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Kids' Toy Boat Building

is always one of the biggest hits of the Wooden Boat Festival. It takes place beside Isadora's Restaurant daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everything you need to build a boat is supplied: hammers, drills, nails, glue, sails and mounds of pre-cut shapes. And it's FREE FOR KIDS. Adults have to pay \$2 to 'help.'

8th Annual Wooden Boat Festival

Thursday to Sunday

August 24 - 27

on Granville Island

Craftsmanship at its best will be on display during the Wooden Boat Festival.

Wooden boats of all kinds will be moored at the Granville Island public docks. Over the years visitors have been treated to the sight of such veteran boats as B.C.'s only steam tug *S.S. Master*, the U.S. schooner *Red Jacket* and the *Spirit of Chemainus*.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the festival there will be enough events and demonstrations during the five days for everyone to share in the romance of owning a wooden boat.

You can watch Rob McDonald and Rob Morris of the Brewery Creek Kayak Co. steam bend frames as they build a Baidarka kayak from start to finish.

You can Leather and Lace with Dave Bradford at the Alder Bay Boat Company on Cartwright St. on

Saturday, August 26. Dave will reveal the secrets of leathering oars and lacing them in the traditional way. You can also learn about shaping paddles and oars.

Britannia Heritage Shipyard will have displays and demonstrations at Triangle Square.

Did you know there is an International Guild of Knot Tyers? If you want to bone up on your knotty technique, Terry Ridings will demonstrate any knot you can think of on Saturday, August 26 in Market Square.

No boat festival would be complete without Sea Shanties. David Lovine from Seattle and Tony Latimer and Pat Thompson of Lime Bay Mutiny will sing your favourite sea songs from time to time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The *M.V. Havorn* will be an appropriate setting to listen to local

maritime writers read from their works. David Conn, Joan Skogan, Rob Morris and Donald Graham will be on hand throughout the day on Saturday, August 26. (At the Information Centre if it rains.)

Should you be seriously thinking about buying a wooden boat, Lee Ehrheart, a marine surveyor from Seattle will give pointers on what to look for when surveying your prospective treasure. He will also be on board the *M.V. Havorn*.

There will be rowing races and sailing races for boats under 20' in Alder Bay on Saturday, August 26 and on the final day of the festival, a GRAND FINALE PARADE & SAILPAST of Granville Island at noon on Sunday, August 27 (boats leave the Cambie Bridge at 11:30 a.m.)

A detailed program of events will be available at the Granville Island Information Centre.

Cyclists by the dozen wheel on water - aboard the CYQUABUS

The inaugural run of Aquabus Ferries' new CYQUABUS was quite the media event on Wednesday morning, July 24, with all three local TV stations present.

It was also very much a Pratt Family event with Aquabus owner Geoff Pratt aided and abetted by parents George and Marjorie, sister Vicky, wife Margo, and son Jake.

The cycling fraternity was out in force - members of the bicycle police squad, of course and Stanley Park Seawall Patrollers Nelson McLachan

and Shelagh Roberts (whose helmets identify them as Bike Patrol and Skate Patrol respectively). Representatives from the town's best bike shops were among the group of Celebrity Cyclists which included Laurie Miller (BEST - Better Environmentally Sound Transportation) and, naturally, our cycling city councillor Gordon Price.

Granville Island management was well represented by Al Nauss, Ken Tunnecliffe and Pat McSherry, well dressed in office attire, while Mary O'Donovan, one of the Granville Island Market coordinators, joined the Celebrity Cyclists crowd, snazzily

attired in a purple/magenta jacket and tight black shorts which looked good with her cheery red bike.

During the brief dedication at the Hornby Street dock Aquabus owner Geoff Pratt proffered a year's ferry pass to Mayor Phillip Owen, which the Mayor graciously declined, explaining Revenue Canada counts such useful gifts as taxable 'percs.'

Big boats are traditionally launched with a bottle of champagne. As the CYQUABUS is a modest vessel, Geoff's wife Margo and their son Jake launched it with mineral water,

ably assisted by the Mayor.

Rather than contend with high speed traffic over the bridges to downtown, cyclists have opted for the safety of ferrying their bikes over False Creek on the Aquabus in ever increasing numbers. Anticipation of even more demand inspired Aquabus to design a dedicated bike ferry.

The catamaran-style Cyquabus will carry 12 bikes and riders and potentially could ferry as many as 1000 bikes a day. The four existing Aquabus ferries, although never

designed to do so, have always accommodated cyclists but often could take no more than two. They will continue to carry cyclists on all routes circulating between Concord/Yaletown Stamps Landing, Granville Island and Hornby Street.

The Cyquabus will shuttle continuously on its principal route between the Hornby Street dock and the Granville Island dock (next to the Arts Club Theatre) seven days a week. The one-way fare for bike and rider is \$2.00 with special multi-use fares available.



The CYQUABUS arriving at Aquabus Ferry dock on Granville to take invited guests and Celebrity Cyclists on its inaugural run.



At the Hornby Street dock another crowd of Celebrity Cyclists gathered to take the inaugural return trip to Granville Island on CYQUABUS.

The Editor



This photo of a scooter riding Editor remains for one more month in order to share a tale that's brought many a laugh.

This invaluable vehicle from BC Medequip has facilitated delivering *The Creek*, shopping trips to Granville Island, and social outings to theatres on the Island.

I understood the scooter's battery runs for 15 miles (I haven't 'gone metric'). By July 2 I had covered about half that distance and thus had not recharged the battery.

That night I chugged over to Performance Works on Granville Island for a Jazz Festival show, intent on spending half-an-hour beforehand delivering *The Creek* around the Island.

At the opposite end of the Island the warning lights began to flicker alarmingly and yours truly soon discovered the warning light does not mean 'you've a mile to get home to the charger'; it means about 400 yds! - too far to get home and anyway I'd paid \$20 for a ticket.

So I willed the beast to get me back across the Island to Performance Works for the show - and I'd cope with the dilemma later. 15 yds. from the door it died but a kindly gent helped to push it into the foyer.

At the end of the show, unable to discover a scooter equivalent of the B.C. Automobile Association Emergency Road Service, one limping Editor and her 'trusty' scooter had to take a taxi home.

Vancouver Taxis are the ones big enough to take wheelchairs - it was the first time the driver had taken a dead scooter.

THE FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

resumes its regular meeting schedule on
Wednesday, September 6th

The Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Board Room of the False Creek Community Centre. Representatives from all housing enclaves are invited to attend.

F.C.C.A. first stop in public information process for False Creek Streetcar Line

The last meeting of the False Creek Community Association was attended by Dave Rudberg (Manager of Engineering Services for the City) and Peter Bremner (Assistant Transportation Engineer) who presented a display and details for the False Creek Streetcar line presently proposed to run on False Creek's local roads. The initial line is an East-West transportation link projected to run from the Main St./ Science World Skytrain Station as far as the Vanier Park museum complex. Extensions into Kitsilano, the east end, downtown and Stanley Park are contemplated.

The issues raised by the FCCA were:

- loss of on-street parking spaces, already in short supply in the neighbourhood.

- elimination of the existing #50 BC Transit bus service, which provides a vital connection to Broadway and Granville Street,

especially for elderly residents.

- reduced manoeuvrability on local roads.

- increased noise levels

- increased congestion on False Creek local roads during construction of double tracking and streetcar stops.

- doubts that a streetcar line from the east would effect a reduction in Granville Island car traffic.

For local residents, a streetcar connection to the Main Street Skytrain would be a tedious substitute for travelling downtown compared with the present, speedy #50 bus service.

The Engineers' suggestion that a direct 'jitney' service from False Creek to Broadway might be provided was greeted with some scepticism.

It is not clear what form further public consultation with the False Creek community will take.



This milkmaid has a milking stool strapped around her waist so she can carry two pails and a place to sit down at the same time. It may be a useful item for standing in line at rock concerts, waiting to buy tickets.



This invention is a device for girls who think that dimples make them look cute. While it may give you dimples, you also may look like your head's been caught in a pair of tongs. But some people will do anything to look different.

Epicurious



Lola's

at Century House
432 Richards Street
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This month the EPICURIUS LUNCH BUNCH found themselves in what used to be the bank manager's office in Century House's earlier days.

Chef Scott Kidd moved from Gavroche, along with his sous chef, to reign over the kitchen at Lola's. His fans will no doubt follow him there, for good reason.

The Cornmeal Crusted Oysters with Roasted Peppers are highly recommended but beware when ordering Carpaccio of Scallops - 'carpaccio' means raw. Our course of Boar Loin with Tuscan Game Sauce was impressively preceded by placement of a boar's head centre table - but that's probably not standard! Be sure to try their selection of unpasteurized French cheeses.

Century House was built in 1911 for Canada Permanent who occupied it until 1951. Since then it has been home to an insurance company, a trade school, an antique store, a restaurant (Umberto's extravagant Il Palazzo), an office, a book store and most recently, a movie set. Now it is a restaurant again the waiters' station is in what used to be the vault.

Sherpas wanted for Westcoast Trail

"I need a sherpa so I can do the Westcoast Trail next year" said a woman at a recent Epicurious Lunch Bunch gathering. "So do I" added another trim, healthy young woman sitting opposite. Both declared they were fit enough for the demanding hike, but have back problems that preclude carrying heavy packs. So they need a sherpa.

trekkers do the same?

Amongst the mountain climbing fraternity - or strapping young men who jog daily along the seawall - there may well be some fit and strong enough to carry a double load - and be glad to get paid for doing it.

If anyone has indeed seen a notice

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call The Creek Office (734-3369) and we'll pass the information along to the two sherpa-short ladies.



1995 is the Year of the Boar

The Boar's head on the luncheon table at Lola's prompted a file search for information on the Chinese Almanac. Our reference material appears to be a placemat from a Chinese restaurant - but probably nonetheless authentic for that.

Those born in the years 1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, note:

Boars are often flirtatious. Some are obsessed with sex. They are more Yin than Yang. There is a calm side to their nature; you could call them naturally cool. They are always apprehensive of danger. They are fond of food. They tend to spend more than they earn. Boar women make good breeders. They have a strong affinity for water.

A love-hate relationship exists between Boars and Monkeys. "The boar and the monkey are soon parted."

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Another Modest Proposal

by Ambre Hamilton

In 1729, Jonathan Swift penned a bitterly ironical pamphlet (*A Modest Proposal*) wherein he attempts, tongue-in-cheek, to solve the problems of the poor by suggesting "that a young healthy child, well nursed, is at a year old, a most delicious, nourishing, and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled." Raising children as food - how horrifying!

And, in Vancouver, totally unnecessary. Right under our noses is the solution to foodbank shortages and a special treat for Christmas and Thanksgiving hampers for the financially challenged. It's the Canada Goose.

I used to love them, the elegant creatures. Long black necks. Muted taupe bodies. I felt a sense of pride as they flew overhead. They were our national goose - not to be shot, mutilated or abused in any way.

Now, in theory, it's a great idea to single out one species and assure that its feathers never get ruffled, but the problem is that after a while it thinks it's invincible. And it is. It has the run of Vancouver. Its population has quadrupled. It can eat and poop anywhere it wants, and it does.

At Deer Lake you cannot find one square poop-free foot of ground along the beach. The geese have taken over. The same goes for Stanley Park, where the ground is pelted with three inch long goose doo-dos. Or False Creek, where they rip out the grass and defecate the day long. I'm losing my love affair with the Canada Goose.

So, in keeping with Jonathan Swift, I'd like to suggest a few things that could be done with the

overpopulation of our fecally fecund feathered friends. The most obvious is - eat them! The mind reels.

Goose Inn Menu

Canada goose a l'orange
Stuffed Canada Goose with
Roasted Yams
Barbequed Canada goose with
Wonton in noodle soup
Teriyaki Canada goose
Curried Canada goose
Roast gosling with Wild Rice

The list goes on.

And it's not as though you have to do anything gross like shoot them. Having tamed them so thoroughly by treating them like household pets, it's just a matter of snatching them by their little black necks, stuffing them in a bag, and taking them home - limit one per customer.

Or if you truly do love them, you could adopt one. Take it home and be responsible for walking behind it with a little baggie to pick up the turdlettes. I don't feel any different about goose droppings than I do about doggie doo-doo or cat ca-ca. It's all poop to me.

This spring, I watched as a group of tourists gooped and gahed over a herd of goslings in the water near Granville Island. They took pictures. They threw cookies to them. I sat glowering, imagining one of the fluffy little fellows sauteeing in my frying pan, served up with a nice salad of spring flowers. Goslings with daffodils.

Either it's time for Canada goose birth control or it's time they were toilet trained. I mean, ask yourself, when was the last time you even considered running barefoot in the

park? Yuk, the very thought, in Vancouver.



Local History

Vancouver in 1903

Oxen, which were used to clear Main Street up to 33rd Avenue, had to be fitted with snowshoes lest they disappear into the bogs.

Households within the city limits had by this time been limited to 25 cows each since the driver of the new electric inter-urban line between Vancouver and New Westminster frequently had to stop to shoo cows off his line.

Someone proposed each church appoint a Sermon Inspector "whose function it shall be to critically examine all sermons before they are preached in order that they may eliminate all obsolete matter, dull phrases and vain repetitions."

Observed a man-in-the-pew "have not each of us secretly said in our hearts "Oh for an axe to hack off the thirdlies and fourthlies." (Nowadays we need a Political Speech Inspector.)

The Building Inspector's annual report indicated scarcely a vacant house to be had in the city. 1902 had seen 417 building permits issued, and a total construction value of \$833,608 - "all of superior class, reflecting great credit on both buildings and mechanics" (not a claim he could make in the 90's).

Vancouver in 1923

The New York Times took a gloomy view of Canada's chance in the Alaskan controversy (*shades of the current fish fights*).

In March, City Council received applications:

- from Joe Fortes to be appointed swimming instructor for the season at \$80/month.
- from 5 street sweepers for a pay increase from 18¢ to 25¢.
- from the Library Board for permission to build a staircase for \$1350. (*These days the paperwork alone would probably cost that amount.*)

The 'Week in Brief' column of The Weekly News Advertiser was exceedingly brief, e.g.

- the Doukoubours are on a wild goose chase again
- there is a nice case of black-mailing in Montreal
- the coke supply to the boundary is increasing.
- Miss Ellen Stone is demanding damages from Turkey (???)

The Weekly News Advertiser also announced, on April 28:

- that Mr. Stephen Green, caretaker at the Court House has just recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

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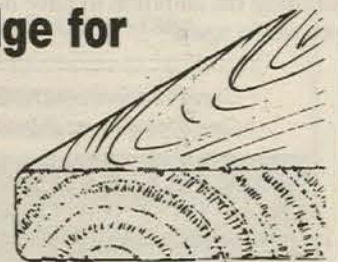
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Gillian Willis says Alfie, her African grey parrot, loves going for a walk in his cage. Mostly they go shopping to Granville Island where she is quite used to hearing "Look Mom ...!" from the kids they pass.

Some 'odd couples' have been seen out for a stroll along the seawall - cats in chest slings, ferrets in coat pockets, birds and monkeys on shoulders - but last week was a first spotting of a bird in a cage.

An After Dinner story from the Baroness Hornsby-Smith

When I was Under-Secretary of State at the British Home Office, I was due to visit Remand Homes in the west country. I was met at Exeter by a police car to complete my cross-country schedule.

On proceeding to Plymouth I was met by the Chief Constable in his car and he led the way to what had been an old mansion. On parade and gazing through the French windows

were thirty 'naughty' girls.

The Chief Constable leapt out of his car and joined me while my police driver opened the door. The girls goggled. That it might be courtesy never entered their heads - it could only be *custody*.

An awe-struck voice uttered: "Cor blimey, she must be an 'ot one - two police cars and three cops to bring 'her in."

Meet our local Luthier in his new Island studio



Geza Burghardt, pictured with his wife Katalin and (centre) daughter Eszter, opened his 'dream come true' studio on Granville Island on Canada Day.

It's always always a pleasure to feature 'dream comes true' stories, particularly about local residents.

Geza Burghardt's dream came true when he opened his Granville Island studio on July 1st.

The sign on the Duranleau Street studio door announces

Geza Burghardt
Luthier

I always thought a luthier only made lutes. Not so. Luthier means 'general instrument maker' and a luthier can make string, brass or reed instruments. Even a drum maker is called a luthier.

Geza Burghardt specializes in the making, restoration and repair of the string instrument family - violin, cello, double bass and guitars.

A fine craftsman's reputation follows him wherever he goes; Geza receives orders to make instruments from Europe and the United States.

The family left Hungary 11 years ago but spent four years in Austria before settling in Vancouver.

For seven years Geza worked at Ward Music, which has a huge instrument rental and repair department. Throughout those years he catered to a private clientele, making and restoring instruments on a compact bench tucked into a corner of their False Creek apartment, in Marina Coop, all the while nurturing the ambition to have his own studio again.

Last October he took the "now or never" plunge and left Ward Music to concentrate on his own work.

He was encouraged to apply for space on Granville Island by the fellows at the Alder Bay Boat Company whom he came to know by using their facilities to cut his guitar blanks. A friendship was inevitable. Dave Bradford, Brian Genn and Barry Cole make beautiful boats and play guitars. Before he became an instrument maker Geza also designed and built small boats - so he's completed the circle by teaching the boat builders to make guitars.

According to Ken Tunnecliffe, Property Manager for Granville Island, there are always several applicants-in-waiting for studio space. Maintaining the careful balance that is the hallmark of the Island requires careful selection of new artisans. Geza's work captured the imagination of the entire selection committee.

The Burghardts became Canadian citizens this spring and when, soon afterwards, Geza learned he was the successful applicant for the Island studio their hearts were set on celebrating their new citizenship by opening the studio on Canada Day. It was a scramble and a huge amount of work. Since the Alder Bay boat builders were instrumental in Geza joining the Granville Island community, naturally they helped to build the studio furnishings.

It seems appropriate that Geza should now be making handsome instruments in the same studio space on Duranleau Street where Matt

Kallio made handsome cedar chests for many years.

The Burghardts are 'at home' among the fine artisans who inhabit Granville Island and who have welcomed them warmly.

Peter Braun, of New Leaf Editions, created an elegant invitation for the opening reception, and even the guestbook is handcrafted with handmade paper.

Katalin Burghardt was an interior designer in Hungary and the studio reflects her design talents. Creating an interesting and warmly inviting studio, as the Burghards have done, can be a mixed blessing. Like all artisans on Granville Island they have discovered having a studio there requires a new skill, that of balancing time to welcome curious visitors with time for their serious, demanding work. After all, they are not on the Island as tourist attractions; they are there to make a living. The Burghardts try to achieve the balance by indicating 'Open' hours on the door; the rest of time they lock the door.

The pottery pieces which decorate the studio are for sale and are made by Eszter Burghardt. Her work bench is the same one her father used at home for years, a reminder of the pleasures of moving from a corner of the kitchen to 660 sq.ft.

All the while we talked, Katalin worked painstakingly on the finish of a violin. She's learning the craft from a master, and so happy it's all out of her kitchen at last.

B. Wilson

Creek readers contribute some gems from time to time. One of them sent this anecdote by Royal W. Shepard.

Old Tom's Swan Song

He was a large turkey, large enough to take comfort in the thought that it would have to be a great occasion, with many guests, for a bird of his stature to grace the table. He survived the first encounter with the snake, but lost to Aunt Hannah's wrath.

It was mid-morning on a glorious summer day. Aunt Hannah was in the garden picking peas for supper. She spoke. "What's the matter with you?" There was no answer, then after a few seconds, a despairing cry, "Lord God have mercy. You'll choke to death you old fool. Let go. Let go."

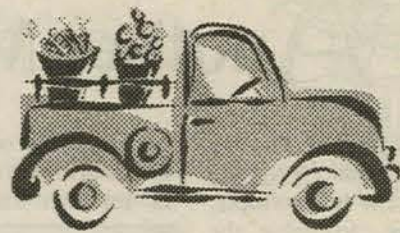
I ran around the house to the garden to witness a a bizarre scene - a tug-of-war. The old turkey had a snake - much too large a snake - partially swallowed. Aunt Hannah, with her feet also firmly planted, had a tight grip on the snake's tail.

Old Tom didn't have a chance. He was tiring rapidly and short of breath. Aunt Hannah moved slowly backward, admonishing the old fool to let go. He braced himself, let his feet dig a furrow for a few feet, and suddenly disgorged the snake. The old lady tumbled backward and disappeared behind the pea vines.

Her remarks withered three rows of yellow beans.

Instead of making tracks for the safety of the barnyard, Old Tom strutted over to the spot where Aunt Hannah had vanished. He stretched his long neck over the pea vine to look down at his prostrate foe. He savoured the sight for some seconds, then threw back his head and gave a victory gobble. Still clutching the snake's tail, the old lady scrambled to her feet. She cut short his bugling with a mighty roundhouse swing. The snake caught the old warrior on the side of the head. With one blow she killed the turkey and the snake.

It was the toughest meat I ever blunted my teeth on. We ate turkey for many days, in more ways I could count.



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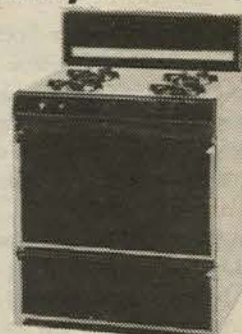
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Angels in America, hailed by many as the event of the decade, winner of 31 theatre and writing awards, is the face of America

"One of the things I wanted to explore" says playwright Tony Kushner, "was how legitimate the notion of community is. It is a fundamental American question, because that's what this country is - a community comprised of not only different constituencies, but hostile ones -- and irreconcilably so."

Those constituencies are brought together in Kushner's sweeping exposition *Angels in America*

A box office rarity, as a sell-out non-musical, *Angels in America* is both serious and funny, tragic yet hopeful, opulent but human. It is many stories in one: a religious couple confronting a marital break-up; suburban drug addiction; Washington's explosive power circles and bringing together gay lovers facing AIDS. It even challenges gender relations, with several male roles being played by a woman.

In *Millennium Approaches* a beautiful angel of death appears to

AIDS stricken character Prior Walter. Capitol Hill's ruthless Roy Cohn tries to woo a troubled Mormon government worker into his service, and Cohn himself discovers he's infected with the AIDS virus.

In *Perestroika*, Cohn faces a fierce disbarment effort by his political enemies. His Mormon aide, unaware of Prior's predicament, enters a relationship with Cohn's former lover and Prior learns the angel that appeared to him at the end of *Millennium Approaches* has a startling celestial mission for him.

The two parts are presented on a rotating repertory schedule by the same cast so audiences can see *Angels* either in its entirety or as two independent plays.

At the Queen Elizabeth Theatre

Part 1	Tues	Sept. 5	8 p.m.
Part 1	Wed	Sept. 6	8 p.m.
Part 1	Thur	Sept. 7	2 p.m.
Part 2	Thur	Sept. 7	8 p.m.
Part 1	Fri	Sept. 8	8 p.m.
Part 1	Sat	Sept. 9	2 p.m.
Part 2	Sat	Sept. 9	8 p.m.
Part 2	Sun	Sept. 10	2 p.m.

Tickets from Ticketmaster, 280-4444.

Be an 'ANGEL' on Opening Night, Tuesday, Sept. 5th

\$20 from each ticket sold for the opening night of *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches* will be donated to projects supporting people living with HIV/AIDS. **A Loving Spoonful** provides regular meals for people living with AIDS. **The Vancouver Friends For Life Society** provides emotional, psychological and spiritual support for people living with life-threatening illnesses and for their families, friends and caregivers. Both societies strongly believe no-one living with AIDS should have to face their illness alone. Tickets for the opening night performance range from \$40 - \$65.

From the Dictionary of Mis-Information

Dove as a symbol of peace

If those who selected the dove as a symbol of peace knew what Konrad Z. Lorenz knows about them, they might have made a different choice.

Lorenz, an expert on animal behaviour, put a male turtledove and a female ringdove in a cage together and left for Vienna..

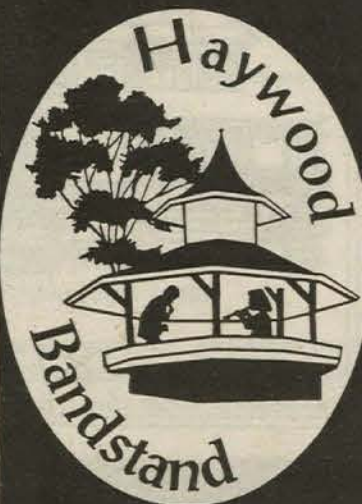
On his return he was horrified to find the turtledove prostrate on the floor of the cage, his featherless back a dripping bloody mass. The female "harbinger of peace" was methodically pecking away at what was left of her mate's back.

When observing two adversary wolves, on the other hand, Dr. Lorenz noticed that they shopped short of hostile action that might prove fatal.

He concluded that animals that are well equipped to kill their food possess a built-in reluctance to use their killing power on each other, but creatures that are equipped to flee have no such inhibitions and take no such precautions.



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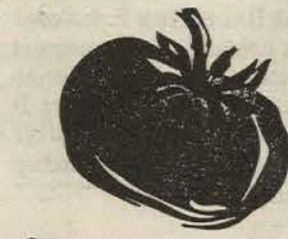
In conjunction with the exhibit, throughout the August weekends artists will be demonstrating and selling their work.

The Spirit of Haida Gwaii



- August 5 - 7** William Watts
Salish carving Totem plaques and masks
- August 12 & 13** Darren Yelton and Gary Baker
Salish talking sticks, plaques and masks
- August 19 & 20** Howard & Perry LaFortune
Salish Totem, masks, bowls
- August 26 & 27** Joseph Calder
Nisga'a gold and silver jewellery

Thursday & Friday August 10 & 11 at Granville Island Public Market



Tomato Festival

Tomatoes have come a long way since salads and spaghetti sauce. We're talking about more than a dozen varieties....

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Participate in complimentary cooking demonstrations by watching Vancouver's most highly acclaimed chefs transform B.C.'s finest tomatoes into decadent creations.

You are invited to steal their secrets and enjoy each extraordinary bite.

Cooking Demonstration Schedule

Thursday, August 10

Time	Restaurant	Chef
10:00- 11:30 a.m.	Toast of the Town Cuisine	Ann Kirsebom David Scholefield
12 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Isadora's	Hubertus Sum
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Keg at Granville Island	David Ormsby

Friday, August 11

10:00- 11:30 a.m.	Tomato Cafe	Diane Clement
12 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Sirloiner at Granville Island	Al Robinson
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Bridges Restaurant	Martin Hughes

Participating restaurants will hold a Tomato Festival promotion from August 6 - 12. Be sure to indulge yourself in a delicious tomato dish at one of them.

Craft Fair

at Granville Island's Triangle Square. Thursday, August 17 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

At Circle Craft

Hand painted and handblown glass by *Morna Tudor*
August 4 - September 5, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

What a perfect Sunday afternoon outing - a ferry ride across False Creek to the Aquatic Centre, a stroll along English Bay and music under the bandstand. Here's the schedule for the rest of the summer:

- Aug. 6** Tzimmes
Eastern European & Mediterranean music
- Aug. 7** Metro Seniors Band
(note: an extra on Monday)
Big band dance hits from the 40's & 50's
- Aug. 13** Brass Roots
World beat, funky, jazzified horn band
- Aug. 20** Urbana Jazz Band
Contemporary jazz big band
- Aug. 27** Maya,
Sounds of India
Music from the classical traditions of India
- Sept. 3** Out of the Woods
Original music with world music influences.

Live Theatre on Granville Island

On the Arts Club Mainstage through August
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A living celebration of jazz legend Louis Jordan, this rollicking musical features memorable songs and five cool and crazy dudes.

At the Arts Club Revue Cabaret to September 2
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Carousel Theatre again presents a student production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (now in its 400th year) on the outdoor stage at Performance Works on Granville Island (beside Granville Island Hotel). Nightly at 8:00 p.m. (except Sunday) from August 7 to 19.

This annual production of 'Dream' has become a hugely popular family event. Take a blanket, a sleeping bag so the kids can lie in front of the stage - and go early; it quickly becomes standing room only.

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August 30

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Flowering Shrubs of August

by Celia Brauer

Ahh, summer! Hot breezes, cool drinks, trips to the beach and the mountains. And of course, lots of flowers. Perennial gardens are at their showiest this time of year, attracting humans and insects alike. What happens to flowering shrubs? Many have their flowering heyday in the spring, but several strut their finery in late summer. Here are some to try:

Evergreen Shrubs

Escallonia is underutilized in Vancouver, perhaps because it needs a protected spot in cold winters. But it is a handsome broadleaf shrub, with a rounded shape, small glossy leaves and lovely clusters of fragrant pink flowers. Plant it in the sun and try it as a screen, but do not prune!

Abelia is similar to *Escallonia* in flower type, but it is smaller, and its branches reach out and sprawl. The leaves (some of which remain through the winter) change colour slightly through the year, and there is a lovely variegated variety. Pruning *Abelia* to a round clump is a common mistake and unfortunately, a very damaging one. Its leaves are not very numerous to start with and pruning will eliminate some of its flowers.

Erica (commonly known as heather or heath) brightens up a corner of the garden in the winter (*Erica carnea*). Heathers (*Calluna vulgaris*) and bell heaths (*Erica cinerea* and *Daboecia*) will fancy up the front of your shrub bed in summer as well. It is a low-maintenance shrub; cut off spent blooms after flowering to keep the plant from sprawling.

Hebes are also underutilized, perhaps because they are not reliably hardy. They come in many different varieties, from small rockery mounds

to much larger shrubs, and most are low maintenance. Check your local nursery for their selection.

Yuccas are commonly seen here. Despite their very tropical appearance, most are very hardy in this climate. They require little maintenance, are quite drought tolerant and send up a tall shoot of white flower. Give them lots of room as they create new shoots that spread sideways. The most common is *Y. filamentosa*.

Deciduous Shrubs

Buddleia davidii has escaped from gardens and grows wild along roadsides in the Lower Mainland. It becomes a very large bush with arching stems and lilac-like purple flowers. It is commonly called butterfly bush for obvious reasons. Give it lots of room, and sun and watch it attract wildlife. *Buddleia* will offer more flowers if pruned in the spring to 2" above old wood. *Buddleia* is also available with yellow, pink or white flowers.

Hibiscus is often seen as an indoor plant, but can be seen growing outdoors in more tropical climates. Here, there is a large deciduous shrub that grows to 8 feet in sunny spots. It is late to put on leaves in spring, but by late summer, hibiscus sports many 3" blossoms. The most common is *H. syriacus* 'Blue Bird'.

Hydrangeas are very popular, for good reason. They offer numerous flowers and are very easy to care for. *H. macrophylla* is divided into the Mophead group, which are the most common, and the graceful-looking Lacecap group. Both look quite presentable (in blue, pink, purple, or white) with minimum care. But that

is no excuse to ignore them! If the bush is becoming too large, thin out some of the thicker stems. Leave the dried flowers on the bush until the spring as the new bud forms under the old. *H. paniculata* 'Grandiflora' or 'peegee' is a tall shrub with coneshaped cream-coloured flowers. And don't forget the wonderful *H. petiolaris* vine which climbs its way up the sides of buildings in the shade and produces lovely lacecap white flowers.

Potentilla is not an exciting bush on its own, but it will perform well at the front of a shrub bed, as it sprouts lots of white, yellow, or orange flowers all summer long. Some varieties have attractive grey-green leaves. Our B.C. native is *P. fruticosa*. Don't put *potentilla* in a prominent place because the foliage turns an unattractive brown in the winter. It also requires no pruning, but cut off dead branches after it has greened up in the spring.

Roses are favourite flowers that last throughout the summer, but they are easily an essay in themselves. For ease of maintenance, try shrub roses for less pruning and fewer diseases. Some even have that old-fashioned fragrance! Check your favourite nursery for available varieties.

The familiar spring-flowering spirea, is *S. vanhouetti* or bridle wreath. The most common summer-flowering spirea is the smaller *S. japonica* 'Anthony Waterer' with its pink flowers. Try 'Goldfame' for a change in leaf colour. Spireas are very easy care plants: they look presentable year after year and their leaves turn a lovely red colour in the fall. Summer-flowering varieties can be pruned to 2" above the ground.

Celia Brauer is a Volunteer Certified Master Gardener at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Volunteer Master Gardeners answer questions Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 257-8662 (new number)

Have A Nice Holiday

We ran this piece a few years ago but it's such a gem we think it warrants a re-run, especially for new Creek readers.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter concerning your week's vacation up here in Westmoreland in our cottage whilst we are away at Bognor with my cough.

I shall leave the front door key under the mat, but if it is not there, go to Mrs. Pratt at the post office. She opens at about a quarter to eleven after she's milked the cows and closes for lunch. If she's not open in the afternoon, it's because her feet are bad, so you may well have to shout through the letter-box as she is rather deaf as well.

Could you keep an eye on the animals? Timmy the cat likes a quarter of fresh cream every day, but if you can't get it, he will have the top of the milk and you can have the rest. He likes his Whiskas after he's watched the late-night BBC television news, if the electric is still on.

Sage and Onion, the dogs, should be no trouble. Sage gets his own bone from the butcher's at about 10 o'clock each morning, except Sundays. He can manage provided you see him across the road. He likes a walk to the duck pond every afternoon including Sundays, and if he jumps in, make sure you bath him after.

Onion likes a tin of Pedigree Chum in the evening, but could

you mince it since he hasn't any teeth? Could you let him sleep at the bottom of your bed and give him a bodge if he snores? He's getting very old now but he does like company at night. If you find he smells a bit you can always sleep with the window open. He doesn't mind.

Could you put your washing on the line in the garage as the billy goat might take a fancy to it if you leave it outside.

The nanny likes to be milked after you've taken Sage for a walk, and could you take the milk along to No.9 as I promised Mrs. Robinson it on account of her chest.

The horse gets a carrot before 10 and, should you forget, will rattle the gate until you do.

By the way, if any of the sheep should break out from the pasture at the top end of the field, would you repair the damage? There's a book on dry stonewalling in the cabinet in the kitchen. It's like doing a jigsaw really, only heavier.

As Mrs. Robinson doesn't deliver any more on account of her chest, you can get the milk from the farm. It is down the lane, left at the stile, right at Mr. Sowerby's septic tank and two miles as the crow flies. Watch for the bull in the second field on the way back as you can curdle the milk if you have to run for it.

Harry the dustman calls about half-past six on Thursday morn-

ings. Could you carry the bin down the road for him and put it in the dustcart as he has hurt his back?

If you have green fingers, my husband normally mows the orchard at least three times a week. You will find the mower in the garage, the hedgecutters in the outside loo and the secateurs in the box marked 'Epsom Salts.'

Please don't put anything in the freezer as Mrs. Hodges keeps her raspberries there. Mrs. Hodges is nearly 80 and does for me on a Tuesday and Friday. She will dust the ornaments in the living room and polish the table and wash up the cups. She usually starts about nine, has coffee at eleven and will stay for lunch.

I have put your husband down to attend Matins and Evensong on Sunday and choir practice on Friday night. Peter has gone on holiday so I volunteered your husband to pump the bellows on the organ and hum F in the hymns, as the note is missing in the pipes.

There is one bus a day as you will see on the 1954 timetable under the clock in the hall. It comes at 9 in the morning, weather permitting. If you walk to Kirby to the gentlemen's outfitters, if he's not closed you can buy a ticket for the scenic railway to Leeds.

I do hope you will have a nice peaceful holiday.



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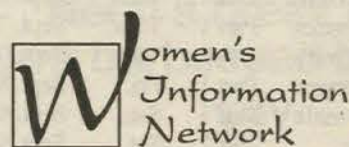
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MINI TREKKERS

For ages 5-6 years includes Wet, Wet, Wet, Everybody's Birthday and The Great Outdoors.

SUMMER SEEKERS for age 7-9 years includes themes like Earth Bound, Wild Wetness and Frontier Explorers.

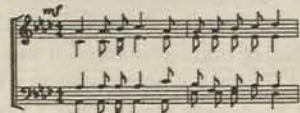
ADVENTURERS for ages 10-12 years includes Go for the Gold, Discover the Earth and Wacky Water Fun.

Daily drop-in rates available for daycamps if the maximum is not met. They will be accepted after 5:00pm the night before or the morning of the day they want to register in.

Registration begins August 23rd for **FALL 95 OUTREACH PROGRAMS** at False Creek Elementary School and Henry Hudson School. Noon hour and After school programs will be available. Register early for exciting programs like Mask Making, Stars, Sports and Gardening. Full details will be available in our Fall Recreation Guide.

SUMMERTIME MUSIC MAKERS

Preschoolers ages 2 - 4 years can experience rhythm, play acting, poetry, creative movement and percussion instruments. Camp runs August 8 - 11 Monday to Friday with three times available for different ages levels.



TENNIS FOR AGES 5-7 years

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TENNIS FOR AGES 8-14 years

A unique program for boys and girls wishing to improve their tennis skills. This program will cover the basics of the serve, backhand & forehand with an added emphasis on fun. Lessons run for four days in a row. Please refer to our Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for times and fees.

Farewell

Part-time Front office staff member **Jann Neilson** is moving with her family back to London. Jann, Phil, Oliver and Georgia have lived in False Creek for four years and are moving back the end of July. All those who knew the family will miss them dearly.

1995 FALL BROCHURE SNEAK PREVIEW

The Fall Recreation Guide will be available August 17 at the Centre and registration begins August 23rd at 9:30 am. New and exciting programs for Fall are:

Adult Workshops: Sushi Making, Traditional Cree Moccasins, Soapstone Carving and Signature Interior Design.

Seniors: Watercolour Painting, 1995 Silver Star Getaway to The Okanagan

Preschool: Music Makers, Ballet and Kindercooks.

Children: Creative Drawing, Kitchen Capers.

Adult: Calligraphy, False Creek Actors.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

In January 1992, a suggestion came to the Program Committee to introduce Fencing as a sport to the Centre. Many people enjoyed the Fencing, however, one individual excelled and continued on after the sport left our Centre. Oliver Strutt went on to practice and become part of Team B.C. for the Canada Winter Games. He is the only Fencer in the province to qualify in both Foil and Epy. He has become the top foil fencer in the under 17 years category. We are proud of Oliver and the focus he has found through this highly disciplined sport.

Congratulations Oliver.



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For Kids at Kids Only

Don't forget these **FREE** events for the kids this month at Kids Only Market

August 5 **Police Day • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Meet members of the Vancouver Police Department. Climb inside a real paddy wagon and learn safety tips and street smarts.

August 12 **Get Stamping • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
I'm Impressed Artistic Stamps hosts this creative workshop. Learn lots of ways to use stamps and create your own works of art.

August 19 **International YMCA Theatre**
• shows at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
The International YMCA Theatre Group will present the 1995 edition of their earthwise plays.

Amy's in the Top Ten

Amy Ewert made it through the final cut for the B.C. Provincial Basketball Team

As many people around the Creek know Amy has been busy perfecting her hook shot for the past year. She has knocked at many local doors trying to raise funds for the different basketball ventures in which she's been involved.

This Spring, Amy was selected to represent Vancouver to compete against the other B.C. select teams for a chance to make the B.C. Provincial Team.

After a gruelling four days the group of 100 girls were cut to 20. The following week the group of 20 was then reduced to the top 10 players

in the province. Amy Ewert was one of those selected, so for her summer has mostly meant training camp.

The highlight of the season will be the Provincial Championship to be held in Oregon City, Oregon, where the best of the Canadian and American teams will be playing.

The Ewert family would like to thank all the people who bought raffle tickets, had their cars washed and provided other support to help Amy achieve her goal.

Congratulations Amy.

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Bits & Pieces

Rating a Mate

People spend endless energy on the search for a partner and, these days, increasing amounts of money. The Introduction Agency business is a growth industry.

One agency promotion flier included the following quiz (CAUTION: Trying it with your partner could be risky. The chances of confirming compatibility or conflict may be 50/50)

On a scale of 1 to 10 rate each of the following qualities in a mate

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| Considerate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Honest | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ambitious | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Romantic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Creative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Open minded | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tolerant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Loyal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Adventurous | <input type="checkbox"/> | Patient | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Down to earth | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reliable | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sophisticated | <input type="checkbox"/> | Athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Trustworthy | <input type="checkbox"/> | Decisive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Charitable | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Health conscious | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Sense of humour | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Communicative | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Around the world dining

If you're planning an itinerary based on the cost of dining out, this information gleaned from a **Distinctive Travel** newsletter may be helpful:

Five most expensive countries for a restaurant dinner:

- Japan \$77.43
- Russian \$55.01
- Denmark \$45.86
- Norway \$45.22
- Korean Republic \$42.09

Five least expensive countries to dine:

- Bhutan \$ 7.94
 - Cape Verde \$8.04
 - Kenya \$10.17
 - Tuvalu \$10.53 *
 - Pakistan \$10.66
- (* Where the heck is Tuvalu)

What nonsense we do talk

Found in an old Readers' Digest - the results of what must have been an invitation to readers to submit examples of commonly used **Mutually exclusive terms**

- Plastic glasses
Amy Auttonberry
- Fresh frozen
Laura Witschen
- Exact estimate
Kevin Hover
- Unbiased opinion
Sarah Koenig
- Working vacation
C. P. Miscavish
- Oddly appropriate
Paul Dickson
- Reckless caution
John Crosby
- Completely unfinished
Bill Sheppard
- Clearly misunderstood
Jeff Rainbolt

Change for Good

When you travel on a Canadian Airlines international flight, remember to ask for a UNICEF Change for Good envelope - and drop those leftover small bills and coins into it. The program has been a great success since it began in June 1994. Collected funds support UNICEF programs which provide clean water, adequate nutrition, immunization, basic health care and education for under-privileged children around the world.

Plagued with ants?

Sprinkle chili powder, paprika, dried peppermint, borax or damp coffee grounds where the ants enter. Or fill the entry holes with white glue (less toxic than caulk). It should block entry when it hardens.

Egg Tips

To tell if an egg is fresh, place in a pot of cold water. A fresh egg sinks and lies on its side; a not-fresh-but-still-edible egg will stand partially up on its tapered end; a rotten egg will float.

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FAX MACHINE NEEDED

Surprise! No response to last month's item. No-one called to say how glad they'd be to clear out a cupboard by offering an old model fax machine to The Creek Office FREE FOR THE TAKING. Must we offer to BUY a secondhand fax? That would be a blow, knowing there are discarded ones lying around all over town. Do Call 734-3369.

Boat Cushion Upholsterer required

By sailor returning to False Creek mooring in August. Call Pager 680-6651 (which accepts phone numbers or brief messages).

FREE FOR THE TAKING

Advertising space is FREE for any still-useful items readers want to offer to a second home. Leave details for The Creek at False Creek Community Centre front desk.

Summer evening stroll to free entertainment

Kitsilano Showboat, which puts scores of amateur performers in the spotlight every summer, continues at Kitsilano Beach every Mon. Wed. & Fri. at 7:30 p.m. until August 18. It's an ideal performance space for dance groups and there are plenty of them around happy to perform for an audience. The Vancouver Hungarian Folk Ensemble will close this Showboat season.

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Here are some interesting statistics. Although the sales for the year are down 33%, the actual prices are up 4% in land leased properties and 5% in freehold for the first half of 1995 in False Creek. This reflects our usual average increase in value per year.

The bad news for those who want to move into the Creek is that the number of units available for sale is down. There are many owners who have been here since False Creek was originally revamped in the seventies. Interestingly enough, the units that do resell have usually had two owners, so our turnaround figure is about eight years while in other parts of town it is 5 years. This means that most people who are lucky enough to find a nest in False Creek are quite happy to stay.

As for what is available, one bedroom units start at \$170,000 in apartment buildings, in townhouses at \$195,000; two bedrooms from \$186,500 and up. A view can add from \$10,000 to \$100,000 depending on the direction and angle. Three

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