

'Serving False Creek, Fairview Slopes and Granville Island'



Merry Christmas

CAROL SINGING
DEC. 18

THURS. DEC. 18TH
 7 O'CLOCK

CANNON BLAST BY
The
GREAT WEST CANNON CO.
 7-8 P.M. STAMPS' DECK

CAROLING STARTS AT
 7PM LEG-IN-BOOT
 SQUARE.

DON'T PANIC. You haven't missed it. If you saw illuminated boats cruising the Creek last week, it wasn't us. Ours all happens on **THURSDAY** Come one, come all. (carol sheets provided).

Sorry Roger O., no-one volunteered to provide a microphone and paraphernalia so our trusty choir leaders, **CARDEW & HUTTON** will wet their vocal chords at Stamps and head to the square as soon as **Roger Dahlquist, Carl Benson, Sylvia Ray** and the rest of the Great West Cannon Company's crew have fired the cannon to signal the boats off.

Be Prompt

The community singing dwindles away when Messrs. Cardew & Hutton grow hoarse, which they predictably do after an hour. If you dawdle along at 7.45 you'll miss most of it—unless you bring another loud voiced leader to carry on.

Emilia Wayman thought the best carol sing was the first year when we straggled along the seawall, carrying lanterns, every group singing a different carol.

There's nothing to stop you singing along the seawall as you wend your way squarewards. **JUST DO IT.**

For those who like to keep score this is the **FOURTH ANNUAL**.

Thanks

To **Landlord John** at **STAMPS LANDING PUB** who is again providing hot toddy to throat sore singers. Providing hot chocolate for the kids has become a hassle. The essence of this event is its simplicity and hassle-free-ness, so we've given up on the chocolate—bring a thermos.)

Thanks too

To the nice ladies at Edith Adams Cottage who parted with a great pile of carol sheets to **Richard Thaddeus** who was given the task of acquiring them and came up trumps, bless him. And thanks to **THE PROVINCE** for producing them, even if they didn't do it especially for us.

This superb drawing is by **Arie DeLange**, Creative Director with **Equity Communications** (who are tucked away above Dorill's in the Square). Hereby hangs a tale. Spotting the drawing in John Phillipson's pub office the ever-sleuthing Editor shrieked "Perfect for the front page of the Christmas Edition". Back to borrow it last week John said "You must meet the artist" and promptly dragged handsome Arie over.

"What a great drawing" said Arie, "who did it?" "You did" John replied. "No, it's not mine. I wish it was. I don't do that sort of thing."

We scribbled away at alterations and additions. "But we can't alter it without the artist's permission."

Stumped Editor. How to find this elusive genius? Arie ordered another pint, studied it more, and slowly it came back to him. "O-o-o-oh now I remember. Yes it's mine. I was just doodling." (Imagine what he can do when he's serious.)

The next thing the poor chap knew we'd talked him into fixing it up for the front page. **THANKS ARIE.**

The **FALSE CREEK CAROL CRUISE** people have had a great response to their solicitations for goodies **TO AUCTION** (proceeds to a Christmas charity). Join them at **THE HOLIDAY INN** on Broadway at 9.30 p.m. after our singing. **AND TAKE MONEY.**

There's still time to contribute.

The Rooftop Gardener's Notebook

by Susan Baker

Feel that bite in the air! It brings out the "reader" in me; legs tucked under the Afghan (rug), lights on at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and endless pots of tea.

I read with interest, some boggle in a west end weekly about the annual persecution of the tenant who desires a live Christmas tree in his or her apartment with the solemn decree that (fresh) cut trees are not to be allowed. The building manager had attested to the wisdom of the Fire Department which holds that **CUT CHRISTMAS TREES** present a hazard.

Fortunately, the reporter (a fancier of real trees or merely of essential freedoms), called up the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** in order to get the picture clearly. Boggle, said the fire department spokesman, not a problem for us and we never said it was.

HOW TO SELECT AND LOOK AFTER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

"A Christmas tree can be an artistically shaped, dried up twig secured with rocks in a nice pot and trimmed with a small string of twinkle lights and five red bows, or it can be the same twinkle lights arranged on the *Ficus benjamina*, or it can be a traditional

evergreen gathered from a corner lot the weekend before Christmas.

You can choose a 'cut' tree or a 'live' rooted tree in a container. Cut trees are almost as expensive as live ones but there are some good reasons for choosing a cut tree: the open branching pattern of the natural fir tree is well suited to dangling ornaments and shimmering tinsel and the fragrance of a fresh cut fir is very evocative of the season. You may find a larger tree for your money if you have a high ceiling in your living room. Even the uneven branching pattern of a natural tree may work to your advantage if the 'flat' side fits nearer the wall!

POINT: CUT TREES ARE GROWN FOR SALE. They are not noble Douglas Firs slated for timber in 40 years. The family that cuts a tree from the forest is more likely to be killing a tree with a future than an experienced logger who knows a badly sited volunteer (a naturally seeded tree) when he sees one.

Look for moisture in the tree. If the needles drop like hailstones when you brush the branches, the tree is too desiccated already. Look for supple

leaves (needles) that resist pulling off.

Is the colour a fresh shiny green?

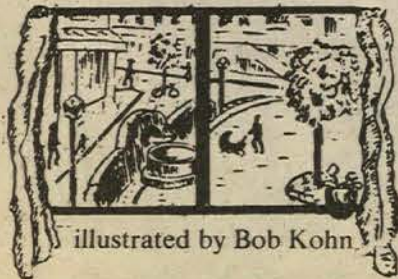
Stand the tree up and estimate the droop of the branches when they relax in a day or so.

Remember Charley Brown's Christmas Tree? Every healthy tree deserves a home.

When you get the tree home:

- 1) saw off the end of the trunk to get a fresh endcut.
- 2) stand the tree in a bucket of **hot water with 2 cups of sugar**, leave overnight (or use the recipe below).
- 3) place the tree in a **stand that holds water**. Use a bucket and fix the trunk with stones if you don't have a proper stand. **Water daily**.
- 4) locate the tree away from heat sources."

Excerpted from December 1984 column.



illustrated by Bob Kohn

WINDOW ON THE SQUARE



by Frances Kohn

EXPO is now but a dream, yet it's only a couple of months since the bubble burst. Like some ghost town, the desolate buildings await their fate. Gradually, they become more skeleton-like as cranes move in to do their job. After sundown, it grows ever darker over there, too, as one by one the lights burn out, never to be replaced. What a shock to see that landmark Swiss watch, near the north end of Cambie Bridge, now bereft of its moving parts. No longer can the passer-by count on it to check his own timepiece.

All is not lost over there at the site, however. You can still catch some entertainment at the B.C. Complex. If those monumental line-ups thwarted your visit to the theatres, now is the time to go. Just walk right through that wide open Stadium Gate—funny feeling that, no ticket to buy, no pass to show. The free shows at the "Discovery" and "Challenge" theatres run every half hour from 10 a.m. to late afternoon or evening. Until December 23, the doors are open to 8 p.m. The film "Our British Columbia" will terminate on Dec. 31; but "Discovery", the one where that charming young miss flies us on a voyage of discovery throughout B.C. will be showing until March 31.

OUR WILDLIFE

Small flocks of our familiar bay ducks, the Barrow's Goldeneye, once more come to Heather Bay. These diving ducks are also called "whistlers" because of the music their wings make as they take off from the water. How handsome they are in their black and white plumage with the distinctive white crescent in front of the eye and that characteristic

ripple of white along the black wings. A close relative of the Barrow's, the perky little Bufflehead, also called the Butter-ball, visits us singly or in loose flocks. This agile and cheerful pint-sized black and white duck sails about like a trim yacht and proves to be an expert fish hunter. The Barrow's Goldeneye, on the other hand, dives for crabs and shellfish.



A few weeks ago, noting the lack of ducks around, someone said to me: "Where did all the sea birds go?"

That prompted a visit to our local South Granville Library. One of the bird books I brought home, "Shorebirds and Predators" was just the thing as it was written by a Vancouver author, John E. Rodgers. So, where were those ducks? According to the author the Barrow's Goldeneye breeds at lakes in the Cariboo and Okanagan; the Bufflehead, throughout the B.C. interior from north to south at suitable lakes and ponds. Both of these species nest in tree holes. So, that's where they were, but now we welcome them home for the winter in the sheltered waters of False Creek.

ON THE SQUARE

Many people, on business or otherwise, enter Leg-in-Boot Square quite confidently, looking for some place or another. All too often they become totally confused and don't know which way to turn. Who comes to their rescue? More often than not it's **Herb Schaub**, our intrepid Man-About-The-Square who keeps everything ship shape. He hurries over with a friendly smile, and with

a cheery word or two soon has them pointed in the right direction before carrying on with his work. Thanks, Herb, and keep up the good work.

Today as I sat by The Window typing these bits and pieces, I spied a bright yellow inflatable dinghy cruising into Heather Bay. The "skipper", smartly uniformed in dark blue with a white sailor-type hat, carefully manoeuvred his craft as he searched the shoreline. The binoculars picked up the words "Tidy Tug". Smaller print revealed the sponsor of this tidier upper—"MacDonalds". Interesting.

At sunrise, lately, looking west beyond the bridges, breathtaking views greet the eye as the rosy sun bathes the newly snow-covered mountains in a warm glow. Talk about lovely scenes, until just recently, the ground cover on Heather Point had turned a fiery red. Closer inspection showed the beautiful colour came not from berries as suspected by from tiny scarlet leaves.

The other day a helicopter buzzed over the creek with a Christmas tree swinging below. It aimed for the B.C. Complex, and sure enough the tree now stands near the Stadium Gate, all lit up to welcome everyone this festive season. Here on The Square, too, Christmas lights are appearing around windows and balconies and on trees. The boats in Heather Marina are also looking beautiful with strings of lights outlining masts and riggings. We look forward eagerly to the gala parade of Carol Ships in False Creek. Let's hope we see it all this year. Remember last year when the ships played a dazzling game of peek-a-boo with us through the shifting fog? Here's to happy holidays.

CULTIVATED LIVE TREES

I'm not big on live trees. People buy them to save money next year or because they want a fat tree or a dwarf tree.

I have found that the **blue spruce** is as fat a tree as anyone ever wanted, followed by a pine tree. The spruce is rare and pricey but if you want to win the designer tree competition, this is the ticket. These are "fat" cut trees incidentally, and I should clarify the point that there are cultivated trees grown to be tight and fat, then trimmed to a perfect shape. Treat them like any cut tree but be prepared to spend more money.

The **dwarf Alberta spruce** is a tight little conical tree that grows very slowly and therefore has a reasonable chance of extended life as a Christmas Tree. None of the other live trees will remain small, all will become forest giants in your patio garden. None will be welcome in the neighbourhood in 10 years.

Live trees are not house plants. Keep them in the house for up to 10 days maximum before putting them outside and keep the room as cool as possible, cooler at night. Otherwise, no tree next year.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE PLANT CARE

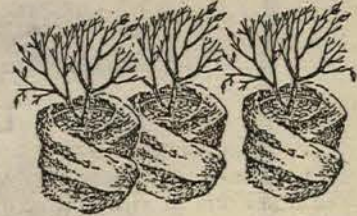
A couple of things to remember, Azaleas like to be moist, while Poinsettias prefer to be dry. Water the poinsettia only when the soil is dry to the touch.

Keep all plants out of direct sunlight in a cool, draft free environment. Leaving a light on all the time will prolong the blooming period of both plants well into January.

Here is the recipe for

CHRISTMAS TREE PRESERVER:

1 gal. HOT WATER
2 cups CORN SYRUP
4 Tbsp. IRON CHELATES (Garden shop)
2 tsp. LIQUID BLEACH
Soak tree overnight, keep moist.



Merriest Christmas to all.

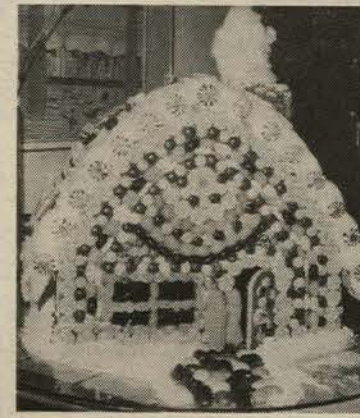
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CRUISE



bute something. Call **Jack Wolokoff** at 731-1858 or **Reid McBurney** at 732-5411.

By the way, haven't our marina people outdone themselves this year? You look magnificent you lot. Thanks from us shoredwellers for risking life and limb to pleasure us.



How did you react to that letter in the Courier describing us as "an austere, faceless, sterile community where the ordinary citizen doesn't venture, nor usually wants to..." Should we tell its writer 400 people with faces and lusty voices showed up to sing carols in the square last year—and invite him/her to join us?

(I know why you all refused to have your lights on during this Centennial Year as The Creek exhorted you to do, in vain. Mine are all burned out and it's costing a fortune to replace them.)

Big thanks to **BRIDGE'S RESTAURANT** for donating a big gingerbread house (on display at Bridges) for our elementary school kids to raffle (25¢/ticket).

For each book of tickets the youngsters sell they can put their names in a draw to win a smaller gingerbread house.

The proceeds will be used to finance inviting cultural groups to visit the school and to help send three groups to Evans Lake for an outdoor week in February.



Dean and his staff at
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would like to extend

SEASON'S GREETINGS
and wish all their patrons a
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&
Prosperous New Year

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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SENIORS SCENE

by Sharon McNaughton

By way of paying tribute to Sharon for the fine job she's done producing a lively column this year in this, her last one, we are letting Sharon have the American spelling of **program** she's wanted all year and which the British Editor has religiously Anglicised. Thanks Sharon.

We've reordered our new flash t-shirts so now have a fresh supply of short sleeved t-shirts, long sleeved sweats and crinkle cotton tops—all printed with the False Creek Community Centre logo in red, green and yellow on a white background. The design is hot, the look is awesome and they'd make great Christmas gifts.

And speaking of Christmas, **MONDAY** night, **Dec. 22**, we're serving up mulled wine and other treats in the lounge for our carol-singing-and-tree-trimming party. Everyone's invited so please join in. A donation to the **FOOD BANK** would be welcomed.

School break programs for children are all listed in our Christmas brochure (copies at the Centre) and include things like a ski day at Hollyburn, a splash down at the Maple Ridge leisure pool (it has its own slide and waterfall) and a kids' video camp for the aspiring Spielbergs in our midst.

Our overnight **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FOR CHILDREN**, ages 7 to 11, is shaping up to be a memorable event, complete with music, party favours and a countdown. It's a real bargain for \$10 per child from 7 p.m. Dec. 31 to 8 a.m. Jan. 1.

Our 1987 fitness programs get underway Jan. 5

Unlimited admission to all sessions (come 7 days a week if you like) for just \$22 for 1-month, \$54 for 3-months and \$90 for 6-months. Buy a 6-month package and you're getting everything for only \$15 a month. This includes water-fit, stretch and strength and all our regular aerobics from mild to intense. All the centre's fitness staff are qualified instructors who use only low impact techniques. Individual class drop-in carries on at \$3 a

session. (Class schedule over Christmas holiday is printed in the Christmas brochure.)

1987 WINTER BROCHURES out last week in December

Winter program brochures are at the printers and will be delivered to your home between Christmas and New Year's. You should have them in plenty of time for the start of registration on Jan. 5.

Nancy Reynolds and the Program Committee have been hard at work organizing a lot of interesting new activities for 1987. Variety for all ages and interests, including **Jazz Dancing** and **Sports Camps** for teens and pre-teens, and for adults there's a range of programs from **Night Club Dancing** to **Introductory Aikido**. There's an **Adult Beginner Bridge Class** for those who prefer the cerebral to the visceral.

And for those who'd just like to mellow out on some fine wine and table talk we're offering an evening of **tasting and talking** about some of the **world's great wines** on **WED. JAN. 21**, from 7.00-10.00 p.m. Noted wine educator Ted Appelby is organizing this evening with the emphasis on enjoyment as well as the learning experience. Light food will be served to accompany a selection of 10 fine wines from some of the great wine producing regions of the world. \$22.

Our **JAN. 31 CLEARANCE AUCTION** should be a good chance for you to make a little money and clear our some things you no longer need. Bring your sale items to the centre the week before. Toys, furniture, recreational equipment, clothing and household items are just some of the things we'll be auctioning off in what we hope to make an annual event.

SPEND 4 SUNDAYS IN MOUNT SEYMOUR PARK WHILE YOU LEARN DOWNHILL SKIING

The first session of our four lesson package of Sunday ski

lessons on Mount Seymour gets underway Jan. 18th. For \$99 you get four lessons, transportation and a full day's lift ticket with each lesson. If you need to rent equipment then the package price is \$116. This program is sponsored by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and includes lessons for novices, intermediates, and recreational racers. It's for adults as well as children. There's no age restriction for adults but children must be 10 year and over and accompanied by an adult if they are between 10-12 years old. These lessons carry on in February for another four sessions in case you are a quick learner and want to graduate to a higher level for the second session.

COASTAL NAVIGATION AND OTHER SAILING PROGRAMS COMING UP

Doug Foulds, formerly with Seawing Sailing School, will be teaching coastal navigation and other sailing programs as we start to expand our lessons from dinghy sailing to larger (and let's face it, more comfortable) keel boats. We plan to offer a full range of CYA certified sailing programs for all levels.

Some of our keen sailors would like to organize some slide shows of sailing voyages, either offshore to distant lands or around our own coast. If anyone's going to Oz for the America's Cup races please keep us in mind for a slide presentation. Please call the centre if you can help us out

In closing, I'd like to wish all of you, on behalf of all the staff and board of the community centre, a wonderful Christmas and a New Year of peace and happiness. This month's column is my swan song for this space, and starting in January 1987 we'll have something new.

by Marge LeGresley

We were happy to welcome four new members at our December meeting and we extend a warm invitation to all of you who have taken out "seniors" memberships at the Centre but who have not yet participated in our club activities—please come out to meet us in the New Year.

The Craft Fayre in November was a great success and our tea-room was as popular as ever—thanks to Rose and her many willing helpers and those who donated the plentiful baked goods. We were even recognised by the West-End photographer!

photo by Ed. Olson



Lt. to rt. Jean Becker, Betty Ibbetson, Rose Inglis, Ann McArthur, Mary White, Dorothy Knoll, Clara Wilson, Betty Carson, Ethel Brown, Eunice Perron, Marge LeGresley

This is a very busy time for all of us and many of you will have already enjoyed the Mystery bus tour and the Christmas luncheon on the 15th. This week also we shall be sharing the Lights Tour on Wednesday and then the Carol Ships will be sailing the Creek—how fortunate we are to have this spectacular show so near to home. The Xmas program at the Centre is full of exciting events which are outlined elsewhere in this edition.

Plans are already going ahead for our New Year's party and tickets are now available at the Centre. The cost of \$5 will include light refreshments and drinks will be available. All seniors with their friends and family members are welcome, but we must ask you to buy your tickets **not later than Dec. 20th** so that we know how many to cater for.

I hope some of you were watching the most successful Lions' Club Telethon recently,

particularly when Ken Oakley led his wheelchair dancers in a wonderful demonstration. We have been fortunate in having Ken's expert instruction for our own Square Dance group and we are hoping for more support to justify another session next spring.

To those of you who are going away over the holidays—safe travelling and happy landings and to all my readers a very happy and bright Christmas with good health and much happiness in 1987.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Jean for her untiring efforts on our behalf—her energy and patience over and above the call of "duty" are qualities we should all appreciate. At our first meeting on Weds., Jan. 7, 1987, Jean will outline the events she has lined up for next year. Be sure to attend—bring a friend and plenty of ideas!

BYLINES

As we had a problem with missing and relocated Bylines a month or two ago, **Karen Shuster** wondered what happened to hers?

She was the author of the fine letters nominating the

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR published last month.

Sorry, Karen.

And to the people who said "You should have run pictures of them." You're right. So we are.



SUSAN BAKER,
1985 VOLUNTEER



ARLENE MORGAN,
1986 VOLUNTEER

MELANIE RAY and **NAN GREGORY** the **Wives' Tales Story Tellers** tell stories to adults and children.

Story telling has always been an important part of the mid-winter celebration. It offers a unique opportunity to share in the winter festival of other cultures.

This year Melanie and Nan will tell five new stories from around the world; one from Vancouver. The stories and songs are recommended for ages 10 and up.

ISADORA'S offers the story times **FREE** in the spirit of the season as their thanks to the community that has kept them busy all year long.

ISADORA'S

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Stories of Mid-Winter

Dec. 22 and 23
4 p.m. — 5:30

with

Wives' Tales Storytellers

Thank you for making Isadora's
a busy place all year long.

SEASONS GREETINGS

1540 Old Bridge St. Granville Island

Season's Greetings From The Editor's Desk



Thanks

First to The Creek's faithful carriers who get exercise but not much fun. The next time you see them, thank them too.

- Creek Village—
- The HUTTONS (though we doubt that it's Bullus!)
- Heather Point—
- The ELDERS
- False Creek Co-op, East—
- JUDY PARIN
- False Creek Co-op, West—
- The HEALDS
- Marine Mews—
- DAVID OSBORNE
- Spruce Village—
- BOBBY MACKIN
- Netherlands—
- The THADDEUS'
- Alder Bay Co-op
- KAREN SHUSTER
- To CHERYL READ & KEN CAPON
- For the huge Alder-Hemlock and Mariner Point Territory
- To PHYLLIS NORRIS for the Cambie-Willow section of Fairview Slopes.

We're cooking up a plan for you to have some reward before you get to heaven.

MORE THANKS

To the regular columnists and periodic contributors, without whom you'd have seven pages of only my style, too much of a good thing. True, they have fun, and their names in print—but it's work (and no pay).

With the coming of chilly weather and heat on in the kitchen when I'm working on The Creek, Gentian returns to assist by sitting in the filing tray. And if the newly typed copy is removed to another tray, he sighs, rises and follows it.

BIRTH

Congratulations to **John McBride** and **Valerie Embrey** on the recent new arrival at their house—Andre Nicholas, 8 lb. 7 oz. on Nov. 26, reported to be "a wonderful, calm, happy baby." But he feeds every 2 hrs. during the night. No wonder John's on paternity leave from Isadora's this month.

DEATH

With sadness we heard that **DOROTHY ROMALIS**, who lived in Clarke Manor from False Creek's early days, suffered a heart attack and died on the weekend of Nov. 22. Dorothy was an occasional contributor to The Creek and had a nice touch of humour.

NEW HERE

JIM COLEMAN and his wife have moved into Discovery Quay. A Sports Columnist - the only one to be entered in the Hall of Fame, Jim had his novel *Hoofprint on my Heart* described by the Sun's Jim Taylor as "the finest sports book ever written."

How did we know about the Colemans within two days of their arrival? Well it looks as though The Creek has a Roving Reporter in the person of **Bob Holden**, The Creek Handyman. Bob was installing some shelving for the Colemans and, chatting away in his friendly manner, suddenly thought "Here's an item for The Creek" - and promptly phoned. Keep it up Bob.



Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

from
Heidi Giffin at

Just Sweaters

665 LEG IN BOOT SQUARE

VANCOUVER BROADWAY LIONS CLUB

whose territory includes False Creek and Fairview Slopes, was three years old on Dec. 10 and now has 32 members.

They participate in Sea Festival and P.N.E. parades, have regular Casino nights and other fundraising events, held a Food Bank drive at 4th/Vine Safeway last weekend, and invite families, Sunny Hill Hospital and Easter Seal House children to Christmas Parties.

This year's fund-raising **NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE** is at the **Ming Court Hotel**. Tickets \$38/each (free babysitting). Enquiries to: **434-9212**. Proceeds go to Mount Saint Joseph's Hospital.

Potential members can call President Douglas Cosier at 879-3282

Merry Christmas to all our friends in "The Creek"



Elizabeth and Wallace Caird



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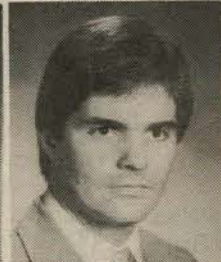
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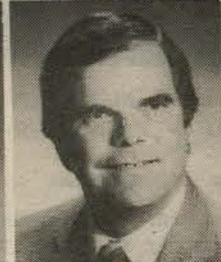
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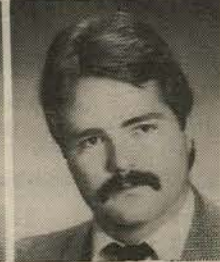
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Bill and Alice Triumph

MORE SPORTING HONOURS FOR FALSE CREEK

Be polite to young **Bill** Chung and fiancée **Alice** Chang when you're in the **Dorill** store.

At the **SECOND INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Tianjin, China, last month, out of 260 competitors tiny Alice had the **SECOND HIGHEST SCORE**.

She's been practising the martial arts for 12 years; Bill's only been at it for 8 years—he took **FIFTH PLACE**.

(Did he have to take it up in self defence when they started dating?)



"I can't do this kick properly, my pants are too tight."

This year they entered six of the ten North American competitions held each year.

When the individuals' scores were tallied Alice took **first** place and Bill took **fifth** place in the weapons' category. Naturally, when Canada was invited to send a team to China, our unsung local champs were on it.

There were 10-member teams from 26 countries. China ranked first, but our Bill and Alice made sure Canada took **second** place. U.S.A. trailed 3rd; Japan-4th, Great Britain-5th.

And that's not all. Canada brought home 13 medals—Bill and Alice have **SEVEN** between them.

"We did alright" said Bill, never once pausing in his shelf-stocking all the time we talked.

Bill and Alice have both taught martial arts to children (7 yrs. is the best age to start) at the South Slopes Y.M.C.A.—30 kids, three times a week. They think False Creek kids would be interested and hope to organise classes here.

In case you've forgotten who the other local heroes were: the False Creek Team winners of the first **Vancouver Dragon Boat Races**, held here in the Creek this summer.

(Yes, we know what you remember is the wretched thump-thump of the early-morning drumming during weeks of fanatical practice).

It was said the first thing the False Creek team did in January, after forming, was get their passports.

And off they went to Hong Kong for the finals and came home **SECOND PLACE WINNERS** out of what somebody said were "zillions" of teams.

STILL URGENTLY NEEDED

Female to accompany 11 yr. old with cerebral palsy to Charleson Park between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m. Any day convenient to volunteer. No physical assistance required. Please call **VAL UPTON**, Health Dept. volunteer coordinator at 736-9844.



Happy Holidays

We extend our sincere best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

A heartfelt 'thank you' to our clients, neighbours and friends for your continued support throughout the year.

**Merry Christmas
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Veselé Vánoce	(Czech)	Štastný Nový Rok
Prettige Kerstdagen	(Dutch)	Gelukkig Nieuwjaar
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remind you not to drink & drive this Holiday Season.

LIVE FROM STAMPS

Well folks, de Tobe has been goofing off a bit lately and not getting a Stamps column into False Creek's very own organ, the noble CREEK.

However Toby was warmly gratified by the ultimatum of his chums to produce a piece by year's end or face being tossed out of his favourite watering hole; so touched in fact that a sentimental tear sprang to his gnarled old eye.

So what did happen in 1986? EXPO of course, but this column is about the real world. **Landlord John** graciously returning a regal wave to Princess Di from the poop deck of the pub's new patio. Toby personally thanking Jimmy Pattison for thoughtfully arranging the little boats to ferry Stamps patrons across to the site, so we could get some mileage out of our season passes. Swarms of wonderful international visitors of course, but not quite enough to squash the regulars out as we had feared. In fact it was quite a disappointment to get our pub back in October.

SPORTS

There was lots of it. **Stamps Cardinals** placed third in the league, MVP **Jim Sweeney**. International soccer came to Stamps when **Harold Bombard's Bombers** flew in from Dusseldorf and we met them with flags, Scottish pipers, and **Big Bill McGrogan**. Stamps' A-team lent **Randy, Woody, Doc**, etc. to win the day.

Brian Green ran away with the **PENDELAKON 10 K**, with barely any coaching from partner **Mike Horyza**.

Tennis Tourney 86 starred **Dave Goulding** and **Dorothy Amor**, and everybody starred at the annual golf spree at U.B.C.

The more sedentary **Knights of Monday** rounded out the sporting year with NFL on TV.

POPULAR WIN

An empty car drove up, **Bill Irwin** got out and announced his \$10,000 scratch-and-win on the eve of his vacation to Hawaii.

RETURNERS TO THE PUB

People came and went. We got **Wolfgang** back from Fort Erie, **Keith McCulloch** from Kamloops, **Paul Bassey** from Nigeria and **Trev Beasley** from Hawaii.

DEPARTURES

For those that didn't notice, popular socialite **Dave Ratner** sailed away to Fiji, leaving scarcely a damp eye in the place. **Maori Mike** went fishing up the coast. **Silver Fox Man** lost his beloved Ben.

NEW ARRIVALS

We gained Vancouver's best bartender when **Bill Pickering** came along, accompanied by the lovely and talented **Jessica, Mary, Karen, and Sam**.

NEWER ARRIVALS

Babies were born to **Landlord John, Specs McLaughlin, Phil Dwyer** and **George Gourlay**, with the aid of their respective ladies, of course.

INNOVATIONS THIS YEAR

Ski trips to Whistler, sailing races, pub tours, Sunday drinking, raft trip, Seahawk trip and the Bel-Airs R & B Band.

WHO SAID ROMANCE WAS DEAD?

When **Kiwi Johnny Morris** decided to propose to the beautiful **Mary** last Valentines, he hit upon the innovative and uncharacteristically romantic idea of freezing the expensive ring he had bought her in a cube of ice and slipping it into her cocktail.

He worried about how he would get a nice, clear cube to accomplish the feat and finally, aided by a small group of well-wishing conspirators, dropped it into the intake chute of Stamps' heavy duty ice-making machine.

After a half-hour of watching hundreds of cubes munching out, the gang panicked, the machine was unplugged and everyone in the bar spent the afternoon picking through dozens of buckets of ice cubes. Happy ending: the machine was dismantled, the ring found and the couple spliced.

Only in Stamps eh?

Well, that about wraps it up, chums. Don't forget the big **CAROL SING** next week, and I'll see you in the New Year.

A man has to believe in something, and I do believe I'll have another beer.

Pip-Pip. Toby

Ed. note:

Toby's quite splendid; pity he's mostly reluctant and unreliable.

Keep up the pressure chums.

FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

for the year ended September 30 1986

	12 months
INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$ 5,939
Interest Income	370
EXPENDITURES	
Grants	
The Creek Newspaper	3,350
July 1st Celebration	131
Total:	3,481
ADMINISTRATION	
Postage & photocopies	267
Bank charges	16
Stationery & other	57
Meeting room rental	98
Audit	225
Total	663
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,144
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$ 2,165

FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1987 BUDGET

INCOME	
Membership Dues (\$5/unit)	\$ 6,060
Bank Interest	240
Total:	\$ 6,300
EXPENDITURES	
Audit	\$ 225
Secretarial Expenses	375
Meeting Room Rental	100
Grants	
Creek Newspaper	\$ 3,600
July 1st Celebration	1,000
Other Grants	900
Miscellaneous	100
Total:	\$ 6,300
EXPENDITURES (Ongoing Surplus)	
*Centennial Gift (Fountain)	\$ 5,350
Basketball Hoops for School Playground	1,500
Total:	\$ 6,850

*(More about this in the next issue.)

THE CREEK wants to acknowledge, with appreciation, the continuing support of the Community Association.

Although the \$300/month contribution is less than 1/4 of the monthly cost of running the paper it has significance far beyond the percentage.

It is the expression of the community's support.

Though we must say this with proper modesty, it is remarkable that such a small, geographically defined neighbourhood on the fringe of the

city core should have its own small newspaper.

As you see advertisers want to reach the unique and concentrated mixture of people who make up the Creek/Slopes population. But the paper has to exist in the first place for them to use it—and it is that basic Community Association support that ensures your beloved paper's continued existence.

Thanks from all of us at The Creek.



SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FINALLY FINISHED

Dave Osborne and School Principal **David Deane** will tell you it's been a years-long struggle to achieve the redesign of School Green.

The objective was to have School Green rebuilt to appear to be primarily a playground. Vehicle access to be for emergency services **only** so that while it must function as a street that is secondary to its function as the school's hard surface play area.

It wasn't easy obtaining Engineering Dept.'s agreement to the concept but they've done a fine job of it. It's very obvi-

ously a playground and the scores of basketballing kids out there every day attest to it. Look at it this way Engineering, you've given the kids something else to do at recess than fight each other!

Now if we can just get the Parks Board to rejuvenate the battered playground in the first year of the four-year Capital Plan, rather than the last, we'll be doubly thankful.

(Some nudging phone calls to the Parks Board from interested citizens won't do any harm.)

The Creek has been remiss in not including reports of F.C.C.A. monthly meetings for quite a long time, and will mend its ways.

At the **Annual General Meeting** on Dec. 3 the following officers were elected:

President:
David Osborne (Marine Mews)
Vice-President:
Keith Freer (666 Leg-in-Boot)
Secretary:
Catherine Gourley (Market Hill/Millbank)
Treasurer:
Karen Shuster (Alder Bay Coop)

Some Recent Items:

It took countless tedious hours and months to get City Council to agree to relocate the stairbridge on Lamey's Mill Road from the proposed site next to New Look Interiors to further down the road. It takes a lot of work and persistence to make a difference.

Earlier in the year there were reports a group wished to add marine facilities in Alder Bay (no doubt EXPO related).

MOTION: That the FCAA rejects any expansion of any of the existing marinas on the south shore of False Creek.

NOV. Cameron Gray, Director of Development for False Creek, was asked to request the City to replace the inadequate directional signs at Sitka Sq. and Heather entrance by new ones—updated, vandal-proof and aesthetic.

MOTION: That FCAA ask Engineering to remove the parking restrictions at the Moberley parking lot and reinstate those existing prior to EXPO, i.e. **FREE:** 1 p.m.-1 a.m.
FEE: 1 a.m.-1 p.m.

City Council turned down an application for permanent parking on the waterside of the Imperial Ventures site but requested discussion toward a solution to the district's ongoing problem of parking.

The Nov. minutes also noted B.C.Place's Murray McKinnon having said there are plans for MacDonald's Floating Restaurant (forever to be known round these parts as **McBARGE**) to be relocated under the Cambie St. Bridge, at a slip cut out of the decking. MacDonald's must deal with the city for site approval.

Quite a lot of time was spent considering a Centennial Gift to ourselves. More about that in the new year



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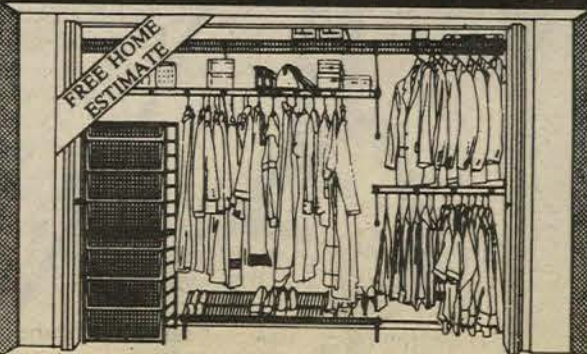
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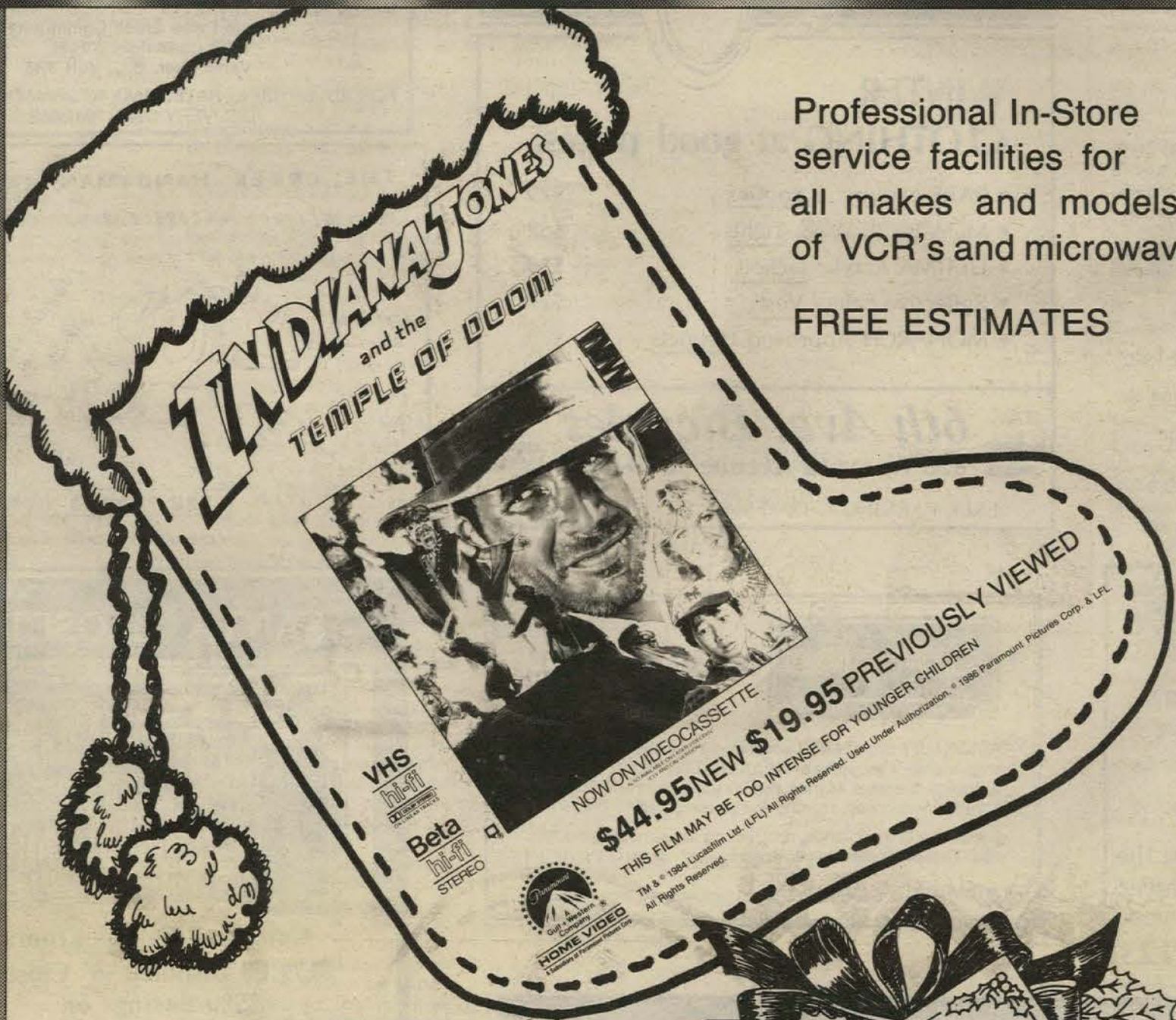
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