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"...a prophecy of a better age yet to come, when men will feel that it is a crime to die rich, that riches are not a possession but a trust to be used for the benefit of others,...that the pressing necessities of men and communities are to be legitimately supplied by the overflowing coffers of the affluent."

Rev. L. Norman Tucker's oration;

at the opening of the new
Carnegie Library; March 29, 1902.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A while back I wrote about the Origin of Rights, beginning with the concept of Divine Right. This seems to say "if you've got it, it was meant to be".. which makes a great impression on people with religious inclinations. Washroom graffiti :

'If you're such a fool
that you curse God -
Well, go ahead..

He'll just smile and nod.'

Blessings have always been forthcoming for slave ships, wars and various atrocities throughout history..from priesthoods of equally various religions.

Spirituality and politics are opposite only in that politics has come to mean doing whatever you can get away with; Spirituality has some principles for social justice -

1. No individual should be allowed to accumulate any personal wealth without the clear permission and approval of the collective body.
2. There should be maximum utilization and rational distribution of all mundane, supramundane and spiritual potentialities of the universe.
3. There should be maximum utilization of all physical, metaphysical and spiritual potentialities of unit and collective bodies of the human society.
4. There should be proper adjustments among these utilizations and these should be of a progressive nature.

On the cover of this issue, we have two seemingly opposed views. On the one hand, "it should be a crime to die rich..." and on the other - two innately innocent (self-proclaimed) people who are well-to-do; and of the conviction that they shouldn't have to share what they have if they don't want to... Most rich people don't want to, so they don't have to. Under the guidance of fabulously well-to-do people, the present system lets this mental disease thrive. Consequently most people can't get their hands on doodley-squat, just to survive, while the rich get richer and their mental imbalance goes over the edge.

Elite capitalism makes humans beggars. It cannot be supported. Communism makes the beggar a beast. Communism is, as Jerry Falwellism is, hypocritical and malignant.

Both curable diseases.

PAULR TAYLOR



FLASH!!



Ms. Joan Meister was furious over being investigated by the Port Police for filing a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The inaccessible ramp to Crab Park is discriminatory against disabled and elderly users but the Port wanted the "book" on Joan. The media coverage has forced the Port of Vancouver to issue a formal, public apology to Ms. Meister with the assurance that an internal review will change their methods to see that this investigatory practice of private citizens never happens again. See "POLICE PROBE" on page 18 and the next issue of "The Future of Carnegie" for more.



Resilience

Smiles sink to the marrow -
an immunity from sneers;
While laughter's infinite echo
our grieving finally heals.

Steven Belkin

PEACE CALLS

Here I sit with home in hand,
I have no money
I own no land
But don't I smile.

I have my campsite
I can rest awhile
With no one to fight.

The sky is blue
The trees are green
The sun is bright
As I watch its beam.

Don't call me back
Don't say it's too long
There's nothing we lack
This is where we belong.

John Bell

POETRY



City Howl

The city hurts somehow.
The unity it formalizes
is a structural illusion
evoking what it prevents
like the foreplay of impotence
while people blame each other
for the conflicts thereby sown.
(By the media glibly reaped).
The city can never outgrow
the ways of being it bounds.

Amid the city's noisy bustle
the unheard screamers (only) know
that it hurts, somehow, to live.

Steven Belkin

you wonder
how crazy things got,
I'm paying rent
in a parking lot.
you wonder how
it got to my head,
I'm waking up
in a flower bed.
have to look at my ID
to see who I am,
sometimes
I don't really give a damn.

John Bell



4 LETTERS

I read the report of the Carnegie Review Panel because the Carnegie has been part of my neighbourhood since I was a little girl. When it became a community centre in 1980 I was real glad that all the people around here would have someplace else to go than the bars. When the centre of Vancouver moved away from the Gastown district, the area gradually declined over the years until we started being called Skid Row. Then about 15 years ago, people sort of realized that we're living here from now on and we're getting the short end of the stick. I won't ramble on about history but what I'm writing about is one of the recommendations in the report.

City Council wants to appoint six people to the Board at Carnegie and give them equal voting rights along with the ones who have to be elected. This seems strange to me. I thought the association of members was a separate thing from the City. Could someone explain what this is about? From what I've heard this new bunch is doing a fine job.

Yours truly,
Mary Jason

Dear Mary,

Thanks for writing. If you see this, could you call and leave your number. I'm not too clear on the events leading to the creation of the Carnegie Community Centre and you sound like you've been around this area a while.

Your question is a good one and ties into some reading I've been doing..of news clippings from 1979 and 1980.

In 1975 the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association, DERA, spear-headed the struggle to reopen the old Carnegie Library; to make it a centre that would be multi-racial/cultural/service for the people living here. Opposition was strong and Council was entertaining ideas from offices to a club to a parking lot. After five years, and the expenditure of 1.75 million dollars, Carnegie Community Centre was here. But, from day one, the Council has tried to have control of the members association. The first Board was a twelve member advisory body made up of appointed people. None of them lived here, and only three worked in the area. Three were from Strathcona, but in the words of Jim McDowell - first Director - "Our mandate is to serve the residents of the downtown eastside, which is a small area, but it's not Strathcona."

Marguerite Ford was appointed as liason for Council, but she had been opposed to the Carnegie Centre from the start. She said that we didn't need a library because people here couldn't read anyway. Council bent over backwards to ensure that no one from DERA would sit on the Board, but Libby Davies won her fight and became the 13th member. Then as now, appointments are given to people who are politically acceptable to the majority party on Council. The needs of Carnegie and community are second to this. Nominations notwithstanding, a person's political track record determines whether they can be of benefit to Carnegie. Then as now, how can someone who doesn't live in the community understand the needs

of the people here except in an academic sense?

The Board of Directors, while still an advisory body, progressed to being elected from and by the members. The Centre was recognized as a huge success but Council still tried to restrict its operation with shorter hours and fewer staff but Carnegie kept coming up roses. The spiritual energy - magic - kept turning dead-ended lives into lives worth living.

As this transformation continued the remaining appointees - from the School Board, Library, Parks Board and Social Planning - stopped coming. It was a snowy day in July when even one would sit through an entire Board meeting. We were doing okay.

The Constitution ensures that anyone can become a member and run for a position on the Board. With appointments, this is gotten around and people unknown to the membership are making decisions. When or if the City presents a more detailed outline of who and why, I think we should remain wary of this proposal.

Paul Taylor

CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse is common. Every day there are children being abused, usually by their parents or relatives. I know - I was one of those children. It took eight years before my father realized what my mother was doing to me, but he still sent me to her in the summer and every summer I would go back with marks.

I know that I'm not the only person who's been abused; other children have and many die from child abuse.

LETTERS

Where are social workers when needed but around when not. Welfare took my son away but he got to stay with friends instead of in care. They took him for medical treatment - his ninth ear infection. Doctors would not put tubes in his ear until he got apprehended. He had been staying with my friends for just a couple of days. I had to find a good environment to live in so I asked them to take care of Adam until I did. Three days later his ears started again. He was taken to where I was living, but the desk clerk told my friends and social worker that I didn't live there. Meanwhile I had been in my room until 2:30 in the afternoon. An hour later, John T. told me that my son had been apprehended.

I did get him back after 2½ months, once I had an apartment - a proper place to live. I would never abuse my son in any way. I knew what it was like to be abused and to be loved by my grandmother. I would rather love my son, than hurt his entire future.

Why do these people abuse their children, they're only kids; helpless little human beings. I hope someday my question will be answered.

Mary Cappell

In Unity

By Claudius Ivan Planidin

POETRY

For an instant, good people
of today and yesterday,
let us walk hand in hand
and tomorrow we will walk
hand in hand forever
with Those who always walk
with all who walk hand in hand
where the winds blow free forever.



HONOUR
SINGLE
MOTHERS

Footnote: I was Adam's foster
parent and Mary's
friend. Mary should be patted
on the back for the great job
she is doing raising him. To
those people who have been acc-
using her of child abuse: Mary
Cappell is an excellent parent.
Please leave her alone to raise
her child as she is now with
love and understanding. Mary is
one of the better parents in our
community. M.C.

To My Son

Adam

You are my little boy.
Quiet, Cuddly and Peaceful.
You sit and play with a toy.

You are my little boy.
Screaming, crying and annoying..
Turns out to be full of joy.

Playful as you may be,
You need a lot of attention
As we all can see.

Discouraging at times,
Mom tries to handle
By counting all her dimes.

One day you're going to walk,
Mom will watch and enjoy -
Someday you will also talk.

You are smart, you're not a she,
You get tender loving care,
That's why you're Adam Lee.

Love Always,
Mom.

Mary Cappell



Slanders VS. Chaos



POPE ON A ROPE

Well finally the truth is told...

After an extensive period of research, the true facts were found:

(A) My not so qualified opponent is mentally unfit due to the following ailments -

a-1) Some Stutter is suffering from acute delusional insanity..he thinks he's the POPE..poor dope.

a-2) He is also a pathological liar, who believes himself.

a-3) When he is frustrated, he falls into a state of Hebe- phrenia and starts to play with his G.I.Joe's and Barbie Dolls.

(B) He happens to be Vandersnuff's nephew - the right rump side of the family.

(C) Finally he is also a member of the Socred party (YUCK...)

Crassly yours,
Captain Chaos

Dear Folks,
Everything's been kind of wierd lately. All this Pope stuff can put you through the old meat grinder. The absolute worst part of being Pope is that I have to pretend to be a nice guy all the time. Golly Shucks.

Yrs. Truly
Sam Slanders

Q. What do you call a mushroom at a party?

A. A Fungi.

PS. I like your smile, ☺
it has face value.



12 NEW THOUGHT STEPS

1. Get out of yourself.
2. Be ready for setbacks.
3. Change all habits.
4. Make new habits.
5. Quit all criticizing.
6. Keep your promises.
7. Be grateful for who you are and what you have.
8. Stop all wishful thinking.
9. Be more friendly.
10. Secrecy in business affairs.
11. Get moving today.
12. Keep big mouth shut, unless it is to help someone else.

Author unknown.

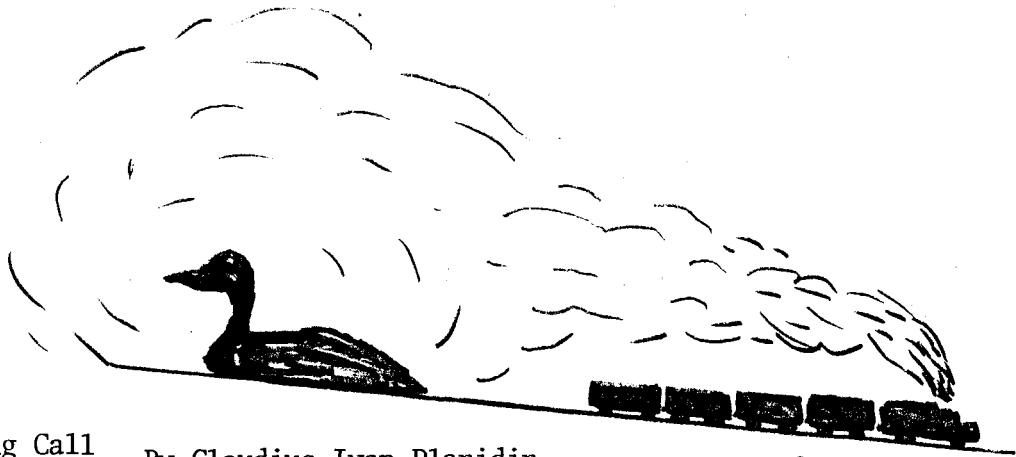
"G.O.D. maybe"

(Good Orderly Conduct)

HAVE RENT
RECEIPTS & SWEAR
ON THE BIBLE
& BE A GOOD BOY
ETC.



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Long Call By Claudius Ivan Planidin

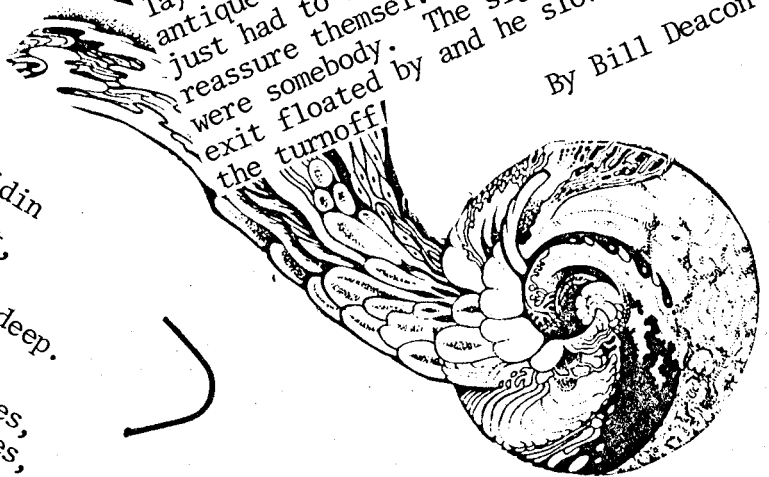
All is quiet
all is well
in my room
deep in the city
at 4:15 a.m.,
the horn of
the diesel freight
train sounds
like a loon
on a prairie
lake where
all is quiet
all is well.

The frost was clearing from the
top corners of the windshield, and
the sun was hot on the dash. He
could smell the snow in the warmed-
up air from the heater. He squint-
ed as the highway brought him
closer to the sun. As he banged
his hands on the wheel he thought
of how the writer, the performer,
has to create himself every day.
The hands have to wave, the soul
project into the shifting illusion,
or nothing is there. It was diff-
erent with the accumulators. They
had no magic but their souls were
laying all around them; burred elm,
antique brick, smoked glass. They
just had to stretch out a hand to
reassure themselves, to know they
were somebody. The sign for the
exit floated by and he slowed for
the turnoff!

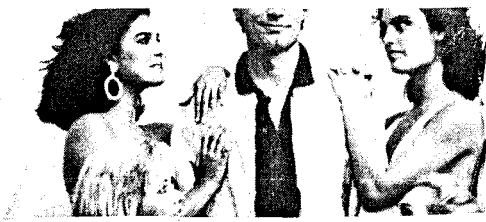
Dead or Alive?

By Claudius Ivan Planidin
God is so dead, they chant,
God is so dead. Still the
words flow from some spring deep.
God dies the day poetry dies,
poetry dies the day the poet dies,
if the poet dies the language dies,
God can sing no more so He dies,
maybe.

By Bill Deacon



LIFE BEYOND MONEY & ROMANCE



Maybe what I write will leave me branded "male chauvinist pig" forever, but, because I love women and respect them and have real recognition for their power and achievements, I must say something; about the goals or desires that seem to motivate them.

In the women I've known and observed, it seems to be romance and money they desire..and most of these women have not been suburban housewife types but creative feminists (or at least they considered themselves so).

Romance & money; one without the other just won't do. Romantic love (devotion) and lots of money - as much as possible & as soon as possible - to make life comfortable and luxurious.

Not that there's anything wrong with comfort and the occasional luxury - but women, (very luxurious creatures that they are), want even more...they want the total devotion of romantic love to go along with it...the great love of their life, that will sweep them off their little feet and steal their fluttering hearts away. What great pleasure they will take in the luxurious lifestyle then!...or so the theory goes.

Well, there's nothing wrong with idealism, I guess, - having a vision of perfection. But it doesn't leave much room for freedom, individuality, and self-denial for the common good.

In relationships, men cannot provide women with all the romance & money they require. No man could.. because in order to make the money he has to become very unromantic indeed—to fight his way up the ladder of excess. If he's romantic to begin with, this will certainly do him in. call

I guess we could call this the "sugar-daddy syndrome"...but then there's the need for romance - the image of the man who's so perfect in body, mind & morality that she never finds anything to criticize....we are talking goals here, god-forms, ideals - not present reality - not the planet Earth with all its petty and dangerous defects.

If this romantic vision of luxurious love is a dominant priority with women there are, here and there, women struggling against it, and even sometimes (although it is difficult) winning freedom from it.

But there just aren't enough of these kind of women in the world.

Every age is different. In the 20th century we live in an age of extreme decadence. I don't mean sexual immorality - although there certainly is plenty of that around I mean the decadence of nuclear terrorism, environmental assault, violence against others & against the Earth ~~that~~ this prison society has built out of money, power and death..in which we must somehow raise our children.

This wonderful edifice has been created by our illustrious but morally bankrupt ancestors (white European only) and the majority continue to uphold its image.

Where do women fit into all of this? — Well, they hold up half the sky, the Chinese say, and I'm sure our Native Indian brothers would agree.

But if they're just holding up half the image of the past, what good is that?

In my opinion, the first thing a woman should ask herself is - what does society expect me to do - ? and then do just the opposite. After she's spent some time as an iconoclast, smashing images of the past, she should then ask herself what is necessary and good to do now? - What kinds of goals & ideals are necessary now, to build a new society that breaks with the past and avoids its suicidal tendencies..and what kind of lifestyle, lived in the present, will help achieve this?

When she finds the answers to these questions, the modern woman will find her lifestyle. To live this lifestyle, she must will it to exist and, most difficult of all, she must adapt her behaviour to her will. This is the most difficult thing for women to do - for anyone to do - to adapt personal behaviour to the will requires cutting out and throwing away the past..which in turn requires a very studied, almost heartless detachment from what seems to be one's very self. (But girls just wanna have fun?!))

This 'necessary detachment' is why psychological revolution is a warrior's path. Whoever can fight & overcome themselves discovers those very few but very essential qualities that make up their real self - not the dead wood that's been washing up on the shores of society for generations.

Women and men may sometimes seem to be bitter enemies on the long & difficult path of self discovery, but their only enemies are the things within them that make them try to maintain an impossible illusion that can never satisfy either of them.

TORA

ADVICE FOR A BACHELOR FRIEND

LOVE IS A FANTASY
FOR TWO,
DREAM UP ONE
OF YOUR OWN:
BUT FIRST GET
A GOOD ANALYST TO
INTERPRET
IT'S MEANING -
OR THE MO JO MAN
TO READ THE BONES -
OR GET YOUR
HOROSCOPE CHARTED -
THEN JUST GO AHEAD AND DO IT..
BUT REMEMBER, DON'T ASK DEAR ABBY
FOR ADVICE 'CAUSE SHE'S DIVORCED
AND OBVIOUSLY KNOWS NOTHING.
YOU'D PROBABLY END UP MARRIED
- WITH TWO KIDS
AND THREE MORTGAGES -
WAKING UP AT THREE A.M.
IN A COLD SWEAT
WONDERING WHY?
AND DON'T ASK WHY
I SNICKERED
ALL THROUGH THE CEREMONY...
BUT
IF YOUR OLD LADY
GETS BORED,
SHE'S ALWAYS
WELCOME AT MY PLACE;
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR.

Tom Lewis



ABOUT AIDS

No health problem in the world today arouses such widespread fear and misunderstanding as AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. In part, the concerns are well founded. AIDS is a devastating illness for which there is still no cure, and under certain circumstances anyone can be afflicted. However, there are clear and simple rules for avoiding AIDS...and for slowing and even halting its spread.

More than anything, it's a matter of accepting personal responsibility for your own health...and for those you care about. To help you make the right choices, the B.C. Ministry of Health has prepared this brochure, offering the latest factual information about AIDS – what it is, how it is transmitted, how to avoid it.

But the real answer to AIDS control lies within each of us...in our personal decision to pursue a healthy risk-free lifestyle.

Let's all be responsible...for life.

Why do I need this information?

Because it's vital that *everyone* in British Columbia knows the facts about AIDS. Even if you personally have no chance of catching this deadly illness, someone you know or care about could be affected. So please, take the time to read this information. Then you'll be better informed...and able to give helpful advice to others.

What is AIDS?

It's a viral infection that destroys the body's natural defences against many diseases. People with AIDS can easily get rare types of cancer, pneumonia and infection. They then become ill and die from these secondary diseases they can no longer resist.

In the early stages of infection, a person usually looks and feels normal. This "carrier state" may last for months or years without noticeable effect. But anyone who is infected, even a healthy carrier, can pass the virus on to others.

What are the symptoms?

AIDS symptoms may include:

- ❖ white spots on the tongue or mouth (thrush)
- ❖ swollen glands (lumps) on the neck or under the armpits
- ❖ severe weight loss
- ❖ extreme tiredness
- ❖ persistent diarrhea
- ❖ recurrent fevers and night sweats
- ❖ chronic cough
- ❖ new skin bumps, sores or discolorations

These are common symptoms in other simple illnesses...so having one or more of them doesn't necessarily mean you have AIDS. However, if you have any of these symptoms for more than two weeks, and are at risk for AIDS, you should see a doctor.

Is there a test for the AIDS virus?

Yes. A simple blood test shows when someone is infected by the AIDS virus. It does not actually diagnose the disease AIDS. Rather, it detects the presence of AIDS antibodies...substances the body forms to fight the virus. This test is very accurate after 6 months of infection.

Is there a cure?

No. At present, there is no cure and no vaccine for AIDS. However, there are effective drugs for many of the complications of AIDS...and a drug called AZT, which slows the disease in certain patients.

Research into AIDS is underway worldwide. Here in British Columbia, the opening of a new AIDS viral culture laboratory puts our province in the forefront of these efforts.

How does someone become infected?

AIDS is basically a sexually transmitted disease. The virus is present in the semen and the vaginal fluid of an infected person...and can be passed from man to man, man to woman and woman to man by anal and vaginal intercourse. Oral sex may also be dangerous. While homosexual and bisexual males are at greatest risk, the disease is not confined to these groups.

The virus is also present in the blood of infected people. This poses a special risk

for those who inject drugs...especially for anyone who shares a needle or syringe used by an infected person.

The same risks apply with other skin-piercing devices. It's not safe to use equipment for ear-piercing, tattooing or acupuncture unless you know it is unused or has been properly sterilized. It's also dangerous to share a razor or toothbrush with an infected person.

There is a high chance that an infected mother will pass on the virus to her baby during pregnancy or at the time of birth.

Am I likely to get AIDS?

Your chances of being infected by the AIDS virus depend largely on your personal behaviour. High-risk behaviour creates a chain of infection from person to person.

When you have sexual relations with others, you become a link in the chain of contact. Their risk increases your risk.

You need to know whether or not your partner has engaged in high-risk behaviours, or whether his or her previous partners did so.

You *won't* get AIDS by touching or hugging someone...even if that person carries the AIDS virus.

You won't get it by sharing cups, glasses or silverware...nor from toilet seats, door-knobs, whirlpools, baths or phones.

Domestic animals and pets don't harbour the virus...and there's no evidence of spread by mosquitoes or other biting insects.

In hospitals, standard infection control precautions are sufficient to protect patients, staff and visitors.

In most cases, AIDS is spread by sexual intercourse. You should be concerned if you have had sex since 1978 with a homo-

sexual, a bisexual, a needle drug user, an AIDS patient or a hemophiliac. Or if you've had intercourse with anyone about whose past relationships or behaviour you know little.

Drug users who have shared needles and syringes since 1978 face a special risk... and should be tested for the AIDS virus.

If none of these descriptions fit...relax. Your lifestyle is protecting you from AIDS.

Is kissing safe?

Social or "dry kissing" does not pass on the AIDS virus. Open-mouthed kissing can be hazardous with anyone who practices high-risk behaviour because there may be cuts or open sores inside the mouth.

Is it safe to give or receive blood?

Blood donations are collected by skilled personnel with sterile equipment that is used only once. The same safety applies to transfusions. Since the Red Cross began rigorously checking all blood donations on November 1, 1985, the chance of acquiring the AIDS virus from blood or blood products is almost non-existent. Since that date there has not been a single report of anyone in Canada becoming infected through transfusions. The virus was not present in North America before 1978. Between 1978 and November, 1985, there was a slight chance that a blood transfusion could contain the AIDS virus. If you received blood during this time, you should discuss with your doctor whether you should be tested.

What about transplants and artificial insemination?

The government recommends that all

organ and tissue donors be tested for the AIDS virus...but it's a good idea to make *sure* this testing was done before you receive such a donation or transplant. Those donating sperm for artificial insemination should also be checked for the virus.

How can I avoid getting AIDS?

By accepting personal responsibility for your own well-being...and avoiding obvious risks.

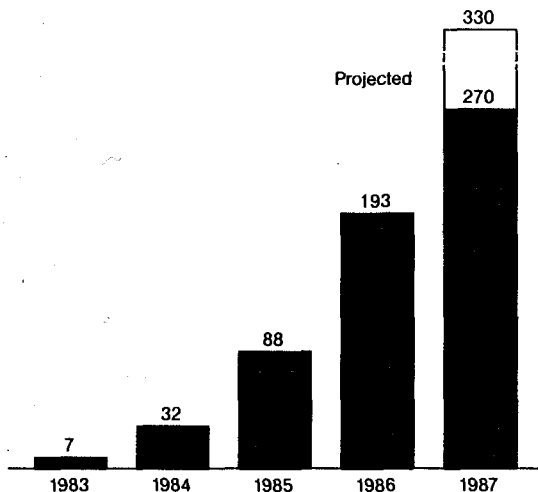
TO BE ABSOLUTELY SAFE, YOU SHOULD EITHER ABSTAIN FROM SEX OR LIMIT YOUR SEXUAL ACTIVITY TO ONE PARTNER WHO DOES NOT ENGAGE IN HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOUR ...SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS FREE OF INFECTION. AND NEVER SHARE OR RE-USE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BE TOTALLY RISK-FREE.

Failing these "absolutes," you can limit your risk of infection by following these rules:

- ❖ Take the time to know a person and discuss your concerns about AIDS before you become sexually involved.
- ❖ Use of a condom reduces risk. Condoms offer considerable protection against AIDS and other sexually transmitted disease if used correctly and consistently. Condoms used in combination with spermicides containing nonoxynol-9 are even safer. Latex (synthetic) condoms are better than natural (animal skin) condoms. Water-based lubricants are okay...but Vaseline and other oil-based lubricants make condoms less effective. Read the label.
- ❖ Fewer partners, less risk.
- ❖ Avoid anal sex—it's very dangerous.

Is AIDS widespread in British Columbia?

Unfortunately, yes. Every region is affected. British Columbia has the highest number of AIDS cases per capita in Canada. By September, 1987, there had been 270 AIDS cases throughout our province...and as the following graph indicates, the number is growing rapidly.



Total AIDS cases in British Columbia
(It costs about \$100,000 to provide hospital and medical care for each AIDS patient.)

These numbers only touch on the potential scope of the problem. AN ESTIMATED 10,000 TO 20,000 BRITISH COLUMBIANS ARE CARRIERS OF THE AIDS VIRUS, AND DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE INFECTED. Most of these people show no symptoms...but all are capable of infecting others.

Is it safe to travel abroad?

That depends on your destination...and your behaviour. The AIDS virus has spread to every part of the world...and in certain areas, large numbers of men *and* women are infected. So when travelling abroad, remember:

- ❖ Do not have casual sex—you may get infected.
- ❖ In some countries, blood transfusions are not checked for the AIDS virus. In these areas, try to avoid receiving blood transfusions, if at all possible.
- ❖ In certain countries, medical equipment such as scalpels and needles may not be properly sterilized. If you can, avoid injections or treatment involving surgery in these areas.
- ❖ Some countries require certain visitors to have a negative blood test for AIDS...so before travelling, check with the consulate or representative of the country you plan to visit.

Where can someone be tested?

Any doctor in British Columbia can arrange for an AIDS test. In addition, tests are available through Health Units and at the Ministry of Health's AIDS testing clinic: 828 West 10th Avenue in Vancouver.



FLYING THE FLAG OF OURSELVES

because we have no country
no place to return to other than
our own bodies

because we are alone
and have reached this place
together

because there is no one to
pray for us,
no one to worship.

It is the flag of innocence,
of joy and celebration.
When we look into each other's eyes
it is reflected there -
we see it is the flag of loneliness.

It is a beautiful flag,
it fills up the whole sky.

It is the flag we fly
because we are alive

the flag of our union
you, love, and I.

By Susan Musgrave, from "Tarts and Muggers"

You've probably noticed that Carnegie's security staff are now equipped with hand-held radios for communication with each other. The rather large size of these radios gives them an official, police-style authority. It is an unfortunate but inevitable by-product of their purpose.

The radios allow the security staff to make immediate contact with each other if a threatening situation arises, or if keys are needed somewhere in the building.

As a result of the increased speed in communication, we are able to offer a safer, more comfortable environment at Carnegie.

The radios are meant to benefit the patrons of Carnegie, not to intimidate them.

Don Roberts

THE GOD OF LOVE

On our first night together
there were sirens
and a new moon

and no doubt there were
different people
turning to one another
in different parts of the city.

It didn't matter;
that's why we had each other.

It was more than just enough
but nevertheless something troubled me.
I moved from our bed to the window
where it was bright. The whole world
around me seemed to be on fire.

The air was black
and breathing became difficult.
I knew I had been mistaken:
I saw that fire was much more than
sudden brightness.

Nothing could have been colder,
I had not dreamed of anything so
dark. The people ran about
crying out to the god who created them.
The sight of their vulnerable bodies made me
feel humble.

That was when I drew back to touch you,
knowing we could never wake
before the flames reached us.

by Susan Musgrave, from "Tarts and Muggers"

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18 police probe

Less than a week after she filed a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission against the Port of Vancouver, a 36-year-old wheelchair-bound Vancouver woman has become the target of an investigation by the Ports Canada police intelligence unit.

Joan Meister, who has multiple sclerosis, says the investigation into her personal life has left her feeling intimidated and angry.

The head of the police intelligence unit says the probe is "strictly above-board,

no ifs, ands or buts about it. We do it all the time."

Meister filed a complaint last Friday alleging that the Port's new Main Street overpass to the waterfront Crab Park is so steep that it violates the Canadian Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination against the disabled in public facilities.

"What gets me is that they build an inaccessible bridge, and then they investigate me when I complain about it," said Meister.

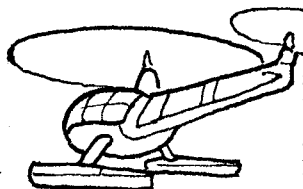


MEISTER

BIG DAY FOR BIG BROTHER

While Meister was out of town, a Ports Canada police constable phoned one of her acquaintances and asked, among other things, what other "aggressive actions" Meister was planning.

Aggressive actions? Do our port police really have nothing better to do than dream up plots of subversion by wheelchair-bound residents trying to enjoy a city park?



Were it not for the spectre of Big Brother, the whole thing would be laughable. The "investigating" constable also wanted to know where Meister lived (she's listed in the phone book), what she looked like (her picture was in the paper) and what kind of political parties and organizations she belonged to.

His superior called this "liaison work" with the community.

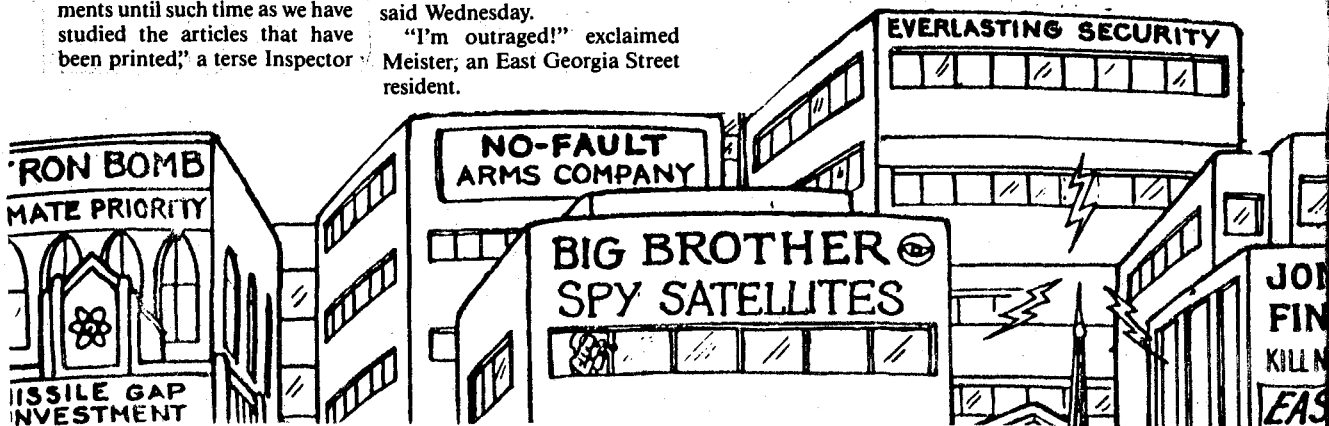
"We are making no more comments until such time as we have studied the articles that have been printed," a terse Inspector

Bob Sharp, officer in charge, said Wednesday.

"I'm outraged!" exclaimed Meister, an East Georgia Street resident.

Port police face review over actions

Margaret Birrell, executive director of the Disabled Coalition of B.C. — which encouraged Meister to lay her complaint in the first place — says the port police are guilty of out-and-out intimidation



Death of conscience

The Canadian Army has 300 new job openings for women who can carry machine guns & anti-tank weapons over rough terrain in bad weather, blow up buildings and kill enemies of the state in hand-to-hand combat. But the government says that its new equal opportunities for women are not attracting much interest.

Fashion consultants have suggested sexier outfits might help - more eye makeup, silver studs, suede boots with stiletto heels, and lots of zippers. Silver bullets and laser weapons are a lot more attractive than bayonets and hand grenades.

Women's equal rights groups in Ottawa worked hard to create these 300 combat opportunities for women, and they'd like to see some of their sisters across Canada join combat units & learn to kill for their country.

Commander Judith Harper, Director of the office of Combat-related employment for Women, said, "We want to find 300 women to do the trials so we can say there's no difference and women & men can work together as a team."

She means - work together as a team to kill other women & men who are working together as a team, to kill them.

Looks like it's going to take a lot of hi-tech P.R. work with designer weapons to get those women out of the voting booths and onto the battlefields.

from "Main & Hastings"

POOR!

am
I
poor
?



If poor means not much money -
I am Poor.

The eyes of family that love me
Shine like priceless jewels.

The little hands that hold mine
Are pricelessly precious.

The green purple mountains
Wrap me up in their colours.
The ocean, sparkling gems from
sunbeams, splashes my eyes.

My cat is my fur coat
that sheds on me,
Friends, hugs, birthday candles,
picnics and sun-sets.

Poor am I poor?
If poor means not much money
I am poor.

Yet I'm rich in non capitalist
possessions.

Sheila Baxter

OTTAWA (CP) - If you ever wonder why you seem to be left with all the work, the Coaching Association of Canada offers this explanation by Dr. John Meagher of the University of New Brunswick.

"The population of Canada is 22 million, but there are seven million over 65 years of age leaving 15 million to do the work. People under 21 total 10 million, leaving five million to do the work. Two million government employees leaves three million. Five hundred thousand leaves 2.5 million workers.

Deduct 1.25 million provincial, municipal and city employees which leaves 1.25 million to do the work.

"There are 250,000 people in hospital asylums...leaving one million. But 700,000 of these are unemployed and 200,000 are on welfare or won't work, so that leaves 100,000.

"Now it may interest you to know that there are 80,000 people out of the country at any one time, and 19,998 are in jail, so that leaves just two people to do all the work. And that is you and me brother, and I'm getting tired of doing everything by myself."

Downtown Moon

The moon seems out of place in the downtown sky;
hollow phalli conspire to obscure us from her majesty
while streetlights blind us to the stars' affirmation.
We forget, glancing up from the dead city's core,
how the moon entranced our once vulnerable hearts.

How large our life was when we gave it to nights
camping out by a fire in summer fields long ago;
our new lust too exciting for us to hold onto
outside of the dreams the moon lulled us into
once we'd closed our eyes to our warm loneliness.

That the city shrinks life to skyscraper scale
--blood drained erections obscenely pretending to worth
while we scurry about the lie of their structures
frantic for notice from those as frantic as we —
We have only the downtown moon to remind us.

Steven Belkin

QUESTIONS

WHO CARES? (IF)
WHEN COMES HATE? (IF)
HOW MAKES EVIL? (IF)
WHERE LIES GRACE? (IF)
WHAT TRUTH DOWN? (IF)
WHICH FEAT FLOURISH? (IF)
WHY FIRE LIGHT? (IF)

UNANSWERED ANSWER

Seven (7) candles were lit
to Seven (7) IFS.
GOD recoured it to one (1)
phrase containing two (2)
WORDS.
ONLY THREE (3) MAGIS gave
GOD the answer.

by Katherine Galan

WHAT IS YOURS (IF)

UP UP & AWAY!

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On August 15th, the Carnegie Newsletter celebrated its first year of existence.

The going got hot and heavy during the three-month long struggle to rid the Centre of Seaver and crew, but in going over the entire story an interesting item surfaced. On October 2nd, 1986, Muggs Sigurgeirson was elected President of the Carnegie Community Centre Association for the first of three times...so far. That's one year ago...and in this year a lot of positive changes have happened here.

When Muggs started coming to meetings, especially finance committee meetings, she said that she couldn't understand what Jonn Olldym, the treasurer, was talking about. It eventually became apparent that Olldym didn't understand what Olldym was talking about either.

Muggs wasn't alone in her fight to stop Carnegie being written off as a failure. More and more members and users worked with her to set things right. The first Special General Meeting in the Centre's history occurred in April. Six

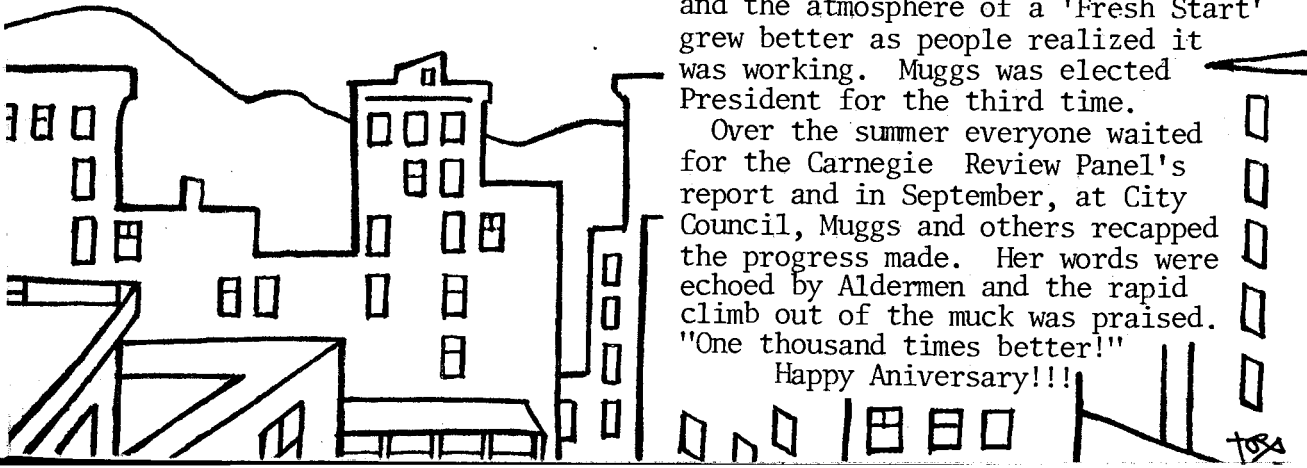


incompetents resigned at noon on the day of the Meeting...(jump or be pushed!)..and Muggs was elected as President for the second time.

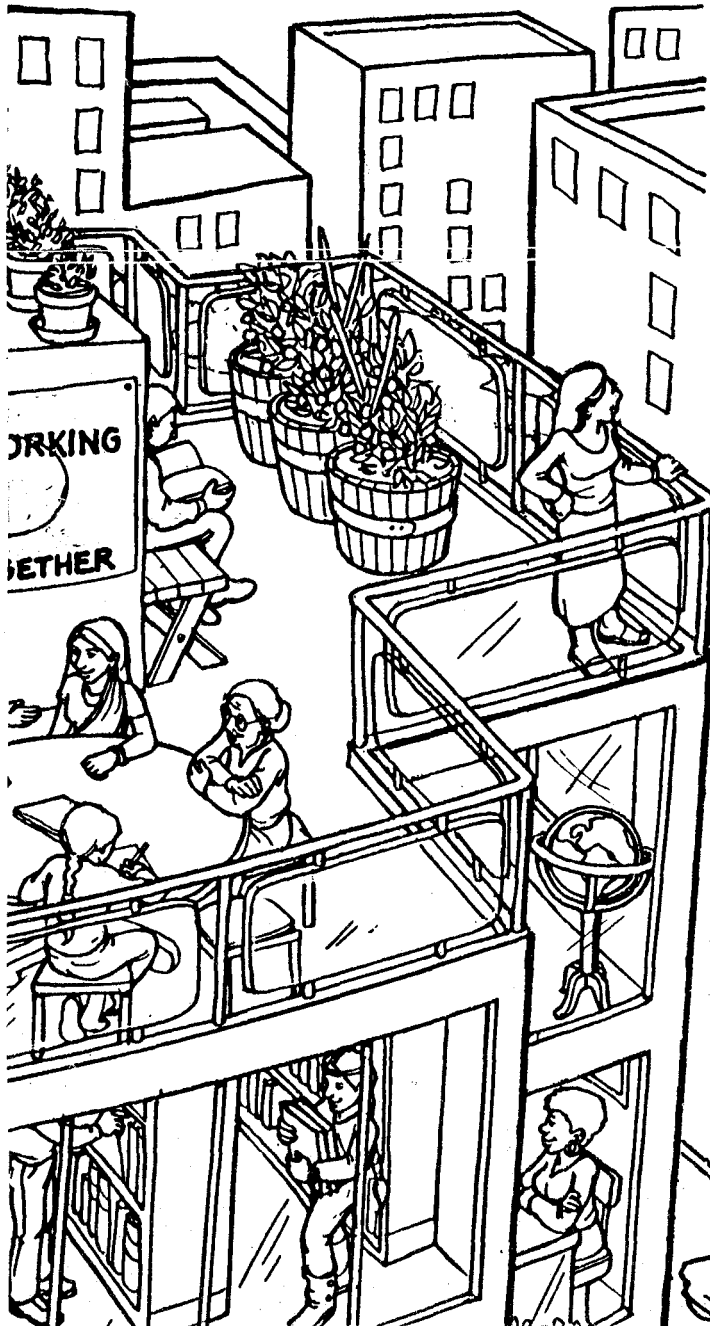
In December, she got a timeslot at Star Bingo on Hastings for Carnegie, and this fundraiser has become the goldmine lifesaver for the Association's financial neck. From April 23rd on, the new Board worked non-stop to straighten out the mess of money and, more important, to rebuild the confidence in and credibility of our centre. Finally the members were listened to and asked for input on practically everything. By the June Annual General Meeting, almost all past bills had been paid and all committees had knowledge of their financial situations. Morale and the atmosphere of a 'Fresh Start' grew better as people realized it was working. Muggs was elected President for the third time.

Over the summer everyone waited for the Carnegie Review Panel's report and in September, at City Council, Muggs and others recapped the progress made. Her words were echoed by Aldermen and the rapid climb out of the muck was praised. "One thousand times better!"

Happy Anniversary!!!



Canton, China; Yokohama, Japan; Odessa, Russia; Edinburgh, Scotland. These are the four 'sister' cities of Vancouver and it is this that is the ideation behind the name Four Sisters Housing Cooperative.



On Sunday the Federal Minister of Housing was on hand to officially open the 153-unit facility and cut a ribbon with Terry Hanley in the courtyard. He also presented Terry, President of the Co-op, with a cheque for over \$69,000 as part of the government's ongoing support of this model housing project. The Minister, just off a plane from Nova Scotia, said that the Four Sisters would be a reference for success when he talks of cooperative housing across Canada.

Jim Green spoke with the Minister in Ottawa at a conference last week that had almost 1,500 participants from around the world. The focus of all discussions was housing for low-income people, and Jim reiterated that the Four Sisters is "just the beginning." Jim said, "When we have ten places like this, we can stabilize our community and make it a really good place to live and raise families."

By Paul Taylor

As a senior and member of Carnegie for 4 years, and also as a volunteer in the community (Lookout, Dugout and Sisters of Attachment) for 3½ years, I've been too busy to take time off to go anywhere. I'd like to thank the staff and volunteers of Carnegie. It's a place I can come to relax. I enjoyed the 3-day camping trip...every minute of it; just getting away from the city was wonderful. It was so peaceful..no drunks, no trouble. I am looking forward to going again next year.

I think you're doing a great job for the people on fixed incomes. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
James Roadknight



THE DUCK'S A LITTLE DOWN ON HIS LUCK... STILL UNDER THE VIADUCT — HIS MIND ENGAGED IN STRANGE PLOTS & COUNTER-PLOTS DUMPED ON HIM BY A WORLD OF HEARTLESS HUMANIDS...

by TORA

SO NOW WE GOT
DIOXINS FROM PULP MILLS
KILLING THE GREAT BLUE
HERONS — & THE GOVERNMENT
TRYING TO SELL US
IRRADIATED FOOD?!
... WHY CAN'T THEY EVER
GET IT RIGHT?

ROOSEVELT HOTEL

166 EAST HASTINGS

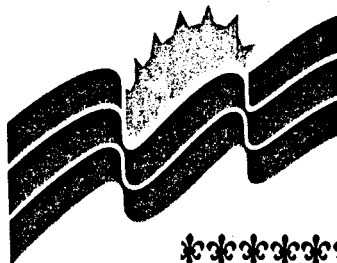
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RULES APPLY.

The Pope's visit to Arizona State University was cleaned up by changing the name of the stadium from "Sun Devil's Bowl" to A.S.U. Stadium. Pictures of the local football team, The Sun Devils, showing them with horns and pitchforks, were covered over with "colourful banners."

When the Pope visited New Orleans in his plastic Popemobile, a Catholic priest described his tour as "The World Series of religion." New Orleans largest shelter for homeless street people - in the International Year of the Homeless - was closed because it was too close to where the Pope was staying.

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