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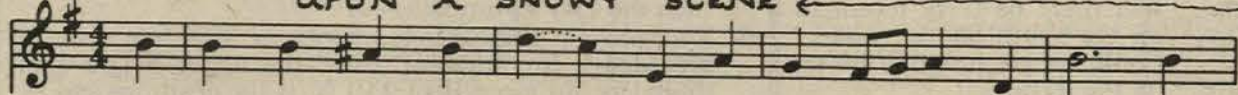
DECEMBER 1983 Vol. 2 No. 11



drawn by Ronan Boyle, one of the Gr. 7 SCHOOL COLUMN team (who'll miss the parade because he's one of those lucky Hawaiian Christmas people)



HERE WE COME A CAROLLING
UPON A SNOWY SCENE



WEDNESDAY DEC. 21 6:45



JOIN THE VANCOUVER YOUTH THEATRE



IN LEG-IN-BOOT SQUARE (LANTERN IN HAND)



TUNE UP, TOGGLE UP, AND

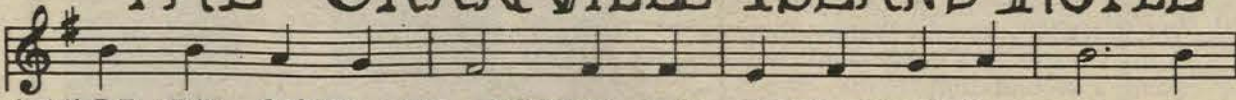
SING ALONG THE SEAWALL



EVERYONE FROM FERRY ROW ONWARDS TAG ALONG
(LANTERNS IN HAND)



TO THE GRANVILLE ISLAND HOTEL



WHERE THE STAFF WILL SOOTHE OUR SORE THROATS
WITH POP AND COFFEE (SPIKES PURCHASEABLE AT THE BISTRO)



MR. PASSCHOLD
PLEASE
ARRANGE!



HOW TO MAKE
A LANTERN!

USE A SMALL
CANDLE

stout string
to carry it

AL!
ARE YOU
GOING TO
BE SANTA?

LIT-UP
BOATS
to accompany
us
PLEASE

BUY LUMBER
to put lighted
trees on their
log booms
PLEASE

Model boats
Owners to have
them lit up
on the pond
as we pass
PLEASE

How did this happen you ask? Ed. chatting with Maureen Savereux (remarkable young woman who took the Vancouver Youth Theatre from initial concept to reality in four short months). "All that energy. Wow! We have a summer tradition. We should have a Christmas tradition. Let's have the V. Y. T. kids lead a CAROL PARADE." Maureen: "GREAT IDEA! They'll do it."

We painted a wonderful picture of this warm neighbourly scene (around braziers someone would create) making Leg-in-Boot Square the picturesque place it could be.

Then someone remembered the Grey Cup Parade Downpour. A practical lady: "We need a warm, dry place to end up in."

Maureen: "The Granville Island Hotel would be nice."

Others: "Wonderful. I've never been there."

Maureen: "This is your chance. We'll ask them. They'd probably love to show a neighbourly gesture."

So we did - and they did. And it's on Dec. 21 because that's when they could give us the nice, dry, warm banquet room.

Their summer time bar patrons and visiting boat people may be a pain, with their raucous music, but the new Manager, Jim Tapson and catering dept's Sandy Prunkl sure are nice people. When we get there (especially if we're damp!) remember to give them THREE CHEERS.

NOW. Perhaps we should have a music teacher/choir leader give the V. Y. T. kids a fast rehearsal to make sure their Performance for the Paying Patrons is Up to Snuff. Said volunteer please phone Beryl Wilson (734-3369) or Maureen Savereux (732-5986). QUICKLY.



See you on the seawall THURSDAY, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. for our very own False Creek Carol Ship Parade.

Merchants around the Creek sponsor it. About 20 boats participate and there are prizes for the three best dressed boats.

He tells us that it all started to entertain children from Sunnyhill Hospital who are tucked into chairs, given a warm waterfront view at the marina, entertained by Santa, magicians and singers, - and fed all sorts of treats, of course.

Granville Island Marina boats also join the Big Parade on Fri/Sat/Sun. Watch for them leaving.



ON THE NORTH SHORE

By BERYL WILSON



To EXPO.
What I want to know is:

After EXPO staff have seen them we'll hold an Information/Display session at the Community Centre, with a model, visual material, and staff with answers.

This preparation will avoid questions being lobbed at the wrong people and concerned residents grumbling "They weren't prepared with answers."

Look for the boxes early January. Ask or suggest anything you like. A few I'll put in:

Who's going to prevent False Creek from becoming a boat parking lot during the Fair? Will there be ferry terminals on the South Shore - where? Could we get monthly passes on the ferries?

Will construction go on 24 hours a day?

What kind of enterprises/services should False Creek people be planning for the swarms of people we'll have over here?

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. Speak now or forever hold your peace.

Action in and across the Creek is increasing.

South Shore dwellers who will have to live with the preparations for and presence of the Fair are probably beginning to have a lot of questions.

EXPO is starting a community liaison programme and because we will be uniquely affected by the impact of the full site they want to talk to us first.

Last week Alison Robinson and I met with JESS KETCHUM, Vice-President of Communications, and MAIRI SHAW, Manager of Community and Volunteer Programmes.

EXPO assumes we have questions and want answers. So first we'll collect the questions.

We'll ask several people-gathering places (our grocery stores and coffee shops, the pub, the cleaner, the Community Centre) to accept Question Boxes. The form will be simple:

B. C. Place - Granville Slopes

The Public Information meeting on Dec. 8 was well attended but a fairly quiet affair with surprisingly few questions.

Perhaps people are relieved they can get Christmas over before going to battle on the Overall Development Plan; perhaps they are stunned by the mass of even the City proposals for the sites.

The Community Association's Brief to the Public Hearing on Dec. 15 includes these points.

- i) Disagreement with B.C. Place's stated aim to produce enough profit from development of the total site to pay for the Stadium and finance other urban development throughout B.C.
- ii) Commends the City and B.C. Place staff for reaching many areas of agreement, particularly with the possibility of a joint planning process.
- iii) Prefers to see 20% nonmarket housing in Granville Slopes, to achieve the mix of people and incomes there should be throughout the development (City and B.C.P. have agreed on 10% on this site).
- iv) Bearing in mind there is presently no residential area in the city at a density of 4.0, this site should be no greater than the City's proposed 4.0.
- v) Recognizing that development on this site will set precedents for adjacent sites, the upper height limit should be no more than 150 ft. (City position) and the building mass should be relieved by interesting silhouettes and skyline. Inner pedestrian street should be subject to high quality design guidelines to avoid forbidding facades and shading of street and private spaces.
- vi) Continuous public walkway throughout the site and connecting to adjacent sites, a narrow wooden walkway if necessary.
- vii) Bus service to loop to within 200 ft. of the ferry stop. Ferry link to Granville Is. should be cheap and frequent (day and night).

Letters to the Editor

(our first fan mail!!)

Dear Madam:

We noticed THE CREEK has grown to a monthly. Congratulations! May you be blessed with faithful advertisers to support it.

We think sponsorship of the newspaper is one of the most valuable contributions the Community Association can make to False Creek.

It is the only effective way of informing residents about issues of concern and interest to them and undoubtedly nurtures the special sense of community that has developed there.

It is useful to deliver copies to the Mayor, Aldermen and Planning Dept. and I am happy to continue this small service to save on your postal budget!

Best Wishes for
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a Monthly New Year.

Cameron Gray
False Creek Development
Group

THE NEW BANNERS

Told Cameron Gray we all like the new Heather Street banners. He beamed - they are his own design.

He tells us that they are winter weight - made of the same material used by Dome on Arctic drilling rigs, and by cross country trucks travelling 80 m.p.h. (made and installed by Ancient Mariner at 2nd/Ontario in case you're needing sturdy banners).

YOU ASKED US.....

To the Moberley Apt. resident who asked if the huge supports marching across the Imperial site mean a complete new Cambie Bridge is imminent, our sources say no.

Even if a new bridge is years away they must go in now whilst Imperial is developing the site.

Not a pretty view, to be sure. Perhaps new residents will plant ivy around them.

LOVING THANKS

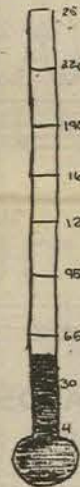
to all the wonderful boat owners who light up for us - especially those outside the Editor's house. MOST ESPECIALLY to Gilles Desjardins whose "QUENCA" moored at the Granville Island Hotel looks like something out of fairyland.

We phoned to tell him so this week and found out it's Gilles and his wife who started serving breakfast to some of our ducks this summer. At first there were five, who soon told their friends. The crowd has grown to 100 and they now come back for dinner too. Gilles says Bunmaster gives him leftovers - 10 bags a week.

Junior Editor: SALIMA ALANI

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

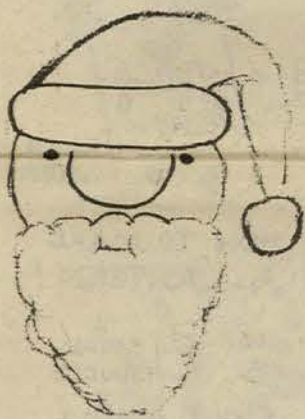
For a week-and-a-half approx. 260 students and teachers have been practicing singing Christmas songs for a big assembly on FRIDAY, DEC. 16th. All parents and residents of False Creek are invited to attend and sing along. The time is 1:00 - 1:45 p.m., and the sing-a-long will be held in the gymnasium.



The students are collecting food cans for the FOOD BANK underneath the Christmas tree located in the school library. A thermometer on the wall near the front entrance indicates how many cans have been collected. Hopefully it will reach the top which will mean that 250 cans have been collected.

Drawn by
Shelina Karim

Gr. 7 Div 1 students thank all those wonderful people who donated baked goods for them to sell at the Craft Fayre. They raised over \$100 and now have almost \$240 in their Ski Trip Fund.



From FRASER CAIN,
Assistant Junior Editor:

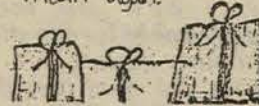
Here are some Gr. 2 Letters to Santa. I think you should print them just the way they are.

Our False Creek Whitecaps team played against the first place team "FREE SPIRIT" and lost only 1 - 0. Tell people they should go to see "SCROOGE" at the Waterfront Theatre. It's great. I'm going a second time.



Dec. 5, 1983, Petra

The mean girl and Christmas. Once there was a very mean girl she hit people and kicked them. But one day her father told her that tomorrow was going to be Christmas. Then she went out side. Then she remembered what her father told her Oh! dear she said I'm not going to get any presents and she was right the next day she didn't get any presents. She never was mean again.



Dec. 5, 1983. Vikas

The story about the good and bad angels. Once upon a time there was a land of angels. Half of them were good and half of them were bad. One of the bad angels was very very very bad but Christmas was coming. The angels were getting ready for Christmas. But when they woke up the bad angels found nothing in there stoking and they cryed till next Christmas.

The End

Dear Santa:

Can you please get me a cheerleader sute and pompoms to go with it but make sure it's a White Cap sute. and can you please get me a monkeynoo to? Can you please get baby skates doll? Christmas is coming and ready or not... sure hope that you'll find you enjoy it a lot. love from Selma. Merry Christmas North Bole.

Merry Christmas from Staff and Students of False Creek School

TALENT NEEDED

Someone who lives on or near Ironwork Passage who can PRINT NICELY - and on last minute when Ed. is doing layout and paste-up.

Equally instant and nearby artist (for drawings) would be a TREASURE.

Susan Baker won't always be able to bail me out at 2 hrs. notice. She lettered the front page.

If you're looking for special and gorgeous cards, decorations and paper, call into PEDIGRUE'S in Leg-in-Boot Square. We discovered from Natallia Kilborn they're actually wholesalers but they sell discontinued items to the passing public.

Phone 874-2919 to make sure they're open. The store certainly makes a colorful addition to the Square.



THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MORE THAN A PRETTY FACE

by Elka C. Baker

There is more to the Community Centre than a pretty facade, a tastefully trendy neon sign, pottery classes, and Christmas parties. The Centre tries to meet the recreational needs of all False Creek residents. To accomplish this rather diverse task, those needs have to be recognized and evaluated before any program can be established.

The Board of Directors establishes policies for the Centre and a cluster of think tanks, or Committees, works along with the Parks Board employed staff members to create an atmosphere that is conducive to learning and teaching, struggling and relaxing, exploring, enjoying, and socializing.

Most False Creek residents may not be aware of the mechanics involved in running the Community Centre's programs, classes, and special events. Hopefully this article and those to follow on a regular basis will familiarize us with the goals and accomplishments of the Centre, the Board, and various committees. It may also encourage more False Creekers to take an active part in the decision making and planning, to improve the Community Centre's usefulness.

The programming Committee consists of volunteer members from the False Creek community and John Nelson, the Programming Director, a full time employee of the Vancouver Parks Board, who acts as the liaison between the residents, the committee, and the Parks Board. The committee meets once a month to discuss new ideas and explore their feasibility. Before a new program is started or an existing one altered, much planning and organizing is necessary to guarantee its smooth and successful running. Committee members welcome input from outsiders, to help define specific needs of groups and individuals. If you, as a False Creek resident have an idea, a need for a special program, or want to see changes in an existing one, feel free to contact any member of the committee, to make your proposal or criticism known - phone Laura Dornan at: 731-9832 or John Nelson at: 688-9478 or attend a committee meeting at the Centre. You do not have to join the

committee or attend meetings regularly to express your opinion or have questions answered.

The next Programming Committee meetings are planned for
January 24th, 1984 at 8:00 pm
February 21st, 8:00 pm
March 20th, 8:00 pm, all at the Community Centre.

One of the many future plans is the increased use of the adventure playground. Among others the soccer team has expressed interest in using the covered space even in cold weather and hopefully will be able to do so in January. Everybody is welcome to help with this chore. Please contact John at the Community Centre to find out the exact work parties dates and do donate some time and elbow grease for a good cause.

Community Centre phone number: 688-9478

Other plans for new or upgraded programs, and improved use of the Centre's facilities are still on the drawing board, i.e. revision of the sailing program, as the present club format does not appear satisfactory; seating in the foyer, so that "dropping in" for a coffee or rest will be possible, even when the lounge is rented out; improved parking conditions, especially when large groups are involved; an exercise room, which should always be available for people not attending classes, etc.

The next article will explain the function of existing committees in more detail, the role of the Board of Directors, plans for new committees, and the need for community involvement.

Until then - if you need a New Year resolution - think about the False Creek Community Centre and your possible involvement. Share your ideas and thoughts with the Centre's staff or committee members. Most of all - have a Christmas that is better and more meaningful than ever and be happy in the New Year.

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Regrettably its' President (alias your editor) finds it more interesting to put the rest of The Creek together than take time to report Association discussion topics. (Another Person is welcome to contribute this column on a reliably regular basis!)

We do use Creek space to report on issues dealt with as they arise.

Recently:

On PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES - asked the City to avoid chopping False Creek in two at Oak Street. The Mayor replied they'd try.

Asked the City to advise us in advance of major happenings in False Creek during the endless years of construction ahead (e.g. log booms appearing off the south shore without warning). The Engineer said he'd try.

Prepared the brief on B. C. Place, Granville SI pes, outlined on page 2.

Asked the Granville Island Hotel to control their noise (keep doors closed; remove outdoor speakers).

Sent letter to Vancouver Foundation supporting the Vancouver Youth Theatre's grant application (and gave V.Y.T. \$500 start-up funds).

It's been a lively week at the Community Centre. On Monday they Decked the Halls; on Tuesday they baked Xmas cookies; on Wednesday there was Walt Disney's favorite, "WINNIE THE POOH"; on Thursday there was Xmas Card Decorating.

The Big Treat is SATURDAY, Dec. 17 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.



As a few people noticed, THE CREEK has gone monthly.

Your Editor should have her head examined. If time permits between issues, she may.

There's never enough space for all we'd like to include; a monthly issue will serve everyone better, including advertisers.

You are wondering about the money?

The False Creek Community Association and the Recreation Association sponsor The Creek to the tune of \$450 per bi-monthly issue. Only a small amount of advertising was needed to balance the production budget.

In going monthly a whole lot more will be needed - \$550 between two issues (though anyone wishing to just throw money into my lap will not be spurned).

Regular space users NOTE: Publication date is 15th of the month. Call Editor to arrange delivery of copy by the FIRST of the month.



She may not have rings on her fingers, but there'll be bells on TOKO's toes when she gussies up in toque and antlers for her annual Christmas Caper to visit Leg-in-Booters, next Monday.

Don't be late from lunch or you'll miss Santa Al Copeland's treats.

At 9 yrs. old TOKO (named after a cross-country ski wax!) can't remember if this is her 4th or 5th year, but her Mum, Judy Hoadley, says she's looking forward to creating chaos when she joins some elderly Valleyview patients on the day they visit a nursery school.

Time didn't permit a year-end report on all the building in progress and completed east of Moberley and west of Anderson.

CREEKVIEW CO-OP expects to start digging on Lot 82 in February.

THE TERRACE, next to that empty lot, is filling up. A few units were sold and Crosby Management started renting the remaining 43 on Oct. 21st. They expect a mere handful to be left by the New Year.



TIME TO RETIRE

as False Creek organizer for Kinsmen's January Mothers' March.

I've handled Cambie to Burrard but it could be divided into four small areas - each Chairman would only need 4/5 canvassers. Not a mammoth job. There have been many wonderfully willing women out there in the four years I've been Chairman. I thank you all and hope some will phone me offering to take over. 734-3369. Beryl Wilson

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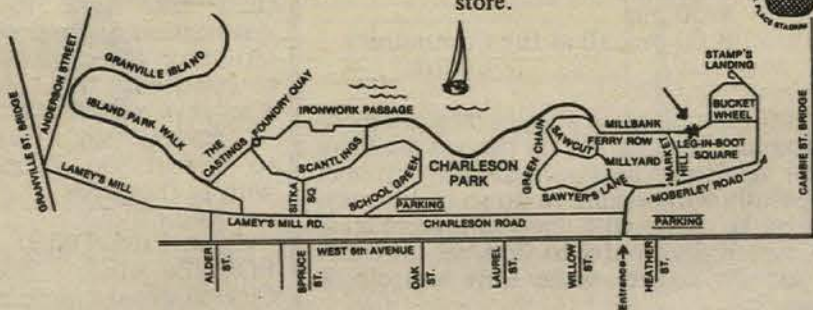
Editor's testimony:
It must be 10 years since I did a yoga class and this body knows it! I groan a lot more. But even a once/weekly good stretching session oils and loosens it wonderfully. It's a small class, so Anne can hop around giving individual attention (no extra charge for the extra torture!)



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Season's Greetings!

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Bill and Doris Chung

who also invite you to ask
for a STADIUM POSTER
the next time you're in the
store.

Good thing we mentioned the Food Club last month. Doris Chung reported many people claimed The Creek article was the first they'd heard about it. (So much for Post Office flyer distribution!). They are repeating the NO-CHARGE MEMBERSHIP offer until DEC. 31st.

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We met two housewives leaving the store, laden. Both said, "I spend a fortune here every month; this is a GREAT deal." 280 members evidently think the same.

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of the Season
from
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Roger Dahlquist



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neighbours!

We wish you peace, health, and a
prosperous New Year, 1984.

A very special thought goes to
all the nice children, senior
citizens and friends from
The Forge Walk Residence.

From the bottom of our hearts

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