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The 4th Annual Granville Island Market After Dark is an exuberant celebration of the bounty of food and drink from B.C. which awaits us this season.

Saluting the unsung heroes of the food industry - growers, farmers, fishermen, suppliers, brewers, vintners and chefs - Market After Dark showcases the finest and freshest of B.C. food and drink.

On Monday, May 4th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. the Market will be alive with music and the sizzle of some of the hottest chef demonstrations around. This is a chance for regular patrons to discover new and special product lines from their favourite vendors. Join them and some special guests as they cook up a savoury range of treats, all washed down with local microbrews, wines and juices.

There will be lots of things to sample, including venison raillettes on fresh Terra Breads, accompanied by organic lager beer from Pacific Western Brewing. Try out some special cheeses from Dussa's Ham & Cheese, a salmon steak from The Salmon Shop, and organic juices from Happy Planet Juice. For kids and adults alike there will be ice cream from The Milkman.

When you just can't eat any more, indulge in a feast for the mind at the chef demonstration tent, hosted by Steven Wong, author of Heart Smart Asian Cooking.

- 5:30 p.m. Walter Messiah
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Crepes
- 6:30 p.m. Audrey Durbach
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Asparagus Salad
- 7:30 p.m. Martin Hughes
Cotton Club
Pacific Halibut
- 8:30 p.m. Bill Jones
Magnetic North Cuisine
Warm Spinach Salad with
ginger-beef & venison

In addition to all the food and drinks there will be an area just for kids and entertainment for adults. Music will be provided by GI Blues, Inti Runa and Divertimento, along with musicians from the Bluegrass Festival. The Vancouver Morris Men, bedecked in their huge spring bonnets will help everyone dance in the spring.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, with food and drink tasters ranging from \$1 to \$3.

Granville Island Market After Dark is a fundraising benefit for FarmFolk/CityFolk Society which is dedicated to the protection of farmland in B.C. and creating a more sustainable food system.

Granville Island's festival calendar kicks off with Bluegrass

The first three weekends in May will again resound to the universal sound of bluegrass music as the Pacific Bluegrass and Heritage Society, with the support of CMHC Granville Island, celebrates its eleventh year.

The highlight this year will be the indoor concerts at Performances Works on May 17 & 18 starting at 3:00 p.m. **Goldstream, Jerusalem Ridge, Great Northern, 5 On A String, Tumbleweed and Bluegrass Signal** will all be showcased.

Tickets are \$10 and include admission to the instrumental workshops: guitar and mandolin on Sunday, fiddle and banjo on Monday.

There'll be a Bluegrass information table in the Public Market on the weekends, starting Saturday, May 2nd where advance tickets can be bought.

The Festival kicks off on Saturday, May 2nd with free concerts every

Saturday, Sunday and the holiday Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Skip the Mothers' Day Brunch - take your Mom to an Old Time Dance

On Mothers' Day, May 10, starting at noon, one of the Lower Mainland's top old-time dance bands will be back and everyone is invited to join in. **Tempus Fugit**, with Marion Rose calling the dances, will present a program of participatory dance, blending circle, square and contra dances. Dances will be taught on the spot.

For those who just can't get enough bluegrass there is an exciting new addition to the roster this year: **Saturday Pickin' Parties** at the **Granville Island Brewery**.

Here's your chance to jam with the performers and bluegrass buskers, or just enjoy pizza, libations and great music from 5:30 - 10:30 p.m.

each Saturday of the festival. Tickets are \$5, available at the Market information table or at the door.

Anyone interested in **VOLUNTEERING** during the festival should call **Will Kinch** at 687-3710.

The Pacific Bluegrass & Heritage Society is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the preservation of bluegrass and old time string music. It holds weekly jam sessions, workshops, concerts and other events. Its current home is the ANZA Club at 3 West 8th Ave. For more information about PBHS or the festival, call 215-0779.

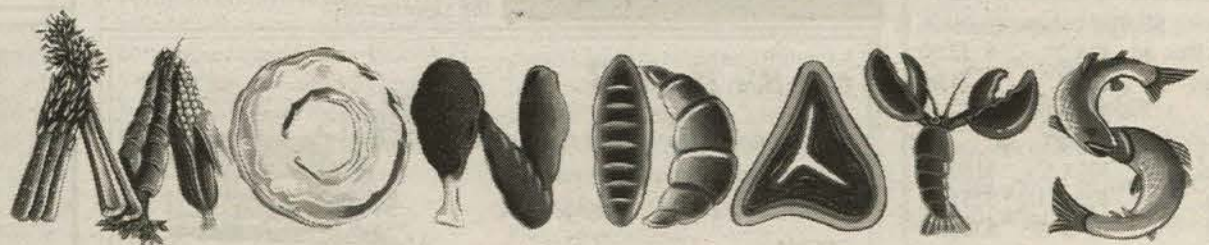
Festival Lineup on the Market Courtyard stage

- Saturday, May 2**
- 11:30 Rhythm Round Up
- 12:30 Barley Brothers
- 1:30 Crescent Ranch
- 2:30 Barley Brothers
- Sunday, May 3**
- 11:30 Northern Pacific
- 12:30 Blue Coyote
- 1:30 Northern Pacific
- 2:30 Crescent Ranch
- Saturday, May 9**
- 11:30 Westerlies
- 12:30 Blue Moon
- 1:30 Rocky Mountain
- 2:30 String Loaded
- Sunday, May 10**
- 11:30 Blue Moon
- 12:30 Tempus Fugit
- 1:30 Square Dance
- 2:30 Kuhn Brothers
- Saturday, May 16**
- 11:30 5 On A String
- 12:30 Blue Hill
- 1:30 Great Northern
- 2:30 Blue Hill
- Sunday, May 17**
- 11:30 Blue Hill
- 12:00 Bullas
- 12:30 Jerusalem Ridge
- 1:00 Goldstream
- 1:30 Bluegrass Signal
- 2:00 Blue Coyote
- Monday, May 18**
- 11:30 Goldstream
- 12:00 Great Northern
- 12:30 Jerusalem Ridge
- 1:00 Bullas
- 1:30 Tumbleweed
- 2:00 Rhythm Roundup



The award winning **Bulla family** from Washington state will be the headliners at Performance Works on the May 17/18 weekend during the Bluegrass Festival. With their high energy bluegrass, fast, fancy fiddling, tight harmony and heart-felt gospel, Mom, Dad, son and daughter, (Brad, Carol, Luke and Jenny Anne) are guaranteed to delight young and old alike. Making it a thoroughly family affair, there'll be surprise appearances by the smaller siblings, Jed, Jesse, Hannah and Kit.

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The Editor



Beryl Wilson

Kudos for Sanyo

It's a pleasure to be able to say one good thing about a major corporation. Most of them claim to provide customer service. A grateful Ms. Wilson attests to the fact that Sanyo actually practises it.

I acquired a fax machine from a friend - sans instruction manual. An obliging staff member at Staples Office Supplies (who would have given me a manual if he'd had one) provided a tel.no. for Sanyo Fisher Service Co. in Toronto and the chap who answered the phone was as good as his word - a manual arrived within the week.

Good show Sanyo.

A Dictionary of Buzzwords
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MAI - "NAFTA on steroids" - down but not out

A mischievous landlady of long ago had a pithy expression to sum up most situations. One of her favourites was "When rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it." Now-a-days she'd be roundly criticised for such an utterance, even in the privacy of her own home.

To a large extent it's the resigned attitude most of us among the 'great unwashed' have taken to the government and corporate shenanigans of the last few years - FTA, NAFTA, APEC. The texts are long and technical. Even the profusion of analytical articles written by learned folk with sharp minds are abstruse.

Then there's the daily conflict of interest between principles and the pocketbook. If it's not a twinge of conscience over buying an item some Asian sweatshop worker earned 50¢ to make, it's swallowing misgivings about the integrity and social performance of the companies in which RRSPs and pension funds are invested.

It's a contest the pocketbook invariably wins. The impecunious have little choice; the wealthy either have no misgivings or swallow easily.

"Globalisation is inevitable", the incantation of the day, is repeated *ad nauseam*. It's a fate many seem to think is as inevitable as death.

Donald Johnston, Secretary General of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, where the MAI has been under negotiation since 1995) believes "the benefits of globalisation are manifest; the benefits to consumers are so clear - job creation, increased wealth..." He acknowledges that "in any process of adjustment there are winners and there are losers"

He never spoke a truer word:
- when out of 100 of the largest economies in the world 51 are transnational corporations.

A primer, for those like the Air Care technician who didn't know what the **STOP THE MAI** bumper sticker meant:

The **Multilateral Agreement on Investment** would

- grant corporations equal legal standing with nation-states
 - deprive elected governments of the freedom to serve the public good in whole areas of social and economic activity
 - confer on corporations a corresponding freedom from any obligation to society or its citizens
 - prevent Canadian governments from favouring Canadian companies
 - grant foreign corporations the right to sue Canadian governments for (potential) lost profits
 - provide foreign companies with the tools to force governments to roll back legislation on consumer protection, foreign investment, social programs and regional development
- and that's just for starters.

- when the average wage increase for working people was about 3% and the average salary and bonus for corporate CEOs rose by 67%.

The well-heeled (ex-Liberal Minister) Mr. Johnston, now comfortably insulated from the hurly-burly of political life, says "it's up to governments to take steps to make sure there are only winners; to make the 'adjustment process' work.

He thinks the objections that have temporarily derailed signing of the MAI are "small parochial issues"

Sergio Marchi, Minister of International Trade, who now has the thankless job of making the MAI political palatable, says the MAI has become a 'shopping' cart into which Canadians are putting all their anxieties.

Anxieties and parochial issues like the MAI allowing, for example, U.S. based profit-oriented Health Management Organisations to open new markets in Canada and take over parts of our (perhaps not accidentally slowly eroding) Medicare system.

In education the purchase of school supplies, from textbooks to pencils, could not be limited to domestic companies, and foreign investors in charter schools would be entitled to the same access to public financing from provincial governments as public schools.

Editor delinquent - still

The Editor's reports on the activities of the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association are spasmodic at best and have been absent altogether for the past few months.

Holidays in Mexico and meeting Creek production deadlines have taken precedence over attending meetings of late.

Experienced, inventive reporters can write informative columns, armed only with an agenda and skimpy minutes - but *The Creek* Editor claims neither of these attributes.

With luck, and a bit of discipline, perhaps a year-end wrap-up will be managed before the Association takes the summer off.

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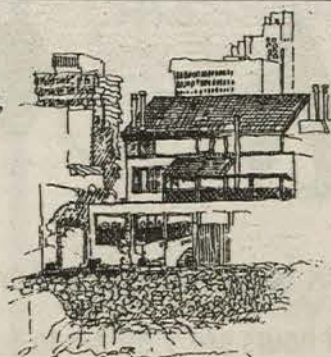
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Bill Diamond, Canada's chief negotiator on the MAI, maintains it will be an affirmation of national sovereignty. He could be suspected of either dissembling or still believing in the tooth fairy.

'The worm has turned'

A growing number of 'ordinary Canadians' (and ordinary citizens of other countries) has decided globalisation is not inevitable and that governments do not always act in the best interests of their citizens.

There's a kind of poetic justice in the fact that the Internet - no doubt intended to serve corporate interests primarily - has put an end to the 'divide and conquer' strategies employed by governments. Access to it, by even the poorest citizen groups, has enabled grassroots organisations around the world to mobilise and share information.

Remember the "unsinkable Molly Brown" of Titanic fame?

In Canada the fight to nobble the MAI is being lead primarily by the "unsinkable Maude Barlow", Chairman of the Council of Canadians. The Council now has 42 chapters across the country, many of which were spawned over the MAI issue.

Never doubt the power of a small group of committed people to change the world.

Indeed it's the only thing that will. (an inaccurate quote from Margaret Mead).

There has never been a better time to join the Council



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100th Anniversary of Seymour School

Former students of Seymour School are invited to participate in planning for the 100th Anniversary in 2001.
A planning meeting will beheld on **Tuesday, May 12** from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 104, Seymour School, 1100 Keefer St.

Contact Marjorie Lm at 713-4641 or fax. 713-4643.

Volunteer Entertainers Needed

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A unique journey as told by Gertrude and George Goose

Gertrude picked out a feather and quickly "put quill to page."

It had been a long time since she last had a pen-visit with her parents. She felt badly about that, but so much had happened lately there had been no time for letter writing.

Now, after a long journey to her new husband's home in a very different part of the country, she felt compelled to write to them.

Dear Mom & Dad:

At long last I am finding time to write. I do think about you often - and miss you.

I want to send you some exciting news - *Congratulations* on becoming grandparents - and to tell you about an extraordinary trip your grandchildren took when they were just a few days old. You won't believe itfive stories down, and no feathers yet on their tiny wings! I know how much you enjoy travel stories, so here is one that is true, even if a bit far fetched. Actually George had told me about it when we were building our nest, but I didn't pay much attention. Nothing like that happened back home.

I remember you telling me that when the time came to build my nest, to be sure to put it up off the ground, in order to protect the eggs, and later the young ones, from danger. But surely never that high!

"Trust me", George muttered, as we flew in with mouthfuls of twigs, leaves, and the usual pickings to make a nest strong and comfortable.

A feast for the dedicated dictionary dabbler

Lexicographical energy seems to know no bounds and now that I am acquainted with the fruits of it, clearly my bookshelves are deficient. A survey reveals only six dictionaries: Two Oxfords, a Gage Canadian, a mammoth Random House, an Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and a Dictionary of MisInformation.

Dictionary dabblers are blessed with a wondrous selection (dare one say a plethora?) of intriguing titles. There are Dictionaries

- of Last Words
- of Cliches
- of Love
- of Thoughts
- of Nicknames
- of Code Name
- of Words About Alcohol
- of Misprints
- of Railway Slang
- of Literary Pseudonyms
- of Polish Terms defining the Goldsmith's Work
- of Eminent Welshmen
- of Disasters at Sea During the Age of Steam
- of Colonial American Printers' Ornaments and Illustrations,

There is even a Dictionary of Foreign Words in Ukrainian consisting of those foreign-to-Ukrainian words that Ukrainians use!

For those who ache to know all about Herveys there is a Dictionary of Herveys of All Classes, Callings, Counties and Spellings, from 1040 to 1500.

At a time that people entering the job market are told they can expect

"It's okay. You'll see. Our family will be safe here." At the Creek, here means on the roof tops and balconies of the high rise buildings. It is a long way up from the ground.

The nest was a bit crowded - with 16 eggs. When it was my turn to sit and keep them warm, I brooded mentally and physically. My biggest worry was how we would get the little ones safely out of the nest and down to the water....five stories down. George didn't share any of my concerns. He just kept telling me not to worry and that all would be well.

Soon the eggs hatched and 16 little voices began their small peeping sounds - all of them clamouring for food and my attention.

Soon, very soon, the nest became overcrowded. It was time to leave. I looked down, and fretted. My little ones were just tiny balls of fluff with miniature wings that had not yet developed any feathers.

I still can't believe what happened. George flew off - over to the next balcony and started banging his beak against the window there. A pleasant looking man came out, went back inside and returned with a large cardboard box with a cushion inside it. He said something to George, then stepped over to our balcony. Before I could stop him, he gently lifted all the goslings into his box. George came back and tried to calm me down.

"Don't worry" he said. "This is the way our family will get down to the



This is not a picture of Gertrude & George with part of their large brood heading for the water, but it is a photo of a goose family of earlier years who descended from a Leg-in-Boot Sq. balcony in a cardboard box.

The author of Gertrude & George's story thought she had written a fictional piece; she had no idea this scene has actually been played out year after year in the square.

water's edge safely. It happens every year, here in False Creek, when the little ones are ready to leave their nests. Come along now, we must fly down to be there when they arrive."

We got there in time to see our youngsters land safely on the ground. They were jumping up and down with excitement - all of them trying to talk to us at the same time, and telling us about their "magic" flight on a cushion in a cardboard box. What a way to travel for their first trip.

I must sign off now. My friend Gabrielle is flying east to your neck of the woods. She has promised to tuck this note under her wing and take it to you.

Much love from your daughter
Gertie

to change careers several times during their working lives, a useful volume for a person required to find a new career is the **Dictionary of Occupational Titles** (distributed by the U.S. Department of Labour to every state employment office). It contains more than 20,000 entries.

Learn about the job duties of the *fish pitcher*, *frog shaker*, *tick sewer*. Find out if there is any correlation between the duties of a *skin fitter* and a *plastic surgeon*; a *carpenter apprentice* and a *smash hand*; a *speech therapist* and a *lingo cleaner*. If becoming a *humane officer* does not appeal there might be openings (somewhere) for a *sulky driver*, an *abrasive grader*, an *odd bundle worker*, a *concrete rubber* or an *upsetter setter-up*.

War history buffs will enjoy the **Dictionary of Battles** which covers more than 1560 separate military engagements from the first battle of Megiddo in 1479 B.C. to the fighting in Vietnam in the 60's.

Should you need to know the exact date Shah Jehan built the Taj Mahal in memory of his favourite wife; when the Little Entente was formed, or when the Koh-i-Noor Diamond was given to Queen Victoria, then you need **Everyman's Dictionary of Dates**.

The **Dictionary of Lost Words** reveals that in the 17th century there were twenty-one synonyms for *pun* (*carrivitchet*, *liripoop* among them)

Bizmer is not to be found in either

the Concise Oxford, Gage Canadian or Random House dictionaries, but in **Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure & Preposterous Words** it has four definitions, the last one being: *the fifteen-spined stickleback*.

Mrs. Byrnes will also enrich your vocabulary with such gems as: *Lalochezia* (talking dirty to relieve tension); *eroteme* (the question mark), *mytacism* (excessive or incorrect use of the letter M). You will be able to praise an author's *adoxography* (good writing on a trivial subject); snicker at a neighbour's *lythcoop* (auction of household goods) or console a friend about his *supinvalent* spouse (one able to make love only while lying down).

The diligent Mrs. Byrne (daughter of the violinist Jascha Heifetz) amassed an impressive 6000 bizarre terms.

The **Dictionary of Contemporaries** will acquaint you with the contemporaries of any writer, artist, composer, philosopher or other influentially creative person of note, born at any time before 1900 A.D.

Someone may need to know that James Whitcomb Riley and Arthur Rimbaud were roughly contemporary, as were Luigi Pirandello and Edwin Arlington Robinson.

James B. Hobb's compiled a **Dictionary of Homophones and Homographs** (the former are words that sound the same but are spelled differently (*air*, *heir*, *ere*, *err*, *eyre*), the latter spelled the same but differ in pronunciation and meaning - *does*

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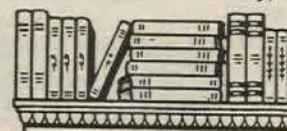
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(the verb) and *does* (female deer)

In a world where people may be reduced to using only words Spellcheck knows, there may be little room for verbal oddities that nourish the mind and enrich the vocabulary. But it would be a pity to lose such treasures as *orlings* (a comb's teeth), *trantles* (things of little value, *philtrum* (the vertical furrow between nose and upper lip), *dilling* (a child of old parents) or *blabblurt* (a remark overheard by someone the speaker wishes hadn't overheard).

Long may the oddballs reign.
B. Wilson
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One Thousand Cranes at the Waterfront

The final production in **Carousel Theatre's** season of theatre for young people is a touching and hopeful tale about the resilience of the human spirit, written by local playwright Colin Thomas.

One Thousand Cranes explores the experiences of two children growing up amidst the devastation of two wars. Rad finds a new home and new hope in Canada, far from the war-torn area in which he grew up. The other character, Sadako, was a real Japanese girl who lost her life as a result of radiation poisoning. Through the struggles and triumphs of the two young people the play presents a strong argument for world harmony.

This production, by Carousel Players of Ontario, features Karen

Ancheta, Marjorie Chan, Adrian Proszowski and Paulette Sinclair.

Colin Thomas (theatre critic for *The Georgia Straight*) is the author of several plays for young audiences, each handling complex, topical issues with humour and compassion. They have been performed for young audiences around the world and translated into French, German and Japanese.

One Thousand Cranes runs at the Waterfront Theatre, Granville Island **May 4 - 16.**

Weekdays at 1:00 p.m. Saturdays at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: For weekday shows from Carousel Theatre office (opposite the theatre) 669-3410. For Saturday shows from the Waterfront Box Office (685-6217).

Art Raffle - a fundraiser for Carousel Theatre

"Kito" by Yuriko 24" x 36"
Limited edition screened print

Yuriko is an artist widely collected throughout North America and Southeast Asia.

This print (No. 49 in a limited edition of 275, valued at \$2,280) has been generously donated to Carousel Theatre Company by Creekhous Gallery.

"Kito" will be on display at the Waterfront Theatre during the run of *One Thousand Cranes*.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, available at the **Waterfront Theatre Box Office** or the from Carousel Theatre office on Granville Island at 669-3410.

Draw date: May 16

Side by Side by Sondheim a delightful way to welcome Spring



With performers like **Ruth Nichol, Pat Rose** and **Jane Mortifee** (lt. to rt.) and songs by the incomparable Stephen Sondheim, the Arts Club Theatre has a winning combination. Bruce Kellett and Bruce Johnson provide splendid accompaniment at two pianos and Bernard Cuffling's (the other fellow in the photo) strings the songs together with tales about Sondheim.

Continuing on the **Arts Club Mainstage** until **May 30.** It's a treat. Mon.- Sat. at 8:00 p.m. Matinees Thur. at 1:00 p.m. & Sat. at 4:00 p.m. Tickets from Arts Club Box Office (687-1644) or Ticketmaster (280-3311)

A Standing Ovation for Bill Millerd and his 25 years leading the Arts Club Theatre

On **Sunday, June 7**, you can lift a glass of bubbly to salute one of the most colourful personalities behind Canadian theatre when a bevy of theatrical personalities gather at the Granville Island Stage to present a special tribute to the Arts Club Theatre's leader of 25 years.

Hosted by Janet Wright, who returns from Stratford for the event, and Bernard Cuffling, "A Standing Ovation" will feature a special flashback multi-media presentation, and *"Bill"*, an original mini-musical written by Glen Cairns, directed by Tom, Kerr and starring Arts Club alumni.

Vancouver TheatreSports League will take a walk down Bill's memory lane with *TIMES OF YOUR LIFE*.

Special guests have also been invited to roast Bill and recount their memories of time spent at the Arts Club Theatre.

Doors open at 6:30 and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by

a post-show reception with the performers.

Bill Millerd's record at the Arts Club Theatre is phenomenal. In his quarter-century there 330 plays have been produced, one-third (109) of them Canadian.

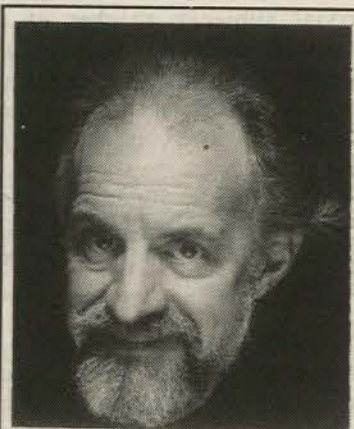
Of the 60 premieres, 59 have been for Canadian plays.

Little wonder he was awarded the Order of Canada.

Bill has directed 95 productions himself. Amongst the well over 300 actors and writers whose careers he has helped to launch are Bruce Greenwood, Michael J. Fox, Lally Cadeau, Janet Wright, Brent Carver, Norman Browning, Jay Brazeau, Jackson Davies, Nicola Cavendish, Sherman Snukal, Sheila McCarthy, Ruth Nichol, Morris Panych, to name a few.

Tickets for "A Standing Ovation" are \$75 each.

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Bill Millerd, this wild-haired furrowed-browed 'Man-of-the-hour' can be seen pedalling his bike from Millbank to Granville Island most days.

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The Granville Island Rambler

by David McCann

Lost a dinghy?

If any of my readers lost an inflatable dinghy in the early part of April they should contact the Granville Island Community Police Office at 665-3542.

It seems Constable Peter D'Arcy was crossing the Granville Bridge on his way downtown one evening when he noticed two guys training to be sherpas. One of them was lugging the deflated dinghy on his back while the other muttered words of encouragement. When they were unable to explain adequately where they got it, the constable had them carry it all the way back to the Island police office.

"One of the problems we face" said Constable D'Arcy, "is that thefts occur in this area, particularly on the water, and not everyone reports the incident. I would like to hear from anyone who has recently lost a Zodiac. They can contact me at the Granville Island CPO (665-3542) so we can reunite the owners with their property."

The CPO would also like to hear from all the marine resident and user associations in the False Creek area to discuss some of the new community policing initiatives. In addition, the BCIT survey regarding the Granville Island merchant needs should be returned to the CPO as soon as possible.

The Vancouver Police Department is very pleased with the positive response from everyone on the Island and in the Fairview Slopes/False Creek neighbourhood. The new chief expressed his thanks to one and all at the official opening of the office on Saturday, April 18.

Bridges Restaurant will soon be opening a new rooftop patio adjacent

to their second floor dining room. The menu will be the same as the dining room and it should be a great place to enjoy a warm, sultry summer evening. Their new executive chef has completely revised the menu and it's well worth a visit.

John Keith King has opened a small marine gift shop next to his Fly Fishing Museum. It's nice to see that he's looked around and found a lot of merchandise that is new to the Island. He recently circulated a letter inviting us all to drop in and see what he's done.

Everyone who browses the dozens of Granville Island shops and studios is delighted to find each one unique and special. I am sure that all my fellow merchants appreciate the care their neighbours take to ensure that there is little or no duplication of arts and crafts from one shop to another.

That old Granville Island institution, **Isadora's** is sporting a new menu. I had lunch there recently and was impressed at the changes. Several coop members chatted for an hour or so about where the restaurant is going. They have spent a very fruitful six months working on concept development and marketing and in reorganising the coop. They will celebrate their 15th birthday (yes they opened in 1982) on May 1st.

Isadora's is currently conducting a survey to better understand and meet the needs of their customers. You can pick up a copy of the survey at the restaurant. They are particularly looking for ways to continue to provide fresh, healthy and affordable food in a relaxed environment. I suggest they continue to serve the wonderful Banana Hazelnut Stuffed French Toast for brunch. Those of you who are truly decadent should try their white chocolate raspberry

ice cream with a caramel pecan brownie - if you are into fantasies then believe me when I say all the calories have been removed.

I wandered into the **Quarterdeck** in the Maritime Market last week and discovered an amazing bookstore tucked into the back corner. If you love boats or are intrigued by anything related to the marine environment, spend an hour or two poking about their bookshelves. They even provide comfortable chairs for us old duffers to sit in while we dream of far off nautical journeys.

I've been watching the locals and tourists milling around the 37' cedar Nuu-Cha-Nulth whaling canoe, "Rainbow People" which was carved by Tim Paul and is currently on display at the Ocean Art Works site. I think Tim would be very pleased to see all the kids - and some not quite so young - who climb inside and sit down. Many of them close their eyes and seem to be momentarily transported to another time and place. It is a piece of our human heritage that stirs one's imagination. It is a rare soul who doesn't lovingly stroke the canoe's sides while looking at it.

The Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design Graduation show opens early in May. It continues to be an interesting and provocative show and shouldn't be missed. I will be lending two of James Manning's pieces to the show. He is the young and talented artist who passed away last December just months before his graduation. It will be a poignant moment for me as this will probably be the last time I will see his work publicly displayed.

Well, as Bugs Bunny used to say "That's all folks." Drop into Creekhous Gallery for a chat. We've just finished our renovation and I'd love to go out for a tea or coffee.

Other events around Granville Island

VANCOUVER YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

May 23 - 24

The VYSO has been asked to present Canada at the World Music Festival in Moscow this summer. Come to the Public Market Courtyard to participate in their play-a-thon. For more info call 737-0714.

PLASTIC MUD: TAKING FORM FROM THE EARTH

May 7 - June 2

The Craffhouse welcomes the public to the opening of Nathan Rafta's exhibition of clay murals and pots. Craffhouse Gallery, 1386 Cartwright St. For more info call 687-6511

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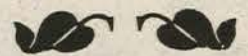
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Events Calendar

Volunteer Social

Tuesday, May 12
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
at
Granville Island
Community Police Office

This will be a good time for new volunteers to find out what's involved in helping to operate the office, and to sign up

It takes a huge roster of volunteers to keep a CPO running. Whether you can do a shift a week, a fortnight, or only once a month

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AUTO CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY SEMINAR

Thursday May 21st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Pacific Space Centre
1600 Chestnut Street (Vanier Park)

ICBC, in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department and Community Police Offices of District 4, invites the public for an information sharing evening.

Topics will include Auto Crime Prevention and Home & Personal Security.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meet with anti-theft device representatives and Vancouver Police members.

Door prizes and light refreshments.



MERCHANT SAFETY SEMINARS

Robbery Theft Shoplifting

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Tuesday, May 12 12 noon - 1p.m.
Tuesday, June 16 12 noon - 1p.m.

For more information call 665-3542.

Ladders in courtyards an invitation to thieves

A False Creek resident was surprised, and impressed, to have two bike cops knock on his door recently to point out the long ladder in the courtyard would be useful to burglars intent on getting into the several upper storey open windows. He promptly dragged it into the garage, but in the six months workmen had left it there *someone*

should have seen it as a crime prevention issue.

The bike cops shouldn't need to cruise through the byways and courtyards of our neighbourhood to caution us against our own stupidity, but we're glad they do. If the complex in question had a Block Watch Captain this would not have occurred.

Bowling Tournament Fundraiser

Friday, May 22
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

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Annual BLOCK WATCH Appreciation Night

for District Four will be held on
Monday, June 1st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bayview Community School,
2251 Collingwood St.

Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains are invited to bring spouses/partners to meet Chief Constable Bruce Chambers, Deputy Chief Terry Blythe, Insp. Chris Offer (Commander of District 4), Sgt. Dave Gillies (Community Services Section), Irene Goss (Block Watch Programmer) and Community Police Office Constables: Peter D'Arcy (Kitsilano/Granville Island), Tim Fanning (Musqueam) Larry Yip (Little Mountain/Riley Park)

Crime Prevention displays from Robber Stoppers, Kaban Securities and ICBC will be set up for viewing. Light refreshments will be served and prize draws will include VPD souvenirs, home and car security devices and a police ride-along with a VPD member.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to RSVP (by May 15 please) call Kitsilano CPO at 732-8500, or Granville Island CPO at 665-3542.

Vancouver Academy of Music

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Sunday, May 3
7:30 p.m.
Orpheum Theatre

Programme
Overture to Egmont, Op. 64
Beethoven
Concerto for two violins and string orchestra, Op. 77
Malcolm Arnold
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Do your spring cleaning now and sort out those piles of CDs and cassettes.

The Early Music Society hopes to collect thousands of compact discs and cassettes to sell at bargain prices at a fun-filled summer event during the EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL which will be held at U.B.C. from July 15 to August 9.

Call the Early Music Festival Office at 732-1610 to arrange how they can collect them from you. The office is located in Hodson Manor at 1254 West 7th Ave. so it may be convenient to deliver them.

The Sale date is not set yet. If you also want to be a bargain shopper, call the office later.

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Brahms Op. 115 in B minor with Sharon Kam

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Mozart K.516 in G minor with Roberto Diaz
Mozart K.581 in A minor with Sharon Kam
Brahms Op. 34 in F minor with Menahem Pressler

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Dvorak Op. 77 in G major with Gary Karr
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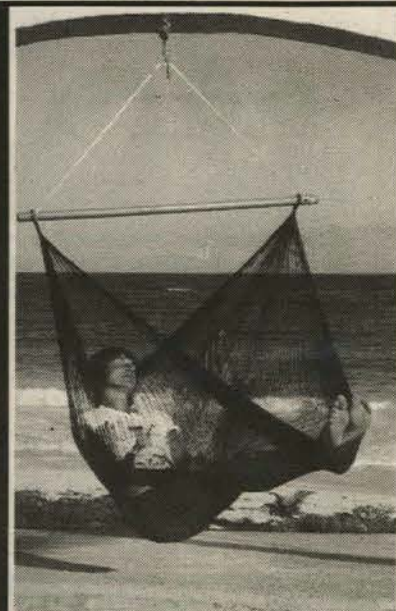
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Clean the Creek

We are all very excited about this community improvement project
May 10th and June 14th

10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

This will include anyone from the community who would like to lend a helping hand. Join staff and friends as we work towards a clean shoreline. A high profile and informative, environmental celebration is planned for Canada Day and this project will show everyone that we care. Refreshments will be available for those who help in the cleaning Sign up in advance at the Centre.

NOTE TO ALL TENNIS COURTS USERS

Due to resurfacing and development of an all-purpose court, the Centre courts will be closed during the month of May. Tennis lessons, clinics, Tennis Ladder, Tennis Club and tennis general use will all be affected by the temporary closure. The tennis courts at the Parkade will be used to accommodate the lessons and clinics, again affecting public usage of these courts.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Join the program committee at their meeting on the second Wednesday of each month Please RSVP the Centre programmer Doug Taylor if you plan to attend. Next Meeting May 13

Items include:

- Schedule of Sport Court
- Services for Youth
- Summer Program



Youth Update

Youth Week May 3 - 9th Activities

- ☛ Support the Youth Table at the Flea Market on May 3.
- ☛ Come and enjoy us for snacks and video as we "Hang the Tiles" made last year.
- ☛ Theatre Sports will give a Performance for Youth, May 8th
- ☛ Drums and Percussion Clinic May 9th
- ☛ Help the Youth Clean the Creek May 10th
- ☛ Sex is Not a Four Letter Word May 15 - \$2.00

For more information please call Dino at 257-8193.

Seniors Wrap up BBQ

Come and socialize, and treat yourselves to a scrumptious BBQ, desserts and beverages. Bingo will follow. Please pre-register at front desk. FEE: \$5

June 12 Friday 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Seniors Dragonboat Team

The Grand Senior Dragons are planning to enter the Dragonboat Festival this year - June 19 - 21st. Support is greatly appreciated for sponsorship or moral support.

Marathon swimmer inspired Clean the Creek events

As as prelude to Earth Week the False Creek Community Centre conducted its first 'Clean the Creek' event on Sunday, April 19.

The event was initiated by a resident of the Creek who was inspired by the marathon swimmer Fin Donnelly's challenge to Vancouver residents to clean the shorelines and waterways of the Lower Mainland. Donnelly, a veteran clean water champion, swam the full length of the Fraser River in 1995 and this past September, on B.C. Rivers Day, swam from Richmond, around Point Grey, to the eastern end of False

Creek to call attention to how polluted our local waterways had become.

Doug Taylor, Recreation Programmer at the Community Centre, organised three Cleanup Days in April, May & June to encourage residents of the Creek to pick up shoreline garbage.

On April 19 a small but committed group donned gloves and picked up several bags of garbage that had washed up under the bridge at the western end of Alder Bay, near the Community Centre. It took two hours and refreshments were offered

afterwards. At the moment the grassy area under the bridge looks nice and clean and until another high tide washes another load onto the shoreline, hopefully it will remain so.

The next Cleanup day is planned for **SUNDAY, MAY 10** from 10:30 - 12:30. A larger group is expected, so come out to support this event. The seashore beyond the bridge will be cleaned this time.

If you have any other ideas for Creek cleanup areas or events, please let Doug Taylor know at 257-8195.



Cooking at the Brewery

Cooking lesson fans may not have noticed the section in the Community Centre's Spring Recreation Guide advertising the cooking lessons at the Granville Island Brewery, so we'll whet the appetite with a few descriptions.

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Tuesday, May 5

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Thursday, May 14

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Monday, May 18 & Wed. June 17

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Wednesday, May 27

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Thursday, June 4

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