



**THE LITTLE
BLUE FERRIES
RUN DAILY
RAIN OR SHINE
604-684-7781**

**GRANVILLE ISLAND
To AQUATIC CENTRE
Every 5 mins. 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**AQUATIC CENTRE
To MARITIME MUSEUM
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Every 15 min.
WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS ONLY**

**GRANVILLE ISLAND
To SCIENCE WORLD
9:55a.m. - 5:25 p.m. Every 30 min.
WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS ONLY**

The Creek

Serving False Creek, Fairview Slopes and Granville Island

Vol. 21 No. 1

January, 2002

False Creek Apartment Rentals

www.rentvancouver.com

**FALSE CREEK
TRAVEL**

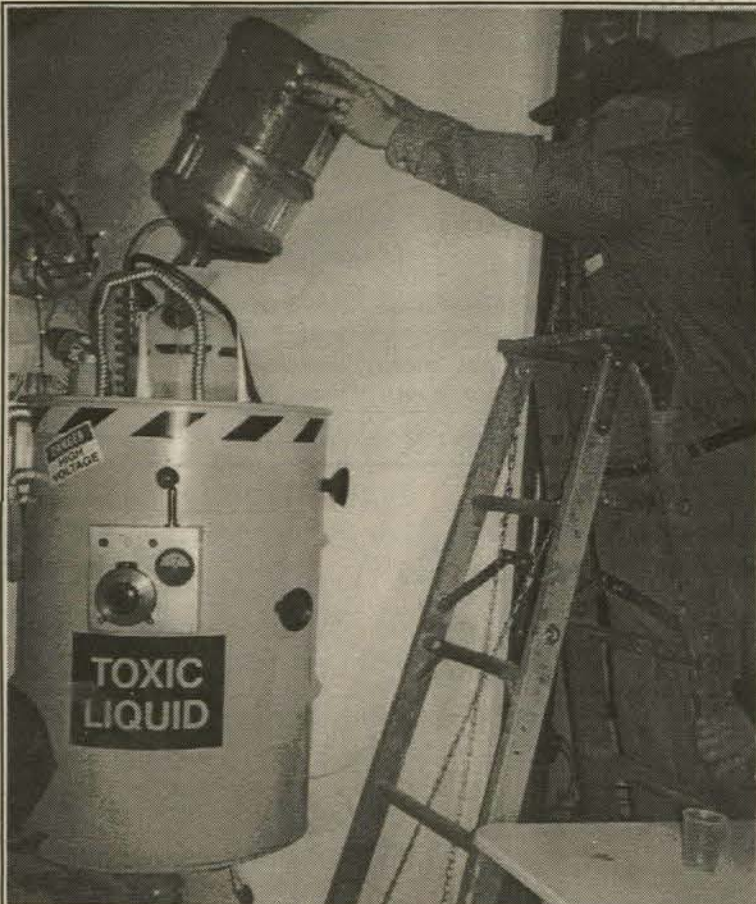
BEST FARES

**USA Europe Asia
The South Pacific
South America**

Air Only or Packages

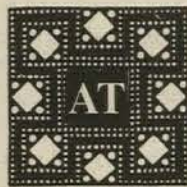
**660B Leg-in-Boot Square
604-879-8414**

www.myflightsavers.com



The folks who construct weird and whimsical contraptions in the **ie creative** studio at the end of Railspur Alley contributed to the fun by serving green Koolaid from their Toxic Liquid container

Granville Island's 1st Family First Night a huge success



4:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve no-one could have envisioned what Granville Island would look like three hours later.

Production crews were quietly going about their tasks of installing fences and tents, rigging streamers, lights, dozens of signs, hauling boxes of supplies for lantern, wand and hat-making, cutting holes in colourful cut-outs that kids would later stick their heads in while Mum or Dad would frantically try to snap a photo before a passing adult wandered into the viewfinder

The organisers may have been tearing their hair out and the crew may not have felt as calm as they

looked, but to those wending their way home from the market the Island looked amazingly calm.

By 7:30 the place was swarming with people and it was indeed a family night. The line-ups that would last all night were already long. The program devised by the Public Dreams Society was a marvellous mixture of opportunities for activity and spectating. You could:

- * make festive wands and shakers in the Community Centre
- * get the kids' faces painted;
- * make a simple lantern in the big tent on the tennis court and take it down to the dock to set it afloat in Alder Bay;
- * write a wish and burn it on the Wish Goddess's fire to send it off into the night. This charming little ceremony ended with the Wish Goddess sprinkling wishers with fairy dust.

It was astonishing how many people lined up to write a resolution on a post-it note and stick it up on the alley wall at Emily Carr College. There were wisecracks and all the usual ones about losing weight, quitting smoking, exercising more. But many of them were quite heartfelt - promises to be thankful or kinder, to like and love people more, to appreciate each day.

Half-an-hour spent attempting to learn juggling in the BBQ pit guaranteed even more admiration for the talents of the jugglers we often see around Granville Island.

Much more satisfying for the inept and uncoordinated were the Drum Circles that went on all night in Emily Carr College's concourse and in a garage. The circle leaders didn't attempt any 'orchestration'. Everyone just tapped away making a glorious noise and it was such fun to see so many children happily banging. Standing up for a moment meant forfeiting one's seat and drum to someone standing behind, on the alert.

It was full houses for storytelling the Community Centre lounge. Preschoolers squatted in a rapt circle as they always do, but many unaccompanied adults who may simply have been having a sit down in a warm place looked equally attentive.

In an almost pitch dark Lind Hall KISS FM played thumping loud music, to the obvious delight of the younger set who packed the hall all night. There was a great line-up of entertainment at the crane, in Emily Carr College and in Performance Works, none of which this reporter saw because she spent so much time in the drum circle. Musicians played along Railspur Alley, fire performers did their stuff in several locations and of course there were two parades with the wonderful puppets and costumes for which Public Dreams is renowned.

The Ocean Construction people shouldn't be discouraged that the fog rolled in to obscure the firework display they sponsored (apparently the view was great from 16th & Main!). The enormous, good-natured crowd cheered every boom anyway and went quite wild when the odd sphere of light zoomed above the fog.

It might seem a bit incongruous that it's a Federal Government department - CMHC - that throws the best parties in our town, but it's true, and we thank and congratulate them.

Community Police Office volunteers did walkabouts all evening and reported only one misdemeanour. It's good to know everyone behaved. (B. Wilson)



The Sport Court was the ideal venue for Stiltwalking which was hugely popular, mostly with youngsters of course, although quite a few adults tried a totter. The line-ups never ended; organisers should provide three times as many stilts next time.

Sun shines on Solstice

by Naomi Singer

Solstice night on December 21 was astounding: emotional, poetic, sweet, alive and joyful. So many amazing volunteers, inspired performers and open-hearted participants all contributed to a lovely sense of community and true celebration - the night was simply beautiful

My sincere thanks go out to all of you for supporting this evolving community tradition with your enthusiasm and energy. An estimated 5000 participants attended the celebrations on Granville Island and at the Roundhouse and the sun showed its appreciation for all the attention by shining brightly for the next several days.

Throughout the night Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design was packed with revellers eager to hear their favourite solstice performers: Zeellia, the Hot Club of Mars and Kits Point Sword. Greatly appreciated was the patience of all the folks waited

politely as valiant volunteers ran extra power cords for the fuse-blowing hot chocolate urns!

Just down the street Ocean Art Works was filled with excitement. More than a few curious passers-by jumped in to join the festivities at this new and very open venue, lured in as the Vancouver World Rhythms Youth Ensemble, Shangara Marimba and the Vancouver Morris Men played vibrant music and entertained.

Meanwhile, over at Performance Works a capacity crowd cheered loudly for the many talented community choirs who performed at the 4th Annual Festival of Song (produced by CMHC Granville Island). Admission is by contribution to the Food Bank and audience members gave generously.

Across the water at the Roundhouse thousands streamed in to walk the Labyrinth of Light, gaze at the Lantern Garden and giant Tree of Life; sing along

with the SongRise Choir and experience a wide range of music and performance. There was even a display set up by the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre to explain the scientific aspects of the solstice.

All in all the event was a great success. Traditions were maintained even as many new connections were made, all encouraging the belief that this celebration is embraced by the community and will continue to grow. The support of generous sponsors was essential and thanks are due to CMHC Granville Island and the many individual community donors who contributed. Please see the Solstice Thank-you display on p.2 for a list of all our supporters and volunteers.

If you were able to attend the event the Secret Lantern Society would appreciate hearing your constructive ideas for improvements or thoughts for the future. Call 604-873-5055 or e-mail to: secretsociety@direct.ca

In presenting the popular **FESTIVAL OF SONG** at Performance Works each December, CMHC not only gives an honorarium to each choir, it generously makes a matching donation to the charity of their choice.

These are the choirs' choices for Festival 2001.

Black Velvet

Camindando

Fandango

Gallery Singers

Gentlemen of Fortune

Lions Gate Chorus

Vancouver Chinese Choir

Vancouver Thunderbird Chorus

Westcoast Harmony Chorus

Canadian Cancer Society - B.C. & Yukon

Canadian Red Cross - Afghani Refugees

Battered Womens' Support Services

Kids Help Phone

Vancouver Oral Society

Foster Parents Plan

Mount St. Joseph Hospital Foundation

Sunnyhill Foundation for Children

Marguerite Dixon Transition Society

The Editor



Beryl Wilson

Will the donor please phone!

This is greatly embarrassing and may result in my being chopped off someone's Friends list, but I have someone to thank for a bottle of wine that came through the cat door in a festive green bag - and I don't know who. Obviously the giver assumed I'd know who he/she is and is now, some three weeks later, probably miffed at my unappreciative silence.

The first person I phoned to thank said she'd meant to bring me a bottle but had to admit she hadn't got around to it. Whoops. Now I'd embarrassed her. Then I decided it must have come from Merv Therriault, as compensation for missing the excellent libations he customarily takes to the December meeting of the Neighbourhood Association. Merv swore on his Scout's honour it was not from him, but devilishly relished the prospect of seeing me grovel in print.

Many thanks to whoever-you-are. I enjoyed the wine.

.....

CBC's Rex Murphy went to Newfoundland after Sept. 11th to capture some of the stories about the way Newfoundlanders looked after thousands of unexpected visitors. His documentary is scheduled for Wed. Jan. 9th on Ch.3 after the National News at 10 p.m.

**REMEMBER
NO
February issue of
The Creek
Editor gone for
annual six weeks in
the sun**

The Creek

Published about the 1st
Wednesday of the month

**Creek Office Tel.
734-3369**

Fax. 734-3362

Mailing Address:

The Creek
False Creek Community Centre
1318 Cartwright Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3R8

Circulation: 5000
in False Creek, Fairview Slopes
and Granville Island
Publisher/Editor: Beryl Wilson
Printed by Horizon Publications

Mail Subscription \$12/yr.

ADVERTISING RATES

\$8.00 / col.in.

Small Bus. ad.	4" x 2"	\$ 32.00
1/8 pg.	4" x 5"	\$ 75.00
1/4 pg.	4" x 9-1/2" 6" x 6"	\$140.00
1/3 pg.	10" x 5"	\$160.00
1/2 pg.	10" x 7-1/2"	\$255.00
2/3 pg.	10" x 10"	\$300.00
Full page	10" x 15"	\$480.00

**Flier Delivery: \$50/ thousand
Tel. 734-3369**

The Creek acknowledges the generous support of the False Creek Neighbourhood Association

Madam Editor told to mind her manners

Dear Beryl Wilson

I am writing to you to get something off my chest that's bugged me all year.

My husband and I didn't attend "your" carol singing this year, 2001. The reason for this is something you did last year that has tainted it for us now.

We attended in 2000 as we had done other years as a way of supporting you in perpetuating what we felt was a charming and enjoyable community Christmas tradition.

At the time stated in the notice we arrived and found ourselves nearly the first there; only yourself and one or two others had preceded us. I fleetingly thought you might express appreciation that we had come but instead we were stunned to be treated to a bitter-tongued chastisement from you for having arrived without a Food Bank contribution ... and not just a gentle reminder, but a "holier-than-thou" beratement as though we were attempting to get something for nothing and you made a statement to

the effect that next year people such as ourselves would simply not be allowed to attend.

You were just plain rude.

I was thoroughly embarrassed that I could have missed that part of the notice in the event announcement and ducked into Budget Foods right away to purchase an appropriate item, something I had absolutely no problem with doing.

Shortly, many people arrived, many as you will recall without a contribution....You were not kinder to them than you had been to us.

I can't help but think that your reminder, in 2000, could not have been as prominent as the event announcement itself as was the case this year in *The Creek* and I think you owe some of us an apology.

There. Now I feel better!
Happy New Year!

Unsigned

Editor replies:

Most publications will not print unsigned letters but I have printed this one to demonstrate that I'm fair, if not gracious.

It's true I grew more aggressive as more people began coming to the Carol Singing without a Food Bank contribution. And in my irritation I did make the Food Bank message even more pointed and UNMISSABLE in the December issue - after writing a stern caution in November that empty-handed persons would be greeted frostily.

I was a bit rude. But it worked *No-one* came empty-handed this last time and there was an impressive load to deliver the next day. At 4:30 p.m. on December 13 the rain was bucketing down and it seemed the event would, for the first time, be rained out. But diehards never give up, bless 'em. By 7:00 p.m. there was barely a drizzle and slowly a determined band of about twenty carollers turned up.

Perhaps they brought more contributions than usual because they

knew the CBC's annual Food Bank Drive on December 9 had been cancelled due to a management-technicians dispute. Though a devoted CBC listener/viewer I was so enraged I fired a blistering letter to CBC and the Union telling them to make up the missing funds from their own coffers.

The December CBC Drive broadcast from Pacific Centre usually raises a desperately needed \$100,000. Although volunteers were on hand and some people did phone in, the Food Bank raised only \$30,000 that day.

A recent release from them states they are still \$175,000 short of their \$625,000 goal and 100,000 lbs. of food short of their 600,000 lbs. goal. The Food Bank now feeds 25,000 individuals *each week*. That the numbers of growing is disgusting. For those who didn't come carolling and still want to give, the Food Bank's address is 311 East 6th Ave., Vancouver V5T 1J9.

p.s. to Unsigned: I will try to be friendlier in future!

Special
Happy New Year
Greetings

and the undying gratitude of the Editor to the 16 noble and loyal folk who help to deliver *The Creek* to you every month.



You're the tops!

Pat Harris (east False Creek Coop), Ben Perrin (Creekview Village), Lois Arber (Heather Point), Bill Millerd (Millbank), Keith Heald (west False Creek Coop), Ann Fazio (Marine Mews), Christopher Barrett (Spruce Village), Diane Kennedy, Kim Wyneberg & Mary Hughes (Alder Bay Coop), Ena Bendon (The Wellington), Merv Therriault (Citygate), Tawni Hall (Fairview Village), Lin Bompas (6th Estate) and Vi Powell, who covers most of Fairview Slopes.

Thanks to Pauline Kowbell for several years of yoeman service around The Netherlands complex. Pauline retired from her newspaper route in the fall but thankfully was replaced by a young man, Steve Routley, who comes all the way from Kerrisdale to do his route.

It's also time to include David McCann in this Annual Thankyou. He has a delivery route to the shops and offices surrounding his Creekhous Gallery. Sure it gives him another excuse to get out to chat and suss out information for his column. Ye Aged Editor is nevertheless grateful; every step and stair she's saved is a blessing.

Enjoy your month off in February, everyone.



HEARTFELT THANKS

from the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society and the Secret Lantern Society to all our sponsors, supporters, artists, performers, volunteers and participants!

VISUAL ARTISTS

Lynda Nakashima, Nels Holm, Naomi Singer, Joey Mallett, Kira Schaffer, Terri Diane, Karen Opas

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS

Clare Hodge, Nels Holm, Naomi Singer, Nancy Strider, Beverly Dobrinsky, Laurel Murphy, Ann McDonell, Ron Stelting, Fana Soro, Mojdeh Shahriari, Shauna Born, Kira Schaffer, Cease Wyss, Bill Burnyeat

PERFORMING ARTISTS

The Carnival Band, Rhythm Spirit Drummers, Rhythm Method Percussion Ensemble, Shauna Born, SongRise Choir, Pyrodesiac Torch Performers, The Wizards of Light, Zeellia, Kits Point Sword, The Hot Club of Mars, Vancouver World Rhythms Youth Ensemble, Firebelly & the Roundhouse Community Fire Dancers, Shangara Marimba, Tawxsin Yexwulla & Friends from the Squamish Nation, Atash Dance Group, The Vancouver Morris Men, Fana Soro, Mortal Coil

VOLUNTEERS

Jason Hawkins, Clare Hodge, Ashley Webster, Jonathan Webster, Nancy Strider, Lise Blouin, Neil Browning, Jen Rashleigh, Shasta Mark Woken, Rodney Dong, Cole Dudley, Jeff Baker, Andrew Free, Debbie Blair, Claire Yargeau, Gloria Davies, Laurie Hergot, Barb Laura Herzberg, Marian, Heidi, Eduardo Reyes, Alejandra Reyes, Delia Leon, Vince Rocko, Kirsten Pudas, Sonya Hall, Sarah, Hilly Amy Clausen, Jorge Chiu, Cyndie Molyneux, Jill Daum & Hallie, Roy Sumpter, Doreen, Maria, Chris, Paige, Philippa, Susan, Rudy CJ, Ericka, Alexandra, Veronica, Andrea, Henry, Michelle, Keri, Gavin, Natasha, Mary Lou, Jensen, Melinda, Martin Hunt, Chunni

SPECIAL THANKS

Roundhouse Community Centre Staff; Granville Island Maintenance Crew; Granville Island Commissionaires; Douglas Park Community Centre; False Creek Community Centre; The Creek Newspaper; Vancouver Fire Department; Science World; Adin Litman

SPONSORS

Golden Sun
CMHC Granville Island
Silver Moon
False Creek South Neighbourhood Association; Yaletown Business Improvement Association; Vancouver Park Board
Shining Star
Opus Framing and Art Supplies; Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design; ER Plus Safety Services
Granville Island Business and Community Association; H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
Constellation
Catz Hair-Lair, Midtown Graphics



Emily Carr Institute
of ART + DESIGN



SONJA PEACOCK CFP, PRP

Certified Financial Planner

IQON FINANCIAL INC.

Suite 365, 1275 West 6th Avenue (at Alder Crossing)
OFFICE (604) 734-8182 CELL (604) 649-8643 FAX (604) 737-6981

**THE FALSE CREEK SOUTH
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION
meets on the first Wednesday of the month
at 7:00 p.m. in the
False Creek Community Centre Board Room**

**Representatives of all housing enclaves
are welcome to attend**



False Creek Community Centre

1318 Cartwright Street (on Granville Island)

WINTER PROGRAMS 2002

For more info. call 604-257-8195

Winter registration starts on
January 5, 2002, 9:00 am &
continues until programs are full.

Operating Hours

Mon-Thur 9:00 am-9:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am-6:00 pm
office closes ½ hour before facility

Preschool Programs

Toddler Time (2-3 yrs)

Mon. Jan 14-Mar 25, 9:15-10:30 am

Let's Make a Mess (1.5-3 yrs)

Mon. Jan 14-Mar 25, 10:45-11:30 am

Preschool Orff (18-39 months)

Tuesday mornings, several times
available, enquire for more info.

Parent and Tot Gym (0-5 yrs)

Mon, 12:00-1:00pm

Thur, 1:30-3:00pm

Parent & Infant Group (0-8 months)

Thur, Jan 10, 1:30-3:30 pm

Lets Play Ball (3-5 yrs)

Tues/Thur, Jan 15-Feb 26, 11:30-12:15pm

Children's Programs

Mixed Media Art (6-8 yrs)

Mon. Jan 21-Feb 25, 3:15-4:15 pm

Digital Movie Makers (8-12 yrs)

Fri. Jan 18-Mar 8, 1:00-3:00 pm

Rhythmic Gymnastics (5-9 yrs)

Sat. Jan 19-Apr 20, 12:00-1:30

Mini Aces Tennis (5-8 yrs) Lev1,2

Mon. Jan 14-Mar 25, 3:30-4:20 pm

Karate (6-12 yrs) Beg & Advanced

Sat. Jan 12-Apr 13, 1:30-3:30

The Art of Architecture (8-12 yrs)

Wed. Jan 23-Mar 13, 3:45-5:45 pm

Painting and Drawing (9-13 yrs)

Mon. Jan 21-Feb 25, 4:15-5:15 pm

Youth Programs

Girls Club (grades 5-8)

Sat. Jan 5-Apr 27, 12:00-4:00 pm

Karate (14+ yrs)

Tu & Thu, Jan 15-Apr 18, 8:00-9:30

Youth Lounge (grades 5-8)

Mon-Fri. 3:30-5:00 pm

Stamps (grades 5-8)

Fri, Jan 4-Apr 26, 5:30-9:00 pm

Adult Programs

Iyengar Yoga (Intro. and Lev. 1)
several times, enquire for more info.

Pilates (Level 1 & 2) Drop-ins ok
several times, enquire for more info.

NIA Fitness. Drop-ins ok

Thur/Sat, Jan 17-Apr 18, 6:15-7:15 pm

Post- Partum Health

Fri, Jan 18-Mar 8, 11:00 am- 12:00pm

Sun Run Training Clinic

Sat, Jan 19-Apr 13, 8:30-10:30 am

Kick Boxing Self Defense

Sun, Jan 20-Apr 21, 11:45-1:45 pm

Polar Tennis Lessons

Mon or Wed, Jan 8-Feb 11, 6:00-8:00pm

Birding by Kayak

Sun, Mar 3, 9:30-3:30 pm

Snowshoeing on Seymour

Mon, Jan 14, 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Soapmaking & Tub Fizzers

Sun, Feb 3, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Natural Skin and Hair Care

Mon, Feb 18, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Home Spa

Tue, Mar 19, 7:00-9:00 pm

Pet Pampering

Sun, Mar 24, 9:30-1:30 pm

Handwriting Analysis

Mon, Jan 28, 6:00-9:30 pm

Chinese Medicine

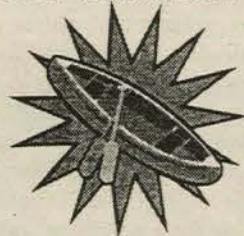
several times, enquire for more info.

Stretching and Deep Relaxation

Thur, Jan 13-Apr 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

Weight Training for The Beginner

call office for more info.



50+ Adult Programs

Recreational Dragonboating

Wed, Jan 30-Apr 3, 11:00 am-12:00pm

Senior Kayak/Canoe classes

Tue, Apr 2-June 4, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Snowshoeing on Seymour

Mon, Jan 14, 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Arts Drop in

Tue, 1:30-4:00 pm

Osteofit I and II

call office for more info.

Sunday Ballroom Dance

Sun, 1:45-3:45 pm

Computer Programs

Public Internet Access

\$6 per month, 30 minute drop-in

Basic Internet Navigation

Jan 21 or Feb 28, \$15/session

The Internet and Beyond

Feb 4 or Mar 4, \$15/session

Basic Digital Video

Mar 11, \$15/session

Understanding Your Computer

Jan 14, \$15/session



Building Your First Web Page

Feb 11, \$15/session

Intro. to Digital Photography

Jan 28, \$15/session

Internet Security and Computer

Maintenance.

Feb 25, \$15/session

Most computer courses run from
7:00-9:00 pm, space is limited to
6 people per group.



New Classes with Granville Island Partners

Cooking on Granville Island

Valentine Dinner for Two, Feb 11
Spring Shape-up cooking, Mar 25

@ Kharma Kitchen

Intaglio Etching - Introduction

Tue. Jan 29-Mar 5, 6:00-9:00 pm

@ New Leaf

Registration at the Community Centre

New Year at the Arts Club Theatres

STANLEY THEATRE

All My Sons

January 24 - February 24

Arthur Miller's powerful post-war saga, starring **Norman Browning** and **Martha Henry**, is set entirely in the backyard of the Keller home. America's master playwright unmask the passions, secrets and lies that bind together a hard-headed family and their neighbours in the aftermath of World War II. Burdened with uncertainty, hope, guilt and doubt the family struggles to shed the past and get on with their lives in this explosive and unforgettable 20th century classic.

Also featured in the cast, directed by John Cooper, are Robert Moloney, Laurie Paton, Stephen Dimopoulos, Jeffrey Renn, Chatherine Barroll, Camyar Chai and Dawn Petten.

Community Performance

Thursday, January 24

All seats: \$17.50

Previews: January 25 - 29

Prologue Lecture

Sunday, February 3

Complimentary coffee and pastries

12:45. Lecture at 1:00p.m. by Jerry

Wasserman, UBC drama professor,

and journalist. Curtain: 2:00p.m.

Wednesday Tea Matinee

February 6 2:00p.m.

Complimentary tea and cookies

1:00p.m. Curtain: 2:00 p.m.

Falsettos

Music and lyrics by William Finn
January 8 - 26.

2-for-1 Preview: January 8

2-for-1 Matinee: January 23

Falsettos follows the exploits of Marvin who loves his wife Trina, but discovers he also loves Whizzer,

another man. Marvin wants everyone to be one big happy family! Caught in the midst of the bedlam is the couple's clever young son, Jason.

Often hilarious, sometimes painful, always witty, this operetta explores the complexity of romantic love and partnership.

Featuring Andrew Cohen, Crystal Cote, Heather Feeney, Mark Pawson, Cary Shields, Benjamin Sigal Nachmani, Cailin Stadnyk, Allan Zinyk.

Tickets from **Festival Box Office**, Granville Island (604-257-0366)

GRANVILLE ISLAND STAGE

Join in the birth of three new plays

New Plays for a New Century is the Arts Club Theatre's second annual public play reading series.

The three new plays are:

A Little Princess by Bruce Kellett, a musical inspired by the book of the same name, follows the life adventures of Sara Crewe, a wealthy English girl from India who is placed in an exclusive girls school in London. When her father suddenly dies, leaving her penniless, she is forced to work as a scullery maid under the watchful eye of a vengeful school mistress.

Carol's Christmas by Kathleen Oliver, is a modern romantic comedy adapted from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, with some contemporary twists. Mistakenly assuming that she has been fired from her job, Carol finds herself alone and unhappy at Christmas. Later, in the green room of her radio studio, Carol experiences a series of personal encounters with spirits who come to illustrate the personal cost of her emotional miserliness. In a manner more comic than supernatural, Carol begins to embrace the Christmas spirit and romance kindles in surprising ways.

Tickets for Stanley Theatre & Granville Island Stages from ARTS CLUB BOX OFFICE (604-687-1644) & TICKETMASTER

The Matka King by Anosh Irani, will take you on a lyrical ride through a landscape of betrayal and redemption in a story that pits human nature against chance. It is the red light district of Bombay, a colourful community of gamblers, prostitutes and one very powerful eunuch, Top Rani, who operates an illicit lottery through his brothel. When a gambler who is deeply in debt makes an unexpected wager, the stakes become life and death. Can a fortune-teller and a ten year-old girl beat Top Rani at his own game?

Following each reading audiences members are invited to participate in discussions about the plays and the art of playwriting. Within the two weeks of this series the plays will undergo rewrites.

A Little Princess
Thurs. January 17 1:00 p.m.
Sat. January 26 8:00 p.m.
Carol's Christmas
Fri. January 18 8:00 p.m.
Sat. January 26 1:00 p.m.
The Matka King
Sat. January 19 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. January 24 1:00 p.m.
Fri. January 25 8:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$10

WATERFRONT THEATRE GRANVILLE ISLAND

Common expressions have colourful sources

In the 1500s most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. But as time passed they started to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water; followed by his sons, and other men living under the same roof. Then came the women and finally the children. Last of all were the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it; hence the saying "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs of thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. As it was the only place for animals to stay warm all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. During rain it became slippery and the animals would slip and fall. Thus came the saying "It's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house either. This posed a real problem in the bedroom. A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

Only the wealthy had something other than dirt floors, hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that became slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread Thresh (straw) was spread on the floor to help keep their

footing. As the winter wore on, more thresh was added until, when the door was opened, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway, creating a "threshold."

In those olden days a big kettle always hung over the fire in the kitchen. People ate mostly vegetables without much meat. Every day when the fire was lit food was added to the pot. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, then start over the next day. Often the kettle contained the same stew for quite a while, hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Families that could obtain pork considered themselves quite special. When visitors came over they hung up their bacon to show off. It was an outward sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." Another indication of it was cutting off a sliver of bacon to share with guests and sit around to "chew the fat."

People with money had plates made of pewter. Unbeknown to them, food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes; for the next 400 years or so tomatoes were considered poisonous. Most people ate their food in 'trenchers' - a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Often trenchers were made from stale bread, which was so old and hard they could be

used for quite some time. As trenchers were never washed, worms and mould got into the wood and old bread. After eating off wormy, mouldy trenchers one would get "trench mouth."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination of lead and alcohol would sometimes knock people out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the roadside would often take them for dead and prepare them for burial. The 'deceased' were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days, and families would gather around to eat, drink and wait to see if the person woke up. Thus began the custom of holding a "wake."

When the locals ran out of places to bury people they would dig up coffins, take the bones to a 'bone house' and re-use the grave. When re-opening coffins, one out of 25 was found to have scratch marks on the inside. With the realisation people had been buried alive came the practice of looping a string around the wrist of the corpse, through a hole in the coffin, and up through the ground attached to a bell. Someone had to sit in the graveyard all night - the "graveyard shift" - to listen for the bell. Thus a person could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

Who said history was boring?

Casting call for Lawyers and Judges

On April 25 & 26 twelve Vancouver lawyers and a judge will perform in **Twelve Angry Jurors** (an adaptation of Reginald Rose's *Twelve Angry Men*), a fundraising event to benefit the Arts Club Theatre Company.

Directed by Bill Millerd, this production will showcase the theatrical talents of some of Vancouver's most talented litigators in an exciting evening of drama at the Stanley Theatre.

AUDITIONS for **Twelve Angry Jurors** will be held during the day on **Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 2 & 3.**

No time for false modesty! ALL LAWYERS AND JUDGES are invited to audition for a role in this unique benefit for the Arts Club Theatre.

Auditions must be booked by **January 18.** Call Stephanie Hargreaves at 604-687-5315, Ext. 226. Rehearsals will begin the first week of March, approximately two nights per week.

The two performances will take place at the Stanley Theatre at 8:00p.m.

Tickets: \$39.50 through the ACT box office (604) 687-1644 and Ticketmaster (604) 280-3311.

The Right Ingredients for Delicious Dining



PACIFIC
INSTITUTE
of
CULINARY
ARTS

Join us for 2 for 1 Lunch and Dinner during January and February

Reservations recommended!

LUNCH	11:30am to 2:00pm	Monday to Friday
DINNER	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Monday to Saturday
BAKESHOP	9:00am to 9:00pm 12:00pm to 9:00pm	Monday to Friday Saturday

604-734-4488 telephone

1505 West Second Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3Y4
At the entrance to Granville Island
www.picularts.bc.ca



Muir Quartet

Tuesday, January 22

Mozart
String Quartet No. 18
Bartok
String Quartet No. 3
Schubert
String Quartet in G

Emerson Quartet

Tuesday, February 5

Haydn
String Quartet No. 5 "The Lark"
Shostakovich
String Quartet No. 13
Beethoven
String Quartet No. 9, Op. 59/2

Vienna Piano Trio

Tuesday, February 19

Beethoven
Variations on an Original Theme
Rebecca Clarke
Trio
Schubert
Trio in B-flat

Petersen Quartet

Tuesday, March 5

Mozart
String Quartet No. 21
Erwin Schulhoff
Five Pieces for String Quartet
Ravel
String Quartet in F

Vancouver Playhouse
at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$38 Students: \$15
from Ticketmaster (280-3311)
or at the door

PRESENTED BY
THE FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC

The Granville Island Rambler

by David McCann

Sometimes I long for the simplicity of childhood; the innocence of not knowing everything that is going on around me; the simple pleasure of discovering new things and the warmth and safety of my mother's arms. But the years have passed slowly and now that middle age has captured me my world is larger and there is a realisation that those things that affect my world extent far, far beyond my back yard.

This past year was a real mixed bag. Several life-long friends are now gone, including my life partner of eighteen years. Tracy, my niece in Toronto, had her husband diagnosed with testicular cancer just after the birth of their second child. One of my sisters struggled all year to try and save her business and the jury is still out on that one. September 11 and its aftermath has affected everyone I know.

And yet, despite all this one continues to have one's spirits lifted in so many ways. Every friend I lost this past year spent time with me and shared their fears and hopes and we thanked each other for being part of each other's lives. Gerry and I spent countless

hours together, including an amazing week in the Queen Charlotte Islands, before he succumbed to pancreatic cancer on August 31. We took the time to say goodbye and I cherish all my memories of him, especially those moments shared this past year.

Tracy and Glen have accepted the changes in their world and we pray that the cancer will be defeated. They have rearranged their lives to spend more time together and realise their incredible good fortune to have two wonderful, healthy babies.

My sister's business, while struggling along, has given her some marvellous gifts - a circle of artists, artisans and staff who treasure her dearly, and most recently, a handsome man who walked into the store to buy a gift wound up asking her out for a coffee. They have fallen in love and she now spends less time at work and more time wandering around with Garry - a lovely change in her life.

As a child I thought life was simple. It isn't. It is an incredible mixture of joy and sorrow. It is filled with love and compassion and also with terror and pain. It is this range of emotions

and experiences that defines life, that lets a person know he is alive, and I for one would have it no other way. At least once a day I utter the phrases "It's great to be alive" or "It's a beautiful day" and I believe both of them. The warm sun on the face or the biting chill of a storm's wind makes you aware of your physical being and when you look around you cannot help but realise we are part of something wonderful and alive.

This past year was one of reflection, a turning inward and an evaluation of who and what I want to be. There is an acceptance of those things I cannot change; a satisfaction with many parts of myself and yet there is a yearning for just a little more.

I have finally settled into Vancouver. It only took six years. There are many friends, neighbours and colleagues who greet me and take the time to share part of themselves. They make my life an inhabited garden. There are also a few dear friends who aren't afraid to tell me when I need to pull up my socks and get on with doing things the right way.

Creekhouse Gallery, my little piece of paradise on Granville Island, has settled into a rhythm. It provides me with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction and I have great staff and suppliers. The gallery has also provided me with a huge window into the greater Vancouver community. We have been able to find a way to help almost every charity and community group that comes to our door looking for help. It has provided everyone here with a large circle of friends.

This year I hope to buy my own home. The past six years have been the first period, since my early twenties, that I haven't owned my own home and I realise how much I miss a space that is truly my own. I want to have friends over for dinner

without having to worry about roommates' schedules. This year I want to take more time for myself; to read more, exercise more regularly and take a couple of vacations. I hope to tidy up my affairs back east so that the ties become even weaker in some regards, enabling me to really call Vancouver home.

For everyone I know and everyone I have touched in the years gone by, all the best in the New Year. May it be a peaceful year, a year of rebuilding and renewed hope. A year that slowly but surely unfolds as the year that we finally come together and revel in our diversity and human frailty, and in the great power of our humanity.

Happy New Year everyone.

David was so excited about the success of Family First Night he called to plead for extra space to write his own 'review'.

'Spectacular' doesn't say enough

Kudos, kudos and more kudos to Gloria Loree and her fabulous gang of party kids. Gloria led the charge to show those who say Vancouverites don't know how to have fun how wrong they are.

Vancouver's Family First Night on Granville Island was a totally awesome blow-out success.

Realistically planning for 15,000 people, hoping for 20 to 25,000 and in their wildest imagination dreaming of 35,000 New Year's Eve revellers attending their alcohol-free community celebration, the event organisers and volunteers were stunned when closer to 50,000 friends and neighbours, young and old alike, turned out.

boats on the water beamed their spotlights into the fog.

Everything about the evening was grand. The performers, the artisans, the food vendors, the DJ at the dance, made all the hard work seem so effortless. People came out to share an evening with their family and friends. Only one cache of beer was found in the entire crowd, not enough to give each reveller a drop of brew each. Even the restaurants sold out and everyone had a great time.

Once again CMHC has lead the way in showing why their

stewardship of the Island is so important. They have given our community another wonderful, safe event for all of us to enjoy and an opportunity to get together.

Congratulations to all the sponsors and the hundreds and hundreds of volunteers.

Thank you one and all. The spirit of Vancouver is embodied in what you do.



It was an enchanted evening - a night which combined fun, entertainment and culture. Granville Island has never been so packed; it was wall-to-wall people in the streets and venues spread around the eastern end of the island. People smiled and laughed and talked to strangers; kids were everywhere and magic was in the air.

Dolly Hopkins, Gloria's collaborator from the Public Dreams Society, coordinated all the entertainment. People are still trying to figure out how the two of them held off the rain and the moon mystically appear in the night sky.

When the fog to roll edin just before the firework display it turned False Creek into a cloud, which muted the brilliant pinpoints of light and spread a glow throughout the fog as each set of fireworks went off. Not to be deterred by the absence of a spectacular visual display, the crowd cheered every time the booms reverberated around the creek and applauded loudly when



Season's Greetings from all of us at the Market!

Is your RRSP an underachiever?

We offer a free service that can closely estimate what your RRSP could be worth at retirement. If it's not achieving the results you want, I'll show you all of our available RRSP choices. Call or stop by today.

Frank Chalmers
#107 - 1600 West 6th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1R3
(604)739-4011

Edward Jones®
Serving Individual Investors

www.edwardjones.com

Member CIPF

Closed Mondays... (but only for a month!) in January!

To start the year off fresh, the Market will be closed each Monday in January for our annual spring cleaning and maintenance. We hate to be closed at all, but it helps us serve you seven days a week during the rest of the year.

At the Market on Thursday January 3rd, don't miss our very own nutritionist, Jackie Ehlert, as she presents "Food that fuels an active lifestyle - strategies for the New Year" from 11am until 2pm.



**Granville Island
Public Market**

Open 7 days a week • 9am - 6pm



1405 Anderson St. Granville Island
Tel. 604-717-2944
Fax. 604-717-2945

by Pat Hall

Although this office is located on Granville Island (due to the generosity of CMHC/Granville Island) it serves the much wider area of False Creek and Fairview.

We are distributing a **SURVEY** to the community to identify the main concerns of neighbours whether they be breaking and entering, auto crime, traffic safety, noise, grow-ops, graffiti, vandalism, impaired driving. If you do not receive a survey but would like to contribute

information please pick one up from the office - or complete one at the Open House on January 23.

Holiday shopping in December gives rise to increased shoplifting and theft from autos. Constable Yip gave Shoplifting Prevention talks to two groups of retailers and volunteers placed crime prevention notices on vehicles in the area to warn drivers against leaving valuables in cars. Footpatrol volunteers visited retailers on South Granville to introduce themselves and learn about their problems.

People frequently drop into the office to draw our attention to traffic issues, theft from autos and purse theft in the market. The importance of always watching your valuables cannot be overestimated.

For anyone interested in joining our corps of **VOLUNTEERS** the Open House on January 23 will be an ideal opportunity to talk to many of them, find out first hand what they do and decide which programs you'd like to be involved in. We are particularly keen to recruit volunteers for **weekend shifts**.

You are cordially invited to an **OPEN HOUSE** at **Granville Island Community Police Office**

Tel. 604-717-2944

1405 Anderson St.

Fax. 604-717-2945

Wednesday, January 23 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

☞ Come to meet your neighbourhood Police Officers and community volunteers

☞ Discuss any concerns you have about your community

☞ Obtain information and useful tips about the Crime Prevention programs operated by the Community Police Office free of charge

★ Block Watch ★ Theft from Auto ★ Home Safety ★ C.A.T.

★ Seniors Safety ★ Citizens' Bike & Foot Patrols

☞ Find out what's involved in being a **VOLUNTEER**

The office encourages the formation of more Block Watch programs in the neighbourhood

Community Police Offices funding continued

It was a relief to note a recent item in the *Georgia Straight* announcing the Provincial Government has agreed to continue, for at least another year, the \$150,000 grant given to the City of Vancouver to help support the city's 20 community policing offices. The City has customarily matched the amount. \$300,000 is a piddling sum considering the phenomenal amount of hours volunteers give to improve the safety and well-being of their neighbourhoods. In its cost cutting frenzy this threatened cutback was a particularly petty and short-sighted action. Thankfully sanity returned to our provincial masters, albeit briefly.

City Council will vote, at the end of January, whether to provide the necessary matching funds. They may need stern words of instruction to vote in favour. Send them to City Hall by mid-January. (B.W.)

New Year brings a rush of surveys ... well, two

It's an odd twist of space allocation that puts reference to two community surveys on the same page this month. One to find out how you rate your neighbourhood for safety and anti-social behaviour; the other to find out what you do for fun and fitness.

The Safety Survey from the Community Police Office should be delivered to your mailbox.

The Community Centre wants you to clip and complete the adjacent 'fun and fitness' survey.

You can deliver both surveys on the same outing to the market, both places being en route.

Success

Success is best measured by how far you've come with the talents you've been given.

Anonymous

The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary

Vidal Sassoon

False Creek Community Centre

1318 Cartwright Street Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3R8

604-257-8195 fax 604-257-8194

Community Customer Survey

We invite you to tell us what programs / services you would like to offer.

Send this form by mail or FAX or drop off at the office,

or complete online @ www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/community_centres/fcreek.htm

Do you use the False Creek Community Centre?

Yes ☞ Tell us the main reasons	
To gain new skills and Knowledge	
To socialize and meet new friends	
To take my child to activities	
To improve my fitness	
To volunteer	
Or ?	

No ☞ Tell us why not	

Communication

Which methods should we use to deliver service, program & special event information to you?

- Centre Bulletin Board Seasonal Recreation Guide
 e-mail (Please supply your email address below)

- Via the Centre Web-Site "THE CREEK" newspaper
 Other (please specify) _____

Demographic Information

Please specify the number of people in your home.

Age Group	Female	Male	Age Group	Female	Male
0 - 5 yrs			26 - 35 yrs		
6 - 12 yrs			36 - 45 yrs		
13 - 18 yrs			46 - 55 yrs		
19 - 25 yrs			56 + yrs		

Please insert your postal code _____

I / we either occasionally or regularly participate or utilize the following programs:

Fitness	
Performing arts	
Tennis	
Educational classes	
Water sports	
Senior programs	
Teen programs	
Youth programs	
Children programs	
Special events	
Summer activities	
Swamp Willow Pre-School	
Kinder care	
Out of school care	
Summer Camps	
Cooking	
Pottery	
Recreation	
Meetings	
Other	
If other, please specify:	

I / We would like to see these additional programs offered at the Centre:

Overall the Community Centre is meeting my needs:

Yes No
Please tell us why not _____

CENTRE POINT



False Creek Community Centre
 1318 Cartwright Street on
 Granville Island •257-8195•
 E-mail: falsecreekcc@city.vancouver.bc.ca

Check out our new Winter 2002 Brochure now available at the front desk. Registration takes place January 5th and continues until programs are full. If you have not received a brochure please pick one up from the front office.

New Programs for Children

The Art of Architecture 8 - 12 years
 Wed 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
 Jan 23 - Mar 13 Fee: \$125/8 sessions
 Instructor: *Caroline Leveille*

Digital Movie Makers 8 - 12 years
 Children meet at False Creek Elementary School at 1:00 pm, then walk to the Community Centre, where they will be dismissed at 3 pm.
 Fri 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Jan 18 - Mar 8 Fee: \$60/8 sessions
 Instructor: *Caitlin Schecter*

Girls Club Grades 5 - 8
 We meet on Saturday afternoons from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday activities include jewelry making, matinee movies, swimming, cooking, crafts and more. Bring your friends and your ideas for activities.
 Sat 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Jan 5 - Apr 27 Fee: \$20/16 sessions
 Instructor: *Tania Lucich*

New Programs for Adults

Post-Partum Health for New Mothers
 Fri 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Jan 18 - Mar 8 Fee: \$42/8 sessions

Polar Tennis lessons
 By popular request we offer Winter Outdoor tennis consisting of 6-2 hour sessions starting in January.
 Fee: \$84/6 sessions
 Jan 8 - Feb 11 Mon 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Jan 10 - Feb 14 Wed 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Instructor: *Gord Hauka*

Sun Run Training Clinic
 The Sports Medicine Council and Vancouver Sun are offering a progressive training program with information on footwear, clothing, nutrition, hydration, injury prevention and cross-training. Fee includes entry to the run, a commemorative t-shirt, manual and advice.
 Sat 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Jan 19 - Apr 13 Fee: \$99/13 sessions

Workshops

Write from the Heart

This course may be of particular interest the over 55 writer who wants to record their memoirs, but it's also suitable for anyone interested in turning their personal adventures into creative non-fiction articles or short stories.
 Wed 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Jan 16 - Mar 6 Fee: \$49/8 sessions

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) with Tanya Gee - Dr of Chinese Medicine

Classes - Wed 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fee is \$5/per session or \$15/for all 4
Traditional Chinese Medicine Jan 23 **Mind/Body Connection** Feb 20
Fertility Mar 20 **Simple Food Cures** Apr 1



To be on Centre's Email list for up-to-date program information, send an Email message to: listserv@city.vancouver.bc.ca Leave subject blank, type in message area (according to the topic of interest):

- join falsecreek-preschool-1
- join falsecreek-children-1
- join falsecreek-youth-1
- join falsecreek-daycamps-1
- join falsecreek-daycare-1
- join falsecreek-adult-1
- join falsecreek-tennis-1
- join falsecreek-kayaking-1

Letter from Sayward

from Janna Bowers

This little village at the mouth of the Salmon River, on the north-east coast of Vancouver Island, is probably no different from many other places where one main industry rules the economy. Lumber, of course. And we all know what the United States has recently done to that industry.

No doubt in time it will all be sorted out, but at present there are thousands of people who are dependant on wood out of work, from the men who cut down the trees to the truck drivers delivering a finished wood product. Sayward is no different. Locally there was a dry land log sort, now closed indefinitely. Some men are still working, by making the one hour commute to another log sort at Menzies Bay near Campbell River, but basically the village has closed up.

Can we hope to survive as a viable community? Most of us believe so,

and we intend to fight very hard. Too many houses are for sale, and this is self defeating (prospective buyers wonder why there are so many "For Sale" signs). Ideal as a retirement location, there are some who dread the idea of even fewer children living in the area, because then we might be at risk of losing the local school.

In the summer months there is some tourist traffic, but mostly only for a day visit, to hike or whale watch, and little revenue is raised. Fish farming near here in Johnstone Straight produces a few jobs, and are some self employed households of course.

The biggest impact that the potential permanent loss of the log sort will have, of course, is the financial tax base on which the village runs. Small places are no different from big cities in this respect. As a legacy from the old paternalistic company town - in this case it used to be MacBlo - we have a community centre with a swimming pool. It's expensive to

maintain and the most obvious way to compensate for the loss of the industrial taxes would be for us to close the community centre. But if we do that we risk totally changing the reasons so many folk continue to live here. It is well used by the oldest and youngest residents, from Baby and Mom swimming classes to carpet bowling. The pre-school uses a room. The quilters use a room. It is the polling booth, the mobile mammogram clinic, the wedding reception hall, and so on. Can we afford the running costs? No. Can we afford to close it? No.

In the coming weeks there are to be village meetings to discuss our options, and no doubt a lot of fur will fly. When money is the concern, it always does. Meanwhile, if there is an entrepreneur out there with a good idea for the use of a large expanse of land at the river mouth, with a spectacular sea and mountain view, the Village of Sayward would love to hear from you.

False Creek Community Centre's Santa must have been the youngest recruit on this year's Santa circuit



Kids are not hung up on the notion that Santa should be fat and elderly. When **Kurtis Stewart** donned the Santa outfit at the Community Centre's *Breakfast with Santa* on December 22, they didn't even notice he was a lithe 14 year-old as they clustered around him to get the traditional candy cane. They were just glad he came.

Kurtis is a valuable regular at the Centre. He has volunteered at the Summer Day Camps for the last couple of years and at all special events and Teen Dances.

Breakfast with Santa is always a sell-out event. With a crowd of

parents and impatient kids waiting outside Lind Hall before official 'opening time' the handful of staff and volunteers were scrambling to set the tables and arrange mountains of food and juices. Darren Petersen (apparently calmly!) directed operations from the kitchen stove as he cooked huge trays of sausages and waffles.

This was the first year *The Creek* Editor volunteered to get out of bed early enough to be a Santa's helper. It was fun to see how much families enjoy the event and the best part was watching the little tots respond to the antics of *Meeks the Clown*. He is very good with them; not surprisingly as he's been clowning for twenty years.

We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice - that is, until we have stopped saying 'It got lost,' and say, 'I lost it.'

Sydney J. Harris

FULL SERVICE HAIR SALON

"Specializing in Extensions"



CATZ Hair-Lair

604 - 873 - 4558

663C Leg-in-Boot Square, False Creek

SCARED SPEECHLESS?



TOASTMASTERS can help!

Improve your speaking abilities in our six week intensive workshops.
Classes start February 18th at False Creek

- Learn to communicate more effectively and professionally at your own pace
- Increase your self-esteem and confidence



Club 59 meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm at False Creek Community Centre
 Call Andrew at 882-3334 or Doug at 293-1974
www.geocities.com/toastmastersvancouver

CLASSIFIEDS

20 words: \$6 (min.)
 30 words: \$8
 Leave adv. copy (& payment)
 at False Creek Community
 Centre by 20th of the month.

SERVICES

**PROFESSIONAL
 ACCOUNTANT**

Accounting, Bookkeeping,
 Income Tax, GST, Year-end
 Financial Statements and analysis.
 Call **Heather: 733-9281.**

Psychic Studio

*Granville Island
 1526 Duralneau
 (opposite The Keg)
 604-734-3354
 No appointment required
 12:00 to 6:00
 Mature and professional readers
 Private and Corporate
 Entertainment in OUR facility
 or yours, since 1975*

ACCOMMODATION

WANTED

Excellent tenant, with cat, wants to
 live in False Creek. Please call Rev.
 Angelica @ 604-731-3384

**Celebration of Life
 Centre**

returns to Granville Island
 Now meeting **Sundays** on the
 "Burrard Queen" (dockside near
 Bridges Restaurant)
 Meditation: 10:00 a.m.
 Service: 10:30 a.m.
 Great music, inspiring talks with
 Rev. Angelica Jayne Taggart

* * *

**Join us on our
 COLC Reunion Cruise!**

January 31st - 7:00 p.m.
 Light dinner and no-host bar
 \$30.00 per person
 Rev. Marilyn Knipp, guest speaker
 Music with Perry Dickison
 604-731-3384 for more info.

Reminder

**There will NOT be a
 February issue of
 The Creek**
 Editor gone for annual
 six weeks in the sun

**SAVE
 USED STAMPS
 TO SUPPORT
 THE SPCA**

Please
 ✂ save envelopes with
 postage stamps
 ✂ bundle in plastic bag
 ✂ put through cat door of
 1124 Ironwork Passage

One of the pleasant side benefits
 of this stamp collecting project is its
 reader survey aspect. It's most
 rewarding to identify *The Creek's*
 readers from the envelope addresses.
 The Editor thanks you, Mrs. Allen
 thanks you and the SPCA thanks
 you, in spirit, because it has been
 told about you.

Renie Marshall demonstrates her
 concern for animals by spending
 94¢ to mail a batch of stamps from
 Wolfe Island, Ont.

FREE FOR THE ASKING

Advertising space is FREE for
 any still-useful items readers offer
 to a second home.

NOTICEBOARD

Vancouver Natural History Society Public Programs

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the
 Auditorium of the Vancouver Museum, Vanier Park. FREE admission.

January 24

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO SAVE A SAVANNAH:

Science or Sex? Observations from Lady Godiva
Dr. Briony Penn: Naturalist/columnist/lecturer in the field of environ-
 mental education. Educational publications for teachers include
 "Forests in Focus", "Backyard Biodiversity", "Maps to Murrelets" and
 "Salish Sea". Illustrations in publications include "Grasslands Our
 Most Endangered Species" and "British Columbia: A Natural
 History." Author of "A Year on the Wild Side" - 1999.

February 28

MINING WITH COMMUNITIES:

The Social and Environmental Aspects of Mining
Dr. Marcello Veiga - UBC Dept. of Mining & Mineral Process
 Engineering. Research/teaching areas include: mining and the
 environment; remedial procedures for polluted sites, geochemical and
 health assessment; social issues related to mining; sustainable
 development in mining; mining in developing countries; mineral
 processing techniques and gold processing.

**Breathe Your Way to Well Being
 Exploring Vipassana Meditation**

HOPE HOUSE is hosting a speaker
 series featuring local experts
 discussing a variety of Health &
 Wellness topics. The first, *Exploring
 Vipassana Meditation*, will take place
Thursday, January 31 at the Plaza
 500 Hotel, 500 West 12th Ave., from
 7:00 - 9:00p.m.
 Tickets (\$15.00) can be reserved by

calling 604-731-4673. Proceeds
 from the series will go to support
 HOPE House programs.

HOPE House is a Vancouver-
 based organisation dedicated to
 providing free emotional and social
 support to people with cancer, and
 their families and friends.

**10 MEALS A DAY CAN INCREASE YOUR
 FEELING OF WELL-BEING.**



A visit from a MEALS ON WHEELS volunteer gives an elderly or disabled
 adult much more than a lunch. It gives them the comfort of knowing that
 someone's keeping an eye out for them on a regular basis.

Two hours a week of your time is all it takes to become a volunteer.
 During that period you'll deliver 8-12 nutritious meals to folks who need a
 friendly visit.

Become a MEALS ON WHEELS volunteer in your community and make
 a difference in someone's life. **Call Jill at 732-7638.**

VON Meals on Wheels is sponsored by the
 Victorian Order of Nurses, Richmond-Vancouver Branch



Open 8 to 8 Every Day • 24 Hour Nursing Care

**CARE, CONVENIENCE
 AND FULL SERVICE**



• Comprehensive &
 Competitive Pet Care
 • Specialist On Staff

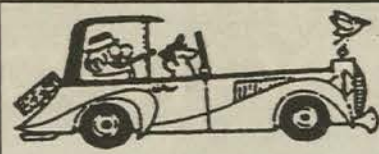


Dr. DENNIS JACKSON & ASSOCIATES
734-7744
 1635 W. 4th. Ave. Vancouver

*Granville
 Island*



**VETERINARY
 HOSPITAL**



**Looking for a
 good used car?**

Want someone local
 you can count on for honest straight forward advice about
 buying or selling a car?

Call me for a different experience.

Hank Melanson 739-8494

LAUREL PRESCRIPTIONS

873-5511

#102 - 888 West 8th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 3Y1

PRESCRIPTION AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- Medical Equipment: Crutches, Canes, Walkers,
 Wheelchairs, and Bathroom Safety Equipment
- Surgical Garments, Compression Stockings
- Mastectomy Supplies - Certified Fitters
- **FREE DELIVERY • FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS**



Dr. Lisa Reino
 Dentist



New Patients Welcome

676A Leg-in-Boot Square

874-9388

**General Multi-Service Corp.
 Building Maintenance Contractor**

- CONSULTING
- REPAIRS
- RESTORATION

- Painting • Leaks • Electrical • Drafts: weatherstripping
- Replace tub-shower sealant • Repairs: drywall, door handles, lights
- Free blocked sinks, toilets, garburetors, eavestroughs
- Equip. assembly & installations
- Refit doors, windows, bifolds
- Carpentry
- Water damage claims
- Pressure washing
- Earthquake preparation
- Plumbing

Bob Holden

Service Manager

Your Central One-Stop Fix-It Agent



Reg. No.
 16903

Fax: 732-4254

Tel: 732-7123

1015 Ironwork Passage

WOOFLES

THE CABOOSE • GRANVILLE ISLAND

Doggilicious Deli

1496 CARTWRIGHT STREET • VANCOUVER BC V6H 3Y5

Stuart Chiu

TEL (604) 689-DOGS(3647)

TOLL-FREE (877) WOOFLES

FAX (604) 684-DOGZ(3649)

(966-3537)
 www.woofles.com

McIVER'S

APPLIANCE SALES & SERVICE LTD.
 Established in 1964

854 WEST 6TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER 879-5222

BAR FRIDGES

\$95 up

**Huge inventory
 of all sizes**