

The Creek

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Parking Plebiscite

The promised Parking Plebiscite has been completed.

As always, when given the opportunity vote, a large percentage of the people don't. The majority of those who did voted to **REMOVE the 4a.m. to 6a.m. PARKING PROHIBITION** on Moberley Rd., Sitka Square and Lamey's Mill Rd.

At its Feb. 6 meeting the False Creek Community Association passed a formal motion to ask the City to remove the signs and be more diligent in enforcing the 2-hr. parking between 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thus we hope those who leave cars parked on the street for days at a time, especially disabled cars, will be penalised regularly.

The restriction will remain in force in the vehicle courts in Phase II.

Cameron Gray, the Director of Development for False Creek thinks it may be necessary for Engineering to send the request to Council, in the form of a brief report. The signs should be gone within a month.

We noticed the 4a.m. - 6a.m. restrictive signs have recently gone up on Commodore Rd. We don't know what the rationale was for the action since the City knew we were "taking the pulse" in the rest of False Creek. We heard a Traffic Committee was emerging in Connaught Co-op; it might be a good thing to invite representatives from Discovery Quay and Strathearne Court.

We wish you much energy - you'll need it.

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH

A note from two of our local Heart Ladies.

Will you help us collect for the HEART FUND this month?

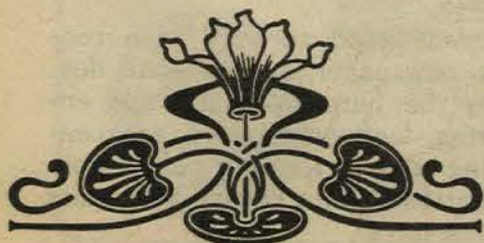
Some won't even have to go out in the rain or snow; you can canvass in your own building.

Please phone: **June Murphy** 732-5836, or **Margaret Drisch** 732-9013

And open your hearts and purse strings when our canvassers call:

FEBRUARY 14 - 26

Thank you.



FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

1318 Cartwright Street
(Granville Island)
Tel. 688-9478

OLD TIME COUNTRY DANCE

SPOT DANCES!



SATURDAY, FEB. 23

7:00 P.M.

PRIZES!

CONTESTS!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

\$3 ADULTS, \$1.50 SENIOR, TEEN or CHILD, \$5 FAMILY



Come and dance Rounds, Reels and Square Dances with friends and neighbours. We'll teach you how. BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME.

Report on Ethiopia

The CONCERT FOR LIFE on Feb.3 was a huge success. The Q.E. Theatre could have used more seats that night.

The assembled talent was impressive even if one rock band drove this chamber-music addicted reporter to seek refuge in the foyer.

Co-producer Randy Ormston said the show raised \$40,000 and had an additional \$5,000 worth of supplies, props, paint and services donated.

Randy said Vancouverites are being very inventive in their fund-raising efforts for the Fund. All sorts of "thons" are happening. There's a Cycl-a-thon from here to Chilliwack and a Lift-a-thon in which some of the town's weight lifters aim to lift a million lbs. of weights - and celebrities. If you want to get involved in the LIFT-OFF FOR ETHIOPA, call Barry Walker at 291-6561 (res.) or 936-1494 (office).

We were sad to hear Steven Deary's Run for Lives at Simon Fraser on Feb.26 had a disappointingly small turn-out after the incredible amount of energy he put into his project. But his two dozen runners and walkers contributed \$1300 that the Fund wouldn't have had without them, and with the Federal Government's matching dollars it will become \$2600.

We heard Mike Carter ran and friends and Stamps Landing cronies supported the effort to the tune of \$700 or so in pledges. Well done you big spenders.

ART AUCTION for the FOOD BANK at Emily Carr College of Art, Granville Island SATURDAY FEB. 23

Art works donated by faculty and students

followed at 8 p.m. by an

ARTS BALL at the COMMODORE BALLROOM 870 Granville St.

Requested attire: Fantastic Costumes or Formal Wear

JUDGES: Art Perry, Vicky Gabereux, Jim Cumming, Max Wyman, Bev Davies, Anna Banana, Laurier LaPiere, Allan Wood, Eric Metcalf, Nancy Warnock

Call the College (687-2345) for Auction times and Ball ticket price

Prizes! PRIZES!! PRIZES!!!

TICKETS at VTC/CBO outlets

KIDS ONLY MARKET

plan to have regular, free events. The Creek will run a regular Kids' Kalendar

SAT. FEB. 23 1.00-4.30 p.m. *STORYTELLING with acting & singing by Nan Gregory & Melanie Ray (The Wife's Tales)*

SAT./SUN. MAR. 2/3 Noon - 5.00 p.m. *MIME by Paul Serret*

MON.-SUN. MAR. 18-24 *A FUN WEEK FOR CARTOON BUFFS Original cartoons and drawings your chance to learn to draw cartoons*

HEART TO HEART

SAVE A FRIEND NIGHT

MONDAY - FEB. 25

8.00 p.m.

at STAMPS LANDING PUB

Heart attacks kill 40% of our community, yet 70% of those can be saved if proper Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation is started within 4 mins.

LEARN HOW and HAVE FUN. Physicians and trainers will be on hand. Information brochures will be available.

LOST - MY GOOD GLASSES

Blue frames, in a blue case. Did I leave them in a local store or business in the last week? If this issue is more unaligned than usual, that's half the reason. Call Squinting Paste-up Lady Beryl 734-3369. Urgently.

The Rooftop Gardener's Notebook

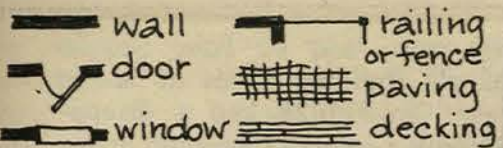
by Susan Baker

February. Time to think about planning the garden. In spite of the chilly white covering which obscures the rubble untidied last October. In spite of the tight buds which were distinctly pink this time last year. This is the year to be prepared and the trick is the PLAN.

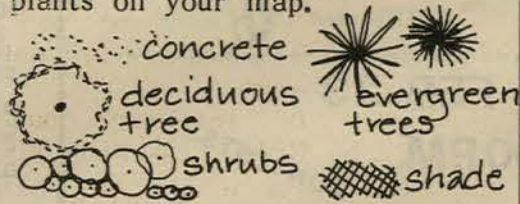
The **Plan:** a map of the terrain complete with things you cannot change (like roof vents with big fat covers).

Find a piece of **gridded paper.** Assign each square a dimension, perhaps 6 inches, so that two squares equal one foot. You can purchase paper with a 1/4 inch grid at any stationer. This paper is very handy for planning exercises inside and out but watch out for Science 8 students who can ferret out gridded paper stashed in the unlikeliest locations then consume vast amounts of it in the plotting of **Dungeons and Dragons Maps,** and occasionally, science homework.

Measure your frontier as best you can. Draw the outline on your gridded paper using a heavy line for solid building walls, no line for doors, a double line for windows and a light single line for fences. Make a legend.



Draw - to scale - the things you cannot change. Make a hatchwork to show the paving or concrete or duckboards. Locate the trees with a circle the size of the trunk, then dot a ring around the trunk to show the canopy of the tree. If the tree is an evergreen, use spokes like a bicycle wheel to show that nothing can be planted underneath it if that is the case. The purpose of this exercise is to graphically illustrate the ground plane of your garden so if the pinetree has branches that start four feet off the ground, you can still plant below those branches and draw the location of those plants on your map.



You now have a **Birds' Eye View** on paper. The outline of the paths and paving should be drawn leaving the planting areas as blank areas which you will then fill with little circles which represent the plants.

The remaining consideration is the **orientation of the garden:** the path of the sun and the degree of shadiness. Observe the space. Does it have areas of total or partial shade? Make a note of these to remind yourself that when you plan for those dark spots, you chose **shade-tolerant** plants.

Now, when you shop for a plant, you will know what size of plant you can ultimately manage in any location in your garden. Remember that the dwarf **Rhododendron Impeditum** in the 4 inch pot may grow to be 3 feet wide in ten years with all the care you are going to shower upon it. **Day Lilies** will consume that much space in half that time. **Bamboo** will fill the whole bed and come up through the patio pavers if you get the wrong species! Look closely at the labels and note the size. This should mean in ten years of growth. When in doubt ask the staffperson.

Plant Placement

You can crowd your plants for the first few years in a patio garden but eventually they will overwhelm one another and will need to be moved apart. I suggest placing the plants as far apart as the eventual size merits then **interplant** around them with groundcovers and non-invasive perennials. Since these shrubs are the foundation of your composition, you can think of interplanting as seasonal changes and use spring bulbs and summer annuals, winter pansies and snow drops, occasionally dramatised with a skiff of snow.

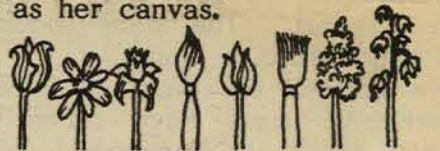
If your garden is a **container garden,** the foundation plants are those larger character plants which, as a factor of their size and weight, are

placed carefully - once. The interplanting is the same: bulbs and annuals, heather and perennials as desired. The advantage of potted plants is that one can move them to the foreground or background depending on their seasonal virtues.

What kind of plants to select? Think about **Texture.** Large leaves may overpower your small space instead of creating the exotic effect you intended.

Look for the **seasons** you experience in your garden. Is it a year 'round view or 5 months in the summer? A rooftop summer garden may have containers filled with bedding plants for a splash of colour but a balcony needs something interesting to look upon throughout the year.

Colour strategies are a matter of personal taste but some are tastier than others. Half-blind **Gertrude-Jekyll** designed colour schemes for gardens using an Impressionist palate. The theory is that she saw those colours through a myopic haze which lacked contrast and detail. She planted teardrop shaped drifts of one kind of plant paying careful attention to the colour relationships just as if she were painting, with the garden as her canvas.



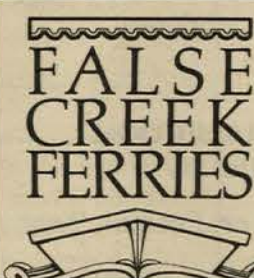
THE KINSMEN MOTHERS' MARCH

We hope people rally round as well for HEART FOUNDATION this month as they did for KINSMEN'S MOTHER MARCH. We had THIRTYEIGHT (yes, 38) people canvassing in False Creek. Telephone recruiters outdid themselves in Heather neighbourhood; Rose Inglis could have used more at the Mariner Point end where she and Ann Sprogis laboured alone and raised \$220.

Alice Cameron's forces in Alder Bay collected \$472 and Alice thanks Diane Aho, Lesley Cruickshank, Margaret Halliday, Margaret Montgomery, Peggy Gordon, Eileen Stewart and Alf Strand.

Susan Sloan captained Spruce Neighbourhood where she and Betti Thompson, Margaret Young, Margaret Arksey, Pauline Kowbell, Carol Nash, Sue Casey, Oksana Mazur, Kirsten Emmott, Jane Poole and Beryl Wilson raised \$401.

From Heather Neighbourhood-Imperial Site our champion senior Joyce Clough and her army produced a record \$1451. Joyce thanks Patricia Nesbitt (she and Joyce are due for Kinsmen Long Service Awards), Diana Herbst, Lisa and Crisa Levitt,




FALSE CREEK FERRIES

684-7781

WINTER SCHEDULE

GRANVILLE ISLAND - AQUATIC CENTRE	CONTINUOUS DAILY 8 - 6
MARITIME MUSEUM GRANVILLE ISLAND AQUATIC CENTRE	SAT & SUN 10 AM - 5 PM EVERY 20 MINUTES

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Susan Baker 731-1371

(KIN cont.)

Carolyn Fleming, Mrs. Fred Daniels, Frances Kohn, Gillian Parker, Izzat Kara, Susan Kohn, Julie Shatski, Kay Malley, Vivian Cron, Gilliam Cortesa, Carol Richardson, Phyllis Norris, Lilian Nakashima, Tania Batten and Abdulai Mawji.

The Creek acknowledges you all and your splendid total of **\$2545.**

It was good to read in a recent newspaper article that despite the hardship many are enduring, collectively we are reaching down for our charitable donations in record amounts these days.



THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WORKSHOPS IN THE NEXT MONTH

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Handwriting Analysis (Feb.20)
Calligraphy (Feb.27)
Property Rights in Separation and Divorce (Mar.6) Childcare available.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS:
Dance to the Sound of the Big Bands (Feb.17)
Indoor Plant Gardens (Feb.24)
Entertaining the Chinese Way (Mar.3)
It's Your Money (Mar.3) **FREE** Tarot-Meditation (Mar.10)
Strong Kids/Safe Kids (Mar.17) **FREE**

Session 6, **SENSITIVE TOUCH**, last of the **ON BEING HUMAN** series is on Feb.24 - pre-registration required.

FOR CHILDREN:
Start Small, Think Big - on banking. **FREE** (Sun. Feb.17)
Magic Makers, with ALI-OOPS the magician (Sun. Mar.10)
Candle Making in Clay Moulds (Sun. Mar.24).

MARCH MINI-PROGRAMMES

JOY OF CHINESE COOKING Tues. Mar.5-26 7.15-9.15 p.m.
\$40/4 sessions

We're especially glad to have our own Doris, of Dorill Market, and her sister Iris, teaching these sessions.

FOR 6 to 10 YEAR OLDS

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS Sats. 1.00-2.00 p.m. Starts Mar.2.
\$10/5 weeks (False Creek School).

Our new gymnastics instructor, Sue Hagan will introduce you to this new gymnastics form.

COOKING UP A STORM Thurs. Feb.21-Mar.21 3.30-4.30 p.m.
\$13/5 weeks

Learn about various ingredients in a meal. The last class will be a complete dinner.

FOR 2 to 4 YEAR OLDS, with PARENTS

ROLL and TUMBLE Sat. Mar.2-30 11.15-12.15p.m. \$8/5 wks.
A drop-in gym programme at False Creek School.

REGISTER for all programmes and workshops at the Community Centre. For more information, call 688-9478

1st Anniversary

The aerobic studio's floor is carpeted for extra comfort and the weight room's 70 pieces of equipment, both free weights and exercise machines (designed by internationally known Dr. Dan Howard) are versatile enough to accommodate anyone from a 90 lb. secretary to a professional body builder. You'll appreciate the individual they give. Stop by to say Happy Birthday and try them out.

SENIORS' SCENE

by Marjorie LeGresley

As we go to press, the big news item is the **COUNTRY DANCE** on **Sat. Feb. 23.**

As the Seniors are sponsoring this event, we hope that all members, their families and friends will support what promises to be a great evening, and hopefully an annual event.

Local merchants have generously donated many valuable and varied prizes and there will be contests, door prizes, spot prizes - and various dances of course. Tickets are now on sale at the Centre.

First event for next month is our **POT LUCK SUPPER** on **Sat. March 1st** 6.30 to 11 p.m. In addition to all your tasty dishes we will enjoy a movie show.

Jean is receiving names for the **RENO** trip with Silver Wings from March 14 to 17. Details and cost are posted up in the lobby - sign up soon.

Our meeting on Feb. 6 was well attended by 30 faithful souls who braved the snowy conditions. It was a happy occasion to share a Valentine birthday cake with six members whose birthdays fell between December and February.

Members were reminded of the **Fitness Class** on **Wed.**

mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. - talk to those already enrolled in this class, who all agree it is a great way to get in shape and enjoy exercising at our own pace.

Starting **Wed. Feb. 20** Jean has arranged for Country Dancing instruction classes, at the request of many of you. Come and join the fun from 1.30-3.30. Drop-in charge of \$1.25 a session.

Our revised membership list shows a total of 116 of whom about 40 are active bowlers. We welcome new members who have joined us recently and invite them to participate in all our activities.

We shall be sending three of our top bowlers to compete in the Douglas Park Pairs Tournament on **Feb. 25** - go and give them your support. False Creek bowlers will be host to the Area Play-Offs on **Thurs. Mar. 7** - a good chance to compete against other groups.

Remember that Jean always welcomes your suggestions for future outings, especially now that we are thinking **SPRING** and **SUMMER.**

Support her with your ideas.. See you all on **Feb. 23.**

The Burrard Health Unit is offering a **free** workshop on **"WELLNESS"**

with Dr. Nancy Nelson as facilitator

The purpose of this introductory workshop is to help individuals become aware of the factors that influence their well being. It will include a brainstorming session designed to let interested sponsoring groups know what seniors want. Anyone over the age of 55 who is interested in staying well and active is invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 10 a.m.-3.30 p.m. Bring a lunch Beverage provided
KITSILANO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

For more information and to register call the Burrard Health Unit, Volunteer Services **736-9844**

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4:30 S & F	4:30 M.W/O	4:30 S & F	4:30 W/O	4:30 W/O	4:00 S & F	
5:30 W/O	5:30 W/O	5:30 W/O	5:30	5:30 W/O		
6:30 W/O	6:30 S & F	6:30 W/O	7:00 S.W/O			

W/O - WORKOUT S & F - STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY (NO AEROBIC CONTENT)
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879-7855

The Financial Column

Managing Your Money

by Harry Mardon, Manager of Corporate Communications for The Investors' Group
the Winnipeg-based financial planning services company

It's no easy task to choose the Registered Retirement Savings Plan best suited to your needs.

There are so many different types to choose from and such a wide range of issuers, including banks, trust companies, investment (mutual) funds, credit unions and life insurance companies.

Your first step should be to decide what type of RRSP you want. If you are unsure seek the advice of a trustworthy financial planner. There is no point in asking a clerk at a counter in a financial institution for advice; the clerk probably knows less about RRSPs than you do.

What you should look for is an RRSP which will help you to reach your financial goals. Keep in mind that although buying an RRSP provides an immediate tax advantage, by sheltering some of your income from taxation, the main purpose of owning a plan is to provide you with additional retirement income. Therefore the plan you choose must be suited to your age bracket.

For example, if you are only five years away from retirement you will want to buy an RRSP to provide guaranteed results. Your money is locked

in the plan for a set period of time at a fixed rate of interest.

On the other hand, if you are 10 or 15 years from retirement, you should consider an RRSP offered by an investment (mutual) fund. They offer two main types:

- Income fund, where your RRSP money is invested in a portfolio of mortgages or a selection of government and/or corporate bonds. The value of your investment will fluctuate over the years but over a long term the results should be good.

- Equity fund, in which your RRSP money is invested in a fixed portfolio of common stocks and preferred shares of publicly owned companies. Results will vary great, in line with what happens to the general performance of the stock markets. But in the long term this type of investment can be a profitable one.

Of course, the closer you are to retirement the less risk you want your RRSP funds to be exposed to. For this reason it is wise to deal with an RRSP issuer who can offer a range of plans, so that you can switch

your money from a vulnerable to a protected position at the right time.

Another approach to consider is diversifying your RRSP investments into two or three basic types of plans. Have some of your money in a guaranteed plan, some in an equity-based fund and some invested in bonds or mortgages. That form of diversification would limit your risk exposure.

There is one other type of government approved RRSP. It's called a self-directed, or self-administered RRSP in which the owner makes his/her own investment decisions.

This type is definitely unsuitable for unsophisticated investors. The person operating a self-directed plan has to abide by strict government rules concerning what is a qualified investment. Having such a plan can be both time-consuming and costly, especially if the owner frequently changes the investment mix of the RRSP.

Even if you think you are smarter than the experts and decide to have a self-directed RRSP, you must still use the services of a company to act as trustee of the plan. A stock brokerage firm or a trust company will charge a fee for its services to owners of a self-directed RRSP.

False Creek's resident INVESTORS' Representative is FRAN GOLDBERG, M.A., Q.F.P.

She can help you chart a workable, realistic path toward financial independence in the convenience and privacy of your home or office.

The personal financial review, which is confidential and without obligation, is certain to provide tax savings tips and new financial planning directions.

If you want to ease the tax bite, establish long term financial goals and retire in comfort while still enjoying life right now, then contact her at 682-5431 or 734-0342.

Interest on Canada Savings Bonds

by Barbara Smith

If you are one of the millions of Canadians who invest in Canada Savings Bonds you are undoubtedly aware interest earned on your loan to the government is taxable.

There are several methods of reporting this income on your tax return. The easiest method is to declare the interest as it reaches your bank account. For regular interest bondholders this simply means reporting the amount shown on the T5 slip which arrives in the mail.

Compound bonds do not pay interest annually. Due to a change in the income tax laws the option to either report the interest yearly, or wait until the bond is cashed and the interest actually received, is now only available for bonds issued prior to 1982. Interest on compound bonds issued in 1982 and subsequently must either be reported annually or every three years.

Therefore, if you purchased Series 37 in 1982, the interest earned to Dec. 31, 1985 must be declared, at the very latest, on your 1985 tax return.

Once you settle on a method of reporting compound bond interest you are stuck with it for the remainder of the time you hold that bond. However, if you want to change from the cash to the accrual (earned rather than received) method of reporting interest on older bonds, you may. But in the year of change all income from the date of issue to the current year must be included.

Often it is beneficial to report income each year, even though no cash reaches your hands. Interest on Canada Savings Bonds qualifies for the deduction which allows each person to receive, annually, \$1000 of certain interest income tax free. If you wait three years to report the income it

could exceed \$1000 and you may pay tax unnecessarily.

Another possibility consider is that a portion of the interest may qualify as a capital gain. These favoured capital gains are only one half taxable. For instance, a \$100 capital gain represents taxable income of only \$50. Certainly an advantage. There are two cases where this can occur. One is cash bonuses paid on old bonds issued prior to 1977. The second is any interest received over and above the original stated rate for those bonds issued from 1977 to 1980. If you purchased bonds in any of these years, possible capital gains treatment should be reviewed.

Most financial institutions selling Canada Savings Bonds

will have schedules available to assist in determining the interest you should report on the particular series of bonds you hold.

The bonds are a satisfactory savings mechanism. They can be cashed readily, earn relatively high interest rates and, of course, are guaranteed by the government.

If you purchased bonds over the years, take a few minutes to examine them. With the exception of Series 28, which matures in Nov. 1985, series prior to 31 have all matured. This means that even if you have not redeemed the bonds they have stopped earning interest. There is no point in giving the government free use of your money - cash them in.

Barbara Smith is a Chartered Accountant who lives in Spruce Harbour Marina. Next month she will deal with Marital Tax Matters. If you have any questions Barbara's Tel. No. is 731-3849.

Clarence Darrow...

at the QUEEN ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE until March 16

Lawyer, writer, orator and champion of the underdog, Clarence Seward Darrow became legendary for espousing idealistic causes in a very materialistic America.

The Vancouver Playhouse programme notes say "Darrow's real love was oration. He loved turning an audience to his way of thinking."

A role made WILLIAM HUTT, who was, for me, in a word, superb. But such is my idolatry for this leading Canadian actor I would pay to hear him read the telephone book.

It's a tour de force, not least because it's a one-man show. There may be those who say "too many words." There are a lot, and many of them learned. But if you enjoy watching Excellence, don't miss it.

Have you remembered DORILL'S GROCERY are now open on Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RIVIERA PAT has a new menu out now which includes a Taco Pizza. You'll get a Western Lottery ticket with each pizza.

Somebody said recently Pat's Pizza was the best she'd tasted.



Your Editor is a person of great integrity. She does not make up these fan letters.

Dear Beryl: Please find enclosed \$12 for a subscription to The Creek. You needn't mail my copy; it's already delivered to my door.

I just want to support your dandy little paper. I would have missed the Christmas cruise and carol singing with its articles.

Thank you.
Elaine Sleath
Millbank.

Ed. note to PIP NORRIS who also lives in Heather Point:

You should met Elaine; she's an interesting lady AND in our brief encounter said she might, one day, write that natural history column you suggested a few months ago!



Dear Beryl:

I've received such a good response to my ad and your write-up. Several ladies came in to say "We read about you in The Creek and decided we had to come and try one of your pavlovas."

What is even nicer is the number who actually take the time to phone the next day to say how much they enjoyed them. I loved one description: "Like biting into a cloud."

Keep up the good work on your fine paper.

OLGA DODD
Olga's Pavlovas

P.S. As people are starting to drop in for coffee and dessert I'm starting to make meringue and fresh fruit desserts too.

Dear Beryl:

I would not hesitate to recommend False Creek Dry Cleaners to anyone, from my personal experience.

Not only do they provide good service but they are also extremely honest people. They returned a very substantial sum of money left in the pocket of pants taken to them for cleaning and repair. Not only that, the amount they returned was considerably more than we thought it was.

I wish them well in promoting business.

Sally Lawrence,
Ironwork Passage

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Ed.note.

How nice this note should arrive for this issue in which Parin and Pyara are celebrating their first anniversary at Leg-in-Boot Sq. - and how surprised they'll be to read it.



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EXPIRY DATE MAR. 15



We are celebrating our **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** at False Creek Cleaners. Like all the merchants around the Square, we enjoy being part of this special community; it really is a pleasure to be at work every day, dealing with such friendly people.

People obviously look forward to our specials and we will continue to offer them.

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Your Mid-West Reporters

January 9, 1985

We've been here one month and two days; it seems like six months. I love it here, mostly because of the people. Everyone is courteous, interested, knowledgeable, dependable.

Buying and settling into our house demonstrates these attitudes. The vendors allowed us to move in the day before our furniture arrived, Dec. 15, although the papers were not being signed until Dec. 31st and the mortgage had not yet been approved.

We wanted walls painted and carpets cleaned before moving in. The painter I found promised it would be done in one day and it was. He arrived with a helper and we agreed on a price. Then he suggested the storage cupboard and upstairs ceiling should also be painted. I asked the extra cost; he replied "no charge ma'am."

The next day the carpet cleaner arrived at the agreed time and the job was done to perfection.

The following day the movers arrived at the time promised and worked without a break until they were finished, smiling and pleasant every step of the way.

When the woodman delivered a cord his 8 and 10 year olds sons unloaded the whole truck. Dad offered to take over whilst they had a rest but the boys replied "No Dad, we started it; we'll finish it."

The signing of the house papers was an event I'll never forget. We arrived at the Dane County Title Office at 12 noon on Dec. 31st and were represented by an official of the Title Office. At a round table sat the listing agent, selling agent, vendor, his lawyer, and the mortgage company representative. Everyone was introduced and shook hands before the papers were brought out. They were explained in detail; statements to both parties revealed the amount of commission. When everyone was satisfied the papers were signed, handshakes, congratulations and good wishes were exchanged and it was all done in an hour.

The neighbours came to say "hello" the day we moved in, one bringing a huge tray of baking.

We had four from Brian's office to dinner last night. Margie asked me to join in a baby shower for the Manager's wife, so of course I said

"Great, we can have it at our house." But guess what? In Madison the men are invited too. Brian is tickled pink; he's always been curious about them. Won't he be disappointed!

I'm busy! (So what else is new, you ask?) I've signed up for Calligraphy I and Interior Design I at the local college and if my "Alien" application is accepted I shall enroll in a History or English course at U. of W. I'm playing bridge once a week and, if you can believe this, I was invited into a sewing circle and thoroughly enjoyed the first monthly meeting last week!

Madison (student population 45,000) is a bicycle city with bike lanes and routes everywhere. A new 100 mile bike route from Dodgeville to Milwaukee will be completed by spring '86.

Brian and I have bought cross country ski equipment. On Sunday morning, in the beautiful state park (perfect snow conditions, temp. 30°F) the park attendant came along in his pick-up to say "Howdy folks" (he really did!) and when we asked where all the people were on such a gorgeous day he re-

plied "Oh there'll be lots here in a couple of hours, after church and dinner are done."

Even the newspaper is fun to read: lots of human interest stories - one about a 400 year old oak tree last night; no tales of union strife. We haven't yet found an abrasive talk show; the host of the only open line show I've heard is soft spoken and polite.

And so it goes in the mid-west; like going back to a nicer time. Do all these things add up to explain why Wisconsinians live longer than any other Americans?

We have been hearing about Vancouver's cold winter - and INCHES of snow in False Creek, while we basked in the best winter Madison has had since '71.

We were happy to hear Mike and Jill Parker had a baby girl. Has anyone offered to do the East End column yet so that other Creekers hear these nice snippets?

Thanks for keeping your promise to send us THE CREEK - we devour every word.

The Shankeys



Centennial

There were mostly different people at the three Centennial brainstorming meetings at the Community Centre in January, as the word spread.

The Centre has agreed to continue providing meeting space once a month and for a while the round meeting table will serve to be the one central place for people to deposit ideas, report their plans and, when appropriate, co-ordinate activities.

- The Emily Carr College of Art is planning several events including a multicultural children's art exhibit.
- Circle Craft are considering a Canadian-Japanese festival of crafts in June '86.
- Gloria Onley of Granville Island Graphics is interested in concentrating on exhibiting Granville Island printmakers during '86.
- Sheila Gow of Granville Island Hotel suggested colourful banners on roofs, to be visible from the bridge.
- John McBride of Isadora's proposed making Building 91, the covered space in front of Isadora's, into a proper community barbecue pit.
- Daphne Burke thought we should have flares along the seawall as that enterprising chap did across the Creek a year or so ago.
- One Island merchant's suggestion for a really good information/location map for the Island was enthusiastically endorsed.
- So was the idea of attaching plaques to Granville Island Buildings identifying their previous uses.
- A special Birthday Party of people 86 years old in '86 is a natural.
- June 13 was the date of the 1886 fire which levelled the infant Vancouver. Recalling the spectacular sawmill fire in False Creek, which must have precipitated thoughts on redevelopment of the Creek, tying this in somehow might be colourful - a floating bonfire perhaps?
- Our July 1st party might include a False Creek Trivia contest.

- A historic walking tour of the south shore and the island is another natural. Tied in with this a model of the south shore, the way it was, would be fascinating, for current Creekers, Vancouverites and tourists. Perhaps it could be on display in Leg-in-Boot Sq. or under the roof of Bldg.91 It would be a lot of work, but a great challenge and probably fun to work on.

The Creek/Slopes/Island area must have more creative, imaginative people per square mile than any comparable square mile for many a league. Stand up, get excited and involved, some of you.

NEXT MEETING of the Centennial Planning Group
WED. FEB. 27 6 - 8 p.m.
 at the Community Centre

Anyone is welcome.

OLD TIMERS WANTED

The Vancouver Historical Society, as part of its oral history project, is anxious to talk with people who can reminisce about Fairview Slopes and False Creek of earlier years. If you know anyone, please call **Elizabeth Walker at 261-5383**

SNAPPERS A SUCCESS

Your Humble Servant and Yetta Lees (Pedigree Presents) got royal treatment at SNAPPERS (previously Trestle this week so I'm joining the restaurant reviewer fraternity.

As Yetta observes my sharing rules for dining out we each tasted two dishes. And what taste!

With a name like Snappers obviously the emphasis is on seafood and there are many reasonably priced dishes. I made a good choice. In the Mixed Grill chicken, prawns and lamb are nicely barbecued and served with a piquant Dijon mustard sauce. Yetta had Veal Scallopini (served appetisingly in small round balls) and Scallops in Black Bean Sauce. Both dishes included succulent, fat french fries and crisp julienne veggies and snow peas. Chef Daniel's carefully colour co-ordinated plates are a picture.

The menu says "save room for Danie desserts. We didn't, but ate them anyway - a light Kiwi/Almond Torte for Yetta and for me Daniel's award-winning Chocolate Cake for which the only adjective is WICKED.

The services is probably normally good but we got a lot of extra attention, which we loved.

Even with hundreds of restaurants to try, I'll happily return to Snappers if anyone's asking me. Add it to the RECOMMENDED list.

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LIVE FROM STAMPS

by TOBY

How she was missed we'll never understand. In our last column we praised the staff of Stamps minus the Marvellous Martine. How, indeed, can anyone not notice the Fabulous Forcier, c'est pas possible mais c'est passe. Excusez moi Martine.

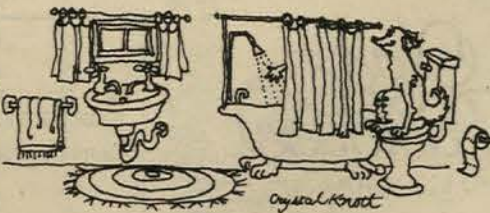
And so into '85 on a serious environmental note. If, dear reader, you should one night see someone leaving Stamps staggering from side to side along the seawall, cursing as he goes, do not be deceived into thinking it is any reflection on the amount imbibed. No dear reader, you will be watching the daily hazard of walking home in False Creek trying to dodge the ever increasing amount of canine excrement that is everywhere.

Having no understanding of the human mind that would entrap that once noble animal in the confines of a city, it is hard to know how to direct one's appeal for the consideration of we mere humans and our children. Should we assume there

is no hope and simply point out that tolerance has its limits, as has been tragically illustrated on the New York subway recently. Or should we hope that deep down there is a dormant sense of responsibility which, when awakened, will acknowledge that it is almost two hundred years since civilised man eliminated open sewers running down the middle of the streets?

Is it naive to assume that in the year following the long awaited 1984, respect out of consideration rather than fear is still the essential quality that elevates civilised man above other living creatures? Or have we all gone to the dogs?

Cheers



What a torrent of talent from Connaught Co-op neighbours Toby's musings have uncorked.

ODE TO FALSE CREEK

by Arvida Maki

As meekly as the snow subsides
The warmth reveals what winter hides.
Spring's mild manner doth unearth
A plethora of doggy dirt.

For strollers-by must train their eye
Not on the mountains, sea or sky,
But on the ground, lest they should tread
Upon the smelly stuff we dread.

And mothers often have been heard
Dispensing wisdom with the words,
"Look out, there's another hunk of poo!
Don't step in it whatever you do."

However, should one chance to fly
Beyond one's physicality,
A walk on the seawall will help to regain
One's tie's with one's earthly origin.

Sweet signs of animal nature aside,
Our environment is something in which we take pride.
To forfeit our rights to the right of the turd
Is not only distasteful, it's plainly absurd.



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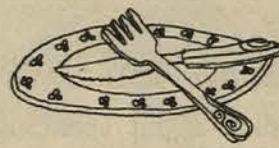
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The Fast Fork

by Cyril Belshaw

We all know how fast many restaurants change in this city. Hence I thought it might be neighbourly to let False Creekers know about a few of the changes I have observed since completing the text for my Complete Good Dining Guide to Greater Vancouver Restaurants.

Alas, not all the news is good. Two of my Thirteen Favourite Restaurants have closed and are in the process of changing hands. Dietmar's LA CUISINE at 819 Pacific in Umberto's Village is now called **THE RESTAURANT AT 819**.

You may have sampled the high quality and remarkably inexpensive food of the original **THE CHEF AND THE CARPENTER** (now itself changed hands). The Restaurant at 819 comes from the same stable and I can thoroughly recommend both food and prices.

CRESTA on South Granville is no more, being re-arranged, so I'm told by the owner of **Fellini's**, the light food cafe in the University district.

Many will be sad at the passing of **THE CONTENTED SOLE'S** menu. It has completely changed its style, is now **FOSTER'S**, a "California Bistro". At 2183 W. 4th it now serves a type of cuisine I have dubbed "ethnic conglomerate" because it Americanizes (with some success and imagination) the better known and lighter food from a variety of origins. The style is represented in False Creek by **Emilio's** and **Isadora's**, and is invading the city just as the pizza fashion has done, and now the pasta fashion. Foster's does it well, avoids some of the cliches, but just the same is now but one of many. (Tel. 738-2556).

Speaking of pizza, I assume most False Creekers know by now of the three Neapolitan brick ovens built by Joe Milano and Antonio Calguiri. They themselves operate the best, which is at the Portobello, 1835 W. 4th (Tel. 734-9697). With a flare worthy of a Japanese sushi master they produce a Neapolitan pizza called calzone, which is a whole wheat crust turned over the fillings; and you are served freshly baked-before-your-eyes pizza loaves. Delicious, if the filling is right -- and their other food is good too.

But my discovery of the month is at the **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COFFEE BAR**, a meeting place for Italian and Portuguese (and other.....) families and young people. It is on a spur of Commercial, at 3473, to the right of the junction of Commercial & Victoria (Tel. 875-6021). The special is a form of turned over pizza called panzarotti which has the lightest, crispest wholewheat crust imaginable and is utterly sinful when filled with your choice of warm ingredients.

The Bar also serves one of the best lasagna's you could possibly ask for, flavourful and moist; and its antipasto is a selection of prepared meats plus olives and cheese, each itself a taste sensation. Across the street and up a few doors is a bakery which supplies pies to restaurants, which you can get too (there is a Senior Citizens' discount).

There are two new informal places nearby which you may have seen advertised. They need support and could develop in interesting ways. One is **EMILY KATO'S** at 2281 West Broadway (Tel. 734-7820). The name was chosen by the owner, a young economics graduate from Tokyo and Toronto who worked for a while in a French restaurant in Richmond. Some of you may recall the same place when it was first a vegetarian restaurant, then moved into simple homely French cooking, and more recently into continental and Czechoslovakian food. The new management combines Western (Emily) and Japanese (Kato) and caters to North American taste by heaping the plate. The cooking I give one star in my new 4-star system, but the staff get top marks for a pleasant, helpful style and earnest trying.



Another that needs a different kind of encouragement is **HI SNEAKERS**, which looks from the outside like a modern European bar at 2611 W. Broadway (Tel. 734-7460). It is in fact very comfortable and bright for casual supping. Just across from Ron Zalko and Sportif the decor emphasises skis and wind-surfing, and the menu has just moved to a late breakfast (from 10 a.m.) to soup, sandwiches and light food.

The main interest is that the owner, who used to work for Il Palazzo and operated Caseate on Denman Street, can provide, so far as I know, the only genuinely Israeli Middle Eastern food in Vancouver. Don't be confused - it is not kosher (one of the best dishes is pork) and despite some similarities (houmos, baklava) it is neither Greek nor Lebanese. Israeli food, when properly prepared, contains magnificent taste combinations, and I am especially fond of its occasional use of fresh fruit in roasting and stews. The proprietor cannot go that far; he is discouraged by lack of demand and obviously can't afford to have money losers on his menu. He has already removed most of the Israeli dishes from the menu but maybe you can still find one to try - you will not be disappointed and encouragement might lead to better fare.



Alex McGillivray of **The Sun** was generous to me the other day, giving me the award of his Fast Fork for 1984. So I decided to do him honour, as a friendly amateur, by incorporating my new title into the title for this column. Thanks, McGillivray.....

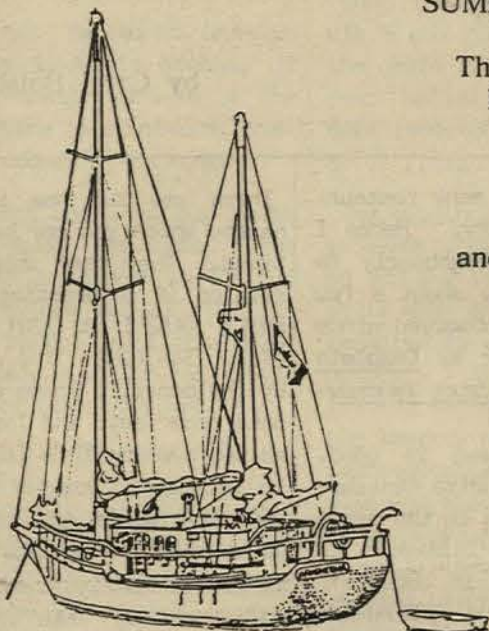


P.S. If you have any comments about my reviews, do please write to me at P.O. Box 167, 810 West Broadway, V5Z 4G9, or c/o THE CREEK.

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HAROLD HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

He says Arizona is bearable in July, with a few side trips. He'd prefer AUGUST/SEPTEMBER in Vancouver.
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