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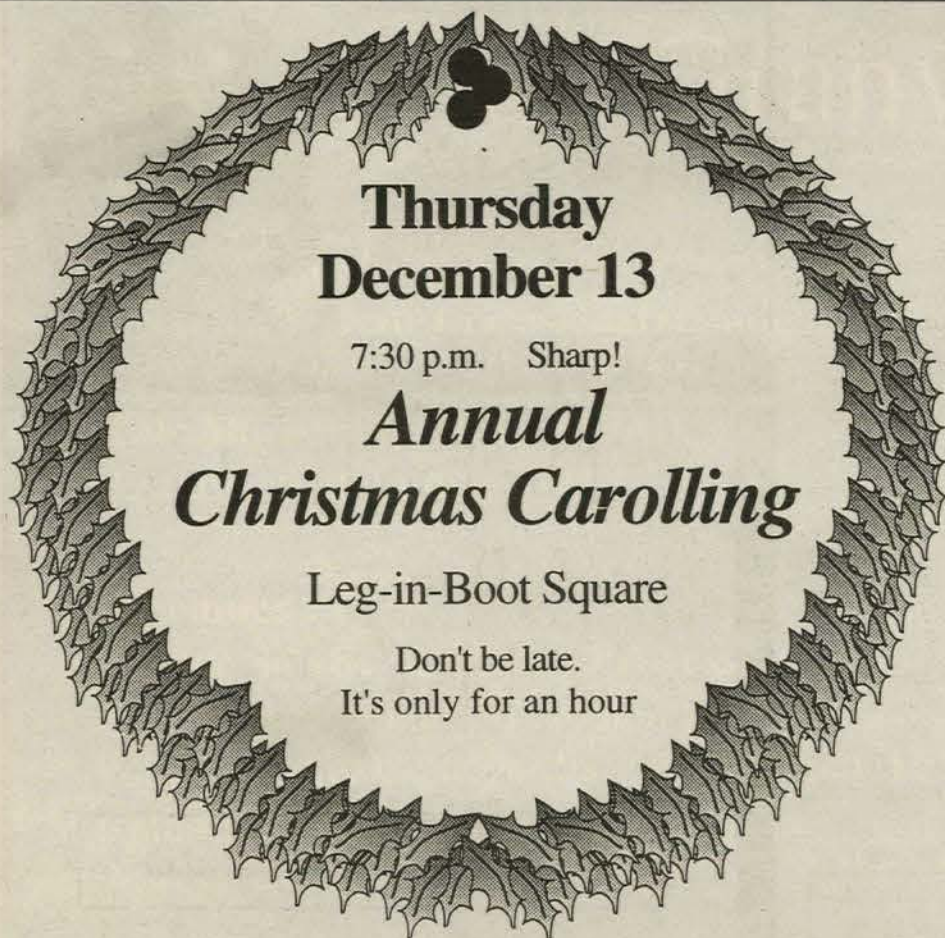
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Friday, December 21

6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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As always the **Charles Dickens Singers** will come to keep us in tune.

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New Year's Eve on Granville Island

Granville Island's first **FAMILY FIRST NIGHT** promises to be a marvellous event.

A myriad activities will take place throughout the site. There will be Parade Prop Workshops, Juggling Workshops, Stiltwalking Workshops and Drum Circles. The public will be invited to drop in on them to create something for the parades or to learn a fun new skill. At a Floating Lantern Building Workshop you'll be able to build a lantern to float on Alder Bay. Kayakers will paddle about the bay towing strings of the colourful lanterns.

Two parades will wind through the site, gathering people as they pass. The first, early in the evening (for those who must get their little ones off to bed) will end with a magical Fire show.

The second Parade will gather people as they leave the indoor venues which will close down at 11:00 p.m.

The processions will include Stilt Dancers, Giant Puppets, Circus Performers and a lively Processional Band.

Three Fire Shrines with wise Wish Goddesses will be located around the Island. Visitors can write their resolutions or wishes for the coming year and release them into the night by burning the paper at the fire shrine.

Roving performers will engage people

outdoors and Fire and Action Drumming shows will take place outdoors at different times.

Inside Lind Hall at the False Creek Community Centre KISS-FM will host a dance party for the whole family. Radio personality Ken Allen Jr. will run a remote broadcast all evening.

Both Aquabus and False Creek Ferries will operate until 1:00 a.m. Children under 5 travel free; adults with buttons will ride 2-for-1.

The Downtown Historic Railway will be in operation and parking at Easy Park lots along the False Creek corridor will be free for First Night attendees.

To join in all this family foolery you'll need a **Family First Night Button**. Adults: \$7. Children 5 and under: Free. They'll be on sale at the Granville Island Information Centre, False Creek Community Centre and all Lower Mainland Bay department stores.

This brief outline is just a taster. Look for detailed program flyers at the same locations later in the month or check out www.familyfirstnight.com

If you want to **VOLUNTEER** call Gosia Santor @ 604-828-4558 or Kate Barry @ 604-255-1999

In the darkening days of winter excitement mounts as community residents work with the Secret Lantern Society in preparation for the return of the sun on December 21st. This warm and festive family celebration radiates throughout the False Creek neighbourhood with participants lighting the length of the seawall, on both shores, with lanterns, fire, singing, drumming, art, live music and dancing.

Two new major partnerships this year have expanded the range of artistic possibilities. Both Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design and Opus Framing & Art Supplies have generously opened their doors to invite the community in for workshops, and have provided a wealth of resources, volunteers and supplies.

The familiar route and schedule remain much the same as our tradition of the past seven years. Leading the three processions will be the Rhythm Spirit Processional Drummers (starting from both Vanier Park and Leg-in-Boot Sq.) and the lively Carnival Band leading revellers from Granville Island Market.

The groups will converge in Sutcliffe Park to enjoy a torch-lit Song of Welcome by the Vancouver Morris Men.

As always the Pyrodesiac Torch Performers will light the night with fire atop the Mound on Granville Island.

Following the fire performance you'll have to make decisions about where to spend the next few hours. Three venues will operate simultaneously from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

At **Emily Carr Institute** will be fabulous solstice regulars Zeellia (Ukrainian and Eastern European vocal group); the Hot Club of Mars (a truly inspired jazz quartet) and Kits Point Sword (must-be-seen-to-be-believed English sword dancing). Free hot chocolate will be served and a limited number of ceramic solstice cups and calendars will be on sale.

Ocean Art Works (the carving space just west of Ocean Cement) will fill with excitement as the Vancouver World Rhythms Youth Ensemble (percussionists) leads the procession

in. Shangra Marimba will keep everyone dancing, and the inimitable Morris Men will dance, twirl and make merry mummery as only they can.

Performance Works will host many talented community choirs as the 4th Annual Festival of Song (produced by CMHC Granville Island) takes place. Entry is by donation to the Food Bank.

Solstice regulars will note the False Creek Community Centre, birthplace of this event, is unable to participate this year.

This event is family oriented, participatory and FREE, with donations gratefully accepted. Produced by The Secret Lantern Society, the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Society and artistic director Naomi Singer, the event is made possible through our generous sponsors: CMHC Granville Island, Opus Framing & Art Supplies, False Creek South Neighbourhood Association, the Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design, and numerous local businesses.

INFORMATION FLYERS, with route map and workshop information, are available at the Granville Island Information Centre, the False Creek Community Centre front desk and at Opus Framing.

For a pre-recorded message for updates, workshop information or to volunteer, please call **604-708-5065**. For information regarding events and workshops at the Roundhouse please call 604-713-1800.

To fully experience this event please **VOLUNTEER** to assist with preparations, host your own pre-event lantern-making party or in-home solstice potluck, attend a workshop or linger to help with the clean up.

See you all on Friday, December 21st.

PROCESSION ROUTE MAP
on back page

More information on p.2

**Carol Ships will tour False Creek on:
December 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20**
between approximately 8:00 -9:00p.m.

The Editor



Beryl Wilson

By the time we've all finished celebrating the Winter Solstice and Family First Night the streets of Granville Island will be quite worn out. Aren't we the luckiest people to be living here?

Christmas Tradition Stories

This invitation drew a blank. Not one submitted, and perhaps it's just as well. There wouldn't have been space to print them. Funny the way things often turn out for the best! And, using the excuse space was limited, Madam Editor didn't write hers either.



Why must some doctors be so pretentious? CBC Radio's *Almanac* and *As It Happens* have Talkback lines. A few clips are played the following day and most people identify themselves simply, for instance: "This is Mary Jones from Thunder Bay, Ontario" Twice this week men have called to say "This is Dr. Joe Doe from" If it's a medical topic being commented on it's relevant; if it's not it's pitiful.



One of the advantages of the December issue is that all those odd, small spaces that seem unavoidable, no matter how much time is spent fiddling with layout, can be filled with festive images.



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Please note: All workshops are drop-in on a first-come basis, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.
Payment by cash or cheque only.

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS Saturdays, December 8 & 15
10:00 - 12 noon Simple lantern styles. \$10 per lantern
1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Bamboo lanterns. \$20 per lantern
EMILY CARR INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN, Granville Island

SINGING WORKSHOPS
Tuesdays, December 11 & 18 7:00 - 9:00p.m.
Beverly Dobrinsky of Zeellia teaches seasonal songs from a variety of multicultural traditions. Drop-in. \$10 / person
EMILY CARR INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN, Granville Island

DRUMMING WORKSHOPS
Learn todrum and help lead the seawall lantern processions on the night of the winter solstice. Instructor Ron Stelling leads a drumming circle for all ages and abilities.
Tuesdays, December 11 & 18. 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Drop-in. \$5 / person
FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE, Granville Island

SIMPLE LANTERN INSTRUCTIONS
For those unable to attend a workshop but who are determined to have a lantern, try the following.

Fill any size tin can to just below the brim with water and leave in the freezer for a full day. When the water is complete frozen put on gloves, get a hammer and various sized nails. Proceed to puncture a design all around the can. The ice will prevent the can from collapsing as you pound the nails in, though it can get wet and messy so you should work outside where the cooler air will help the ice last longer and no-one will be annoyed by the flying ice chips.

Bunch tinfoil around the base of a short, thick candle so it stays in the middle of the can. Make three small holes at the top of the can; insert wires for carrying your lantern, and affix to a nice long stick for maximum public viewing.

Timetable on December 21

6:00	3 Processions begin from: Granville Island Market Pacific Space Centre, Vanier Park Leg-in-Boot Square
6:45 - 7:00	3 Processions converge at Sutcliffe Park Performers: Vancouver Morris Men
7:10 - 7:30	To the Mound at eastern end of Granville Island Pyrodesiac Torch Performers
7:40 - 9:30	Emily Carr Institute Performers: Zeellia * Hot Club of Mars Kits Point Sword
7:40 - 9:30	Ocean Art Works Performers: Shangara Marimba Vancouver World Rhythms Youth Ensemble Vancouver Morris Men

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OPERA WORKSHOP presents

Amahl & The Night Visitors

by GIAN CARLO MENOTTI

Friday, December 14th
Saturday, December 15th
7:30 p.m.

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It's hard to imagine a commercial television station commissioning an opera these days but in 1951 NBC TV did ask Gian Carlo Menotti to create an opera for Christmas. Menotti derived his theme from the painting *The Adoration of the Magi* by Hieronymous Bosch. It reminded him of the Christmases he had known as a child in Italy where gifts are brought by the Magi rather than Santa Claus. The story of *Amahl* concerns the three Wise Men who, on their way to the manger in Bethlehem, stop at the hovel of a crippled boy, Amahl (a boy soprano). When Amahl offers them his crutches as a gift to the Holy Child, he is miraculously healed. The opera contains several delightful choruses and ensemble numbers. For almost a decade it was performed every Christmas over the NBC TV network and it has had well over three thousand productions.

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December Island Lights!

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December 21

Winter Solstice Lantern Procession

Join the 8th annual procession from the Public Market Courtyard at 6pm, around the Island and False Creek to Performance Works.

Granville Island Gift Packages

The GIBCA presents a selection of four *Granville Island Gift Packages* filled with unique items from various Island merchants (across from Santa on the 2nd floor in Kids Market, or at Rhinoceros). On display at the Information Centre, while supplies last.

until December 24

Visit with Santa at Kids Market

Daily activities include group sing-a-longs, storytelling and magic. Bring your own camera or have a photo taken. Look for Secret Santa stars and donate gifts to the Christmas Bureau. For more info call 604-689-8447.

December 21 - 23

Festival of Song

Enjoy a variety of concerts from a range of local choirs during the Opening Night Concert on Friday at Performance Works (admission by donation to the Food Bank).

All daytime performances are in Triangle Square on Saturday and Sunday. FREE

THE VANCOUVER SUN

Holiday Hours

Public Market, Net Loft & Kids Market

Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24	Open 9am-4pm*
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25	Closed
Boxing Day	Wednesday, December 26	Closed
New Year's Eve	Monday, December 31	Open 9am-4pm*
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1	Closed

*Net Loft & Kids Market open at 10am.

For more info on Island Holiday events,
visit the Information Centre
at 1398 Cartwright Street
or call 604-666-5784.



Creek choice s of off-the-wall theatre

Last year's production of *Typhoon*, by the **Leaky Heaven Circus** was such sheer delight I'm recommending this year's Circus show unreservedly.

The Courier's Jo Ledingham started her review of *Typhoon*, last year:

"Here's the recipe we're all looking for at Christmas:
15 smaller children
12 larger children
5 musicians, 1 trapeze, a rope for swinging and drapes for climbing
1 rubber chicken
1 Yellow Lab cross Corgi
Blend well with outrageous plot. Let loose on stage for 90 minutes. What you get is the most whacked out, delicious bedlam you've seen in years."
She was right on.

Even the Leaky Heaven Circus needs some semblance of a theme from which to let their imaginations run riot. They describe this year's show, **CONFERENCE OF THE BIRDS**, as a wacky re-telling of the epic Persian Sufi tale about a flock of birds who go on a treacherous journey with the promise of finding the supreme bird of the universe - their God.

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Closer to home, but still on the wacky circuit

Lucia Frangione's new comedy, **CARIBOO MAGI** at Pacific Theatre, 1440 West 12th Ave.

If you saw Lucia Frangione's hilarious *Holy Mo* last year, you'll have some idea what to expect from her show *Cariboo Magi*.

Encounter Donna-lea Ford as Reddy Marta, a hot-tempered former child star who has fallen into disgrace; John James Hong as Joe Mackey, a young self-proclaimed poet who has travelled west to make his fortune in gold; Dirk Van Stralen as the defunct minister William Teller who has succumbed to drink and despair; Lucia Frangione as the beautiful

If you have time, by Sun. Dec. 9 venture to Studio 58 at Langara College to see **CREATION** by Peter Anderson. An updated version of the medieval mystery plays, a retelling of the stories from the Bible, with pageantry, songs, masks and

The cast of almost forty includes performers aged five to forty-five: Colin Heath and Manon Beaudoin with their three children, producer Camyar Chai's nieces Yasmin and Leyla, and director Steven Hill's son Liam. And then there's Mozy the dog. Musical talents include Wyckham Porteous (who may wear fezes and caftans again) and A Drop of Water Orchestra and thenewest Leaky clown, Veda Hille. Marina Szijarto's costumes will undoubtedly be as wonderfully oddball as last year.

Conference of the Birds will run from Dec. 11-15 at the **Telus Studio Theatre** in the **Chan Centre**, UBC at 7:30 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 15

From Dec. 17 - 30 (except 24, 25, 26) it will be at the **Vancouver East Cultural Centre** at 7:00p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees on Dec. 22, 27, 29.

Tickets: Adults \$19; concession \$14; children under six \$5.

Half-price on Dec. 11 (at the Chan) and Pay-What-You-Can at the Dec. 22 matinee at the Cultch.

DON'T MISS IT. Gather everyone in your family from 5 to 95 and call Ticketmaster @ 604-280-3311.

albeit haggard and hard-nosed saloon owner Fanny Dubeau.

Lured by a lucrative performance contract, this rag tag troupe of actors journey north from San Francisco to Barkerville in the heart of the new colony of British Columbia to perform the nativity as never seen before! A mad cap adventure of chaos and discovery revealing the very essence of Christmas.

Cariboo Magi runs at **Pacific Theatre** (1440 West 12th Ave.) until December 30. Wed.-Sat. @ 8:00p.m. Saturday matinees @ 2:00p.m. Tickets from Pacific Theatre box office at **604-731-5518**.

familiar characters, it draws parallels between our current issues and ancient times. The student actors are all strong. It's inventively staged and highly entertaining. ★★☆☆ Reservations from **Studio 58 Box Office** (604-323-5227)



I'll add my two bits worth to reviews about *My Fair Lady*. It's a delightful evening; the show has music and lyrics that are surely the best in any musical that's yet been staged.

Bill Millerd has assembled a fine cast in the lead roles. The cockney accent is a killer for non-Brits but **Bernard Cuffling**, who is a Brit, manages it splendidly in his appealing portrayal of Doolittle. **Jennifer Lyon** as Eliza has trouble with it but she sings so well her slips are forgivable. **Ken Kramer** comes off well as the humane Col. Pickering. **Gerard Plunkett** as Professor Higgins is elegant and appropriately boorish. It was nice to see **Shirley Brockerick** and **Daphne Goldrick** on stage again, turning in accomplished performances as the prof's mother, Mrs. Higgins and long-suffering housekeeper Mrs. Pierce.

The show looks good, some of the costumes are gorgeous and the rest of the large cast acquits itself very well.

At the **Stanley Theatre** until **January 7**.

For a family outing the **January 6 Sing-a-long** show (song sheets provided) would be good fun. B.W.

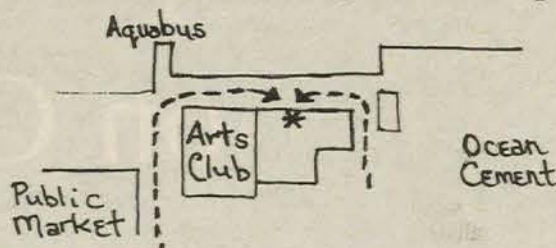
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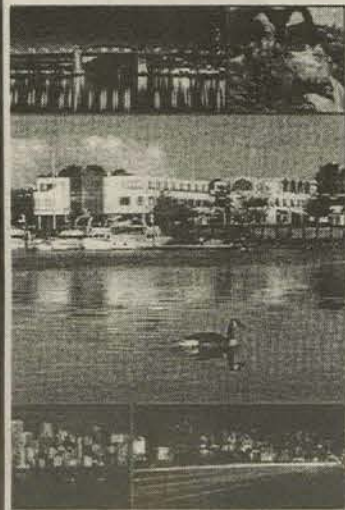
WHAT A LITTLE MOONLIGHT CAN DO... Frankie is a waitress; Johnny is a short order cook. When fate intervenes they discover that they have far more in common with one another than they ever imagine - but there is still "the morning after" to worry about. This tender, passionate and provocative love story by Terence McNally reminds us there's someone for everyone - even if it takes a while

for both people to believe it. Starring **Gina Chiarelli** and **William MacDonald**.

Contains strong language and nudity.

Singles Night - December 7
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The start of something magical.

Family First Night comes to Granville Island December 31, 2001. The magic begins at 7pm. A Family First Night button is your ticket to all First Night events. Available at the Bay and on Granville Island. Admission \$7.00. Children 5 and under are free. More details at www.familyfirstnight.com

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The Granville Island Rambler

by David McCann

It is interesting to watch the clash of values that sometimes occurs between the various communities on Granville Island and to see people shift their position depending on the issue at hand.

Granville Island is hosting Vancouver's **Family First Night** this year. It is being touted as a spectacular New Year's Eve event for all those Vancouverites who want to celebrate the arrival of 2002 without having to worry about all those inebriated souls who like to celebrate the arrival of the New Year in a more uncontrolled fashion. The evening events are detailed elsewhere in *The Creek*, leaving me to do the editorialising.

The Public Market, most of the retail shops and the industrial tenants will all have closed. The owners and employees of these establishments are free to choose where and how they will spend new Year's Eve.

Of course the businesses that will be open are the restaurants and bars. They have to be here, as they claim New Year's Eve is one of their best evenings and so they are a little perturbed that something might provide alternative (and free) entertainment outside their establishments or might - heaven forbid - impede, even slightly, their customers' access to their licensed premises. This never seems to be a problem in the crazy days of summer, but maybe customers are different in the winter.

It is interesting to hear restaurant and bar owners argue that their customers have the right to unimpeded access to their premises and that CMHC has no right, on New Year's Eve, to restrict vehicular access to the eastern end of the island, or to let the general public park all over Granville Island, taking up spaces that really should be set aside for their customers.

It is amazing that so many volunteers have joined together to provide

Vancouverites and their friends with a wonderful and safe alternative to celebrate New Year's Eve. The evening's venues will have controlled access; no alcohol will be permitted and the activities are geared to good old family entertainment. We will probably have a lot of fun - which should delight Carole Taylor and her 'Spirit of Vancouver' committee.

Granville Island was redeveloped by the federal government over twenty years ago to provide a home for arts and culture, and as a place for people from around the world to discover part of what it is to be Canadian. It was intended to be a unique place where people could find an amazing mix of industrial, commercial, community, artistic, and cultural establishments. Lo and behold it actually worked and Granville Island is recognised as the most successful redevelopment of its kind in the world.

2002 Family First Night on Granville Island is another example of how CMHC is prepared to ensure that Granville Island continues to focus on the community and not just on the bottom line. They have worked to ensure that adequate security is on hand and that those establishments, like the hotel, that require direct guest access, have it.

The argument that it might take someone a few extra minutes to get from a parking space to a bar doesn't really hold water. Downtown it is not unusual to have to park several blocks away from one's favourite watering hole, and the only entertainments on the street downtown are fellow bar travellers and street people.

Imagine having to walk past Fire Shrines, Wish Goddesses, jugglers, bands and other such visual and auditory delights - perhaps a few souls might think that it's more fun to stay out on the street than to jam into a crowded and noisy bar.

It has also been said that the fireworks finale - to be held on a

barge moored in False Creek - might disturb the restaurant/bar/hotel guests. Oh well, I guess they are just not party folks if they wouldn't enjoy a brew with a fireworks display on New Year's Eve.

Just imagine what would happen if this event is successful. People from around the Lower Mainland would flock to Granville Island on New Year's Eve. They would fill the streets and occupy all the benches and stools. They might even demand to be entertained in the theatres. They might get hungry and decide to have a meal; they might get thirsty and want a drink. They might even get too tired to drive home and rent a room at the hotel.

We have to be careful how we proceed. This might become another in the long list of successful Granville Island events. The fortunate thing about successful events is that they ensure Granville Island's continued existence as Vancouver's premier family and cultural entertainment destination. By extension it might continue to ensure that it is a place to make money for those individuals fortunate enough to have a business here.

Viva la Family First Night Get out and have fun. Prove the naysayers wrong. And DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. To everyone who stopped into the Creekhouse Art Gallery I extend my sincerest thanks. And I give very special thanks to all my staff who put up with me.

May the Good Lord, whoever he or she is, keep you and all those you love, safe and free from harm in the New Year.

Give a PICA Passport to a gourmand

This may be the perfect gift for someone who 'has everything' and likes to eat well, with company. **Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts** is selling a Passport, a 2-for-1 discount coupon book which includes 10 coupons for the restaurant and 20 coupons for the Bakeshop. The restaurant coupon covers a 3-course set menu; beverages, taxes and gratuity are extra. Cost: \$55.

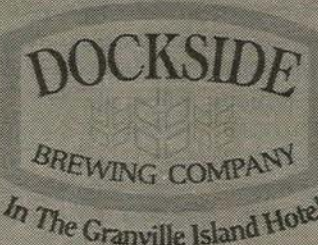
You could also give a Gift Certificate for one of their *Culinary Harmonies* evenings next year. They feature the

cuisine and sounds of different countries. **Italy** on March 12 and **Provence** on April 23.

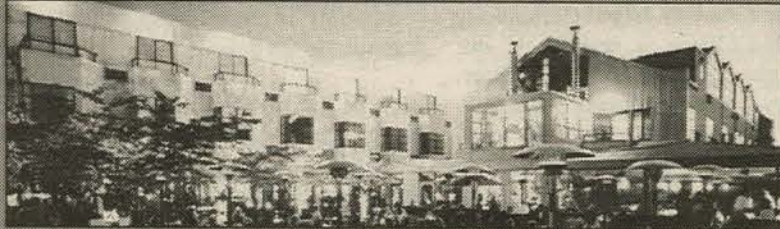
Pick the certificates up from the Institute office at 1505 West 2nd Ave. (entrance to Granville Island).

The talents of the pastry students are on display at the entrance. Stop by to enjoy the *gingerbread house*, a *gingerbread fireplace* and the lifelike *gingerbread Eiffel Tower*. After December 15 they will be donated to BC Children's Hospital.





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Gala Buffet Dinner, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
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by Pat Hall

Community policing is a partnership between the community and the Vancouver Police Department, working to solve problems related to crime and safety issues in neighbourhoods throughout Vancouver.

The Granville Island Community Police Office is staffed by our Neighbourhood Safety Officer, Larry Yip, a coordinator, Thea Gill, and volunteers. It serves the areas of Fairview, False Creek and parts of Kitsilano. Our other local office, Kitsilano Community Police Office is at 2460 Balaclava St. Tel. 604-7127-3430. Fax. 604-717-3429.

Both offices need more **VOLUNTEERS**. Anyone interested could contact either office.

We need to hear from members of the community about the main issues affecting them. Property crime is a common concern in these areas, including theft from autos, shoplifting and apartment break-ins.

7th Annual Realtors Care Blanket Drive

Sixteen real estate offices have again opened their doors to collect donations of **BLANKETS AND CLEAN CLOTHES** to be given to shelters.

Area coordinators Dan Driediger and Eleanor Tan hope the drive will exceed the 154 bags of blankets and clothes collected last year.

"As a regular volunteer with a local shelter, I've seen first hand how much these resources are needed" says Dan Driediger. Even though the Blanket Drive hadn't yet started donations were already coming in at the end of November.

The official drive dates are **December 3 to 10**. We are listing several relatively nearby offices: Anson Realty, 3378 Cambie St. Ph: 604-644-0128

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BE QUICK. But if you can't gather your extras together and deliver them by Monday, the offices will undoubtedly still gladly accept them later. Check www.realtylink.org/blanketdrive for other offices or phone the Real Estate Board at 604-730-3022.

Other concerns are seniors' safety and traffic issues. We can work together to find solutions to problems and we particularly welcome feedback from anyone who has constructive suggestions.

Our website is linked from www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/police.

Currently the staff and volunteers are working to strengthen community police programs. Our **BIKE and FOOT PATROLS** circulate in the area looking for suspicious activities, such as car thefts or apartment break-ins. Volunteers also talk to members of the community to let them know what we are doing and to exchange information.

Volunteers take a course through the Vancouver Police Department to learn safety tips and what to look for while patrolling. There are two bicycles in the office to be used for bike patrols. Volunteers are not police officers; they are citizens like the rest of the community, and are out acting as the 'eyes and ears' of the community, to report any suspicious activities to the police.

The **BLOCKWATCH** program is being organised to keep in contact with Blockwatch Captains, to distribute Blockwatch newsletters and to encourage neighbourhoods to join Blockwatch. Constable Larry Yip, will visit neighbourhoods to carry out an audit assessing safety and security, then offer suggestions. A Blockwatch program strengthens relationships between neighbours, provides a forum to discuss their common concerns, and prevents property crime. Those interested in starting a Blockwatch program in their neighbourhood should contact our office.

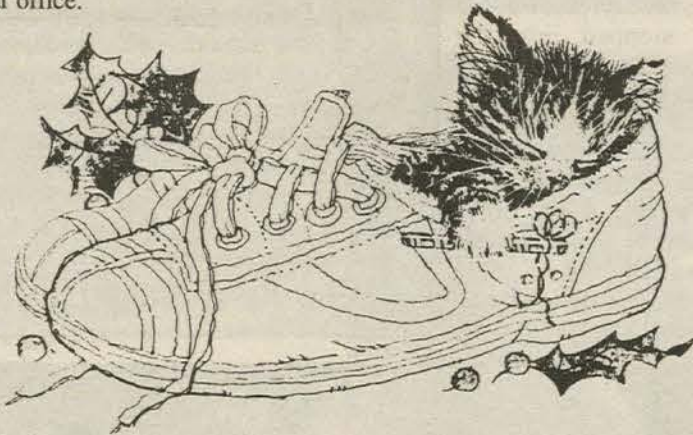
We also run programs for seniors. Police constables give talks to seniors, discussing fear of crime, security options and personal safety. If you are interested in having a talk for your group, please contact us. Two of our volunteers will also be contacting seniors' homes and drop-in centres in the area offering to arrange talks.

The C.A.T. - Combat Auto Theft - program is also run out of our office. A C.A.T. decal displayed in the window of your vehicle lets the police know that it is rarely driven between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. so if it is spotted being driven during these hours it will be stopped. The decal serves as a deterrent to car thieves. Registration forms can be obtained from our office.

Constable Yip is working with public schools to educate children about the role of the police in the community and to improve relations. He has talked to the children, staff and the principal at False Creek Elementary School and has encouraged the school to have field trips to our office where the children can learn about personal safety, when and how to call 9-1-1, etc.

Due to government funding cuts our office will be struggling to remain open. Consequently we will be fundraising and looking for sponsors. Our new coordinator, Thea Gill, is an active Community Police board member, and as she lives here in a Granville Island marina she has an understanding of the community's needs.

Please feel free to contact or visit us with any concerns or questions.



Ripples Salon has a new owner and a new name :
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Franco Fazio and Catherine Pellepreau both look pretty happy about the changeover.

The changing of the guard at **RIPPLES SALON** in Leg-in-Boot Sq. was pure serendipity.

Franco Fazio has been hair styling for a long time; first in Italy, France, England and Montreal and then in Vancouver for the last 35 years. For 23 years he presided over *Hair Is* on Broadway and bought the Ripples

salon in 1994. As he and Ann came to live in MarineMews they've loved being able to walk to work along the seawall.

In chatting with a professional colleague at a hair show in September, Franco casually said he had grown tired of the GST/PST merry-go-round of running a business and would be

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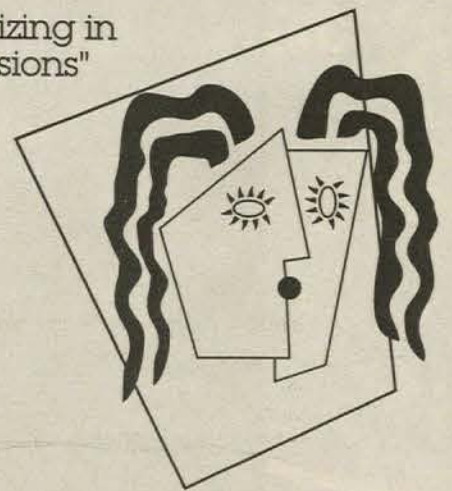
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Catherine Pellepreau was working happily at *Axiom's* in City Square but yearning to have her own salon.

The bush telegraph worked speedily. In no time Katherine was down to look at Ripples Salon and instantly fell in love with the spectacular False Creek location. The changeover was

completed by the end of October and both Catherine and Franco are as happy as could be. Katherine has five people with her, including an esthetician, all of whom have worked together before.

Franco is still working at the salon four days a week - just cutting hair. He's beaming!

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Club 50+

***Christmas Lunch** held here at the False Creek Community Centre. \$15.00 Includes Turkey and Ham, stuffing, vegetables, dessert, coffee/tea/juice, 50/50 draw, door prizes and dancing!

Sunday, December 16th
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

*Mini Christmas Carol Ship

Meet at the community centre at 6:30 pm for hot chocolate and walk over to the Granville Island Market to board the False Creek Ferries where you'll sing and sail your way through the carol ships.

Tuesday, December 18th
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Teen Christmas Dance

Celebrate the holidays with another popular False Creek teen dance!

Friday December 21
 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Ticket sales end at 7:00 pm on night of event \$4.00 for registration or \$5.00 at the door



First Night Celebrations

A fun family oriented New Years celebration held here on Granville Island. Featuring street performance shows with everything from juggling to music to multi-performer fire shows, two parades and many more exciting events throughout the evening.

Mon. Dec 31, 7:00 pm - midnight
 Admission: \$7
 Children 5 and under are free.

Keep your eye out for our new Winter Registration Brochure - coming out on Thursday, December 27th!

Breakfast With Santa

Enjoy False Creek Community Centre's annual Breakfast with Santa. It's fun for the whole family! Comical children's entertainment and a visit from Santa follows our legendary buffet breakfast. Limited space, register early.

Sat Dec 22 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 FEE: Child: \$3/Adults: \$5



ESS Slowly but Surely

by Morag Cuthbertson

If we are to be ready to respond to any kind of emergency, planning and preparation takes up a great deal of time.

Thus far, the dedicated volunteers, who work on your behalf, have achieved basic organisation of committees assigned specific tasks, such as pet care, amateur radiocommunication, contacting local organisations and businesses and reception centre planning.

Under the helpful guidance of current chair, Pat Elmer, and with the excellent attentions of staffer Doug Taylor, nine members spent an extra evening visiting False Creek Community Centre to try to visualise how best to serve and control evacuees numbering from a possible two dozen to a mind boggling ten thousand. Armed with floor plans and two boxes of supplies, including identifying vests, banner signs and office supplies, we tried to visualise repherding evacuees through registration, food, clothing, shelter and other needs stations.

Prospective volunteers please note that we always keep meetings to an hour or hour-and-a-half maximum. Anyone willing to help our planning

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 5 7:00 p.m.
False Creek Community Centre

or steering committee, but who is interested in taking training and/or participating in exercises and workshops is urged to contact us. Until our own website is up and running you can find us at our next meeting, held on the first Wednesday of every month. Or check out www.essa.bc.ca for more information and links.

Our final meeting of the year will be a table top exercise to refine our Reception Centre plan and should be pleasant to attend as seasonal treats will be on offer.

While False Creek Emergency Social Services strives with area organisation, do forge ahead with emergency planning in your own homes, complexes and businesses. For individual and family preparation, here is a suggested **Grab and Go** bag checklist. There are many others, but this will do for starters. The thing is to **DO IT NOW**.

Come to think of it, I should take my own advice. I have been meaning to re-do and replenish mine for over a year. The spare shoes are too small now, the eyeglasses long outgrown and the granola bars soggy.

Go on - show me up!

The "Grab and Go" bag check list

Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> T shirt/sweatshirt/sweater	<input type="checkbox"/> waterproof jacket
	<input type="checkbox"/> good walking shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> baseball cap/hat
	<input type="checkbox"/> pants	
	<input type="checkbox"/> underwear and socks	
Personal hygiene	<input type="checkbox"/> soap	<input type="checkbox"/> face cloth
	<input type="checkbox"/> tooth brush	<input type="checkbox"/> towel
	<input type="checkbox"/> personal items (e.g. razor, lip salve, deodorant)	<input type="checkbox"/> tooth paste
First aid	<input type="checkbox"/> small personal first aid kit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> antiseptic solution	<input type="checkbox"/> band aids
	<input type="checkbox"/> tweezers, scissors, nail clippers	
Identification (copies)	<input type="checkbox"/> driver's license	
	<input type="checkbox"/> fanny pack with name tag and photo ID	
	<input type="checkbox"/> personal photographs	
	<input type="checkbox"/> out-of-province contact card	
	<input type="checkbox"/> important emergency phone numbers	
Food and water	<input type="checkbox"/> granola bars or similar	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 litres of water	
Tools and equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> flashlight	
	<input type="checkbox"/> battery operated, wind-up or solar radio	
	<input type="checkbox"/> batteries for flashlight & radio (check twice a year)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> candles/lighter/matches	
	<input type="checkbox"/> folding knife	<input type="checkbox"/> bottle/can opener
	<input type="checkbox"/> garbage bags	
Medical aids	<input type="checkbox"/> spare eye glasses/contact lenses	
	<input type="checkbox"/> prescription medications	
Extras	<input type="checkbox"/> space blanket	
	<input type="checkbox"/> toilet paper and handi-wipes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> feminine hygiene products	
	<input type="checkbox"/> duct tape	<input type="checkbox"/> ball of string
	<input type="checkbox"/> scissors and pliers	
	<input type="checkbox"/> cash and quarters for phone calls	
	<input type="checkbox"/> wide tip permanent marker	
	<input type="checkbox"/> books, cards, items that make you feel comfortable	

Strike up the Band!

Music comes to False Creek Elementary School

by Ann Duke

Sounds of brass and woodwind instruments now fill the air of the Captain Richard's room at the False Creek Community Centre every Thursday after school's out. After an enthusiastic response at an introductory meeting in October, 32 children from False Creek and Henry Hudson elementary schools signed up to be part of the combined band program. Prussin Music at 3607 West Broadway was there to demonstrate and rent the various instruments. The excited smiles on smiles on the faces of the children clearly demonstrated their eagerness to learn.

There are many benefits to a music program besides simply learning to play an instrument. Students increase mathematic and reading skills. They learn how to work together and when they are successful, the simple beauty of the sound created gives them a strong sense of accomplishment. They also have a great teacher to inspire them. Lisa Reimer is a gifted musician. She graduated with Highest Distinction in Music Education from McGill University.

Music, except for instruction from classroom teachers, had been

completely cut from False Creek School's budget two years ago. At the same time the school went through an accreditation process which clearly showed that music and the performing arts should be a priority at the school. So the Parent Association approached the Vancouver School Board, asking for a band program, and was turned down. False Creek is one of 24 elementary schools in a district with 75 elementary schools who are not offered a band or strings program within the curriculum. The inequity of this is blatantly unfair. We believe that every child is entitled to equal opportunity within the public system. A group of parents from both schools, and supported by both principals, got together to organise and start up the band.

We are putting a call out to our neighbourhood asking for assistance to provide band for every child in our school, not just the ones whose parents can afford it. The False Creek Community Centre's Board has given us space free of charge for four months. We thank them for that.

Anyone wishing to contribute a donation to the band can contact Doug Super, the principal at False Creek School, at 604-713-4959.

Do you have an instrument collecting dust in your attic?

Besides monetary donations we are looking for **brass and woodwind** instruments. If you have an instrument you no longer play, please consider one of our children making music with it again



False Creek School's 'original' retires

NANCY TEMPLETON, one of False Creek Elementary School's 'originals', is retiring at the end of this term. Out of a teaching career of 35 years she's spent 23 of them at our school.

How rare it is, and how wonderful, to hear someone say she has felt blessed for her entire working life. Except for the odd time here and there, Nancy Templeton has loved coming to work every day.

So much so that she is only Officially Retiring. She plans to come back to school two days a week to volunteer. Won't she be a treasure to the rest of the staff? It will be the best of both worlds - choosing to do only the fun stuff and still having plenty of time for

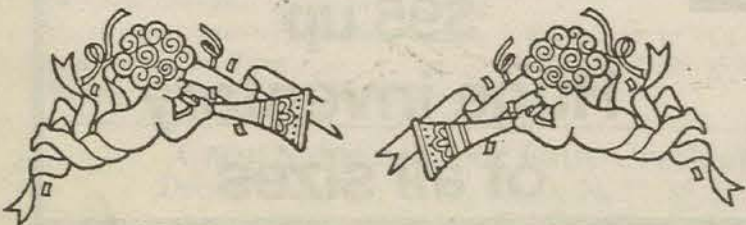


leisurely breakfasts, gardening, needlework, knitting etc.

One of the pleasures of being so long at the same school is that eventually one of your young charges grows up to be a colleague

Nancy taught Sheryl Morris who now teaches at False Creek School. And quite often a young matron with two or three children in tow will greet her with "Hello Miss Templeton - remember me?" Despite the hundreds who have been in her classroom, she often does recognise them. (An astonishing memory must be one of the requisites for becoming a teacher).

Parents and 'old' students are invited to drop in to say farewell on **Thursday, December 20** between 10:45 and noon when the whole school will gather for carol singing.



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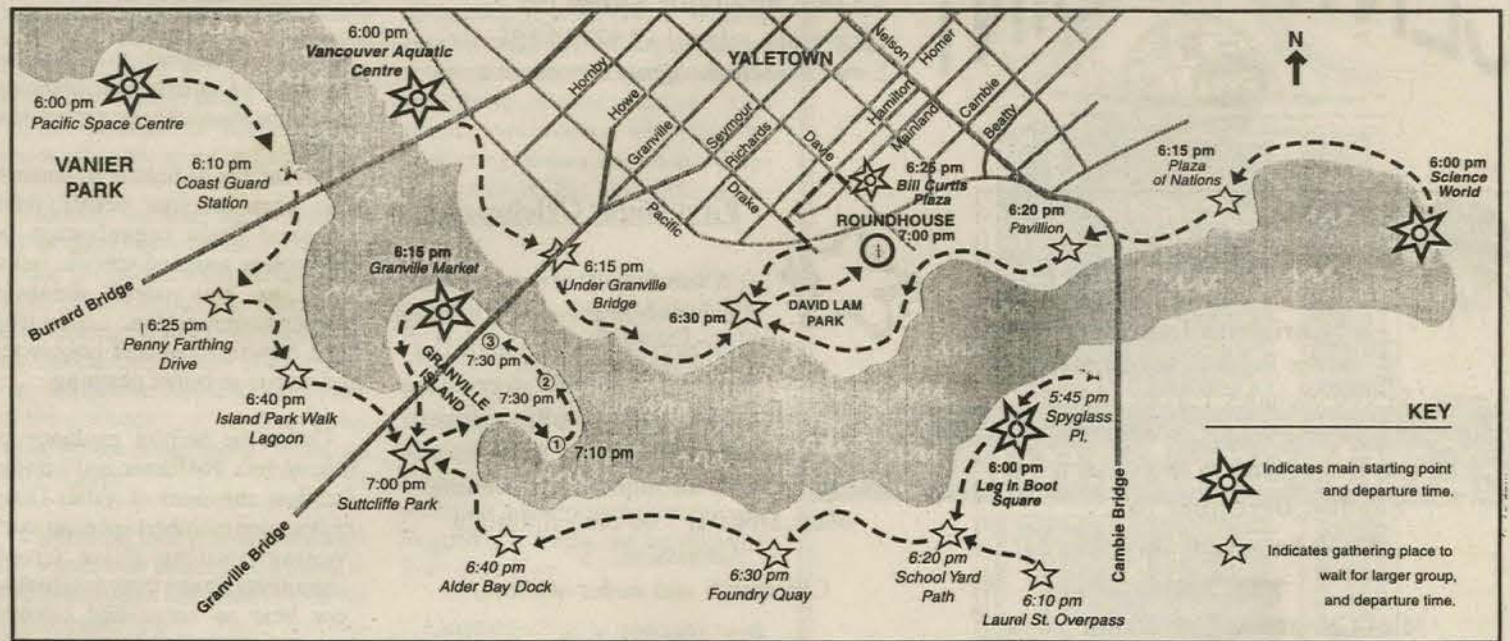
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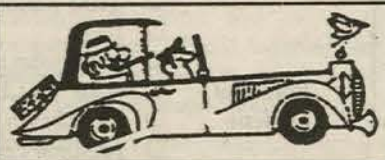
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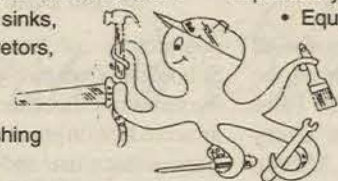
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