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4th Annual Arts Umbrella Sandcastle Competition

Vancouver's largest
family picnic,
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the summer

Saturday
September 9

at
Spanish Banks
West

Starting gun fired
10:00 a.m.

Judging begins
3:00 p.m.



It's a family event like no other, where everybody can be a kid again. The Arts Umbrella Sandcastle Competition brings old-fashioned, lo-tech fun, games and artistry for kid and grown-ups.

Over 35 architectural, development and construction companies are plotting and planning, banded together in teams to settle old rivalries and face new challengers to see who is 'The King of the Castle.' At the blast of the gun fired at 10 a.m. they race for the Great Landstake.

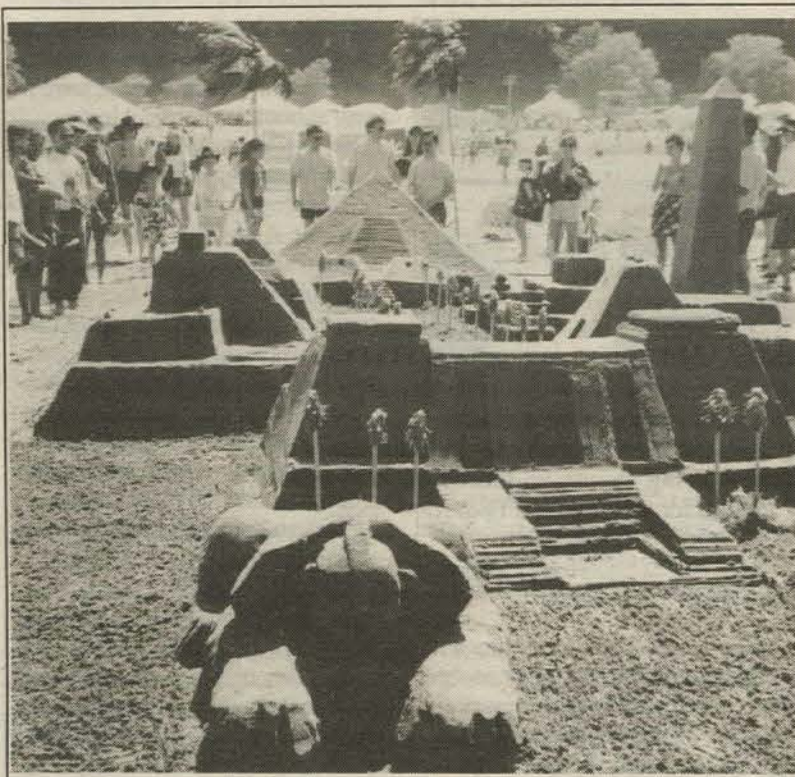
There's spectacles, costumes, foolery and conspiracies as Lower Mainland movers and shakers, usually building skyline monuments, get down to the beach to build monuments of sand, all around the theme of the Arts Umbrella, Canada's visual and performing arts institute for young people.

Everyone who has ever been a child is invited to build their own dream castle in the Family Sandcastle Area. In the children's activity area there will be water volleyball, chalk painting, tug-of-war, races and lots of surprises.

Pop band Zero Zero will rev spirits and Arts Umbrella's summer Camp Teen Musical Theatre will perform excerpts from this year's production of *Godspell*.

Celebrity Umbrellas

Local celebrities have painted 30 umbrellas, sponsored by *Bonkers*, which will be raffled off at the beach



on September 9th.

For \$2 you could win an umbrella painted by:

Vanessa Williams, Rick Hansen, Spirit of the West, Joy Metcalfe, Tom Perry MLA, Denis Simpson, J.J. Richards, Sharon, Lois and Bram, The 86ers, Lisa Brokop, One Horse Blue, David Tarrant, Jim Byrnes, Mayor Phillip Owen, Anne Garber, Moxy Fruvous, Barenaked Ladies, Adrian Paul, Don Taylor, Chancz Perry, or BC Lions.

Anybody inspired by the Celebrity Handpainted Umbrellas can explore

their own innate creativity at the Please Mum Umbrella Painting Tent, where a \$25 fee buys a 48" cotton umbrella, 6 paints, use of brushes, stencils and tools - and guidance from Jackie Haliburton of Angel Fabric Paints.

The Superior Court of Sandcastle Judges taking on the Sand Gavel will be:

Chip Barrett, Architect (Head Judge), Sandy Hirshen, Director, UBC School of Architecture, Brooks Joyner, Director, Vancouver Art Gallery, Peter Ladner, Publisher,

Business in Vancouver, Sean Rossiter, Freelance Writer, Burke Taylor, City of Vancouver Office of Cultural Affairs, Max Wyman, Vancouver Sun, Ralph Segal, Vancouver City Planning Dept., Bonnie Maples, President, Architectural Institute of BC, Dr. John Stubbs, President, SFU, Dr. Axel Meison, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science, UBC, Felicity Stone, Western Living Magazine.

Judges will present the coveted Shovel Trophy 1st Place Awards and Merit Sinkhole 2nd Place Awards for the six Sand Creation categories: Dance, Drawing & Painting, Movies & Animation, Theatre, Design & Architecture, Sculpture. And then the hundreds of people who have worked hundreds of hours, over seven months, to come together for five fun-filled hours on a wet beach, will watch the tide wash all the marvellous monuments away.

Merit Kitchens and Renovations, chief sponsor of the Sandcastle Competition have been joined by 100 other companies and individuals to cover all the operating costs of staging the competition, so all proceeds from site fees, raffle tickets and sales go directly to Arts Umbrella.

All funds raised go toward the Children's Arts Umbrella Foundation, which ensures bursaries and scholarships are available to make Arts Umbrella programs accessible to 15,000 children annually.

The Granville Island Ferries'

Great Garbage Can Art Contest

Sunday,
September 24

Main
Courtyard
Granville
Island Market

Artists In
Action
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Judging
3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Auction
3:30 p.m.

The ninth annual Granville Island Ferries Great Garbage Can Art Contest & Auction will attract the talents (and off-the-wall ideas) of 25 local artists, eager amateur and confident professional alike, for a day-long marathon of garbage can painting, decorating, cutting and bending, piercing and pasting.

Artist registration closes on Friday, September 15, and anyone interesting in taking part in this year's contest should call Kevin McKeown at 681-0041.

The garbage cans, the tent, the panel of judges and the festive atmosphere will be provided, in that order, by Granville Island Ferries, CMHC/Granville Island and the throngs of happy shoppers and art fans who will attend the event. Artists need only bring their brushes, paints and other supplies, and of course their ideas and imaginations!

The garbage can decorating will get under way at 11 a.m. and the artists



will have a free hand to do their creative best until 3 p.m., when the call "brushes down" will signal the beginning of adjudication by a three-person panel of judges.

By 3:30 p.m. the first, second and third prize purses will have been announced and awarded (\$250, \$150 and \$100 respectively) and auctioneer and AM 1040 talk show host Dave

Abbott will begin to auction off the top dozen resulting delightful works of art.

In a change from previous years, a silent auction will also be conducted throughout the afternoon, with the final bid on the silent auction being the starting point for the live auction. This way, shoppers who see a work in progress that they really, really like but who can't stay 'til the 3:30 p.m. auction can still get their bids in!

For the second year running, all proceeds from the Garbage Can Art Contest & Auction will be used to buy supplies for the art therapy work with the Eating Disorders Program at British Columbia's Children's Hospital.

"Making a contribution to art therapy seemed like a natural partnership for our event, and we're pleased to continue that this year," said Granville Island Ferries' Dave McInnis. "It's a great way to have a lot of fun and contribute to a worthy cause."

The Editor



Beryl Wilson

Madam Editor has been most touched at the interest so many people have shown in her physical progress during the tedious limitations caused by breaking an ankle this spring. (On a hike, please note, not just tripping over the back step!)

"Glad to see you are back riding your bike" has been a frequent friendly greeting." Thanks folks.

Oh! what bliss to escape the incessant whine of the Indy races to spend last Sunday in the peace and quiet of a sparsely populated Iona Beach where the only intrusive noise was from a distant hovercraft.

The instigator of the picnic insisted it be a "wieners and corn over an open fire" outing. Smoke choked and arms almost roasted after holding sticks in the fire for 10 minutes, we were complaining "Is this supposed to be FUN?" And as we eyed the water-soaked corn cobs slowly blackening in the embers, our fearless leader confessed she'd never cooked corn this way before; she'd just read it. But charred wieners and sausage are tasty, the buns didn't burn; we quickly admitted the corn was the sweetest we'd ever had, and when our eyes had stopped stinging we were ready to admit cooking over an open fire was fun.

And at long last I discovered toasted marshmallows don't have to be blackened and revolting. Gently, patiently toasted until the insides are melted just to perfection, they are indeed quite appetising.

The common bond among this group is that we have all worked at U.B.C. Over the 13 years we've gathered regularly for pot luck suppers, it is a celebratory evening whenever those of us who are escapees from the daily grind welcome another to our special fold.

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THE FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month
in the Board Room of the False Creek Community Centre
Representatives of all housing enclaves
are welcome to attend.

The F.C.C.A. resumed its regular meeting schedule on September 7 (as *The Creek* was going to press).

Emil Malak, owner of the Granville Island Hotel, was to attend to inform the FCCA of the next plans for the hotel.

The transfer of a charity casino from

Haney will not now proceed.

The hotel plans to increase the room capacity from the present 60 to 100 rooms. The intention is to build an additional floor on part of the existing structure and replace some of the present boat moorage space with floating hotel rooms.

David the Dynamo given his own Civic Day



David Harrison, dressed in his best, at one of the many special fundraising events he master-minded for the Arts Club Theatre

We were delighted to learn Mayor Phillip Owen proclaimed August 3 as *David Harrison Day*. David is now at home on medical leave.

He might have been called the Great Persuader as well as Director of Development during his years with the Arts Club Theatre. He seemed able to persuade just about anybody to appear at the special events he produced with great flair.

Ten years ago he founded the annual Starry Night AIDS benefit to improve the quality of life of people with the disease. Last year the show raised more than \$70,000.

Congratulations David.

"Pest Person" to Painter

All too often conversations with neighbours in the courtyard are short and related only to the business end of living together collectively - who's got the latest leak, whether the trees should be pruned or the doors painted, who's creating the mess in the garbage room - will current the repairs ever be finished, etc. etc.

Courtyard summer barbecues are for neighbours to forget all that and sit still long enough to find out about each other as People.

Some of my backyard chats have been with the neighbour known around our courtyard as "Barb the Pest Lady". It seemed incongruous that a glamorous and gracious lady, as Barb Montague is, should have, as her Strata Council portfolio, the task of learning how to track and exterminate ugly destructive pests.

It seemed doubly incongruous when I discovered, at our recent courtyard summer BBQ that in her 'real life'

Barb is an artist and art consultant. She's been helping corporate and individual clients put art collections together for years - and trying not to let it take too much time away from her own painting.

She is one of eight local artists showing in "ART QUEST", an exhibition of 80 unique works of painting, photography and sculpture on display in the Atrium, Hong Kong Bank building, Georgia & Hornby, from September 11 to 16. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; Thursday & Friday until 9 p.m.

Along with Barb Montague (abstract acrylic) are Carlos Ceberio (mixed media), Brad Chernoff (acrylic), Mike Radford (watercolour), Mike A.H. Woodworth (photography), Richard Marcus (ebony & mammoth ivory sculpture), Pamela Holl Hunt (portraits/watercolour), Liz Mitten Ryan (wildlife/BC Artist of the Year)



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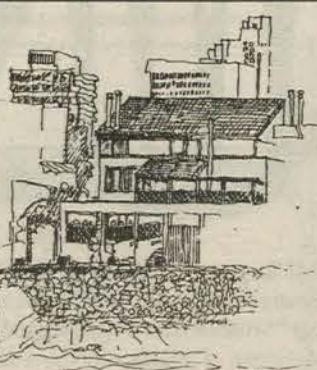
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Okanagan Springs Brewery has agreed to support a ball hockey team from False Creek this year. The team of players, mainly from the Creek area, played their first game July 29 and has since compiled an expansion-like record of 2 wins and 5 losses. "Not to worry," says team captain Simon Heald, "our team was young and inexperienced at the season's start; we shall improve!"



The team has been named **The Okanagan Springs Thunder**, in honour of its sponsor, and includes Creek residents **Juha Erme, Rolf Braun, Raul Ruio** and **Simon Heald**. With the recruitment of some 'ringers' to complement the vast amount of established talent on the team, the Thunder's chances of sneaking into the play-offs will surely improve.

All members of the hockey squad, reaching as far east as Fort Langley, greatly appreciate the support of Okanagan Springs. Without their help in providing the team with first class uniforms the Thunder would have had a rough time making the financial ends of the income statement

meet. We encourage all who take time to visit our local watering hole, Stamps Landing Pub, to drink a pint of the finest Pale Ale in B.C. and wish the Okanagan Springs Thunder good fortune for the continuing season.
by Simon Heald

The Word on the Street

We've had Street Theatre, Street Jazz, Street Comedy, Street Art - and now, to move us gently into the quieter days of Fall and longer nights, we'll have **Street Reading**.

The world of reading spills out the doors of Vancouver's Public Library onto Homer Street for Vancouver's first book and magazine fair on **Sunday, September 24**.

The World On The Street was first held in Toronto five years ago. Last year more than 100,000 people attended the event. This year both Vancouver and Halifax will stage their first celebration of **The World On The Street**, creating what may be Canada's first same-day coast-to-coast festival.

Homer Street, between Georgia and Robson, will be closed to traffic as

bookstores, publishers, libraries and literacy associations set up booths and tents. British Columbia authors will read from their works; youngsters will enjoy listening to celebrities from the worlds of sports, entertainment and media read from their favourite children's stories, and a family activity tent will feature storytelling, life-size book characters and activities with a literary theme.

Hail Nomads ! '95 Softball Champions

The annual **FALSE CREEK SOFTBALL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT**, held earlier than usual this year, was a most successful event.

Of the twelve teams in the league it was a change for the **Nomads** to become immortalised with its name on the tournament trophy, so coveted by all who play.

Teams from as far away as 7th Avenue and other familiar, yet distant streets, travelled the arduous path to the diamond at Charleson Park to prove their worth.

The two week event produced some extraordinary highlights for those who lined the hills and climbed the fences to watch, culminating in a well played final game between the "splendid" **Splinters** and the "almighty" **Nomads**. The **Nomads** did prove to be too much for the **Splinters** on the final day competition, winning two games back-to-back in the double knock-out tournament. Congratulations go to the **Nomads** for winning the title, their first in three years or so.

A special round of cheers goes to all those who volunteered their time to play the thankless role of umpire. It was not an easy job and sometimes

proved to be a wee bit testing as most of the players were not too shy in displaying their opinions about those close calls.

Thumbs up also to the tournament co-ordinator, **Jim Land**, who managed, somehow, to keep everybody aware of their next game, with a makeshift schedule and a red crayola pencil.

This year a special 'President's Award' was presented to **Oksana Mazur** for her endless contributions, over a ten year period, to the growth and maintenance of the False Creek Softball League. Extra special thanks and congratulations to **Oksana**.

A year-end celebration will be held on **September 15** at the Legion on 2nd & Main St. for all players and friends to come drink, eat and be merry. So please come out and show your support. Tickets are \$10, including dinner and one or two drinks (not sure yet how many the kitty can stand). Contact Team Captains about the time (7:00 p.m. we think).

Excellent season everyone - see you next year.
by Simon Heald

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FALSE CREEK RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday October 12, 1995 at 7:30 pm

All members of the community are welcome to attend. Business will include receiving committee reports, treasures report and electing new Director's. We are now accepting nominations for the Board of Directors. Please drop off nomination forms at the centre. For more info please contact Hanna Maron at 665-3425

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of her life: the exuberance of youth, the reality of middle age and the terror of aging and death.

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7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12
Thursday, September 14
Tuesday, September 19
Tuesday, September 26

All sessions will be held at:
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160 West 1st Ave. (corner of 1st and Columbia)
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Vancouver Opera's Grand Ball

We may have a few readers wealthy enough to splurge \$250 p.p. on the Grand Ball to launch the Vancouver Opera season.

Saturday, October 14

- * Champagne reception at 7 p.m.
- * Dinner at 8 p.m.
- * Dancing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A sumptuous evening of beautiful music, fine food and wine in an atmosphere of elegance and mystery in the Pacific Ballroom of Hotel Vancouver. The Ball's theme is *Faust*, Gounod's powerful tale of sorcery, deals-with-the-devil and the search for eternal youth. Artists from the opening production of *Faust* will present a special program of songs.

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- 7 km. Walk begins 11 a.m.

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- The always popular Owner/Pat Lookalike Contest

- Many of the Lower Mainland's dog clubs will perform, including a special presentation from Canine Cliffhangers and Northshore Flyers.

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This is an important fundraiser for the S.P.C.A. It hopes pledge collectors will have obtained at least 8 people to support them.

Creek readers still have time to dash around enrolling their neighbours' support. (No time to pick up a pledge form from Safeway? Make up your own).

Or you can register on the spot in the Individual category. Adults: \$12 Seniors/Children: \$6. Pets are free.

Two of the Walk-A-Thon's star pledge collectors must have recruited more like 80 each year. Raymond Martin and his dog "Banjo" have collected over \$22,000 during their 6 previous Walk-A-Thons.

No dog? No problem.

Karen Toddington has two cats she adopted from the S.P.C.A. but for four years she has borrowed a friend's dog to lead her around the course.

You can even take your bird on a leash as a young woman did one year.



Kakali Studio's final workshop season

If the desire to create beautiful paper and *objects d'art* at one of Kakali's workshops is on your 'future indulgence' list, your priorities need rearranging - quickly.

Kakali Handmade Papers (located on Granville Island's Cartwright St.) will close after this series of Fall workshops.

Sharon Yuen has operated Kakali for over a decade, but now wants more time to spend on her own personal commitments. She estimates at least 6000 students have gone through Kakali's doors over the years.

She reassures the community she is not leaving them in the cold. Supplies and resources will still be available by phone or mail order from Kakali.

Paper-Ya will be expanding its premises with more papers and

supplies. The Hollander beater will remain at its present location, and beaten pulp or rental of its use can still be arranged.

Workshops during this final fall session from Sept. - Dec.

Introduction to Handmade Papers (first of 5 workshops on Sept. 16/17)

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Christmas Crackers

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Subscriptions to the 8-concert series are \$137(Adult), \$115 (Senior/Student). Single tickets from \$10.50 - \$29. Ticketmaster: 280-3311 Call The Choir Office for a brochure with details on the rest of their season of exciting choral music making: Tel. 738-6822

The Friends of Chamber Music

The Beaux Arts Trio will open their 48th Season with an all Beethoven concert on Tuesday, Sept. 26

Playing in the regular (Tuesday) 10-concert series will be: Raphael Sextet; Cuarteto Latino-americano; Petersen Quartet, Angeles Quartet with harpist Rita Constanzi; Shostakovich Quartet Beethoven Trio Wien; I Musici di Montreal; Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center; Endellion Quartet

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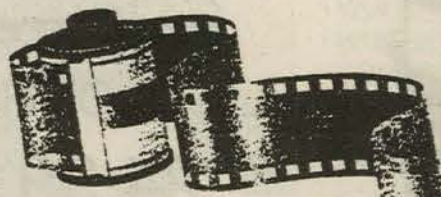
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The production team might well be called *False Creek Productions*. Like Denis, the show's producer Jan Carley (and General Manager of the New Play Centre) lives in False Creek Coop. Their lighting designer Marsha Sibthorpe (the Arts Club Theatre's renowned lighting designer) lives a block away and in the spirit of the Fringe Festival (where shows are usually mounted on a shoestring), neighbours have rallied to join the team, distributing posters and publicity material, etc.

Denis Anyone?, directed by Pam Johnson, is a joyous celebration of birth, love, sexuality, lust...and of course...music.

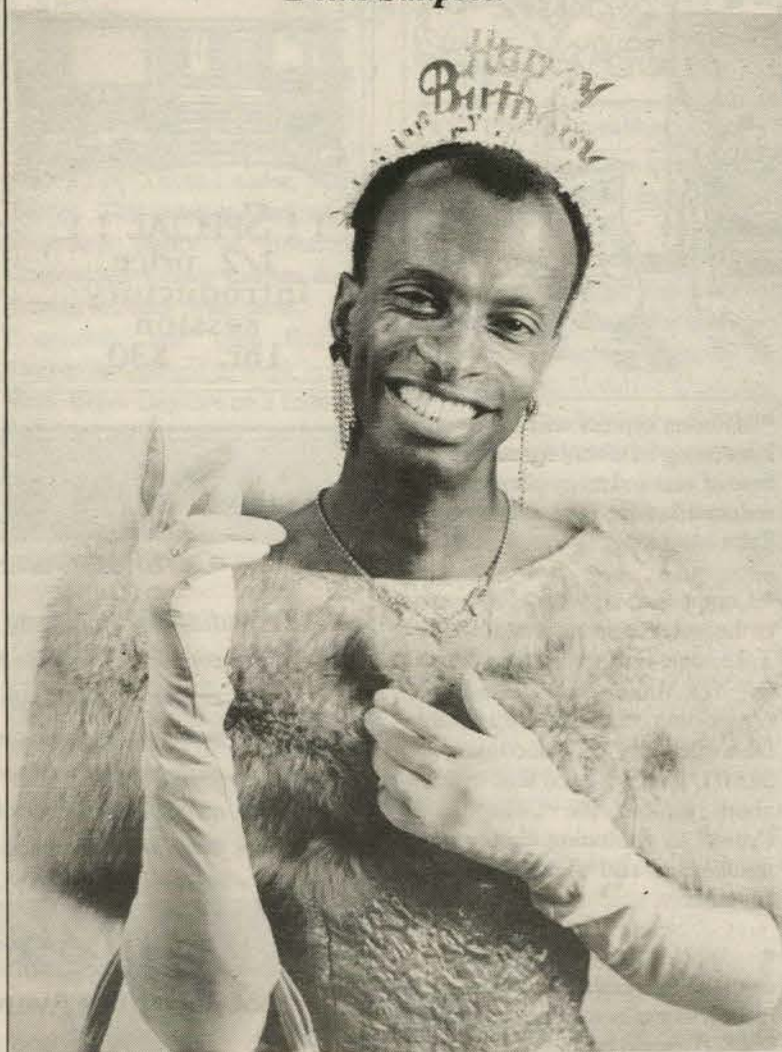
Award-winning actor/singer Denis Simpson plays a multitude of characters with chameleonesque ease as he goes on a searing, honest and hilarious solo odyssey across continents, over the years, through the sexes and into our souls. His fans will see a Denis they've never seen before. He says, "You only have one life - why not live it as everybody?"

Denis Simpson has performed in over 90 plays and musicals across Canada and on Broadway. Most recently he appeared at the Arts Club Theatre in *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Black and Gold Revue* and *5 Guys Named Moe*.

Local parents and kids will know him mostly from the TV show *Polka Dot Door*, but before they decide to see Denis' new show together, be warned - *Denis Anyone* is definitely a show for grownups.

Denis Anyone?

written and performed by
Denis Simpson



His False Creek neighbours - especially fellow dog walkers - may not recognise the Denis Simpson they thought they knew!

James Loewen photo

Catch Denis' show at the **Firehall Arts Centre**, 280 E. Cordova St
Advance tickets from Concert Box Office: **280-2801** or at the door 45 mins. prior to showtime.
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SHOWTIMES
Thurs. Sept. 7 at 4:30 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 8 at 4:45 p.m.
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Sun. Sept. 10 at 12:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Sat./Sun. Sept. 16/17 at 12:15 p.m.

On Stage at the Arts Club

The 95/96 season opener on the Arts Club Mainstage:

The Sisters Rosensweig by Wendy Wasserstein September 21 - October 28

The Arts club has chosen a recent smash Broadway hit to open its season. Written by Tony and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein (author of *The Heidi Chronicles*), the *Sisters Rosensweig* is a witty and intelligent portrait of three sisters in the prime of their lives learning about love and human and family dynamics.

necessity for romance. However, her flamboyant sisters - Gorgeous, (a suburban housewife and mother and now a talk-show personality) and Pfeni, (a journalist and travel writer) - are on a mission to change Sara's outlook.

When Pfeni introduces Sara to Mervin, a faux furrier, the sparks fly. Add to the mix Aunt Pfeni's own ideas about modern relationships and Sara's spirited teenaged daughter Tess, and we get even more possibilities of romance for different ages. This urbane, hilarious and often touching comic drama will kick off the season with real flair.

Originally from Brooklyn, the sisters come together in London to celebrate the fifty-fourth birthday of Sara, the eldest, who is now a brilliant British banker. Divorced single mother Sara no longer sees the

Leading off the new season at the Revue Stage will be:

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October 25 - November 25

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Still playing at the:

Arts Club Mainstage
Five Guys Named Moe
Through to September 16 (when it really will end)

Arts Club Revue Theatre
Mom's The Word
Through to October 7 (when it may get extended)

For reservations call the ARTS CLUB BOX OFFICE 687-1644

Bard on the Beach

You've had since June 20 to walk over to Vanier Park. By the time you read this you'll have barely 10 days left.

Comedy of Errors - September 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 (matinee), and 15.
Hamlet - September 9, 12 (matinee), 14, 16, and 17.
Evening performances now at 7:00 p.m., ticket price \$15. Matinees \$10
Bard Box Office 739 - 0559 Ticket master 280-3311
(The press kit included a slab of Chocolate Bard. Eaten instantly! Buy one - its delicious Belgian chocolate.)

Remember: The Lottery Centre in Granville Island Market is a Ticketmaster outlet. Handy when you need to see a theatre layout.

Music In the Market Sunday Concert Series

Arts Club Revue Theatre
10:00 Coffee & Breads
10:30 Music & Chat

Mixed Media **October 15**
Bruce Vogt, piano

Jazz **January 21**
Bill Crofut, banjo

Chris Brubeck, trombone & piano

Hispanic Duo **March 17**
Nohema Fernandez, piano
Claudio Jaffee, cello

Voices **April 28**
Elektra Women's Choir

Tickets **Single** **Series**
Adults \$16 \$70
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Children \$ 5 \$20

An interesting innovation this year will be the presence, at each concert, of Granville Island artists exhibiting their work. On Sept. 24 **Christine Seigneuret** will bring her colourful hand-painted silk scarves, jackets, vests and accessories. Her bright and whimsical designs are a pure delight.

Purely Classical **September 24**
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Scott St. John, violin

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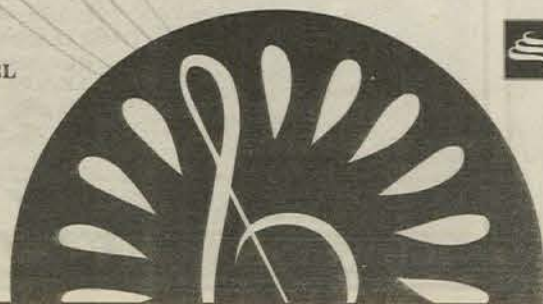
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September In The Garden ...

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of your labours

by Celia Brauer

After the strange and variable weather of the past summer it's hard to say what this September will bring. Usually the days are pleasantly warm and cool nights bring a hint of the seasons to come.

It's a good time for some gardening tasks. Among them:

- Nurseries will be bulging with bulbs. Shop early to get good selection and quality. Put the bulbs in a cool, dark place until planting (as early as October and as late as two weeks before the expected first frost).

- Buy some fall asters and chrysanthemums. Many varieties will keep you in fall flowers for years to come. For added colour, winter pansies should be available soon.

- Keep deadheading flowers so they will continue to produce blooms. Add a last feed of slow release fertilizer with a low Nitrogen number. The more hardy annuals, such as geraniums, sometimes last through a mild winter, but thin-stemmed annuals, such as impatiens, will be food for the compost after first frost.

- Keep watering container plants regularly. September is sometimes quite dry and as the pots will probably be root-bound by now, watering is even more important.



- Perennials that are not presently flowering can be divided now if desired. Do this at the end of the month or wait until most of the plant has died back.

- Roses will bloom right into the fall, especially if they are dead-headed regularly. Be sure to pick off diseased leaves and throw them into the garbage (not the compost!)

- Weeding is sometimes still necessary. If you put weed greenery into the compost be sure to cut off the seed heads and roots first and throw them into the garbage.

- Overseed any bare or thin patches in the lawn now. September is a good month to seed a lawn as the fall rains will guarantee its success.

- If you took your indoor plants outside this summer, bring them in now because the night temperatures are too low. Make sure you don't bring any woodbugs or slugs in with them.

- Garden centres will have some interesting leftovers for sale at this time of year and many plants may be reduced before inventory counts. Take advantage.

- Composts do not work as efficiently in the lower temperatures of winter. Take some finished compost out to use for mulch. Remember composting containers are available from the City of Vancouver for \$25.00. Fall is a good time to think about joining the 'Composting Crowd' as gardening chores have diminished and there is time to experiment.

- While you sit in the garden enjoying the results of your labours, make a mental note of any plants that you feel should be moved. You can move plants successfully in the fall because the winter rains will ensure enough moisture and plants will acclimatise to their new location before new growth starts in the spring. Celia Brauer is a VanDusen Gardens Volunteer Certified Master Gardener

Birds Lost & Found

A couple of weeks ago a lady called *The Creek* to say she'd found a lovebird on her patio. She thought the owner might also have phoned to report its loss.

The temporary foster mother happened to have a cage to keep it in - but also a cat which was circling the cage, smacking its lips.

Happily the notices she placed around her area did the trick and within two days owner and bird were reunited.

Subsequently we learned that the staff at the NIGHT OWL BIRD HOSPITAL at 1669 West 3rd Ave. frequently succeed in reuniting lost birds and distressed owners. They can't take in all the Found Birds they hear about, but they willingly take details and phone numbers in the hope the owners also call.

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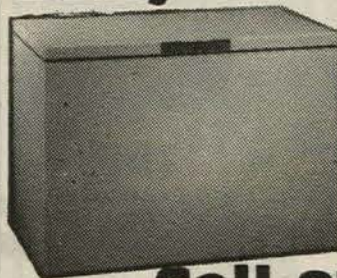
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Summer at False Creek Community Centre was a very busy and successful time. In total approximately 700 kids enjoyed our Summer Daycamps and 35,000 children enjoyed the Granville Island Waterpark throughout the summer. These great successes are credited to the excellent summer staff who made every opportunity a special one. Congratulations on a job well done!

The False Creek Volunteer Barbeque was held on August 23rd for all community centre volunteers that have helped throughout the past year. Everyone had a great time enjoying hotdogs, hamburgers, barbecued salmon and several other goodies. Special thanks go to Maralynn Elder and Wayne Lind for all their time and creativity in organizing this appreciation barbeque.

The Stamps Teen Program is starting up again this Fall but with a new Youth Leader, Mark Baxter. This summer Mark was a Daycamp leader at Britannia Community Centre and has done extensive work with teens. Joe Scaglione, our past Stamps Leader has moved to work in the False Creek Daycare on a fulltime basis to earn enough for future travel. Stamps is for kids ages 10 - 17 years and starts on Friday, September 15. All that is required to join in is a \$4.00 membership to the Centre. The group will meet at the False Creek School Gym from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and then return to the Community Centre from 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. to take part in activities such as watching videos, going on various outtrips, etc. As a group you will decide what you want to do on a monthly basis. Calendars will be available at the front desk.

Fall 1995 Recreation Guide is now available at the front desk if you didn't get one in the mail. Registration begins now and continues until all programs are full. Most programs begin the week of September 18th. Look for exciting new programs such as Cooking for youth children, Creative Drawing, and Winter Solstice Lantern Workshops. Outreach Programs for Henry Hudson and False Creek School will also be offered. Check the Recreation Guide for a full description of these and more exciting programs.

Our annual **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE** is Sunday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Be sure to stop by the Centre for applications to sell your crafts.

The Winter Solstice Lantern Procession will take place on Thursday, December 21st. Sponsors are still being sought. If anyone is interested please contact Naomi Singer at 665-3425. A Community Planning Meeting for the Lantern Procession will be Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.. Everyone welcome!

False Creek Out of School Care is a recreational-based child care program in False Creek Community Centre. Spaces are available for children ages 6 - 10 years attending False Creek Elementary School. For more information please contact Ruth at 689-5977 or the Community Centre office at 665-3425.

Seniors' Scene

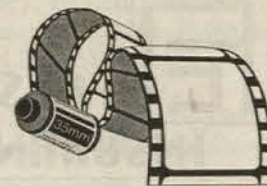
The False Creek Seniors meeting will be held on Wednesday September 13th at 1:00pm in the lounge. We welcome all seniors in the community to attend. A new executive will be elected and we will discuss upcoming programs and special events. Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm.

The False Creek Seniors cordially invite all seniors in the False creek area to the **SENIOR OPEN HOUSE** Friday September 29th 12:30 - 3:00pm. This is an excellent time to meet seniors living in the area, learn about seniors programs, and enjoy a variety of entertainment & information booths. Enjoy many delicious goodies, coffee and & tea.

Fall '95 Bus Tour Okanagan Fall Getaway! Sept 19th - Sept 21st - Tour Minter Gardens, enjoy wine tasting at an Estate Winery, sample baked apple pie at Davidson orchards, visit O'Keef Historical Ranch, and Kamloops Wildlife Park. The cost of \$299 includes transportation, meals, 2 nights accommodation (based on double occupancy) at Silver Star Mountain. Register by September 12th in order to reserve a spot. For more information please see Kristiina at the front desk or call 665-3425.

I would like to introduce myself, Kristiina Oinonen as the new Senior's Coordinator. I have been employed with the Vancouver Park Board for several years working at Kerrisdale, Riley Park, Kitsilano, Champlain Heights and Killarney Community Centres. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone. Please drop by the Centre and say hello, I am available Tuesday to Saturday.

Make sure you check out our Fall Seniors Brochure Guide for all our exciting upcoming programs. Some new things that we have added are Water colour painting, Cyprus slide show and Belize slide show.



FALSE CREEK RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

is Thursday, October 12, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. All community centre members are welcome to attend. Business will include receiving community reports, treasurers' report and electing new Directors. We are now accepting names and telephone numbers at the front office to the attention of Hanna Maron.



UPCOMING FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Pumpkin Patch Preschool Party (2-5years) October 31st.
Halloween Kids Carnival and Haunted House (6-12years) October 27th.
Fall Pre-Teen Dance(Grades 5, 6, and 7's) November 17th Come and join in the fun. Great music, prizes, concession and games.

False Creek Community Centre's Volunteers 1995 Appreciation Barbecue

That's what it said on the cake when staff, Board members and volunteers gathered outside Isadora's on Thursday, August 24 to spend a convivial few hours together. Given its long operating hours and diverse activities, a community centre's staff is a motley collection of full-time and part-time administration and daycare staff and instructors. At False Creek they add up to about 80, over a year. What's more important, the number of volunteers, who assist with programs and special events, and serve on the Board and committees, is almost equal. At

False Creek they total led 63 this last year. The annual BBQ, to which all the staff and volunteers are invited, is one of the rare opportunities they have to meet each other.

It is the occasion to pay tribute to all the volunteers and single out some stars. This year's ALLSTAR VOLUNTEERS were introduced with nicely written testimonials and received a smart green sweatshirt.

Pictured from left to right the Allstar Volunteers: **GAIL BORWICK**, Senior Supervisor for the Kindercare and

Afterschool programs puts in as much time volunteering at the Centre as officially working.

MARY WHITE has been active at the Centre from its earliest days, serving on the Recreation Association Board, Seniors' Executive, Program Committee, always on the Canada Day Committee, and she's to be found helping at every special event.

SHEILA FOLEY has been involved with the Centre since 1987, serving as President, Secretary and on just about every committee.

JIM WOODFIELD has been President of the F.C.R.A. for four years and served on every committee

JENNIFER RASHLEIGH, the Waterpark Senior Staff Leader this summer was proclaimed an 'outstanding leader with the kind of personality that is extremely beneficial in a team.'

Kristiina Oinonen accepted for **JULIE ACREACH** who has been an outstanding Youth volunteer for the past two years; she volunteered for all the daycamps and every special event.



Community Centre staffers **Maralynn Elder** and **Wayne Lind** make a great team. They are to be congratulated in pulling off another successful Volunteer Appreciation Night last month.

Isadora's BBQ area was festooned with banners. Patrick Couling again cheerfully presided over the barbecue for hours. Everyone was well fed with salmon, hamburgers, salad and cake. The atmosphere was friendly and the speeches few and short.

Maralynn dubbed the Waterpark staff The Mormon Watersparkle Choir and coaxed them to sing a

tribute to the volunteers.

To be sure the sponsors would not go unheralded Maralynn produced a huge and handsome banner listing them all:

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PRIZE DRAWS are always a highlight. There were plenty of them and everyone's name was in the box.

Since the donor **Macdonalds Pies** was actually Centre staff member Shelley Macdonald, it was fitting it should be won by her boss, Centre Coordinator Hanna Maron. His days wouldn't be worth living if he didn't pronounce it scrumptious, and add Superb Pie Maker to her c.v.

Sparling Sporting Goods donated a tennis racquet and Gail Borwick took the opportunity to promote the opening of the store's new location at 457 West 2nd Ave., because it's owned by her partner Ted Parker and because she's worked like a sonofagun to help get the store ready for opening.



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(Barb sent a nice note with her ad. this month: "I was very pleased with the layout of the last ad. and got a lovely job in a gorgeous waterfront condo")

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WENDY'S WINDOW

From the desk of **Wendy Cook**
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We have been so busy selling this month that writing my column completely slipped my mind. That is, until I spotted Beryl slowly scaling our stairs (good impression of a mime scaling Mt. Everest) to search out my contribution.

We have sold all our listings, but by the time this edition comes out we'll have just listed a new two bedroom, three level townhome in a concrete building. Pets are OK but no rentals. It has a lovely roofdeck and view of False Creek from the upper floors. Listed at \$287,000. I also have a line on a one bedroom, second floor with fireplace and large balcony with westerly view, for \$195,000.

I have a couple with two children looking for a three bedroom unit on the ground floor, price around \$300,000. I explained that this type of unit is hard to find but they are not in a hurry. If you have something in this vein and are considering a sale within the next six months, please call me. It usually happens that when we have a ground floor unit for sale, no one wants one. Now that we do want one, there are none about.

When you are looking for a home, you do need to find a realtor who knows the area and has a lot of patience. There is always something for everyone; it is a matter of timing.

If you are planning a move, give yourself at least six months if you are planning a move within False Creek.

We do have what I call "sleeve" listings, owners who will plan a year ahead and ask me to let them know if I come across anyone who may be interested in their unit at a future date. I had one couple on the list for two years. The unit finally came up and they bought it after the first showing. The sellers thought "Oh, that was easy!" However, they did not realize this couple had seen over 50 houses during the past two years - your agent invests a lot of time in finding the right home that fits your need.

If an agent makes the transaction look easy it is a sure sign that she knows what she is doing and has done her homework!

We don't usually tell the horror stories - about the hot water tank giving up the day of the move, or the day the property gets listed (that usually comes out in the write-up as "new" hot water tank). This has happened three times this past year! When your building is about 15 years old, it is time to check the tank. They used to last 30 years but that was not good for the manufacturers. They now last 10 - 20 years depending on the make. When you are buying or selling a home, Murphy's Law - "If something can go wrong it will" - comes in to play. Like the time I had

my first open house at a unit and decided to light the fire. Well, the fireplace hadn't been used since the winter and a bird's nest blocked the chimney. Needless to say the next ad included a comment about the chimney having been cleaned. This also goes for gutters over entry doorways which are clogged. When that downpour occurs during a showing it is not very good to douse the prospective purchasers unless you really want to emphasize the brand "new" dryer just purchased because your old reliable starts smoking when the first prospective purchaser tried it. (You hadn't thought of trying it as in the summer you hang the clothes out on the line.) If you are buying a unit it is always best to have an inspection done on the appliances as a building inspector doesn't always check these.

When readying your unit for sale check all the windows especially those you don't open much. Clean out all the cobwebs and oil them to make sure they don't stick (a red flag to building inspectors about the building settling). In condominiums, it often pays to have your own townhome inspected prior to listing. Often the problems that arise are related to the overall strata maintenance costs and it is much better to have them addressed before you list than have the sale subject to these items being fixed.

These are just a few of the situations we run into. It always pays to list and buy from a local agent who knows the buildings in the area and can help both the vendor and purchaser get the "best for the least". If we can help you or your relatives, please call.

We are still looking for rental suites for both long and short terms. One couple is coming in for the month of December and would like a furnished "executive" suite so if you thought of taking a holiday in December, give us a call. All of our clients are carefully screened for credit and references. If you have friends moving into the area, we do have some False Creek maps available at the office.

We have an office space to rent off Leg-In-Boot Square for \$900 per month gross. Good retail/commercial space available immediately.

If you are down by the office check the window under businesses for sale. We have a ranch in Langley for \$1,800,000 with a six bedroom house, and a winery in the Okanagan, Peachland, - 34 acres for \$1,500,000 with three bedroom house and subdivision potential. Also the latest boat condo with shares in the new Coal Harbour Marina for \$275,000. At the other end of the scale is a 6000 sq. ft. Fung Sui approved home for \$800,000, close to churches and schools.

I can't believe next month is already Hallowe'en!!!

