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Bad dog owners still causing trouble

It's always only a few who create the trouble which wouldn't arise if the culprits simply observed the customs of common decency and consideration. This maxim applies in dog handling as in other areas of human activity.

Dog owners are using the entire park and playground area to run their dogs off-leash, at all hours, and not

all of them are controlling their dogs' behaviour. There are too many incidents of children being frightened by roving dogs.

In addition to dogs digging holes in the playfield, which creates the potential for injuries, too many owners are not cleaning up after their animals. Children are falling into piles of feces in play areas where

they should not have to contend with such hazards. Parents are rightly fed up with this situation and have complained to the Park Board.

No-one disputes that animals make an important contribution to humans' mental health and watching them at play together warms the heart. No-one denies dogs have needs. They do not have rights.

City continues to stonewall leaseholders

by Audrey Gill

Although representatives of the City finally met with representatives of False Creek leaseholders, there was little progress to show for it from the leaseholders point of view.

Deputy City Manager Brent MacGregor and City lawyer Graham Johnsen met with FLAC directors Robert Renger, Arnold Armstrong and John Golka on May 31, 2001 to discuss the results of the City's review of the Penny & Kennleyside (P&K) appraisal which had been provided to the City by FLAC almost one year ago, in July 2000.

City staff explained their long delay before agreeing to meet with FLAC as waiting for the reports from the four experts hired to review the P&K appraisal, an for instructions from City Council - which appear to have been simply that they should meet with FLAC.

Last summer the City informed FLAC that it had hired its own two original appraisers, Carl Nilsen and Geoff Burgess, to each prepare "a comprehensive review of this report and its conclusions". It also hired two new experts, Mike Grover (Grover, Elliot & Co) and Stan Hamilton (UBC) to review the P & K and the City's own Burgess/Nilsen appraisals to report on "the most appropriate methodology and assumptions to establish pre-payments amounts".

At the meeting Mr. MacGregor stated that, based on the reports from the four experts, he was satisfied that the lease prepayment amounts which had been set by the City did not need to be changed. He provided FLAC with a copy of Mike Grover's report dated October 30, 2000 but refused to provide a copy of Geoff Burgess's report dated March 15, 2001.

Mr. MacGregor also stated that Carl Nilsen and Stan Hamilton had been asked not to submit written reports, but that they had each made an oral report to the City which was critical of the P & K appraisal and supported the City's prepayment prices. He did not state when and to whom Nilsen and Hamilton had made their oral reports, and refused to ask them for written reports.

"FLAC delivered copies of its appraisal to City staff within days of receiving it, whereas City staff withheld delivery of the Grover report for seven months and refuses to deliver a copy of the Burgess report," FLAC lawyer Arnold Armstrong said. "It appears to be just more delay and stonewalling. Again, I ask what has the City got to hide?"

"And why did they cancel the other two experts' reports?" added FLAC chair Robert Renger. "So-called oral reports are useless, not worth the paper they're not written on - who can know what was said to whom?"

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Charleson Park Dogs Off Leash Proposal Community Meeting

Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

False Creek Community Centre, Granville Island

Please join the Park Board staff as they review and discuss a revised plan for off leash areas and times at Charleson Park.

The Vancouver Park Board is proposing to designate and sign the dog off leash area in Charleson Park. In prior consultation with various community groups, it appears there is consensus in designating the following areas as:

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| Meadow Area | - | dogs OFF leash 24 hours per day |
| Play Field | - | no dogs allowed at any time |
| Playground | - | no dogs allowed at any time |

An area which requires additional community consultation is the waterfall area, especially during the summer months. Suggested designations for this area include:

- Winter Months (to be determined) - dogs of leash at all times during the winter months
 Summer Months (to be determined)
 a. dogs ON leash at all times during the summer months OR
 b. dogs OFF leash 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Dogs would be required to be ON leash between 10:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m.

Dogs must be ON a leash in all other locations of the park.

Should you wish to comment on this proposal, please:
 Phone: 257-6911 Fax: 257-8501 E-mail: pbcomment@city.vancouver.bc.ca by June 15/2001

The area the Park Board is designating 'Meadow' is big enough to give all the local dogs room for a good romp. Allowing it to "go to the dogs" 24 hours a day will eliminate the irritation inevitably caused when people abuse the present rules.

The WATERFALL area should be entirely off limits to dogs for the short summer months. Attempts to share it will be abused and lead to resentment. There is the creek for dogs to frolic in and not many dogs are fortunate enough to live so close to such an amenity.

It is likely that notices about this meeting will be plastered on every pole around the park, alerting dog owners, who will undoubtedly be out in force to defend their dogs' rights to unrestricted liberty.

The parents who have been vocal to the Park Board in defence of their children should also be present in force. If they don't present their point of view no-one else is going to do it as effectively as they can.

Once the Park sections have been designated, improved signage, including maps will be installed to define the various dog activity areas.

The City's Pound staff will be responsible for enforcing the Park's new designation regulations.

However with so many parks for limited staff to patrol, clearly there is a need for more assertive self-policing among the community of dog owners.

Copies of the pamphlet containing the proposals are available at the False Creek Community Centre.



Open House: False Creek Pedestrian and Cyclist Crossings Study

The City of Vancouver will hold the second of three open houses about improving pedestrian and cyclist crossings of False Creek:

Tuesday, June 19, 2001 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Granville Island at Performance Works
1218 Cartwright Street
 (see the map on our Web site)



City staff will be on hand to discuss the options developed thus far and take your comments. Improvement alternatives will be presented as well as the screening and option refinement processes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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The Editor



Beryl Wilson

We live in a society that tends to 'know the price of everything and the value of nothing.' Clean drinking water is beginning to be a luxury, not a right, and we are dealing with it not by throwing money at the source of the problem but by throwing money at the entrepreneurs who promise us safety in a bottle.

We don't pay enough for the tap water we waste so casually and, worse, most people don't even recognise their habits as wasteful. Nevertheless, when a Federal Environment Minister starts justifying the need to 'put a price' on our fresh water (just so we'll know how precious it is) the alarm bells should be ringing loudly.

That many people make a living, and investors and business tycoons make fortunes, through all the 'stuff' that we don't need, is the way we've chosen to organise society. So be it. None of us wants to be reduced to sheer survival without some trimmings. Some smart cookie is probably right now trying to figure out how to make a buck bottling clean air (a 'right' long since forfeited in cities). But that people are salivating at the prospective profits to be made from literally siphoning away our water resources should be alarming 'the populace.'

The Council of Canadians is sponsoring a *Water for People and Nature: a forum on Conservation and Human Rights* at UBC July 5-8. Water experts, activists and municipal leaders from around the world will join participants to discuss the central issues facing water today.

For information and to register: Tel. 1-800-387-7177 ext. 400 Fax: 001-613-233-6776, or at www.canadians.org/blueplanet/index2.html

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City continues to stonewall leaseholders

FLAC will be asking its appraiser to comment on the Grover report. It looks very superficial - just eight pages long, plus appendices which are mostly photocopied from reference books.

FLAC was shocked to see that the City had instructed Grover to ignore soil contamination, in spite of the legal opinion by Brian J. Wallace, Q.C. which states that: "It would be an error in law to instruct the appraiser to ignore site contamination in his determination of market rental value."

The impact of soil contamination on land value and market rent is an important item of dispute between the leaseholders and the City.

"It's shocking that City staff would tell leaseholders and the press that they are getting independent experts' reviews and then direct the

independent experts to ignore contamination" said Mr. Renger. "It looks like the City wanted to hide this from the leaseholders as long as possible - the directions to ignore contamination aren't in the City's written instructions to the experts which we obtained through Freedom of Information last December."

Messrs. MacGregor and Johnsen offered to meet with FLAC representatives again once FLAC had reviewed the Grover report. They also raised the possibility of allowing leaseholders to address City Council at a Committee meeting, depending on what issues they wished to talk about. MacGregor advised that the question of whether or not to negotiate sale of freehold ownership with the leaseholders was a policy issue which Council, not staff, would have to decide.

Letter from the Editor

Drivers thankful for bus-free streets

... seniors, students and poor people be damned

Sadly I am never surprised by people's selfishness but I am truly stunned at the sheer ignorance displayed by the men phoning Talkback lines to declare driving is so much easier without buses cluttering up the streets they hope they never return. Such people should hardly be allowed to live.

Presumably these brain-damaged people:

- Do not own businesses seriously suffering for lack of pedestrian customers.
- Do not have high school or university kids unable to get to school or to desperately needed part-time jobs.
- Have no concern for thousands of car-less people struggling to get to work every day.
- Have never given a moment's thought to how the thousands of

people dependent on the Food Bank are managing to obtain their survival supplies

• Neither know nor care about the thousands of seniors who have been housebound for months, many of them unable to get to medical appointments.

People are reluctant to ask for help from car-driving neighbours on a daily basis and nowadays drivers ignore hitchhikers, even in emergencies. It's hard to know how to deal with these happy drivers so self-centred they are devoid of common sense or reason, let alone compassion.

But please, at least never let this "don't need buses" statement pass your hearing unchallenged.

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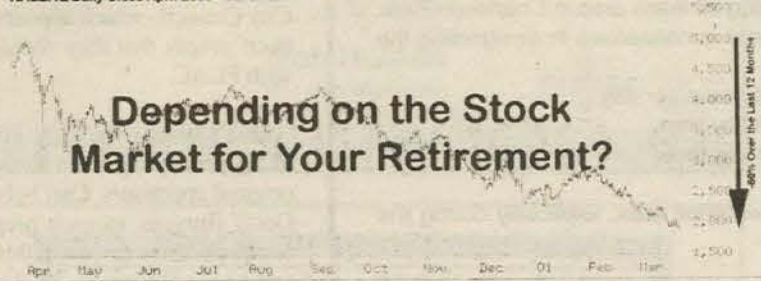
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The months-long renovation project at Stamps Landing Pub is over at last. Maintaining full service during all the mayhem must have taxed the staff's resourcefulness and the patience of the regular punters. The entrance seemed to be in a different place every few weeks! But they have all survived it and the result is handsome.

As with any good renovation, once it's done it's hard to figure out where all the new space came from - there must have been an astonishing amount of nooks and crannies and inefficient wasted space. The licenced capacity remains the same (100) but the seating is spread around much more comfortably. The upstairs patio space is huge.

The first surprise is a spacious entrance hall with a view to the open kitchen and the staircase leading upstairs obvious at last (it used to be quite hidden round a corner).

Stamps has always catered for business and special occasion functions and is now even better equipped to do so. Although the new upstairs bar was installed principally to maintain operations while the downstairs was demolished, it will prove a useful facility for special functions.



Visitors will hardly recognise the downstairs bar which is now spacious and light.

Stamps Pub's new look light and airy

Stamps Landing Pub has been part of the False Creek community for over 20 years.

Soon after the current owners, Dave Crown, Gord McCormick and Kevin Shaughnessy, purchased the pub in 1994 they resolved to rejuvenate the premises while maintaining the warm, friendly atmosphere that has always been an important aspect of Stamps. Although the design and approval process took much longer than anticipated, and all sorts of unexpected (and expensive) complications surfaced along the way, they are pleased with the result and hope their neighbours and customers will be too.

Stamps has a long record of hosting special events and participating in any organised by the community. It sponsors golf tournaments quite regularly. The Molson Indy weekend has been a major event at the pub and as this may be its final year in Vancouver there will be a certain amount of nostalgia to this year's celebrations.

One of its most popular events is the annual **PENDELAKON** - a 10K Run which organisers have always proudly proclaimed is the only FREE run in town. Now in its 18th year, its mission has always been pure fun, not fundraising.

Established in 1984, it's also the only Run with its own "legend." According to original organiser Bullus Hutton, the False Creek Pendelakon is run:

"To commemorate not the famous Pheidippides but his oft-forgotten

co-runner, Egbert, who set off from Marathon in 490 B.C. and ran about 10km before collapsing into the arms of the local barmaid Delecta, in the small town of Pendelakon"!!!

Stamps' best kept secret

The pub has **26 FREE PARKING SPACES**. Leased from the City of Vancouver they are located on the lower level of the building adjacent to the Moberley Road parking lot.



Chef Sam Taylor (on the right) and his team are delighted with their new kitchen. Long hidden behind the bar they are glad to be out in the open and enjoying the same view down the Creek as the customers have.

Chef Taylor is proud of his new menu and encourages people to come in to sample the great variety of daily specials. Weekend Brunches are going to be even more popular in the expanded upstairs patio.

Customers will find the selection of fine wines has been expanded and of course sales of beer, wine and cider "**To Go**" continue to be available seven days a week during regular business hours.



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If 'all that jazz' around Granville Island, listed below, isn't enough for you, there will be plenty more around town during the ten days of the Jazz Festival.

Altogether there will be nine outdoor and twenty-eight indoor venues and over 1500 musicians performing from noon until long past midnight.

As always the Festival focuses on the most important creators in the jazz and improvised music worlds. Some of the most exciting talent in the jazz world will be featured including more than a dozen influential bands from Europe.

Apart from the concerts on Granville Island on the opening weekend there will be more free concerts in GASTOWN, around the Steam Clock and Maple Tree Square, from 1:00 to 8:00p.m. on Saturday/Sunday, **June 23 & 24**.

Free noon-time concerts will also

take place at City Square (12th/Cambie), in the CBC Jazz Cafe, at Pacific Centre Plaza, the Waterfront Centre Fountain Terrace and at Metrotown Plaza.

Close to home, within walking distance, there will be evening concerts at the Arts Club Backstage Lounge, Monk McQueens, Starbucks on West 2nd and Studio 16 up at 7th/Granville.

If you want a change of scene over the Canada Day weekend, take the Aquabus ferry over to the Roundhouse.

On the Saturday and Sunday, **June 30 & July 1st**, there will be three concerts playing simultaneously most of the time.

On a sunny day there's no better place to languish and listen to music than David Lam Park. There are plenty of food vendors on hand to provide an interesting, international variety of food.

The Roundhouse has three other

indoor venues, and usually a very welcome beer garden next to one of them!

Tastes in jazz vary so widely choosing individuals or groups to highlight is tricky. **Alpha YaYa Diallo**, one of the most exciting African artists in the world, will be at the Commodore on June 27. Vancouver's **EDAM Dance** presents the ninth annual reunion of extraordinary improvising dancers and musicians at the Western Front on June 22, 23. If you've been waiting for the **Buena Vista Social Club**, they will be appearing at the Orpheum Theatre after the Festival, on July 5.

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- 06 | 27 Wilson/De Joode/Arguelles
- 06 | 28 Mariusz Kwiatkowski Quartet
- 06 | 29 Gypsalero
- 06 | 30 Knotty Ensemble
- 07 | 01 Stellar Saxophone Quartet

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3-5 PM, FREE CONCERTS
Granville Island, 1218 Cartwright Street

- 06 | 22 Butcher/Robair/Sperry/Van Der Schyff
- 06 | 23 Robert Dyck's Electric Dragon Quintet
- 06 | 24 Van Der Schyff/Müller/Houle
- 06 | 25 Benoit Delbecq 5
- 06 | 26 Sten Sandell Trio
- 06 | 27 Junction
- 06 | 28 Free Energy Band
- 06 | 29 Burgener/Phillips/Schütz String Trio
- 06 | 30 George McFetridge and YT

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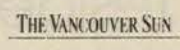
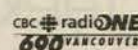
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A Memorial Jade Fountain for the Creek

"The rock should be in a quiet place, a bit hidden away to foster contemplation. A bench to rest, the sound of water dripping softly, wet green stone glistening, smooth to the touch, and the fragrance of blossoms"

by John McBride

This was the vision of the False Creek Elementary students involved in the design for the soon-to-be-finished Jade Fountain, located north of the school along the seawall.

In the spring of 1995, under the coordination of Dave Osborne, six students - Dara Kelly, Camille Elliott, Karina Zanrosso, Louis Page, Chris Beaver and Laila Singh - identified the qualities they wanted to build into the Creek fountain.

With the financial assistance of the Park Board's Neighbourhood Matching Fund, the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association (FCSNA) undertook this drinking fountain project as a memorial to Creek residents who have dedicated themselves to improving our Creek community.

Suitably, the first person to be honoured will be the late Jerry Poole of the False Creek Coop, who initiated the July 1st False Creek Birthday parties. Jerry's continued leadership of this event, from 1978, built friendly bridges between all the separate housing groups and brought the community together in celebration of our newly constructed neighbourhood.

The project is close to being finished; the rock is polished and firmly anchored in place, and the drinking water piped over from near the school. Now the landscaping part is awaiting the participation of community volunteers.

The fountain will be turned on after a long twisted journey that has been entertaining as well as exasperating.

The 3 ton unique river-worn jade boulder was purchased by FCSNA from Jade World in 1985 for \$3500. It was to be a gift to the community to commemorate Vancouver's Centennial. Events moved more slowly than we expected.

Respected landscape architect Don Vaughn's design for the project was rejected by the newly struck Art-in-Public-Places Committee. They didn't like the design. The rock, entered 'an era of rest' and stood in the storage yard of Jade World for about 13 years.

The project was resurrected in the spring of 1995 when the six Grade 6 students produced a series of designs for this site. Meeting for two hours a week for seven weeks, they studied the park area and visited and sketched other fountains in the downtown. They developed sketches and plans and many ideas, some of which were incorporated into the final project. With their inspiration and the involvement of members of the Park Board staff headed by Dana Walker, and a variety of community businesses, the fountain is now almost ready to offer its first drink.

Throughout the epic journey through the Park Board approval process the patient and wise delegates to the FCSNA smiled and chuckled as report after report documented the saga of the Jade Rock. Keith Freer, long-served president and then secretary of the Association, cruelly kept the rock on each meeting agenda for monthly updates. At the rate of ten FCSNA meetings per year, going back to 1994, there have been over 70 reports and discussions as the struggle continued to make jade fountain project a reality.

Perhaps the long labour to the birth of the jade fountain reminds us to be patient, that important things take time. Besides serving the thirsty kids in the playground and the increasing number of seawall walkers, the centrally located fountain may come to signify a heart to our neighbourhood.

The surrounding garden will be developed over time, acquiring the touch of the community, reflecting people and events that have given meaning to our lives.

The dedication to those who have contributed to strengthening the fabric of our community may, over the years, contribute to the sense of history and appreciation of the uniqueness of False Creek.

Members of the community may contribute a variety of commemorative objects as such as a special bench, a tree, an "iris stream" or paving stones.

Those remembered will be named on a plaque near the fountain. A committee of the FCSNA will receive nominations of those to be honoured, and bring recommendations to all the delegates who represent the housing enclaves in South False Creek.

We would like to recognize and thank Jade World for setting aside this unique boulder for a special purpose, Ocean Construction for their donation of concrete, CY Loh Engineering for the structural drawings and supervision of the installation, and Windsor Plywood for their assistance in form construction.



Dave Osborne and John McBride, have steered the Jade Fountain project through interminable bureaucratic road blocks for over six years. In November '99 they quietly but triumphantly supervised the installation of the rock at the edge of the park opposite False Creek School.

On **SATURDAY, JULY 7th** the landscaping part of the project will begin.

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. anyone in the community who would like to participate in creating this special place is invited to join in the shovelling, raking, planting and placement of stone stairs and patio blocks. Tools will be provided. All you need is enthusiasm and a strong back.

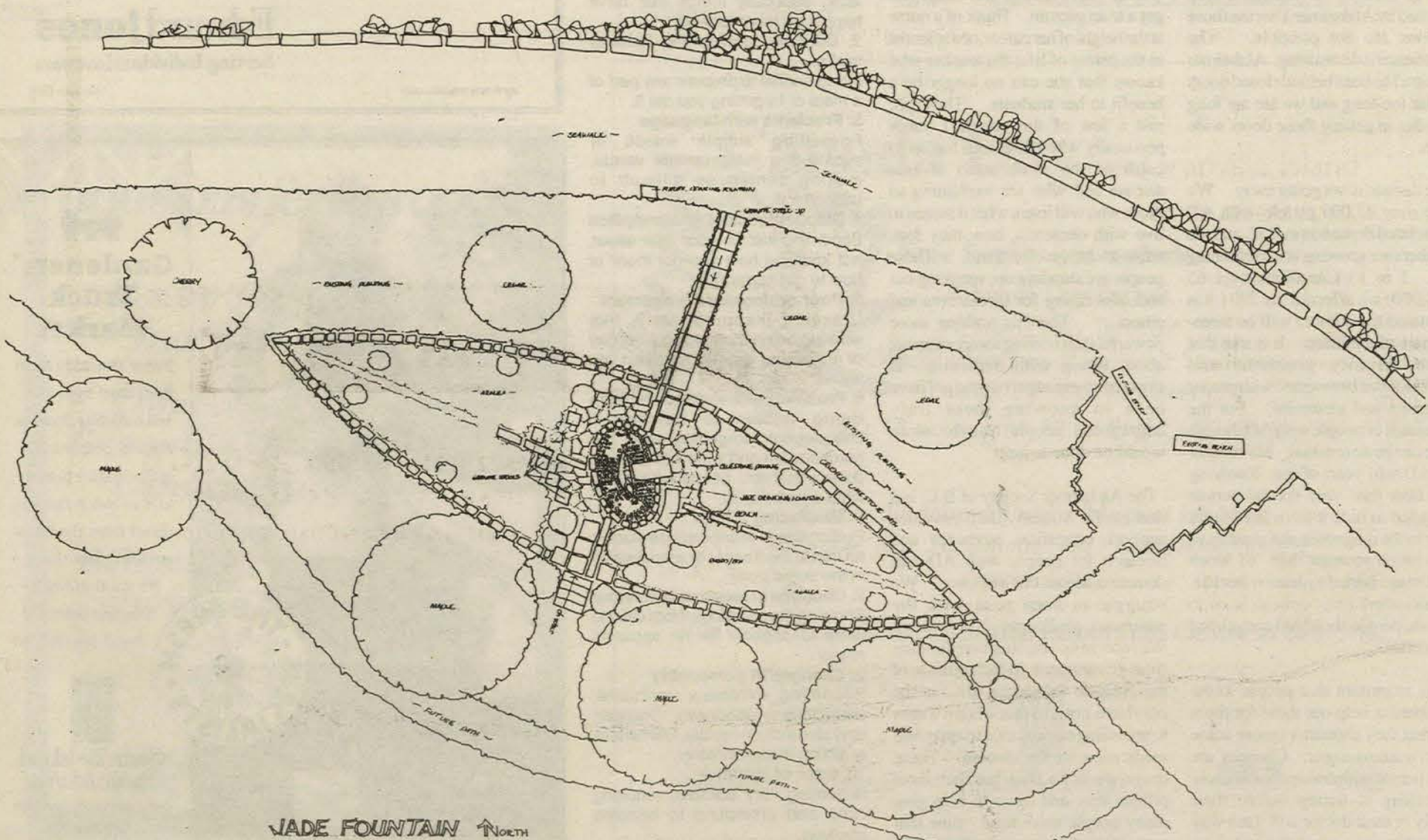
For more information, call Dave Osborne at 733-5609.

In the Garden

Q. What does the word *Guaranteed* on a seed packet really mean? In my experience most seeds, if they do happen to sprout, produce feeble waifs all set to die-back, die-off, damp-off or simply keel over. Survivors, maybe in a gallant attempt to make something of themselves before succumbing to an early death, rush up into legginess only to be struck down within a week by root rot. The seed people must know all this, so why the guarantee? Can you elucidate?

Wondering

A. Guarantee is short for "It's your fault if the product doesn't work."



Painters in a Potter's Garden

Cheryl Fortier is an artist who lives in Spruce Harbour Marina. We are delighted she thought to tell us about what sounds like a charming event, and a lovely incentive for a trip out into the Fraser Valley.

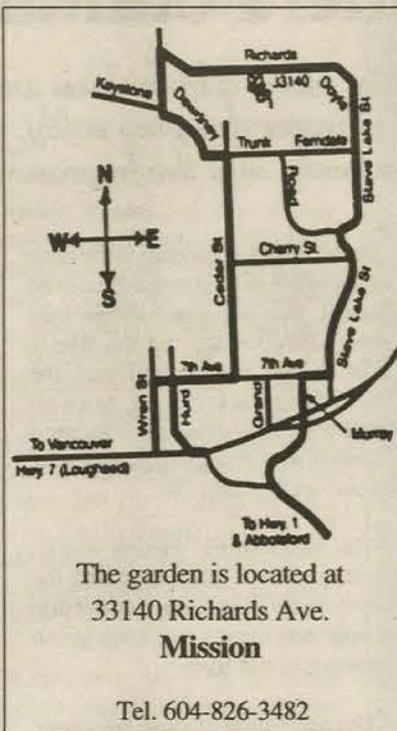
Visitors who make their way to the annual Painters in a Potter's Garden Show may find it out of the way but definitely out of the ordinary. This is one of a kind art and garden show has fast become the number one cultural event in the Fraser Valley. Painters in A Potter's Garden, hosted by Mission potter Jo Priestley, has grown from a small local art show into a community event that showcases the visual and performing arts - and that is magic!

"Enchanting", "inspiring" say the comments in the visitor's book. The show takes place in a garden that in itself takes your breath away, with its eclectic mix of herbs, perennials, shrubs and natural plantings in long sweeping lawns framed with views of Westminster Abbey, Mt. Baker and the Fraser Valley.

The show has grown over the years to include musicians and players, volunteers from the Fraser River Heritage Park who serve refreshments including light lunches; the Mission Citizen Patrol who control the parking for the 1200 -1500 visitors over the three days of the show, and dozens more valued helpers.

This year Jo has invited eight guest artists to showcase their work in the garden: Megan Arundel - watercolor, Betty Block - acrylics, Cheryl Fortier - watermedia, Jill Gannon - acrylics, Roberta Lindsay - sculptor, Kwang Jean Park - mixed media, Lynn Lawson Pajujen - mixed media, and sponsored student artist Cynthia Carty - mixed media.

The show also features music by The Michael Lord Quintet, Celtic group Small Potatoes and others.



The garden is located at
33140 Richards Ave.
Mission

Tel. 604-826-3482

SHOW DATES:

Friday, June 22 Noon to 8 p.m. Sat/Sun June 23 & 24 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

www.missioncity.ca/paintersinapottersgarden



Nothing light-hearted about Alzheimer's

A light-hearted item in the May issue of The Creek prompted a response from Sandy Riley who lives on Fairview Slopes and is Vice-President of the Alzheimer Society.

I am a big fan of *The Creek* newspaper but in last month's edition one small item leapt out at me. Obviously written light-heartedly, it offered a nicer explanation than *It must be a sign of Alzheimer's* when we forget things. To me the comment shows just how much more we need to educate people about dementia. A large majority of people would probably give the statement little thought. When we are uncomfortable with something we do not understand we often laugh and move on or ignore it and hope it will go away. If you have been touched by Alzheimer Disease those options are not possible. The experience is devastating. Alzheimer Disease has been behind closed doors for far too long and we are long overdue in getting those doors wide open.

The disease is not going away. We have over 43,000 people with AD and related dementia in B.C. and the numbers are growing at a frightening rate. 1 in 13 Canadians over 65 (364,000) are affected; by 2031 it is estimated the number will be three-quarters of a million. It is true that some memory problems and confusion can be reversed with proper diagnosis and treatment. For the thousands of people with AD though there can be no reversal. My mother had AD at 61 years of age. Knowing now how this very special person struggled to hide it from her family prior to the diagnosis, she must have been much younger than 61 when the disease started to destroy her life. I understand how critical it is to educate people about AD and related dementias.

It is important that people know that there is help out there for them and that they shouldn't ignore some basic warning signs. Chances are that a person with dementia will know something is wrong before their family or their doctor will. One way or another everyone in this province

will be touched by AD or related dementia; it has huge social and economic ramifications for us all. We ignore it at our peril.

The face of dementia is changing. While it is true that the older you are the greater your risk of getting the disease, there are people in their forties and fifties with the disease struggling to hold on to their careers or being forced into early retirement. The support groups for early stage dementia are growing at an alarming rate. AD is not a normal stage of aging. It is a progressive neurological disease and at present there is no known cause or cure.

Does the word Alzheimer conjure up an elderly person shuffling around a nursing home, oblivious to the world? Let's change that image and get a truer picture. Think of a nurse at the height of her career, or a scientist in the prime of life; the teacher who knows that she can no longer be a benefit to her students. These are just a few of the people I know personally who have been forced to confront the devastation of this disease and who are explaining to those who will listen what it means to live with dementia, how they feel, what it changes for them. These people are standing up, speaking out and advocating for themselves and others. There is nothing more powerful than hearing someone speak about living with dementia. If everyone were as privileged as I have been in knowing these truly courageous people, maybe more would be done to help.

The Alzheimer Society of B.C. is a non-profit Society that provides support, education, advocacy and research for people with AD and dementia across this province. We struggle to keep pace with the enormous challenges that face us. We receive no ongoing core funding from government. In fact, outside of the Atlantic Provinces, B.C. is the only have-not province when it comes to providing equal access to approved medication for the disease. These drugs are not a cure but they have proven time and again to help give many people more time - time that empowers them to make their own

decisions about their future. Can all the other Provinces and half the world be wrong. It is so very easy to pass people over when the issue does not touch us personally

We need people to know they are not alone. Please do not ignore the problems: ask for help. **Alzheimer Society of B.C.** 604-681-6530 or 1-800-667-3742. Website: www.alzheimer.bc.org

Is it Alzheimer Disease? 10 Warning Signs

If you notice several symptoms the person with the symptoms should see a doctor for a complete physical examination.

- 1. Memory loss that affects day-to-day function**
Forgetting things more often than before and not remembering them later, especially things that have happened more recently.
- 2. Difficulty performing familiar tasks.**
Being unable to prepare any part of a meal or forgetting you ate it.
- 3. Problems with language**
Forgetting simple words or substituting inappropriate words, making sentences difficult to understand.
- 4. Disorientation of time and place**
Becoming lost on your own street, not knowing how you got there or how to get home.
- 5. Poor or decreased judgement**
Dressing inappropriately, like wearing heavy clothing on a hot day or not seeing your doctor when you feel ill.
- 6. Problems with abstract thinking**
Being unable to balance a chequebook, forgetting what the numbers are and what needs to be done with them; not understanding what a birthday is.
- 7. Misplacing things**
Putting things in inappropriate places: an iron in the freezer or a wristwatch in the sugar bowl.
- 8. Changes in mood or behaviour**
Showing mood swings - from calm to tears to anger - for no apparent reason.
- 9. Changes in personality**
Becoming extremely confused, suspicious or withdrawn. Changes may also include apathy, fearfulness or acting inappropriately.
- 10. Loss of initiative**
Becoming very passive, requiring cues and prompting to become involved.

Bard Village takes over Vanier Park for the summer



When the Bard's 12th season opens on June 13 in the open-ended Mainstage tent with the spectacular view, the epic tragedy **Antony and Cleopatra** will play in repertory with the brilliant romantic romp **The Taming of the Shrew**. In the smaller Studio Stage the delicious but seldom-seen comedy, **The Two Gentlemen of Verona** will be performed in the round.

Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays, as follows:
Antony and Cleopatra previews June 13-15 and runs to Sept. 22.
The Taming of the Shrew previews June 26-27 and runs to Sept. 23
Two Gentlemen of Verona previews July 10-11 and runs to Sept. 3.

Mainstage tickets: \$15 to \$25.
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Symphony, Opera & Shakespeare with mezzo-soprano Judith Forst: Aug. 13 & 20.

Find out what happened when Hal returned from the wars, after last season's **Henry IV, Part I**, at a **Dramatic Reading of Henry IV, Part II**, on Sunday, Aug. 26. FREE with tea and scones at intermission.

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Letter from Sayward

From Janna Bowers

"Manners maketh man" - Shakespeare, I think.

But what happened to manners? Are they no longer valued?

I am not talking about road rage or air rage (bad tempers out of all control). I'm talking about daily civility to fellow citizens. Our multi-ethnic society in Canada is created on the assumption of mutual respect. Do-as-you-would-be-done-by.

In the 1950s my father left a cocktail party because the man with whom he was having a conversation was rude enough to keep his hands in his pockets. (I must admit that this piece of family legend has puzzled me a little because I can't fathom how the poor fellow could have held his glass!) Old-fashioned manners were very restricting in certain social circles, certainly, but there is a basic minimum one can expect in society today.

A couple in their 80s were regularly kept awake into the early morning hours by a neighbour playing loud rock music. One day the husband went to explain, gently, that the base beat carried far and wide, and asked could the volume please be turned down. His neighbour yelled that he had bought a \$6000 sound system and intended to use it when and how he pleased, and slammed the door.

A carefully tended lawn was developing a track across it, leading from the house next door to it towards a baseball park. The lawn owner requested of the children next door that they use their own

driveway, and walk around the lawn, please. He was told by the teenage girl to "go ****himself."

In the *Globe & Mail* there is now a column called "Urban Decorum" I am constantly amazed at the basic level of information that the writers feel needs to be broadcast. How to say 'please', 'sorry' or 'thankyou' for example. Do parents not teach these simple building blocks for life any more? Of course they do, but how do some kids skate through to adulthood before coming up against a wall of disapproval, and then need to read how to improve their social skills in a newspaper?

Summer must be on the way because the mosquitoes are biting again. The beautiful gold crowned and whitecrowned sparrows visited in droves but have left us for their northern breeding grounds, fattened up with plenty of our sunflower seeds. Rufous hummingbirds fight at our syrup feeder. Huge numbers of robins are here at present, so many that driving on the highway puts bird life at risk. They mass at the roadsides to feast on a recent hatch of flying ants, and dash in front of cars to grab their food. My mate should have a bumpersticker:
 I BRAKE FOR ROBINS.

On three trips in the past week to collect firewood we have seen plenty of black bears. A long-time Sayward resident says that he fears there may be too many, in fact, and they will go hungry later. But this does NOT mean black bears and grizzly bears should be legally shot, Premier Campbell. Let Nature take her course. She will anyway.



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