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## NEWSLETTER



Election  
Issue

NOVEMBER 15, 1988.

THINGS NEED TO CHANGE AND WE CAN ALL BE A PART OF THAT CHANGE. IF YOU FIGHT FOR A LITTLE YOU DON'T GET A LOT.



### CIVIC ISSUES:

Housing, development, land, Hungry kids, Welfare,  
Prostitution, Environment, Honesty, Leadership



Federal:

FREE TRADE

## CARNEGIE INVITATIONAL DEBATE

Margaret Mitchell, NDP MP for Vancouver East chaired this meeting on Sunday, Nov.13. Two members each of the NPA (Johnathan Baker & Phillip Owen), COPE (Bruce Ericksen & Libby Davies), NDP (Linda Erwin & Jim Reid), Green Party (Larry Anderson), 2 independents Larry Leaf & Bob Ellis, Gordon Campbell (NPA Mayor) and Jean Swanson (COPE/Civic NDP Unity candidate for Mayor) made up the roster. Each had a few minutes to introduce themselves and say why they wanted votes; to the issues -

Illegal suites: (Campbell) - "always illegal, NPA asking neighbourhoods if they want them, requiring impact studies" - (Swanson) - "affordable housing key issue in election, NPA moving to close up to 25,000 units with nowhere for evicted to go, Downtown Eastside (D.E.) not allowed to vote on this but will be last resort for evictees and rents will rise" ...

Housing: (Campbell) - "City doesn't build housing, developers needed more money to put non-market units in, \$20 million was best assurance" - (Swanson) - "NPA sees needy person as someone who makes less than \$31,000/yr., Campbell voted against Four Sisters, now tries to take credit for it" - (Reid) - "I got study on housing that NPA refused to make public, 8 pages of recommendations to get affordable units and keep what stands now, NPA doesn't want more than 20% non-market, need at least 33%, NPA working to lessen amount entirely".

Hungry kids: (Baker) - "I voted against it (\$200,000 food program) because it wasn't Council's responsibility, messy bookkeeping" - (Davies) - "buckpassing, NPA School Bd. spent money only after Phil Rankin & Jean Swanson pressed the issue for 1 year, NPA is No Policy Association where each goes their way, can't be trusted by communities" ...

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## THE CARNEGIE BOARD GAME

Equip. 1/ Present floor plans laid out on 4 cardboard templates; 2/ Coloured papers representing new space plans. Personnel: Arch. & Assis. & 12 people. Players' Aim: To arrange the cards to allow more space for everyone.

Varied and diverse individuals representing different functions, some more concerned with specific areas of activity - i.e. gym, theatre, library, - the 12 person 'team' and the two professionals (and spectators) around the 3rd floor tables and away they go! ..talking, haggling, insistent for a certain result but finally, in each game I observed, a definite direction was discovered between what is structurally feasible and the numbers/need for each function.

After hours of meetings and several years after the funds were allocated,

## **P.O.W**

## **PEOPLE ON WELFARE**

Thirty people attended a powerful meeting on Nov.8, held on the third floor of Carnegie. In a round-table discussion, everyone spoke in turn to condemn the latest move of the Ministry of Social Services and Housing (MSSH) to bash the poor with \$50 cutbacks on assistance cheques.

We all had a chance to get rid of our frustrations and, most important, to give each other support. As an advocate myself, I am directly involved in many cases and heard stories of injustice at the meeting that would have had different endings if the people had known their rights. In one case a man was cut by \$30-\$40 for 10 months, off a disability pension, and the social worker claimed he hadn't filled out the papers. I witnessed him do just that and he got the money when it was straightened out. It was his right to make \$100 extra a month on a handicapped allowance.

after headaches and gripes and conjecture, we arrived at the stage where we could make our ideas real. The results will be gone over, draft proposals will be written subject to changes and the options go to a Town Hall meeting.

The games were an interesting study in human motive and the willingness of people to harmonize. For those who didn't attend, you will just have to wait like the rest of us. When the dust clears we'll have a different building in some respects; perhaps a step into the future. Whose future and whether we keep changing remains to be seen.

I only notice that the political thrust is absent here compared to when Carnegie opened, and the patrons seem to be caught in some backwater eddy, awaiting the flood of a new generation to sweep them away.

By TOM LEWIS

People spoke of the money being taken off their shelter portion when landlords are increasing rents by leaps and bounds. Every increase on cheques is taken immediately by the landlords; incentive allowances are stopped after 1 year; dietary allowances have been stopped or given a time limit; and one of the very few ways to retain an unemployable status is to get a doctor to report that you are a virtual basket case.

Hospitals and health services are suffering from cutbacks with no beds while entire wards are closed. At Mt. St. Joseph's the emergency ward is closed from midnight til 7:30 a.m.

We have a 3'C' government: cold, callous and cruel. They are increasing poverty with a capital 'P'. What we are fighting for is to be treated with dignity and respect: free bus passes to make up for the \$50 cut, adequate funding for health services,

... P.O.W. will meet every Tuesday at 4:30 on Carnegie's 3rd fl.

Info submitted by Irene Schmidt

Editor:

In answer to S.A.R.'s criticism of my bad attitude toward police, the reason I say they are hired killers "ready to kill at a moment's notice" is because they carry loaded weapons at all times & are under orders...if their commanding officer points a finger at you & says "Put him down" - these police men & women have placed themselves in the legal position of having to follow that order - (this is also true of all government-paid military personnel) - if they don't follow such an order they will be punished, reprimanded, lose their job, etc. ...If they do kill you under orders they themselves are absolved of all responsibility, & the one who gave the order must justify himself to his superiors. Usually a simple signed statement about believing you had a concealed weapon, & seemed to be going for it, is enough to justify instant death.

This is the way terrorism works. It's enough to know the gun, the bullet & the order to use it are all present & legally sanctioned in the

name of "enforcement".

But on to more serious business: The Editor of the Vancouver Sun on Nov. 2/88 states that "the classic Canadian neurosis" is "fear of domination by the U.S."...this, the editor of the Vancouver Sun offers as a put-down of opposition to Free Trade.

It's almost as if he's trying to convince us that closing the door on a fast-talking salesman is proof of mental illness.

On Nov. 15 the Pacific Coliseum will host an American roadshow called "Superstars of Success". One of the featured "Superstars" is described as "the world's greatest salesman" - author of "How to Sell Anything to Anybody" & "How to Sell Yourself".

This, I think, is the essence of free trade philosophy, & probably represents a much more destructive psychosis than does any attempt by Canadians to defend themselves against it.

TORA

#### ON MOTIVATION AND LOYALTY

I came to King Coop  
And served His Court well.  
One day he said, "Name your reward."  
"The Maiden of my choice," I replied.  
King Coop said, "So will it be."  
And I chose the love of my Heart;  
A precious flower, the African Queen.  
King Coop looked down with saddened eye,  
"If you take the flower, the Kingdom will die."  
Goodbye then, shallow spectre of truth,  
I've deceived Thee even more.

Garry Gust

#### SHAME MEANS FEAR

Lonesomer, and lonesomer;  
Our hope it thus begets.  
To Poverty, we hold the glass,  
And toast our pride in shame.  
Fifty Dollars came and went;  
To whence it wherefore came.  
What Netherland Billy giveth,  
He nethermost taketh away.

Garry Gust

## WE'D RATHER DO IT OURSELVES!

By Muggs Sigurgeirson

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion in the Downtown Eastside about Oppenheimer Park, and how to make it safer for residents.

The overwhelming majority of residents in this neighbourhood are single, older people living in hotels and rooming houses. They are here by economic necessity. After having worked for years to build B.C.'s economy, they are now either too old, or disabled. They are now subsisting on a fixed income, either a pension, disability allowance or welfare.

Everyone agrees that booze, weapons and rowdy behaviour have no place in Oppenheimer. Many of our residents are vulnerable to physical violence. They are entitled to a safe & secure park. So are the increasing numbers of families with children who use Oppenheimer.

Some people say we need more police and extra lighting to make Oppenheimer safe. Others say that a heavier police presence would only lead to unfair pressure on street people and other vulnerable minorities.

So what's the solution? Carnegie Association and other groups have been actively involved in Oppenheimer in the past few years to bring about a community-based solution. In other words, we'd rather do it ourselves!

The best protection for the park is increased community use, year-round.

With properly run programs, staffed by people from the community who are sensitive to local conditions, we can liberate Oppenheimer so it's a pleasant place for everyone, whether you want to relax by yourself or with your friends, or participate in active sports.

This is already happening during the summer. One of the first things the new Carnegie Board did was to re-establish and help pay for the summer nutrition and camping program for kids at Oppenheimer. We also had to fight to make City Hall provide adequate staff during June, July and August. One of the important jobs of the staff is to cover the grounds regularly to make sure, in a firm but polite manner, that the park is not being used for anti-social activities. Once that is accomplished, then the regular recreational and cultural programs can be conducted.

You've probably noticed the construction project that went on last summer at Oppenheimer. The field house was expanded to include a covered picnic and barbeque area. That means the park can now be used year-round by families and other groups, even in rainy weather. The Downtown Eastside Parks Planning Committee, which includes the Carnegie Association and staff, campaigned for this extension.

We still need to raise money to buy the benches and other equipment for the covered area. Also, we want to cover the chess and checkers area so they can be used year-round, too. So far, we have raised \$2,300, with contributions from the Carnegie Association, Armstrong Funeral Home, the Simons Foundation and the two unions whose members work in Carnegie and Oppenheimer - the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Vancouver Municipal and Regional Employees Union (VMREU).

We still need more. It would be especially fitting if some of the businesses in this neighbourhood whose customers use the park contributed. Donations can be made to:

The Oppenheimer Fund  
c/o Carnegie Centre Association  
401 Main Street,  
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2T7

The donations are tax-deductible, so they'll get a receipt back. Anyone who knows some business that can contribute, please put a bug in their ear.

The point I've made about Oppenheimer is also valid for Pigeon Park. Yes, there are problems in Pigeon Park, too. But you don't solve them by declaring it off-limits for everybody or removing the benches. We are going to have to solve our own problems, or others will come in and do it for us.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you experienced lumps in your breasts? Have you been told to examine your breasts regularly but found no one showed you how? Do you have a family history of breast cancer? On TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, you can learn to examine your breasts for early detection of breast cancer with the confidential, private guidance of trained registered nurses at a special clinic to be held in Ray-Cam Centre, 920 E.Hastings, from 2-8 pm. A van will be provided to transport interested women, leaving Crabtree Corner at 2pm. The clinic is sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society and will be open for women to drop in. (Plan to be there about an hour.)

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Crabtree Corner YWCA is an emergency and short term daycare and woman's drop-in centre in the downtown east-side. We are now offering a weekly Single Mother's Support Group on Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm. Also we are offering a monthly women and children's Preventative Clinic staffed by three public health nurses. The next clinic is Dec.7/88 2 - 4 pm. For further information call Mary Ellen at 689-2808

#### The Real Enemy

The pockets of dead soldiers intone a universal memoir: a watch, a comb, a letter, no matter religion, race or region. \*  
Politicians, safe in whatever country, chose to tick off each soldier's time, and a comb no matter whose, is as fingers playing a girl's or a child's hair, anywhere, while the loving letter in whatever language speaks the Esperanto of the heart.  
War dead did not elect to go into that good night: politicians and prisons world-over are the same: it is intimidation makes this world go round, not love.

Jancis M. Andrews

\* An ex-Captain from World War II mentioned on Channel 9 TV that dead soldiers of all nationalities were found to have these items in their pockets.

## WAKE UP

The printed page tells  
of a world  
lost in a suicide pace

The crying voices on  
the radio sing of  
what's  
yet to come  
followed by a man  
selling used cars

TV puts you  
face-to-face  
with  
hate and greed as you  
hit the remote control  
looking  
for something pretty  
and serene  
better for your worried  
mind  
not to see the truth  
of a world gone  
mad  
have a pill, count  
Genesis sheep, go to  
sleep

wake-up, morning  
off to the daily grind  
working with computers  
and machines  
participating in  
destruction of a planet  
all for  
material gain

next time the news-  
paper's lying in front  
of your eyes  
have  
a good look, ask what  
it all means living  
by artificial dreams

as nature screams  
from the bottom  
of her  
scarred soul

C.L.Eckert

## Shadow Grip

Eyes the mirror; no through road.  
Focus a too sweet torture. Stares  
die on the shelf. Brief glances  
tease a fickle promise knowing full  
well the friendship is a feeble sop  
for promethian hearts denied the  
quenching clasp.

Lonely is the flesh, lonely it  
remains, gripped by shadows of unre-  
linquishable desire.

The past is the only cause of  
death. Send in the Happy Hegelians.  
Their's is the kingdom, the power &  
the glory. I'll just keep waiting  
for a love as endurable as the mo-  
ment and as fragile.

Stephen David Belkin

## To Set the record Straight:

Don't say I'm a  
card carrying member of the U.S.A.  
I never was birthed there  
I popped forth  
out my mother's womb

('n I don't need no other mother),  
down east out Ontario way.  
And don't spread the lie 'round  
don't call me anti-american  
not when I got relations there.  
I don't hate them, flesh and blood,  
It makes me feel like screaming  
when some other fellow Canadian  
says He/She hates all Americans.  
Even those who befriended this canadian  
down there?  
What Bull-shit.

P. Imm

## WHY and WHY NOT?

I, being in Carnegie Centre for almost 3 years, hear good and bad news. I am a person who tries to do no wrong. The Government also does me bad and good, and now I hear how the Government is doing a thing to single fathers and mothers - that their welfare money is cut off \$50 a month. Why can't the Government do something for us; care for those below the poverty line?

We cannot eat what we don't have. We cannot feed our children well if we don't have it.

Please ask our voted-in government to raise the welfare to the poverty line - a happy median of good food, to grant us good health. Give back the \$50 and add \$100. The cost of living has gone up. Existence is so cheap.

If no money back, at least give us a job, so it will enable us to provide properly for our families.

I feel sad, that things went like they have. Everyone should be treated the same in this country. If everyone gets together we will do things well and I like to help others as much as I can.

So why doesn't the Government do the same?

That's what I'd like to say to others.

By BILL WONG



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Everything you ever wanted to know about sex: Your body; sexuality; how to talk to children about their bodies; abuse; how to enjoy a happy healthy sex life - these will be presented in 5 sessions at Crabtree Corner, 101 E.Cordova (689-2808) on Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm starting Nov. 9.  
2nd Session: Wed., Nov.16, 1 - 3 pm  
Normal human sexual responses - arousal, satisfying your needs and those of your partner, etc.  
3rd Session: Wed., Nov.23, 1 - 3 pm

How to talk with your child about their body, sexuality, etc  
4th Session: Tues., Nov.29, 1 - 3 pm  
Sexual abuse.

(Joy McWilliam, Director, S.A.R.A.)  
5th Session: Wed., Dec. 7, 1 - 3 pm  
Review, healthy sexual perspective, questions arising.  
Judith Daniluk - sexual counsellor)

## FOR KIDS' SAKE

Children and Safety in the  
Downtown Eastside

On November 27, 7-9 pm in the Carnegie Theatre, the Downtown Eastside Residents Association will present a public meeting on Children and Safety in the Downtown Eastside.

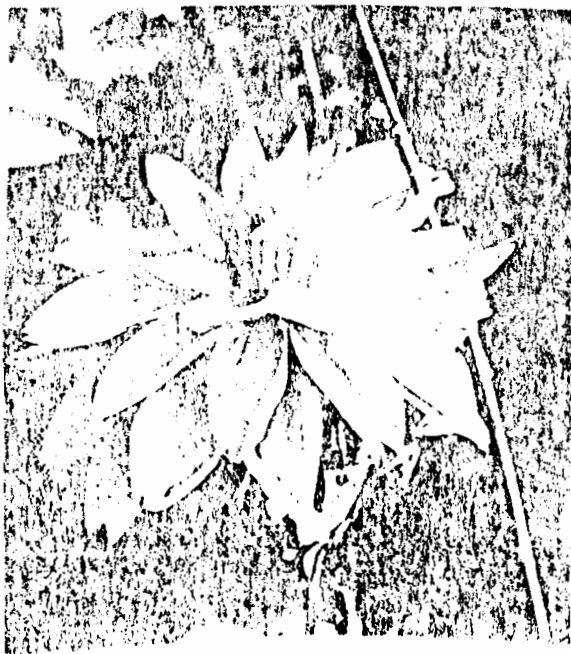
Muggs Sigurgeirson, Carnegie Community Centre Association president, will chair the meeting. Speakers will include Carol McCallahan who works with the Victim Witness Service, Sue Harris, former DERA worker and survivor of child sexual abuse, Joanne Hochu, who will speak on behalf of the Downtown Eastside Parks Planning Committee, and a representative from the Vancouver Police Dept.

Admission is free. Refreshments and childcare will be available..

The skids are the most threatened part of your town because they are the most threatening, not just because of irrational or desperate violence, but because of their unpredictability. The Skids are the least controlled part of an increasingly controlled society. That's why our great movements have found their most fertile seed beds there. Among those who are least accustomed to doing what they're told..

### S.L.D.C. MANIFESTO

We are Skid Row's last underground group of poets  
 We have chosen the despised creature the slug as our symbol  
 Because the slug is alien to the artificial reality dominating our lives  
 Because the slug moves counter to the global Suicide-at-high-speed  
 Because the slug is a creature of nature  
 & because we are as vulnerable in North America as a slug on a city sidewalk  
 Our poetry is a slug of reality & truth in the gut of the fake & the lie  
 & we are Skid Row's last poets because we live in one of the last skid rows  
 & align ourselves with the unacknowledged poets of North America:  
 The outlaws & losers & outcasts & impoverished & old & sick  
 The delinquents the misfits the crippled the maimed  
 The abused the refused the excluded the homeless & the displaced refugees  
 We are poets who have rejected the North American nightmare dream  
 We are poets who have been renovated & evicted from skid rows all over North A.,  
 We are poets of Skid Row because it is a spiritual home  
 Skid Row has always sustained an acceptance of variety & difference  
 Where prodigies of compassion & charity have flourished  
 Skid Row has been the creative soul of both music & I.W.W.  
 We are street poets of social reality  
 We are not insulated but have been devastated within nature  
 We are real poets who keep alive the real speech the true poetry -  
 the direct experience of reality



### WORKSHOP - making quilts & hangings

A workshop making quilts and hangings will be given at the Carnegie on the following dates:

Mon.	Nov.	28	2-4 pm.
Wed.	"	30	7-9 pm.
Sat.	Dec.	3	2-4 pm.
Mon.	"	5	2-4 pm.
Wed.	"	7	7-9 pm.
Sat.	"	10	2-4 pm.

All are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk.

\*\*Also, we need materials for the workshop. Donations of scraps of fabric (satins, velvets, brocade, corduroy, wool), men's ties, thread, a steam iron, and any sewing notions would be greatly appreciated.



We advocate a global refusal to participate in the technological society  
 Skid rows all over North America have been "cleaned up"  
 But we, like our symbol, crawl and glide in the dirt in the earth  
 We are poets who use the lightning flash of our lifetimes  
 To illuminate the truths & human realities  
 Behind the darkened instant of material domination & exclusionary homogenization  
 Which is burning out & blowing up  
 In a serial chaos of unnecessary suffering & irreparable harm  
 We are poets who are opposed to academic poetry & to the soulless displacement  
 of the poet by mere techniques  
 We are poets who are anti-entertainment & oppose the instant art-scene-schemes  
 & New Age spiritual ripoffs  
 We are poets who have chosen to be the scapegoats the antennae  
 The renegades of our time  
 We are poets who are amateurs who write for the love of poetry & life  
 We are poets who protest the death of feeling the extermination of the earth  
 & the loss of a way of life  
 We are poets who bear witness to the techno-madness of our time  
 We are poets who realize that any change will have to come from the way  
 We talk to each other everyday  
 We are poets who say our poems in streets & parks & institutions in order to  
 Make communion with others who protest the rational viciousness of everyday life  
 & who affirm spiritual values & believe that all people must choose to  
 Slug it out with the greed & meaninglessness replacing soul-awareness  
 We are poets who have nowhere to go now that Skid Row is nearly gone  
 & our way of life is a blockade & slowdown  
 To economic & other degenerate forms & ideas of "growth"  
 Our symbol is the slug



XMAS '94

- B.D. Blacksmith  
(blind as coal)

Having little or no respect  
 for this thing called law  
 The boys done hauled me off  
 for bustin none  
 Took me to a town called  
 O-a-kalla  
 Shuffled me into an Apartment they call  
 Dar-wine's Theory....  
 "Where they give ya all the steroids  
 ya don't really needs.  
 Where ya can watch all the Gun God  
 ya don't care to mecca."  
 So spent some time there -  
 (Thirty days Hath September  
 In the jail call I remember)....  
 When I jumped the sky train home  
 Why the whole dern place done been clearcut!  
 Made me reflect on the whos-I-was.

ON SATURDAY NOV. 19th  
VOTE SWANSON, COPE, N.D.P!

By SUE HARRIS

With the media gone hog wild about Free Trade (quite right!), you'd think there is only one election happening. There isn't. Besides the federal election, there is the all important City of Vancouver election. When? SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th!

Why Vote?

The future of Vancouver, the Downtown Eastside and the Carnegie Community are at stake. A vote for the NPA & Carol Taylor is a vote against Vancouver and our community. Why?

1. At Council

Gordon Campbell & his cronies gave away the Expo lands to his developer friends. Now he wants to pay the developer \$20 million for housing that the city should have gotten for free. This \$20 million could build housing in the Downtown Eastside.

B. It was the NPA who punished the D.E. by giving the Strathcona Community Garden land to the Freemasons for seniors housing. We should not forget that the Freemasons were offered another, better site for their project but didn't 'want' it.

C. It was the NPA who made \$5 million of cuts to the city budget. It was the fireboat, which sat in the harbour ready to protect our community from hazardous cargo accidents, that was retired by the NPA. Our community is in danger, thanks to the NPA.

2. At Parks Board

Our community has to fight for every cent it gets from the Parks Board - to fix up Ray-Cam, Strathcona or the Carnegie Centre. It was only after weeks of work by the Carnegie Association that the Centre was not taken over by the greedy NPA Parks Board. They want to spend millions on the zoo, leaving little to improve the

drainage and maintenance of our few precious green spaces.

3. At School Board

The NPA have proven to be really uncaring about hungry kids at the School Board. It was only after months of haranguing by COPE school trustee Phil Rankin, Jean Swanson from End Legislated Poverty and the Child Poverty Action Committee that the Board finally put \$200,000 into school food programs.

It goes without saying that COPE represents our city and ordinary folks. Remember who goes to bat for us - who sat til 3 am at a public hearing on the Strathcona Gardens - yup, Ald. Ericksen & Davies. COPE and its candidates will represent our community; be it for social housing at City Council, food programs and improved special education courses for kids at the School Board or money and services for our Carnegie Centre and local parks on the Parks Board.

On Saturday, Nov. 19th, Vote

JEAN SWANSON - Mayor

COPE and the NDP for Council: 10 seats  
 - for School Board: 7 seats  
 - for Parks Board: 7 seats.

## DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

DANGER  
 WARNING: *not voting*

CAN  
 SERIOUSLY DAMAGE

YOUR HEALTH.

& Government Health

# \* MORAL \* PURPOSE \* \*

SUE HARRIS has had her finger on the pulse of the Downtown Eastside for years, to stay ahead of the machinations and secret agendas of developers, the big-money and the redneck jerks. Since the late 70's Sue has brought her hard-won wisdom and energy to every issue that, if not fought, would bring more disruption and frustration to the lives of thousands of residents of our community.

This isn't a eulogy or a 'Superwoman' story: Sue is leaving the Downtown Eastside and BC and Canada - she is moving to England! Part of the reason is not getting the nomination for alderman. Sue won a seat on the Parks Board in 1984 and, her trademark, did superior work for the two year term. The massive PR job of the NPA in 1986, to basically pull the wool over the eyes of voters, conned many to vote other than COPE. (This is going on right now in '88.)

Sue worked for the past 2 years on community issues; for tenants' rights, welfare problems, for Crab Park and police liaison with us over liquor and pornography and women's rights, for the quality of life for the disadvantaged vis a vis safety from robberies and bureaucratic foulups, worked for years to have knives made illegal on the streets (the recent ruling to ban knives in pubs was a direct result of Sue's persistence), keeping the problems of lysol and cooking wine before City Hall,.... and of course more.

We talked a few days ago of the need for "progressive" people to re-think their personal ideologies. Sue

confessed a bitterness over the low-key response to her complaint on the procedure used at the nominations. She reaffirmed her total support for COPE, stating that they and the Civic NDP are all that stands in the way of Gordon Campbell, the NPA and the loss of Vancouver for middle and low income people. The underlying agenda and thinking behind the NPA are no secret to her astute political analysis - they are out to strip our homes and community from us, with little but lip service being paid to how we will live when their "new" Vancouver is too high-priced for over half of its citizens.

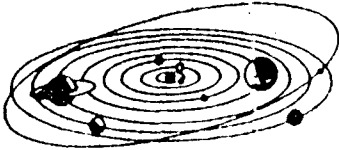
Sue spoke of her sexual orientation during our talk because, she said, "I have to." She cited her being a lesbian as the reason for the progressive committee waffling on her nomination. This kind of double-think, where people say they support gay rights and the rights of people whose sexual orientation is different from the 'norm' (theirs), but retain their subconscious prejudices, is felt all the time by her. She had talked of her personal sexual abuse and the legal action she is taking against her father on a TV show, and feels that this also contributed to her support diminishing. Sue is writing a book to be titled The Bogeyman is Real, which will contain her philosophy on the gaps in peoples' thinking. i.e. If you are in favour of gay rights but can't even say the word sex or homosexual or lesbian..if you refuse to discuss the reasons for child porn and incest and abuse, if the inter-relationships between these and racism and housing and poverty and movies and ..if it's taboo ground then how progressive are you, if solutions will only come from healing? Sue's insistence on discussing these profoundly

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personal and social concerns makes others quail and look away. Perhaps it's ingrained guilt and shame about sex, but many many people just will not discuss any of it.

Sue Harris wins the grudging admiration of people from all walks of life and of different political persuasions for her persistent clarity on social issues. It bespeaks her inner commitment to an ideology that must include everyone, not just those who share her views. The progressive movement will be diminished by Sue's absence, but will have a clearer picture due to her admirable constancy of purpose over the last decade - her moral purpose. Go well, Sue.

By PAULR TAYLOR



## COPE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Decisions made up at City Hall affect the Downtown Eastside and affect you. How you vote on Nov. 19 will make a big difference on issues like housing, parks, community centre programs and traffic.

COPE needs your help to get more people on city council who will fight for the Downtown Eastside. We need phoners, leafletters and others right now! The campaign is in full swing at the new COPE office, Commercial Drive at 7th Avenue. Drop by or give us a call:

**COPE**  
*working for*  
**Vancouver**

ELECTION CENTRE  
2240 COMMERCIAL  
VANCOUVER V5N 4B5  
251-2963

## NEED HELP ?

DERA can help you with:

- \* any welfare problems
- \* UIC problems
- \* getting legal assistance
- \* unsafe living conditions in hotels or apartments
- \* disputes with landlords
- \* income tax



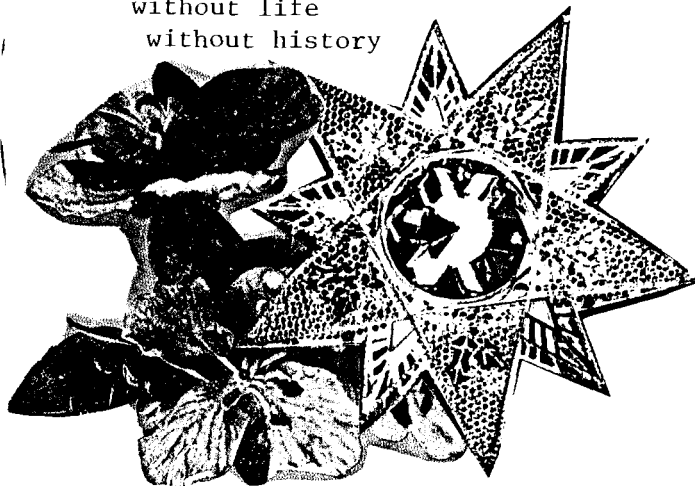
DERA is located at 9 East Hastings  
or phone 682-0931.

DERA HAS BEEN SERVING THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE  
FOR 15 YEARS

It's Christmas time but let's not forget the walls of Bethlehem.

Something happened there many years ago; a story of triumph.

The story went something like -  
"We saw something beyond ourselves, beyond our limited vision. We, as people, had never in all of our history seen anything or had any belief that would last beyond today & now, nor was our past worth remembering for so many years. Entire civilizations came and went - some we know so very little about and some we know nothing other than that preserved in stone or as colours in caves. Today we search for our past because now, whether we admit it or not, we are at least a little bit secure in the present and at least a little bit secure in our future in spite of our obvious evil intentions towards each other and our well being...but imagine if we hadn't been taught to love and care about our history... we would be lost with no past and no future, dancing in a sea of nothing, and the time right now would be without knowledge  
without learning  
without dreams  
without vision  
without hope  
without life  
without history



but we, as people, are not without;  
we sometimes simply forget what we have and what we've been given - and there are those who say we did everything in life ourselves..but only because some folks are too shallow to see; too vain to admit

too proud to believe  
too arrogant to listen  
too jealous to have faith  
too hateful to have love  
too wrong to be honest  
too weak to be brave

but perhaps not too late to be cared for and not to be forgotten or to be found - but - it's not our own as individuals but as a people that we too easily give in to our bad feelings towards others.

some will not give in to even the least of these, and will still care for every floating spirit -

lost without ----

forgotten but for ----

It's Christmas time but let's not forget our birth after Bethlehem!

Dave McConnell

# Stay away from 'land of lunatics,' actor Sheen tells Canada

American actor Martin Sheen has a few words on the free-trade agreement.

"Know who you are dealing with," he tells a Canadian questioner.

"I come from a land of lunatics. When I come to Canada, I see a country that represents the way it is possible to live. But you're stuck with us by virtue of the land mass and we can destroy you in a minute, politically, economically, culturally.

"We've been tied together as nations for a long time on a long, loose rope. You shorten that rope by the free-trade deal and we can hang you with it.

"It's not that we don't love you, it's because we don't trust you. And you



DENNY BOYD

aren't our equal partner and never will be.

"We are an empire. Our president is the leader of an empire. And we are an aggressive nation. We try to pretend we aren't, but we are. We control events all over the world and we live in a state of paranoia. America doesn't want Canada as an equal partner. American doesn't want your dollar on par with ours. America wants to control you.

"Everything you are as Canadian, you will lose to Americanism. If I was a Canadian citizen with a heart and a mind of my own, and I realize that I am a guest in your country, I would reject the free-trade deal."

Sheen, the 48-year-old star of movies such as *Apocalypse Now*, *Badlands*, *Ghandi*, and *Catch-22*, and television showcases such as *Kennedy*, *The Missiles of October* and *The Execution of Private Eddie Slovik*, is the most ringing voice of political dissent and social activism in the American entertainment industry,

the most vocally noticeable of the Hollywood Liberals since Jane Fonda wound down.

He campaigns on behalf of the American homeless, against nuclear stockpiling, CIA activities in Central America, pesticide spraying and acid rain and has been arrested several times for demonstrating on sites of underground nuclear testing.

He is in Vancouver to begin shooting Monday on a new drugs and international politics film, *Cold Front*, for the Vancouver-based The Beacon Group.

Because of his activism, Sheen has been branded "hot" by the film industry, but he has few regrets.

"I like my lifestyle, I like taking home a bag of money every week. But my only regret is that I let so much time go by before I stood up. It's not that I don't love my country, it's that I love the truth more."

Before he came to Vancouver this week, Sheen filed his absentee vote for Democratic presidential candi-

date Michael Dukakis and he still believes, despite the polls, that Dukakis has a chance. "I don't concede Bush has it wrapped. I haven't heard the fat lady's aria yet."

Still, Sheen claims, "I am not a political person. I go by the Oriental philosophy of the cross of suffering, in which each of us as individuals is responsible for creating change.

"We take it for granted that politicians are born leaders. But real leadership comes from the people and politicians move on the will of the people. Politicians don't make progress, they declare wars, they declare embargos, they create suffering and the last seven years of the Reagan administration has been a tragedy, a period of mean-spirited bullying."

Sheen mourns all that he believes his country lost with the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

"If the events of November 22, 1963, had occurred in any other country, the United States would have

been under martial law. We would have called the Kennedy assassination a military coup, because that's what it was, a coup by the military-industrial complex and we've been living in a police state ever since.

"We can't get off the bomb-building treadmill, nuclearism has become our new religion. I'm part of it because I pay taxes and Canada is a partner in it because you let us test up here."

The only hope he sees for his country, Sheen says, is the election of the Democrat Dukakis, "a good and decent man who I support just for his policy on Central America."

Republican George Bush, says Sheen, "has done nothing but act angry, he's gone from wimp to bully without addressing a single major issue. He seems to be campaigning on phoney anger and self-righteousness. It's all acting and he's a worse actor than Reagan was."

On parting — he has to go to



MARTIN SHEEN: 'you're stuck with us'

rehearsal — Sheen repeats his opening line. "Know who you are dealing with."

## CHINESE PROVERB: If we do not change our direction we are likely to end up where we are headed .

If You Like Free Trade, read this...

All the Free Trade talk goes back and forth but it's just in dollar terms the defendants get any strength or support.

We all know where the major political parties stand. They bicker at each other but it's more for grandstanding than on principle. One party will stand in constant opposition to another — even if the ruling party has done what the opposition has been screaming of doing: i.e. in the early 80's the Liberals wanted free trade & the Tories were against it ...a STRANGE reverse! Again and again, the opposing party will damn the ruling party's policy and then, at a later time

endorse that very policy.

Each party consciously endorses a constant policy in social affairs, especially apparent in a tri-party system. Being realistic in the upcoming election, there is a (strong?0 possibility of a minority government in which the third party will hold the balance of power. This 3rd party can then act out its role to the fullest potential and be the reminder of the need for constructive social policy. Since the 3rd party can topple a minority government via a non-confidence motion — in this case likely the N.D.P. for 3rd — it is under the

most pressure; especially with Free Trade.

As historians, politicians, war generals and economists have agreed in the past:

— The only means available to create a situation of control over another nation's sovereignty is not by military invasion but by way of subliminal subjugation of the economy.

Once economic independence has been forfeited, the subjugated nation must turn to the overpowering partner in times of fiscal friction. 'Partner' helps and the country asking must then give some kind of favour and, as a result, control by the 'partner' increases. They pass themselves off as the benevolent one who

bailed you out — for a 'small' favour.

Pretty scary stuff you might say: well this is what the U.S.A. has already achieved in a number of developing nations. Were it to have "Free Trade" with Canada, by 1998 Canada would be but 10-12 new states of America.

As a footnote, an Eastern economist in the early 70's foresaw the above scene for Canada in the 80's and complete by 1990 — no more Canada.

To many it's just dollars & cents; for me it's a question of survival for our national identity and unique social needs. So...do you still like free trade?

By JULIEN-JOSEPH LEVESQUE

## FRAID TUH GET SICK

Even if Ira sick like ah dog and want tuh stay home, she kyanl.  
She say she conscience does bother she.  
She say she does fraid tuh pick up de phone tuh call she boss tuh tell 'im she sick, even if she dying, because he eh go believe she. And even if she arsk somebody tuh phone fuh she, he go tink dat dey lying fuh she.  
Wus yet, she say she does fraid tuh phone 'im and lie because he does know.  
When she arsk Rufus now what tuh do, he ups and tell she how she eh know how tuh lie, cause if she did know she wouldna be worrying so.  
He even arsk she how come she does lie tuh he so good when she want and now she frighten. She say she boss different. Rufus say he outta dat becaw if he tell she tuh stay home and she geh fired she go blame he. Ane if he tell she go and do de people wuk, she go say how he eh care if she drop dead.

So, Ira steupsed long and loud and uttered, "leh meh go and do de blasted people wuk eh, dis damn Rufus eh no help at all! I doh know whah I put mehsekf wid he for!" ...Poor Ira!

Is best she did married tuh de wuk becaw imagine dis is ah free country and she fraid tuh get sick!

## COMMUNICATING WE STYLE

DICK LOCHAN

Me eh hah one word tuh say, I dun talk  
It eh go make sense saying anyting anyway  
I tell you one ting, you tell me annoder  
Whah is de use? Dat make sense?

Me eh know nah  
someting wrong  
You eh even want tuh hear  
and yuh doing jes as yuh feel

Plus dat, yuh doh listen  
o' even gimme ah chance tuh talk  
Buh does turn yuh back and walk off  
de moment dat I start tuh open meh mouth

Go on! Me eh have nутten more tuh say  
I dun talk

Both selected from DOH MAKE JOKE,  
by Dick Lochan. Stories & poems  
of the Carribean dialect spoken  
on Trinidad, yet these two speak  
of not being listened to and being  
too afraid to fight back. Dick  
gave the Newsletter written per-  
mission to use anything in the  
book as we see fit. This fits in  
with the cloud of unknowing that  
the NPA puts up when they try to  
get re-elected.



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donations for this Newsletter,  
If you can help, ~ Paul Taylor  
and he'll give you a receipt.

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## THE SYSTEM WORKS

The System works  
If you keep your nose in the air  
You won't see  
People praying  
People sharing  
People suffering with pride  
And don't mention God.

The System works  
If you do your job  
Exactly as you're told  
Don't worry  
Do what you're told  
Nevermind your concerns  
And don't mention God.

The System works  
If you have money  
You can buy friends  
You can act fulfilled  
You can buy everything on TV  
You can wonder  
But don't mention God.

The System works  
If you support the right  
The right people  
The right cause  
The right war  
The right wing  
But don't mention God.

The System works  
If prejudice is a fact  
We're not equal  
You have to kill  
People lie and  
There is no hell  
But Don't mention God.

The System works  
If you accept inflation  
Despite hard times  
Prices must go up  
Doubters must be fired  
Everyone does it  
And Don't mention God.

The System works  
If you don't notice much.  
De-indexation  
Empty office buildings  
Food Banks and  
Broken homes  
But don't mention God.

The System works  
I wonder what happened  
To the radicals  
To the hippies  
The Jesus freaks and alkie's,  
Must be in jail  
So don't mention God.

The System works  
And no one knows it  
Except kids  
And winos  
Smoke freaks  
And junkies  
I wonder how come.

By Greg

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this song is for everyone.

The Vancouver Sun

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1988

## Four names to note

Once again the city council has short-changed Vancouver's children. The excuse of the four aldermen voting against a school lunch program is that this is not the city's responsibility. The excuse is, pardon us, puerile.

Against considerable odds and a lot of stupid politics, the school board is pressing ahead with a minimal lunch scheme in the new school year. But it needs help from senior governments as well as city council.

Only four aldermen were able to deny city funds because eight of the 11 council votes are needed to approve such expenditures. The four — mark them well, parents who will vote in the next civic election: George Puil, a teacher, no less; Jonathan Baker, a lawyer; Don Bellamy and Ralph Caravetta, both in the so-called hospitality business.

This remains a pathetic issue crudely and insensitively handled. It is really very simple. If children are hungry, they should be fed. Blame and accounting can come later.

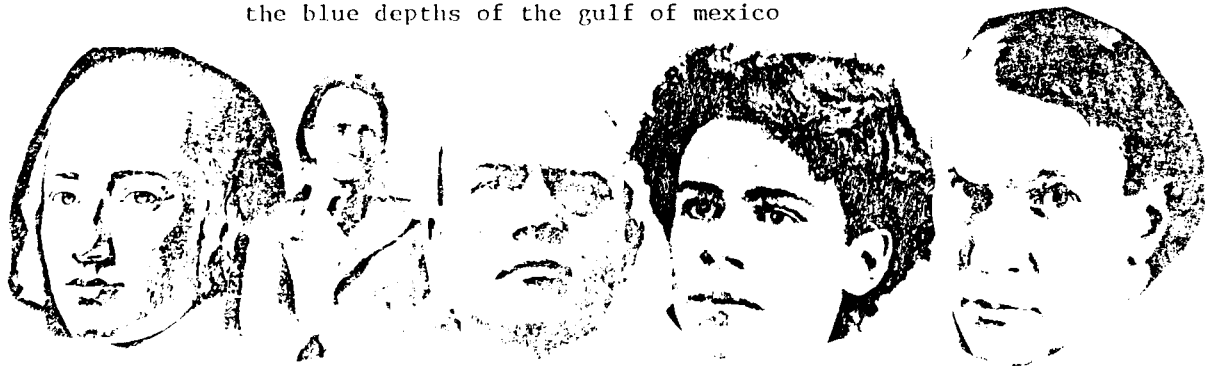
NO HEART...  
NO VOTE





poets since the machine

christopher smart praying on his knees against it with centatic poems in the  
streets of london dying confined in a madhouse  
& james clarence mangan's life of poems starving to death in dublin his soul  
lost in alberta  
& thomas beddoes' loving phantoms of natural reality dancing with death  
poisoning himself with curare  
& thomas chatterton's transmigration into a medieval poet against the industrial  
revolution poisoning himself in a london slum at 18  
& william cowper's spirit split off from wildlife & threatened with work gone  
crazy & self-mutilating  
& john clare's ancient communal fields enclosed by greed spending his time  
wandering & remembering in poems each disappeared leaf & bird  
unfit for the agricultural revolution a locked-up mental case  
for 40 years  
& william blake impoverished & arrested for prophetic treason writing poems of  
life's holiness dictated by his dead brother  
& gerard de nerval's apocalyptic eccentricities & life of charity in a political  
prison & hanged himself in a skid row alley  
& frederich holderlin's warnings against the horrors of hubris & self-centered-  
ness wandering in rags a visionary like john on patmos  
losing his own identity completely when jailed for  
protesting assaults on the spirit  
& edgar allan poe's prayers to the "heart divine" against "the demon of the  
engine" using the soul's stark terror & hoaxing the public  
to jolt them awake poe dying penniless in a gutter-delirium  
& vachel lindsay's thousands of vagabond miles proclaiming with poems the  
gospel of beauty his hopes smashed & driven mad he drank  
lysol  
& emile nelligan's musical visions of sacred communities free of material sor-  
cery demolished in the streets of business & silenced for  
4 decades in an asylum in quebec  
& dino campana the italian tramp who pilgrimages to the old monastery of st.  
francis writing orphic songs with no way to live them locked up  
in a nuthouse forever  
& hart crane's call against monstrous science his poems a spiritual-primitive-  
bridge pronounced a failure who jumped ship disappearing into  
the blue depths of the gulf of mexico



& georg trakl a medic in the first world war overwhelmed by evil metals & mass  
 murder hiding himself in the woods and overdosing on morphine  
 & ivor gurney who fought in the trenches attacked by diabolical electrical rays  
 begging the police for a gun to shoot himself locked-up for crazy  
 for years  
 & vladimir mayakovski's communist-futurist-alienated spirit crushed by contra-  
 dictions of poetry becoming propaganda killed himself  
 playing russian roulette  
 & antonin artaud's hiroshima prophecies & plague predictions & poetic revelations  
 of a theatre of blood electreshocked & locked-up in france  
 & lorca the spanish folk poet was shot by spanish fascists  
 & roque dalton the salvadorean rebel poet was shot by jealous salvadorean leftists  
 & james agee like isaiah in alabama revering the living of white slaves trashed  
 by the machine his epic poem ignored exploding his own heart in the  
 backseat of a taxicab in new york  
 & weldon kees' autotramping jazz poet reviling the new abstracted reality  
 vanished off the golden gate bridge  
 & cesar vallejo a hungry indian dying in the rain in paris locked-up in a peru-  
 vian jail on suspicion of arson with his poems of "armed suffering"  
 & daily bread  
 & cesar pavese's poems of a spiritual meaning in the earth & in outcast people was  
 jailed & exiled for anti-fascist activities killing himself in  
 a roominghouse in 1950  
 & jean-joseph rabearivelo a black madagascar dream poet colonized & swallowing  
 cyanide  
 & santoka a sake zen beggar with a suicide family walking to all the shrines of  
 compassion in japan in & out of drunken jails & nervous breakdowns with  
 his poems of love for each wild-growing weed  
 & joe hill a wobbly joan of arc singing revolutionary poems killed by a firing  
 squad in utah  
 & louis riel a mystical metis poet leading an armed revolution on horseback in  
 north america - hanged  
 & the crazy-dogs-wishing-to-die crow indians of montana preferring to live with  
 ancestral spirits than in a desacralized world  
 sang poemsongs & died attacking their enemies



violent reactions  
violent feelings  
violent deaths  
wild attempts to escape  
to break free  
to make a difference  
wandering to the ends of an earth ended by the machine  
living on nothing  
trapped in a horror show leading to  
today's molecular psychology's mathematical elimination  
of feeling  
behaviour's already modified to keep up morale  
& prevent feeling as deeply as these poets  
who recognized evil & opposed it  
with their blood & breath & poems & prayers & visions  
& songs & curses of love & hate  
& now the machine's created the psychotic poets  
the poets who change peoples' lives  
the lone assassins & serial killers  
who write poems of revenge  
with anyone's blood  
like carl panzram & son of sam & john hinkley junior  
  
but today  
just to live another day  
is to make with poisoned blood & breath  
a poem for life

& today  
in the birthplace of the machine  
england's prime minister  
equates accumulating wealth with the principles of christianity  
  
& in north america  
a benign new-age nazi epidemic is out of control  
  
never before have poets had to endure so much shame  
so much misery & extermination  
or been so ignored & mocked



Never before have poets had so much blood on their own hands  
this piece of paper is laced with dyoxin & symbolizes deforestation  
& a poetry reading is made possible  
only because of techniques of destruction

a building - the laws & by-laws & politicians & construction companies &  
kickbacks & pollutions & electricity & food businesses & refrigeration &  
coffee & styrofoam cups of chlorofluorocarbons killing the ozone & the tables  
& chairs & paint & microphones & recording equipment & transportation  
systems & the pamphlets & ink & posters & coffee creamers & white sugar  
conspiracies & advertising companies & all the money & banks to finance it  
all & the typewriters & word processors & carbon pencils & sweatshop  
clothing manufacturers & plumbing & welfare & news media & food banks & arts  
councils & publishing industries & housing & tobacco & andrew carnegie & the  
stolen lands & the police & the military & security keeping out disruptive  
people & the meetings & how much of all this is made in foreign countries  
by slaves & skilled workers & unions & non-unions & agencies of all kinds &  
the universities & educational systems & the creation of the city itself &  
the transnationals organizing all this production - the production of a  
poetry reading & the poets who have no answers & must face such personal  
hopelessness because no poet can live outside this system & no poet is not  
of the system & created by the system of all of the techniques of all of the  
people in the massive effort & obedience & conformity that goes into  
producing a poem on a printed page or a poet reading his poems aloud in a  
building in a city - the poets participating in a process that renders poetry  
meaningless entertainment or academic scared bullshit & the poets since the  
machine can only bear witness to the ever-increasing crimes that they have  
to answer for simply  
picking up a pen

Bud Osborn



# Black

# WEDGE

## Security's illusion

EVERY INDIVIDUAL CAN BE A POINT OF RESISTANCE. TWO PEOPLE CAN FORM A LINE. WITH MORE YOU CAN MAKE A GENUINE HUMAN WEDGE - A VIBRANT BLACK WEDGE THAT WE CAN DRIVE THROUGH THE UGLY WALLS OF HATE, MISERY AND INJUSTICE THAT SEPARATE US FROM FREEDOM. THE HARDEST THING TO DO IS TO RECLAIM YOUR VOICE AND DEMAND AN END TO OPPRESSION AND DOMINATION, BUT HEY, IT'S THE FUN PART TOO.



RHYTHM ACTIVISM, Montreal's premier "rebel news orchestra" will be at The Railway Club, 579 Duns-muir, on Thursday November 24th. This is an internationally acclaimed twosome with music, newspoems and hardhitting tales of urban badlands. 10 pm.

## MECCA NORMAL

As guest artists, Vancouver's MECCA NORMAL promises to make this entire show well worth it. Their promotion includes reviews from many countries, where their "balance between politics and heart" makes the music and insight powerful.

If you see one thing a year, see this!

if change is insecurity and freedom confusion;  
if rebellion is dangerous and revolution chaos

the walls that you've created  
are built upon illusion  
like countless mirrors  
reflected on your self  
so you don't have

to question

to question

to question

i quest on

we question

but you don't give an answer  
cuz you can't even hear  
the drumbeat in your heart

to question

to question

to question

i question

we question

what do you really feel?  
for all that you have shown us  
is concrete, guns and steel  
money is your language  
every moment has a price tag  
each feeling boxed away

so you don't have

to question

to question

to question

i question

we question

why you've raped the earth  
ruined air and water  
none of it you've borrowed  
bought or even traded  
the payments come as death  
for those that want

to question

to question

to question

i question

we question

but you don't give an answer  
cuz you can't even hear  
the drumbeat in your heart

to question

to question

to question

how the hell  
do we get out of here?

-ken lester

Children should be ready to be independent adults by the time they reach their teens by being taught responsibility for making decisions.

They should have the pleasure of becoming adults who are free of many restrictions. They need the help of affectionate and understanding adults.

They will be taught the painful part of growing up by learning to take good care of themselves - to stay physically and mentally healthy. This means self discipline and self denial at times. They should understand that personal freedom and independence is only in degrees, never complete.

The interdependence of all beings, especially man, must be taught to them so they understand and appreciate, with a deep sense of gratitude, that they are here and alive to treasure these facts.

By Grampa Archie

## POETIC POLITICS

The poets sat at table round  
Pre-thought plans coming down  
Some from east-side downtown  
Others passing from uptown  
And oh the emotions ran up & down  
While the gamers laid it down.

Everyone here is equally good  
On that be not misunderstood  
But some wander in the wood  
Others deer thru eyes-shot blood  
And it is true that they should  
Be represented by a saner mood

God bless the Canada Council grants  
Twisted sisters & marijuana plants  
God bless the gamers, money in their  
pants

And all the poets come by chance  
Money for their rhyme & time  
But  
Damn it  
The meetings take up too much time.

Tom Lewis

## The Glow of the Child

She was in the bed dreaming,  
And her child was playing outside,  
He was totally consumed in his free style of living,  
The sun beat down and preserved the child's wisdom -  
The child had the glow ready to meet his mother,  
And it was a tradition of the sun,  
And they were fried in the worship of the sun;

A criminal mind beat across the path of the child,  
And the sun shone on a dog's head  
Signaling the dog to attack  
The mother thought it was a nightmare revealed  
And destruction was on its way,  
It was like a curse  
But the cause of love shone through the sun,  
And it glowed in the child  
As the dog raced the criminal mind down the street,  
And the boy and mother thanked the sun!

Dorin



# Index of first lines of Unnecessary Poems

Abort not the moment  
Better than never never comes too soon  
Carry me just a little bit further, comrade  
Destroy destruction in the mind  
Every time I think of home ...  
Fuck is a word my mother used well  
Gain rules stilly  
How ya doin' Canada?  
Italo Calvino is not Margaret Atwood either  
Kill the carp atop the radio now  
Lately bored moments linger twixt the sheets  
Last rumour from Olympus:  
The sirens were only trying to reach each other  
Nietzsche had no choice; Kierkegaard did  
Time-keepers strike the heart like death  
Until the river flows again  
Very is the name of an adjective  
X-ray eyes are also weary as Bronwell knew first  
You are the woman I want tonight;  
but then who else is nude Athene?

Stephen Belkin

Night  
oh night  
such a plight  
flight into endless space  
How cruel you are  
Shining stars afar  
I can but stare  
as I flee for morning  
oh night  
they described you as a  
sticky black velvet veil  
but I fail to consider this tale  
which I consider as horrid emptiness  
filled with fear,  
where things disappear,  
queer noises you hear,  
this black smear of paint  
No saint has passed you by  
But I can't change the bird that sings  
...can I change his springs..No:  
So  
I hold up my chin because Night, you win.

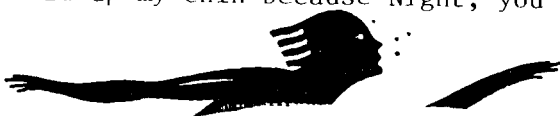


## ON THE WINGS OF A SNOW WHITE

Twenty Counts - Do not pass Go  
wish spurred words flail  
cries around my eyes  
cracks up a Jovian hope  
Conceit concert  
I seek and search  
Shouts outta the street,  
"She's a F----- Pig!"  
but you only Thought you made it  
and they tease me about you, too  
I see it  
You're here  
I hear it (I Think)  
they did it backwards for you  
My production by candlelight

Bottle rocket in the air  
TV blue and siren reds or whites  
Emergency calls (there's some  
with no colours) Midnight black  
and through the stop light  
a jarring howl at the  
intersection  
a crossroads tune  
and blue-green flashbulbs of  
trolley-bus  
wires invisible street threads  
stringing the girdle  
of the cobble-bricks  
Energies all around you  
(it's the Sun's revolution).

Taum Dan Y Creag



Chinatown  
at 3:00 a.m.

City you have inhaled and exhaled much  
consumed and excreted at will  
destroyed in your midst many peoples' minds  
unflinchingly you call yourself a tourist haven  
Putting on black tie affairs you smile a big smile  
while children slip through the neon night  
sleeping with eyes open they feel the fire  
living in the cold

snarling sleepy ghost dragon  
whipping his clumsy tail  
strikes down boxes  
of rotting cabbage heads  
sending them rolling  
down brickway street  
like lost bowling balls

of jade  
Rain begins to fall  
hesitantly glowing  
red and blue  
orange and green  
by city lights  
of neon flicker

in this lost part of town  
lost in america lost dead  
and dying under the weight  
of urban darkness  
Drunk the word "freedom"  
is whispered to me tonight  
parodies of freedom to me  
tonight

**Buchenwald concentration camp**

Ray Williams





"Employment is a euphemism for  
"domestication" - of man by his  
fellow man.

When you are employed you may say  
you are domesticated by your employ-  
er. You will be paid wages or a  
salary instead of hay for domesti-  
cated animals, so you could go to  
the corner store to buy some hay -  
I mean things to eat.

When you are unemployed you'll  
have a good chance of having no hay  
to eat unless you could be like the  
primitives who were quite capable of  
hunting, fishing or gathering to eat.  
But then today's polluted environ-  
ment has very few animals to hunt,  
not many fish to catch and not many  
places you can gather freely be-  
cause there are very small free  
lands left.

This situation must be perpetu-  
ated and worsened as far as the  
employers are concerned.

That is the one main reason most  
politicians give in and follow the  
employers' wishes rather than the  
employed or non-employed looking  
for employment.

If all the employed became self-  
sufficient and didn't look for em-  
ployment, the employers would then  
have to start doing their own wash-  
ing, cooking, walking. That would  
be horrible for them as many of  
them are completely dependent on  
their employees.

The working people of today are  
gradually realising this fact and  
they demand better wages without  
let-up until all the material  
wealth changes hands from the em-  
ployers to the employed. Amen.

By ARCHIE MIYASHITA

Dear Carnegie readers,  
Congratulate me!  
I just got a new job in a fertilizer  
pulverizer in a conservation station  
in a haystack on a high hill over-  
looking Hackensack.  
And how do I like my new job in a  
fertilizer pulverizer in a conserva-  
tion station in a haystack on a high  
hill overlooking Hackensack?  
IT STINKS!  
Gordon Fauman

#### SWAMP CREATURES LAMENT

Dinosaurs at the Bridge Club  
while at sleep it lies  
Pretending it's off it's off  
it's off to greener pastures  
when human beings were extinct.

Yeah the Dinosaur  
got laid off  
and unemployment  
caught up with you  
Aldabarren you sure shine bright  
I'd have gone to Mars with you tonight.

Maybe the ice caps moved  
the world goes round and 'round  
Something changed the weather  
A new clear winter  
Ice bound cold and blue.

Man Alive, after the thaw  
a shot of rays will do  
warm the heart and warm the head  
a way back  
when Human  
Beings were alive  
the Past  
we push aside.

Taum Dan Y Creag

The emergency number for adults to call Welfare, when they are sick or hurt and need to go to the hospital after hours, is no longer available from Tel. Information. It's now an internal number, but P.O.W. got it!

\* 660-3194 \*

Mr. and Mrs. Smith  
Have One of Their Little Chats

He:

I need a grid  
to find out where you are. Bearing a cross  
reference of letter to number  
I might strike  
lucky - pinpoint even you  
on your complicated map, riddled  
with diversions and dead ends.  
God knows I need some sort of tool  
to make straight the paths  
of your convoluted thinking, rework  
this tattered map into a tapestry.  
But what's the use! You're no embroidery  
needle, only your own one-eyed  
erratic compass, and let me tell you, woman,  
in this journey, getting there  
sure isn't half the fun.

She:

If I am the eye of a needle,  
then you are its coarse  
twist dragging me down;  
if I am the eye of a needle,  
then you are its barb  
shafting me;  
if I am the eye of a needle,  
then you are its steel  
hemming me in ...  
of course, that could mean we two  
might finally achieve some sort of harmony:  
me, pulling us up and putting us down,  
you, tying us in knots,  
the two of us stabbing  
stitches that pretend to hold  
this marriage together.

Jancis M. Andrews



Rain Ghost

Above these spires and towers  
above these dark clouds  
sounds for a universal ear  
I can hear

Above these dark clouds  
above the famished crowds  
time becomes lost  
in its carnival concept  
and visions are born uncontested  
twisting and turning  
in a wallowing light  
emerging wide awake

Above these dark clouds  
above the thundering rounds  
I dream beyond these human storms  
of mutual struggles  
and worldly wars  
Above these darkened clouds  
I dream beyond this broken town  
I dream in trust, bewilderment  
and faiths

See me  
see you in these visual pools  
where we can be called to  
to swim in miracles  
where no kingdom rules  
where darkened clouds  
are under foot  
and dreams are  
what we are  
above these dark clouds

Ray Williams

Welfare: (Campbell) - "We (NPA) asked the Prov. Govt. to raise rates" - (Reid) - "nothing happens because Socreds know NPA don't want raise" - (Swanson) - "I will index my salary as Mayor to raise in welfare rates, rather than raising it twice like Campbell did, quality-of life is determined by poverty"...

Fire Department: (Owen) - "fireboat is saving federal port money when it's not city's job" - (Ericksen) - "(reading from Fire Chief's report) 'these cuts will endanger lives & property/ direct ratio between number of men & lives saved'..Campbell cut \$5 million from budget by damaging fire dept. to "reallocate within budget" salary increases for councillors and on tourist attraction, leaving waterfront residents in danger from hazardous goods explosion, ship fires"

Prostitution: (Leaf) - "Red Light Districts away from homes & children" - (Erwin) - "sex trade workers are people & can't be treated/exploited as commodity, single mothers work streets to pay rent & raise children out of poverty, socio-economic status is cause" - (Ericksen) - "red light would let big business ads say 'Come to Joe's Whorehouse', government would be pimp"

Transit: (Anderson) - "Green Party is deeply committed to ensuring children and grandchildren have livable environment, clean air, water soil, number of cars too high, pollution must be dealt with, 'we'll scare the shit out of them'" - (Owen) - "NPA very close to solution" - (Davies) - "NPA impotent on improving transit, must be attractive to those who have choice & not frustrate captive users (no choice) Jean (Swanson) will form transit coalition to force improvements if elected"

Campaign contributions & Costs: (Campbell) - "when law is in place NPA will obey it, NPA campaign cost \$300,000" - (Swanson) - "obeying law means if forced

to for NPA, doesn't need law to answer simple question (if you have nothing to hide), my campaign cost \$30,000" - (Davies) - "NPA spent at least \$.5 mill. on TV ads alone, billboards & radio & slick brochures and writers & other are on top of that... (Swanson) - "when you turn on TV you won't see COPE/NDP ads as they cost too much, Campbell holds fundraising dinner and must charge \$100 a plate, COPE/NDP might charge \$5/plate but is like sign saying 'Welfare people not welcome', NPA gets hundreds of thousands of dollars, invested by developers

Libby Davies: "I wish I had \$1 mill. for TV time to expose the NPA's pious platitudes, propaganda & misinformation." Jim Reid: "The NPA doesn't know anything about ordinary people." Bruce Ericksen: "Campbell has no control over these guys, despite his rapport with the Socreds."

Jean Swanson: "The NPA School Board is spineless. It took a year to get them to start a food program. The NPA council is removing affordable housing, hiding reports, listening only to the developers and insulting us with their version of public input. They refuse to hear delegations that expose their hidden agendas. For the future of Vancouver, vote COPE/Civic NDP and Jean Swanson for Mayor."

By PAULR TAYLOR & JOANNE HAMEN

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**Jean  
Swanson  
for mayor**

