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12th Annual Granville Island Ferries Garbage Can Art Contest

Sunday, September 27 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Granville Island Market Courtyard

Twenty-five artists, some accomplished and some aspiring, will have four hours to paint, glue, snip and transform their garbage cans into works of art or whimsy. Judging by three prominent members of the art community will take place from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Cash prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100 will be awarded for first, second and third place.

The completed Garbage Can Art Works will then be auctioned to the public by broadcast personality Dave Abbott, hopefully to free-spending shoppers with an eye for a unique or humorous item. All proceeds will go to buy supplies for the art therapy work with the Eating Disorders Program at B.C. Children's Hospital.

Each auctioned garbage can will, in addition to being a unique work of art, contain a bag of surprise gifts from Granville Island merchants and businesses, so each successful bidder will be sure to get more than they bargained for!

The annual contest, which signals the end of summer in this neighbourhood, is a fine opportunity for artists to have fun strutting their stuff before an appreciative audience. Even though they must leave their works of art to be auctioned some return year after year.

There is NO ENTRY FEE but artists should call Kevin McKeown at 681-0041 to register.

If a 'work-in-progress' takes your fancy but you are unable to stay on site until the auction, fear not that you will lose a cherished work of art. Bids can be placed at the SILENT AUCTION which will be conducted throughout the afternoon.

Artists provide their own brushes, paint, tools, whatever weird and wonderful embellishments they need to transform their corrugated palettes - and imagination.

Granville Island Ferries provide the garbage cans, the prize money and lively music to entertain onlookers and inspire the budding Picassos and Van Goghs. Dancing is encouraged. CMHC/Granville Island provides the tents and venue.



Choosing your own winners and disagreeing with the judges' choices always proves to be an entertaining way of spending a late summer afternoon hanging around one of the liveliest 'gathering places' in town.

Since The Creek is being declared a NO FLUSH Zone later on this day as part of the Spirit of the Salmon Swim we trust the artists will be using 'friendly paints' and the rinse water they toss into the Creek will be harmless.

Second Annual Spirit of the Salmon Swim

September 26 & 27

The Spirit of the Salmon Swim kicks off the BCRiversDay weekend as marathon swimmer and environmental activist Fin Donnelly returns to swim the endangered Fraser Estuary and Burrard Inlet to promote awareness of BC's rivers and the need to protect them.

Presented by the Rivershed Society of B.C. this event begins at Maquabeak Park in Coquitlam on the morning of Saturday, September 26 and concludes in the late afternoon on BC Rivers Day, Sunday, September 27 at Creekside Park beside Science Works.

Donnelly will be escorted by a flotilla of traditional Native and non-native voyageur canoes along a swim route lined with nine community sponsored river and ocean activity sites.

An exciting addition to this year's Spirit of the Salmon Swim is a community fund raising program. In several Spirit Swim Canoes, 200 seats (100 each day) are available to members of the public for the unforgettable experience of escorting Donnelly through one of the most significant ecosystems on the planet. Proceeds will benefit the newly established "Friends of the Fraser" campaign. (call the Rivershed Society of B.C. 941-5937 for details).

The primary goal of the 2-day 60 km. swim is to educate local communities on the need to protect and restore B.C.'s aquatic ecosystems. "If we can get people to look at their attitudes and see how their lifestyle impacts the environment we will accomplish something significant" says Donnelly.

Granville Island Activities on Sunday, September 27

- ❖ Community Parade around Granville Island with "Art" salmon created at two family workshops to be held on September 12 & 19.
- ❖ Nature walk in False Creek with master herbalist Sarah Orłowski (register at the Community Centre for workshops & walk)
- ❖ Shoreline cleanup in Alder Bay
- ❖ Project "Wet" water awareness games
- ❖ Water quality testing by the Friends of False Creek
- ❖ "No-Flush Zone" Proclamation signing
- ❖ Aboriginal canoe escort into Alder Bay, followed by aboriginal dancing.

For more information call Doug Taylor at 257-8195.



Then move on to Creekside Park by Science World where Fin Donnelly will be greeted with a traditional First Nations welcoming ceremony. Activities on-site will include over 20 environmental solutions exhibits, entertainment and a "Spirit of Lost Streams Procession" by the Public Dream Society.

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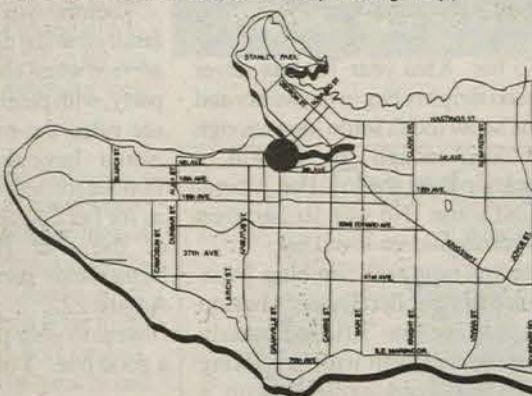
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Special Council Meeting October 1

Vancouver City Council will hold a Special Meeting (similar to a Public Hearing):

Thursday, October 1, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.
False Creek Elementary School
900 School Green

to consider an amendment of the Reference Document for Granville Island: (see corresponding map)



Text Amendment: Reference Document for Granville Island

To amend the Reference Document to permit additional restaurant, entertainment and retail floor area, primarily to permit development of a six-screen movie theatre at 1405 Anderson Street. City Planner - Rob Whitlock, 873-7814.

Anyone who considers themselves affected by the proposed reference document amendment can speak at the Special Meeting. Please register by telephone before 5:30 p.m., October 1, 1998 by calling 873-7276 or at the door between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information on speaking at the meeting, contact Gail Johnson at 783-7265 or Tarja Tuominen at 873-7191 in the City Clerk's Office.

Copies of the draft documents may be seen on and after September 18, 1998, at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or in the Planning Department, Third Floor, East Wing of City Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.



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Cinemex Proposal

City Council is giving both supporters and opponents an opportunity to speak to the proposal at a location convenient for local residents. (Parking will be impossible for those attending the meeting from elsewhere in the city!)

It should be clearly understood that if the recommended changes to the allowable sq.ft. numbers in the Reference Document are approved by City Council it is, de facto, approval for the six-screen theatre, retail and restaurant project to proceed.

The draft document referred to in the notice is probably the same as the one dated July 13/98. Thirty pages long, it is a comprehensive review of the proceedings to date. At that date City staff had on file 75 letters of support, 39 against; a petition in support with 332 signatures; one in opposition with 625 signatures.

The City staff report states that "the proposal has generated significant controversy both on and off the Island. Those in support believe the movie theatre complex will add a new, positive element to the entertainment component of the Island ... Those opposed believe that the introduction of a multi-national chain movie theatre operation will destroy the unique arts and craft emphasis of the Island, increase traffic congestion to an intolerable level ...

Staff conclude the proposed six-screen movie theatre complex would add a positive dimension to night time activity. The Director of Central Area Planning recommends the proposed amendments to the Reference Document be approved.

The Editor



Beryl Wilson

Would any Great Aunt in her right mind suggest joining three great neices (aged 9, 7 & 5) and their mother for a 10 day camping trip? I did last month. I thought the two youngest would drive me nuts - and they did. Even so it was a great holiday. I got my cumppance one day. I'd obviously just chastised the middle one (for the hundredth time) for she observed "You're mean." When I retorted "Well I'm old, and when you get old, you get mean," quick as a wink she replied: "Nana's old, and she's not mean." Touche

Creek readers are quite wonderful. This **Please Save Stamps** item has only run for two months and already two large plastic bags full of stamped envelopes have appeared on the doorstep - from Pat & Bob Harris of False Creek Coop and Anne Parsons of Fairview Slopes. The staff at McIvers Appliances on 6th Ave. are also saving them. THANK YOU people; it's thoughtful responses like this that keep me going! And old Mrs. Allen who is going to clip and sort them is thrilled to have another big batch to work on.

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In Memoriam Thelma Campbell 1915 - 1998



Thelma Campbell had played the piano for as long as anyone had known her. Years ago she played in the clubs downtown and even during her last few months in Port Alberni she still went to play at a local seniors' home to "liven them up a bit." Thelma had been amongst family in Port Alberni for a few months when she suffered a stroke and died on August 4.

She is survived by five daughters, a son, 19 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. That's just the 'direct blood count' according to daughter Lorraine Patrick. There were 116 present at a family reunion at Crescent Beach two years ago. As if to prove Lorraine's claim that "Mum never got old" Thelma was determined to join the younger frolickers in the water, so she just waded out, fully clothed, to submerge herself seated in a chair.

To her 83rd year Thelma never missed sleigh riding in the winter and if the snow didn't settle long enough and deep enough on the hill in Charleson Park, she go to Port Alberni to find some. No wonder her great and grandchildren loved her.

Thelma was still climbing False Creek stairs to collect for the Salvation Army in her late 70's and latterly when she was seen with a walking stick she would explain, with a

twinkle, "I don't need this for walking - I just carry it in case I meet any tigers."

Daughter Lorraine, who has lived on Scantlings for over 20 years, was one of the first 20 people to move into Spruce Neighbourhood. She spirited her mother away from Port Alberni to False Creek as soon as the Netherlands complex was built and Thelma lived there for 19 years.

She had an open door policy - for anyone who turned up for a game of cribbage or kids who came hoping for cookies. Many a neighbourhood Mum heard rave reviews about 'Mrs. Campbell's cookies.' Whenever Thelma encountered an upset child on the neighbouring streets she'd sweep it off to her house to be put to rights with those famous cookies.

Thelma was emphatic with her family that she didn't want a memorial service when she died; she wanted a party, with plenty of food. And since she ruled the roost to the end none would have defied her. Equally famous for her open face sandwiches as for her cookies there were plenty of them at the 'wake' in the Netherlands' party room on Saturday, August 22.

I went to your party Thelma. It was a good one. You'd have enjoyed it.
B. Wilson

Visitor Boat Moorage in False Creek

There is little space left to report on the lively, but civil, 'standing room only' meeting at False Creek Community Centre on August 20. Over 60 people attended and everyone had ample opportunity to say his/her piece. Councillor Sam

Sullivan was courteously serious about welcoming people's suggestions. The mooring buoys are to be managed by Heather Marina staff.

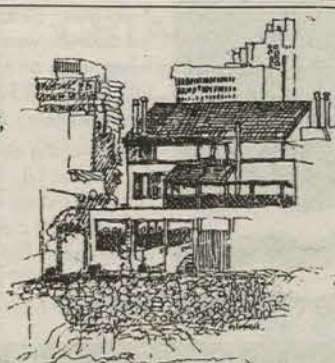
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On the False Creek seawall

Letters

Message received - though not understood!

The Editor:

I imagine you'll be hearing from quite few sailors about this, but I'm writing this just in case you don't.

In the August *Information from the Dictionary of MisInformation* you stated 'Navigators treat a nautical mile as equivalent to the length of one minute of the meridian at the place where they are taking the reading.'

Meridians are **longitude**, and it is one minute of the **parallel of latitude** that is equivalent to one nautical mile.

If you are going to educate the masses, it is important to get it right!

Isn't it nice to know there are people who read *The Creek* so thoroughly?
Helen Kjemperud
Spruce Marina

Ed. replies:

When people claim "I read every word of *The Creek*" they evidently mean it! And it is gratifying.

We included the Knots per Hour item (though we didn't understand it) as a connection with the Wooden Boat Festival feature in the last issue. We accept Helen Kjemperud's correction with good humour, though, being nautically challenged, we don't understand it either!

Here we thought the intent of the *Dictionary of MisInformation* was to correct popular misbeliefs. How disconcerting to now suspect it may be a collection of misinformation.

Oh well, future snippets may serve as a readership survey if they result in more Letters to the Editor.

Planters Anyone?

The Editor:

With all the fuss and bother over the proposed theatre complex, the unauthorized moorage and Streetcar 1207, your readers may not have noticed that something has been quietly taking place in Leg-in-Boot Square.

The City finally acknowledged that it had the responsibility for the square's upkeep and, with that item cleared away, set to work on the brickwork and the fountain. A contractor was hired and, early in the spring, he cleaned up the brickwork, replaced the missing bricks and repaired the cracks in the stonework.

The water was turned on and, surprise, the repaired brickwork around the fountain leaked! The water was turned off again and, after a great deal of head scratching, the City hired a second contractor to seal

the inside of the fountain. The sealing job was very successful and the fountain is, once again, in as new working condition.

Then the City sent someone along to paint the seats which further brightened the area. There is still a problem as to who is responsible for clean-up. The gentleman who cleans up in front of the stores is presently looking after the whole square out of the goodness of his heart, although it is still a City responsibility.

What is needed now is a generous donor to supply a few planters and a person with a green thumb to keep them flowering through next summer.

Any takers?

Richard Perry
False Creek

Theatrical joke about rape gives offence

The Editor:

I was extremely disappointed to read a so-called 'joke' about rape on page 4 of the August/98 issue. Rape is a horrific crime of violence committed against women. I fail to understand how anyone could take this crime lightly, and further, how you as an editor could believe that your readers would find it even remotely amusing. It is inexcusable

to trivialize this serious issue.

I assume that it was not your intent to promote violence against women: however, by printing this 'joke,' you were certainly not demonstrating any support for the anti-violence cause.

J. Dunlop

The Creek Editor can anyone apologise to Ms. Dunlop and anyone else who was offended by the joke.

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The old ivy covered house on Heather

by Naomi Singer

While the reference to the old ivy-covered house at 2331 Heather St. (*The Creek*, August/98) was appreciated I am sorry I cannot be as charmed as the Editor was by the appearance of the recent "We're Moving" sign on the house.

It is a local tragedy that after 88 years a meaningful piece of architectural history is to be wrenched away from its heritage site, to be reduced to a quaint anachronism on the Gulf Islands.

The cute 'Dear Neighbours' sign is downright irritating, claiming to provide a 'new lease on life' for the house, when it is only the owner, the author of the sign itself, who poses any threat to the house. As to the owner 'giving' a 10' strip of land to the City, it is more accurate to state that the City zoning bylaw legally requires that 10' strip; in fact the City planned for this eventuality by adjusting lot sizes accordingly when it built the adjacent housing co-op in 1985.

Even more galling is the sign's implication that the destruction of both green space and heritage is somehow doing this neighbourhood, its residents, and the house itself, a favour.

While it is tempting to blame the new owners, truly it is the City which must be taken to task for not protecting neighbourhood character and for providing so little incentive towards preservation.

However, the purpose of my response is more personal than political. As a 20-year resident of this area, and a friend of the two women who owned and lived in that house for over 50 years, I'd like to share some of their vibrant and colourful history.

Irene Marcoux and her mother Lea Brunelle were an inseparable team. They were original members of the Blessed Sacrament Church at 3050 Heather St. where they made quilts for the poor, and both attended church regularly as long as they were physically able.

During the war years they started a community garden at a derelict sawmill in False Creek, showing their neighbours how to grow enough food to survive. To make ends meet Irene and Lea let the rooms of the house to boarders for many years, sharing the duties until Lea became too frail and Irene, the capable and devoted daughter, took over.

Of French descent, Irene was born in a dirt-floor shack in the Prairies. She had three brothers whom she



Lea Brunelle (lt.) and daughter Irene Marcoux c. 1975.

helped raise in the absence of her alcoholic father. Unable to stay in school, she was a self-confessed 'hard learner', but very handy with tools, and did all the house repairs herself. While in her 70s she could still be seen wielding a hammer atop the roof!

Lea died peacefully in her sleep in 1977, attended faithfully by Irene. By then the house had only one boarder and the yard became quiet and sleepy, a haven for countless stray cats. While Irene did not fawn over the cats, they didn't disturb her and she didn't disturb them; they shared a peaceful coexistence. The one cat which lived with Irene for many years was a shaggy black-and-white, reluctantly named Okay-Okay, as in "Okay-Okay, you can sit on the bed; Okay-Okay you can have something to eat."

As could be seen from the signs and statues in the yard all hand-made by Irene, her approach to Catholicism was eccentric, to say the least. Like her mother, Irene was gifted with extraordinary visions of the spiritual world. She would describe some of these to me, including a sighting of the Saviour Himself, hovering 6 ft. above the cash registers in London Drugs, rotating slowly to greet one and all. She also had Holy wafers dance about in her hand during communion, and had Jesus, "His face so beautiful you could see right through it", take children skipping up the street outside her house at sunrise. Her house was filled with religious artifacts, both commercial and home-made, such as Irene's own 10 ft. long tinfoil rosary. Her spirit was devout, if unconventional.

Another of Irene's charms was her feisty, outspoken nature. When I

once mentioned something about "the neighbourhood" she, who had lived here for over 50 years and seen entire orchards disappear, snorted derisively: "Neighbourhood?! This isn't a neighbourhood, it's a parking lot!"

While the neighbourhood changed around her, Irene's home remained a time capsule of simpler times. (By the way, the room in which Lea passed away, and which remained untouched for the next 17 years, was converted last year into a garage). Irene did without the things most people consider essential, mended or made her own clothes, and built or repaired everything from furniture to faucets. After a logging accident injured her back, and as the years inevitably progressed, Irene was forced to slow down. Arthritis, high blood pressure and heart problems all took their toll and gave her much pain. Yearning for her mother's companionship and the certain comfort of Jesus in Heaven she would emphatically state: "I'm going to bed now, and I want to wake up - dead!"

Irene was granted this wish in 1994. Having no surviving relatives, her personal possessions and household items were either sold or packed in garbage bags and sent to the dump. Her photographs were taken by the Blessed Sacrament Church for their archives.

Many of us had hoped that Irene's house would be saved as an authentic piece of Fairview Slopes heritage, it being virtually the last of its kind in an area once entirely made up of such homes. Naturally it is far more than the house which will be lost. The utterly unique ivy which has climbed the front of Irene's house and provided a shelter for birds for over fifty years, will be destroyed, as will the several large trees and laurel hedges. The alley, which now narrows to squeeze past the house in an eccentric way (a traffic-calming measure if ever there was one), will be widened, resulting in increased traffic flow, speed and noise.

Anyhow, spieen-venting aside, my memories of Irene, her wonderfully unique world view, and her lovingly maintained house remain positive and intact.

My thanks to *The Creek* for printing them.



Irene Marcoux in her yard

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Sunday, September 13
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The event happens rain or shine with tents to shelter feasters if need be - but good footwear and jackets are advisable.

The farm is located at #1374, 256th St. in Aldergrove

Tickets (\$60) have been available from Ticketmaster or FarmFolk/CityFolk at 730-0450 but FF/CF tell us if you only read this on Saturday, or even Sunday morning, you will be



welcome to buy them at the farm gate.

If you plan to be on Vancouver Island near Victoria on Sunday, **September 20** you can join the island's first *Feast of Fields* at **Ravenhill Herb Farm** in Saanich from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tickets (\$55) and directions from FarmFolk/CityFolk office.

Stanley Park will swarm with fundraising walkers - and pets - on Sunday, September 13

"Paws" for a good cause is the theme for the 11th Annual SPCA WALKATHON which will see a huge crowd of remarkably well behaved dogs and their devoted owners assemble before 10:00 a.m. at Brockton Oval in Stanley Park. There may also be a bird or two, and a pet pig!

If you don't have time to pick up a pledge form from a Bosley's Pet Food Mart or Canada Safeway (and rush around signing up your neighbours' \$ pledges), just show up to pay the registration fee of \$15 (\$6 for seniors/students/children) and take a bundle

of extra money to donate in lieu of pledges. PETS WALK FREE. The walk begins at 11:00 a.m.

A major fundraiser for the SPCA, it's a lovely event, with lots of prizes and performances by dog clubs.



You may become tangled up with one of the three Run/Walk routes of the **SUPERWALK FOR PARKINSONS** which is also taking place in Stanley Park on the same day, starting (at 10 a.m.) and ending at Cerperly Park - they too invite pets as pledge participants.

The Word on the Street

The world of letters will spill out onto the downtown streets on **Sunday, September 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.** when Library Square, CBC Plaza and the streets around the Public Library become the scene of the 4th Annual *Word On The Street*. It is part of a nation-wide celebration of literacy taking place simultaneously in Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa and Calgary.

The tents and kiosks of more than 100 exhibitors will include some of the city's best-known booksellers and publishers, literacy and literary organisations.

The festivities will include readings by well-known authors, live

entertainment at Staples Family Stage and the CBC Plaza, a family-friendly Film Festival featuring book adaptations of short movies, and readings at the Poetry Corner in Gutenberg's Cafe.

Canadian author/chefs will share their success secrets at hourly demonstrations at the BC Gas/Vancouver Sun Cookbook Centre. At the Science Tent kids science book authors will amaze and delight their young audiences with hands-on scientific experiments.

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The Granville Island Rambler

by David McCann

I want to assure our editor that she will continue to be on the invitation list for the dinners I occasionally host at the Pacific Institute of Culinary Art. Invitees range from gregarious dentists to impoverished students, with a few characters thrown in for good measure.

As one of False Creek's knowledgeable storytellers and charming characters, I find her to be a wonderful dinner guest. She retires early (as do I) and so is not offended when I shoo everyone out the door at shortly after ten. She lives close by, so I don't have to drive her home. Finally, being single she can be counted on to fill an empty space at one of the tables. Don't get married Beryl - it will move you from the top of the list to the middle!

I want to thank Gordon Watson for inviting me to lunch with Sumner Redstone, the multibillionaire chairman of Viacom. I'm glad that Gordon finally figured out that I am working towards being as wealthy as Sumner and his buddies.

Although Gordon would be the host, I would like to suggest that we don't invite the bureaucrats and politicians to the business lunch. They might waste our time talking about how they want to continue doing silly things - like expanding the community centre, or providing ongoing funding for cultural events, or - heaven forbid - float the anti-capitalist idea of continuing to subsidize the rent of some tenants, like Arts Umbrella, the theatres, Emily Carr College, etc. etc.

More parking?

The Granville Island Business & Community Association has floated the idea of CMHC working with the owners of the new development planned for the old Greek restaurant on 2nd Ave. between Starbucks and the railway tracks to incorporate 75

to 100 parking stalls for island workers. There seems to be a great deal of enthusiasm for the idea and I wish them the best of luck. It is the best location off-island for such a facility and should help to alleviate traffic and congestion if it goes ahead. It makes a lot of sense for merchants like me to park a block away from my business and leave the spots closest to my gallery for my customers.

The City of Vancouver should do everything it can to encourage this type of creative approach. It could be a winner for all parties.

GIBCA Octoberfest

The second annual GIBCA Octoberfest will be held at the Granville Island Brewery on **Tuesday, October 20** starting at 6:00 p.m. Their last bash was a huge success; no-one went home empty handed, although a few wished they had been empty headed the next day.

Good neighbours, plentiful food, beverages, prizes, live entertainment and yours truly as the auctioneer for 15 minutes of good humoured fundraising should ensure an enjoyable evening once again. Tickets can be purchased at Creekhouse Gallery, the G.I. Brewery, Kids Only Market office and through other members of the GIBCA. We look forward to seeing you on October 20.

To no-one's surprise, other than the administration, the renovation of the main rotating gallery space at Emily Carr College is behind schedule. I suggest a sign, on a brass easel, be placed outside the gallery: *Installation Interactive Art Project*. Everyone will think it is part of the regular rotating exhibits. The professors like to say that 'art imitates life'. The subtitle could be 'life imitates art' this time around. A great installation art piece to say the least.

It looks as if the Public Market will be staying open on Mondays until after the New Year holiday. For those of us who do open on Monday it will be a relief not to have to answer the constant queries about why the Public Market is closed on Mondays for a good part of the year.

Not being afraid to stir the pot, I would suggest that CMHC consider having the Public Market stay open a little later as well. If any of the market research I have read is to be believed, people do a large proportion of their grocery shopping when they get off work, and most people don't have the time to get down to Granville Island to shop if they get off work at 5:00 or 5:30 p.m.

Peter and Trudl Markgraf recently sent their son Peter Jr. into the gallery with an interesting proposal. Trudl and Peter Sr., having just returned from their ten year retirement in the Caribbean, were looking for someone to dispose of their extensive collection of serigraphs and prints and wondered if I could assist them. I was overwhelmed at their generosity and honoured that they approached me. Within a few minutes we reached an agreement and within a week Peter Jr.'s little red pickup was backing up to my warehouse, weighed down with a huge number of prints.

Since then my staff has been working hard at dispersing Peter and Trudl's generosity to various community groups. Some of the those benefiting are Arts Umbrella, Carousel Theatre, AIDS Vancouver, the PWA Foundation, the Shooting Star Foundation, Mobility Cup for handicapped sailors, the Cancer Society and Canuck Place.

A great big THANKS to Peter and Trudl on behalf of all those whose lives they have touched. Once again they have proved that art is the foundation of life.

Creek Seens

by Elaine Sleath

A seawall walk at any time of day brings renewal; a walk along it at sunset is special.

Facing a brilliant, scarlet-clouded sunset, marvelling at its subtle progression to orange then to yellow. I once again experienced that moment of the afterglow when shades of gold and lavender and pink run back along abandoned clouds of dull white, blue or grey, touching them with a spreading muted glory.

At the corner of Spruce Marina an awareness of swift movement above my right shoulder alerted me to catch the passing glide of our two herons as they headed across Alder Bay toward the community centre's dock. So minor were their wing adjustments that I almost missed their silent passage in the dusk.

On this evening the lone cormorant fishing in the bay caught a small fish, extending his head and neck in one quick gulp. He moved rapidly along the curve of the point, bobbing up for breath, only to hop-dive immediately, working his way out of the blackening shadows to the lighter waters of the Creek.

Breathing deeply on each step, and resting on the landings, I managed the stairs to Lamey's Mill Road

without using the railings - so small - so large are the triumphs of old age!

Back round the circle to the Spruce Marina walkway, a man in a red kayak pulled up to the float below. Having enjoyed what little chance I'd had to try that paddling I was keen to see how he managed to disembark and get up onto the dock without problems, but I will never know because the skinny heron came softly, swiftly past at the moment, landing with surprising ease and a dip of wings quite gracefully on a nearby float.



We watched as he step-paused, step-paused his way along the flower pots edging his path, peering down into the reflections between the white

boat moored there and the float's edge. Keeping a watchful eye on our unmoving forms as he moved along, he lowered his neck to an odd S-shape and scrunched down behind the plants.



With dusk deepening, I hurried along the seawall to contemplate the twenty-seven visiting boats anchored silently in the Creek, with their twelve rowboats and zodiacs pulled up along Charleson park's shelf.

In passing the pond I checked the rock where the herons perch and there indeed, in the dusk, was the skinny heron dipping to drink from the cleft. Almost invisible in the shadows, only the slight flash from his turning head and beak confirmed his presence.

The lights from a thousand homes twinkled across Heather Bay, shimmering reflections dancing on its mirroring surface. Magically, mysteriously, with the passing of the light, peace descends along the Creek.

Even the inevitable spider's web across my front steps becomes just a minor annoyance.

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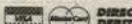
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The Creek customarily gives the festival a big splash in October (and will do so again) but as tickets to the most popular events - the Poetry

The encounter between Canada's two great historical writers, Pierre Berton and Peter C. Newman, should be lively (Saturday, October 24, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.)

September Events Calendar

MERCHANT SAFETY SEMINAR

Saturday, September 12 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
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The least successful police dogs

Needing a filler for this space we chose something 'in context' from our Book of Failures. If our local policemen don't share our sense of humour, too bad.

America has a strong candidate for the "least successful" in 'La Dur', a fearsome looking schnauzer hound, who was retired from Orlando police force in Florida in 1978. He consistently refused to do anything which might ruffle or offend the criminal classes.

His handling officer had to admit: "He just won't go up and bite them. I got sick and tired of doing that dog's work for him."

The British contenders in this category, however, took things a stage further. 'Laddie' and 'Boy' were trained as detector dogs for drug raids. Their employment was terminated following a raid in the Midlands in 1967.

While the investigating officer questioned two suspects, they patted and stroked the dogs who eventually fell asleep in front of the fire. When the officer moved to arrest the suspects, one dog growled at him while the other leap up and bit his thigh.

Complete Festival programs are available in bookstores, libraries and community centres, the Granville Island Information Centre and at the Festival office at 1243 Cartwright St. on Granville Island.

Tickets go on sale at 12 noon on September 21 at several bookstores around town including Blackberry Books on Granville Island, Manhattan Books on Robson, Duthie Books on Robson, Fourth & Tenth Avenues. They are also available at TicketMaster outlets (surcharges may apply).

The Duthie Lecture will be given by **Frank McCourt**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Angela's Ashes*. This year the lecture will be given at the newly renovated Stanley Theatre on Sunday, October 25.

Most venues are on Granville Island, including the Granville Island Brewery for the first time.

Fall programs begin at Le Centre cultural francophone de Vancouver

The French Cultural Centre announces the return of its *Storytime* sessions. They will take place every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and are free.

Storytime is aimed at children between 2 and 6 years old. Experienced volunteers tell stories or sing kids' songs while enticing the children to participate. This is a

wonderful opportunity provide children with access to Francophone culture and to create ties between parents whose children are involved in French learning activities.

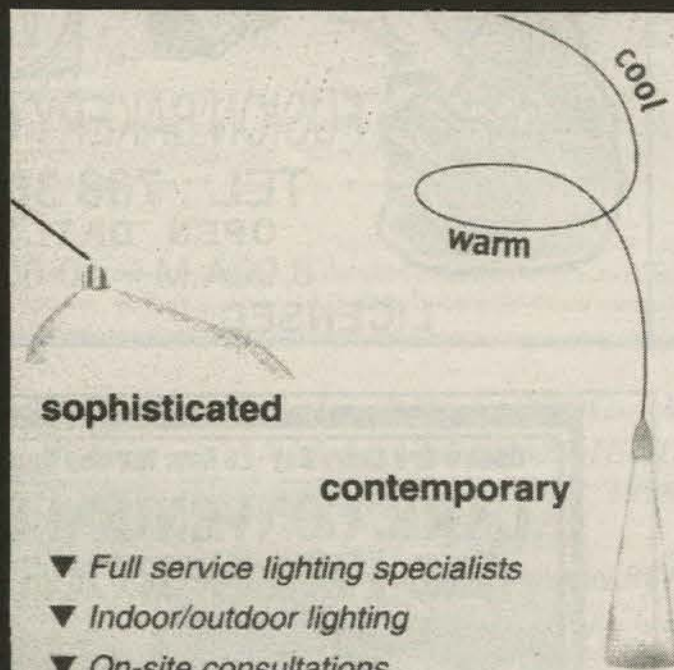
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The << 6 a 9 >> evenings resume starting on September 16. Meet Francophones and Franco-

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Registration for Fall Programs will continue until courses are full!

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August Heats Up on the Sport Court

The Sport court is up and being well used. August saw basketball, road hockey and tennis filling the court.

People of all ages are using the court and are cooperatively playing together.

The highlight of the month was the lights going on allowing basketball and tennis to go on until 10:00 pm. This was a great advantage for the tennis tournament.

We are now waiting for installation of a sign so you can know the schedule for the court. Scheduling will include family times, tennis times, age specific times and open times. Something for everyone although the first priority is to the teens.

FALSE CREEK TENNIS TOURNAMENT



We have just finished the annual westside tennis tournament.

Run by our injured tennis pro, Gord Hauka who spent all his time at the tournament desk to make the players happy the week climaxed with crowds being entertained by some fine tennis and a Kits Beach grudge match.

Winners prizes from our sponsors including the "Creek" restaurant located in the Granville Island hotel and Theatre Sports who gave us many tickets to shows.

All singles winners names were put on the Wayne Lind Memorial trophy in honour of Wayne's contributions to the Westside Circuit.

If you didn't play this year please mark it on your calendar for next year.

Summer Winddown Fall Beginnings

We've enjoyed another summer of being the Parks Board official community centre on the water.

Once again the kayak and canoe lessons have filled. As a result I hope we can purchase more kayaks for next year. More classes are available this Fall.

Summer camps for children ran well with kayaking, canoeing and sailing being highlights.

As well our partnerships with Arts Umbrella art camps has combined community resources to provide children with top notch programming.



Our childcare program will continue to run in the Fall. Spots are available in our Preschool for 3 year olds, Kindercare and Out-of-School Care. Please contact the Centre office for more information on these programs. Children must attend the False Creek School to take advantage of the Kindercare and Out-of-School care Programs.

Just a Little Reminder

Remember to renew your False Creek Community Centre membership for 1999. Your 1998 membership expires on August 31, 1998

New school principal fit and rarin' to go

It's a pleasure to introduce the new principal of False Creek Elementary School, **Patti Lefkos**, to our neighbourhood.

I have known Patti for the past fifteen years as a friend and colleague and, like many other colleagues, hold her in very high regard.

Patti is an outstanding principal with an excellent reputation, not just locally, but provincially and nationally. Innovative, dedicated and industrious, Patti reaches out to students, staff and parents in building a caring school community.

She sets high standards for herself and also for students and staff. She has a keen interest in professional development and has worked closely with community agencies and universities in developing academic and non-academic programs.

She has a wide range of interests which include cycling, jogging, skiing, swimming and walking. Affable and energetic in her relations with people, she is a strong believer in boosting the self-esteem of students. Schools where she has worked have received several student recognition awards and have been honoured in several other areas. Open and accessible, Patti fosters strong parental involvement in the life of the school

I watched students, staff and parents bid a warm and wonderful farewell to Patti in late June before her departure from Mount Pleasant Elementary School. I know that she will receive a warm welcome to this community as she settles in as our new principal.

Good luck Patti.
Noel Herron



False Creek Elementary School's



November will mark the 20th anniversary of False Creek Elementary School students moving from their temporary quarters on 6th Ave into a brand new school. There was a celebration for the 10th Anniversary, so naturally there should be one for the 20th.

As one of the longest serving (since 1984) of the current band of Volunteer Parents, **Pauline Kowbell** has been persuaded to head up the Anniversary Celebrations Committee.

The first obvious thought is for a Main Event in November to which EVERYBODY who was ever at the school should be invited - present students, parents and staff, grown-up ex-students, their parents and former teachers.

The first thing Pauline would like is a batch of phone calls from parents and ex-students to say "What can I do to help? And I have a great idea." Her number is 736-9939.



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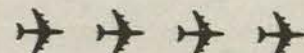
The Creek did publish information about the Trans Canada Trail project some months ago so we will assume our attentive readers know all about it!



The least successful weather report

After severe flooding in Jeddah a number of years ago the Arab News gave the following bulletin:

"We regret we are unable to give you the weather. We rely on weather reports from the airport, which is closed because of the weather. Whether we are able to give you the weather tomorrow depends on the weather."



Brainstorming Gathering
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The Creek Editor
1124 Ironwork Passage
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3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Why the Editor's house when she wasn't even a school parent? Because she offered.

Please call either **Pauline Kowbell** at 736-9939 or **Beryl Wilson** at 734-3369 to indicate your unbridled enthusiasm to be involved in bringing about a big splash. If the attendance sounds promising Madam Editor may make a large bowl of Tequila Punch with the big bottle of Tequila she brought from Mexico for a festive occasion.

The Creek could publish a 20th Anniversary four-page supplement. BUT the decisions on content, assembling the material and photographs will have to be undertaken by parents and former students. It could be fun - maybe that's what the brainstorming session will turn out to be - a Supplement Design-In. And maybe amongst the group will be a whizz-bang copywriter /designer who has a computer full of fancy programs!

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