (-) | 9. Intersection(9) |
| 5. Young Americans..... (-) | 10. PCU..... (-) |

On Tap at the Pubs

- HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL** (Wheelhouse Pub ...House Party, Sept. 15, 16, 17)
- MOBY'S**Salt Swing and Dixie, Dinner Jazz, Sept. 18
.....Musical showcase Sept. 21
- VESUVIUS INN**Barley Bros. Open Stage, Sept. 15

Out and About

- SEPTEMBER 23,**Night of Poetry
.....AIDS benefit, All Saints by-the-Sea
- SEPTEMBER 24,**Kin Lalat, Guatemalan band,
..... Beaver Point Hall

Community TV Schedule

- Sept. 17, 3 p.m.,Keep Fit Sept. 19, 11 a.m.Keep Fit
- Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m.TBA Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m.TBA

Check TV noticeboard for programming announcements

Gallery exhibition to feature landscapes by six Canadians

Impressions of Canada's landscape will be featured in an exhibition by six artists next month at Pegasus Gallery.

Light Fantastic will bring together Bruno Cote and Francine Noreau of Quebec, Ron Carwardine of Ontario, and Rod Charlesworth, Ron Hedrick and Michael O'Toole of British Columbia. Craig Wright of Salt Spring's Wright Goldsmiths will add the glitter of gold to the gathering of national talent.

Work by the six painters will depict scenes ranging from icebergs in Labrador to the seashore of B.C.

A preview of the exhibition — which runs October 1-13 — takes place September 30 between 6 and 7:30 p.m. On October 1, between noon and 4 p.m., Noreau and Carwardine will be painting at the gallery, while Craig Wright will demonstrate the creation of gold, silver and gem-set jewellery.

Pegasus Gallery is located in Mouat's Mall in Ganges.

This band is family at Ganges hotel

A band that has become "part of the family" is playing at Harbour House Hotel this weekend. House Party is one of the pub's most popular bands since it first started coming to the island eight years ago.

"They play really good dance music," Harbour House Hotel manager Ann Ringheim said. "We book them in every six weeks or so."

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Salt Spring dancer Brad Magnus is taking to the stage at the end of the month to help celebrate the opening of the new Anglican Centre in Ganges.

Magnus was asked to contribute a dance with a sense of celebration for the event. He chose a classical piece, Local Hero by Bruce Knopfer. Island musician Stephen Glanville will accompany Magnus on drums. There will also be poetry reading and some excerpts from A Love Story, the recently released book about the Magnus family.

Magnus to dance at opening of church

"He's not letting any grass grow under his feet," mother Ethel Magnus said last week. Her son danced recently in front of thousands of spectators and cameras from around the world at the closing ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games August 28.

He danced a piece called Healing Journey by Ann Mortifee and was one of some 100 dancers at the ceremonies. But Magnus was featured by himself in the space in front of the Royal enclosure. Four days earlier he had been dancing in Toronto for the opening ceremonies of a

Canadian Association of Community Living conference.

Magnus' schedule continues to be busy. On September 16 he will be dancing some of his favourite pieces at the Garth Homer Centre in Victoria, a facility that provides day programs for people with mental handicaps. Island dancer Izadara Godchild will be joining Magnus on the stage.

Two days later Magnus will dance at the opening of a new dance studio in Victoria. September 30 he will be at the Anglican Centre.

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Mahon Hall reverts to use by community

Mahon Hall will be going back to community use. School trustees decided at their August 31 meeting to allow the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) use of the facility during the day for much of the coming school year. The PRC would be responsible for cleaning the building.

In other school board news:

• Board members had to repeal a bylaw passed earlier this year regarding funding of renovations to Fulford School. District secretary-treasurer Ken Starling explained the Ministry of Education had given tentative but not final approval for the project when the motion was passed in June. "Fulford has to wait," Starling said.

• The booking procedure for facilities owned by the school district is set to change. From now on, all bookings for all facilities will be done through the school board office and not at each school, as was the case before.

• There was only one inquiry following an advertisement to take away the Dodds House at the corner of Kanaka and Aldous roads, Starling said, so the fire district will get to practise on it a few times before it is torn down and the space cleared for a playground.

• A long-standing school district fight to close Kanaka Road between Salt Spring Elementary School and the playing fields has moved into another phase. School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert explained their request was still denied by the Ministry of Highways, which cited regular traffic use of the road. But, she said, the 30-year old file which the ministry has on the subject was closed in favour of opening a new one.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Happy Trails and Tails offers reasonable rates and a senior's discount. The business can be reached at 537-1810.

• Skin Sensations, Aesthetics by Judith, is a new homebased business operated from the Vesuvius home of Judith Humphrys.

Humphrys, who has run her own aesthetics/cosmetology

business and worked as the aesthetics department head at a beauty and business school in Edmonton, has 12 years professional experience.

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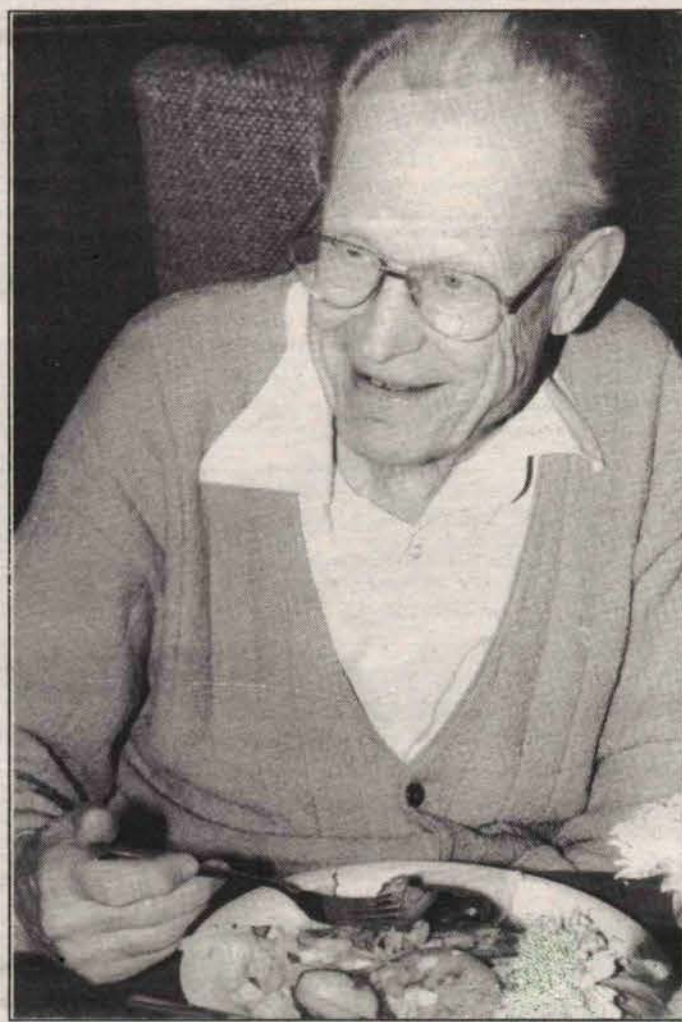


Soup's on

Connie Kelly exclaims over the consomme as Pat Broughton looks on last week at Seniors for Seniors, where lunches are offered every Thursday for seniors and their

guests. Norm McConnell, above, enjoys the fruits of the cooks' labours. The seniors' centre charges \$3 for the lunch, which is regarded as a donation.

Photos by Tony Richards



Men's group seeks new members after overcoming nervous start

A Salt Spring Island men's group which has been going strong for the last 10 months is looking for new members. George Puharich, who joined the counsellor-directed group in January, said it has helped him understand his own feelings and the feelings of others around him.

People are becoming "close-knit," Puharich said. "We've all been fathers. We all have fathers. We've had similar problems and similar triumphs. It's refreshing to know you're not alone."

He said the 10 or so men were initially "kind of nervous." They talked about why they were there and they talked about confidentiality. Now, Puharich said, he feels "totally safe" talking about almost anything in the group.

"Life changes. Things happen around you. It's a never-ending saga. People go through emotional problems. There is no script for happiness or sadness. It just happens."

One of the hardest things to learn at the meetings, Puharich said, is to be quiet and listen. And members have to learn to let their emotions come to the surface.

Since joining the men's group, he said he is stronger, more self-assured and more sensitive to other people's emotional needs. His life has become much smoother as a result, personally and in business. He no longer feels like a loner or an outsider.

The group unanimously decided new members would be welcome

after the summer break. They were concerned that it might be a shock for new people to deal with some of the more intimate things that come out at the weekly sessions. So for the first few meetings members will make a conscious effort to make them feel more comfortable in the group.

But new men may also find it easier to join a group where many of the emotional barriers have already been broken down. The group has decided to explore a 12-week program with counsellor William Manfield on Wednesday evenings.

"It's pretty ragged and rough sometimes, listening to some of the things people have gone

through. Once you get going it's hard to stop," Puharich said.

"When I've felt at my absolute worst, the other men have rallied around. It's good for the lows. When you come in with a high, it's amazing how far that carries you."

Puharich said the group would like a commitment from people to attend weekly meetings, which usually last three hours.

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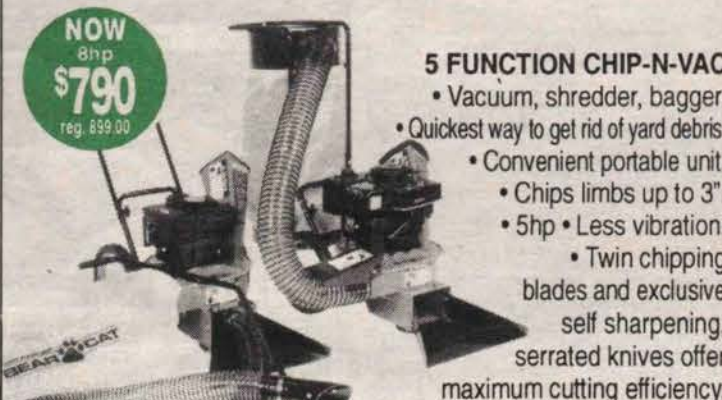
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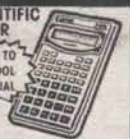
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