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### A GREAT LADU

EVELYN SALLER - if the name does not sound familiar, but ALEX CENTRE is mentioned, right away bells start ringing. Before moving to the location at 320 Alexander Street the Alex Centre was known as the '44' the multi-use centre on Cordova.

Ms. Saller - Evelyn to just about everybody - has been responsible for an enormous amount of community service in the downtown eastside in the past 13 years. When the '44' first opened she was at its nucleus. It was and is unique in the services provided: 3 hot meals a day at minimal cost; acceptance of week-long and even month-long meal passes; an open TV lounge with the majority of watchers deciding programs; a 2nd TV lounge with exclusive sports programming; several games with a pool table, shuffleboard, chess, checkers,

monopoly and crib some of the favorites; an entire department for health services with showers, baths, treatment for scabies and body lice. and staff very aware of the need to refer many people to a doctor or clinic; laundry and dry-cleaning facilities; recreation that includes crafts and bingo. All this and more has been going seven days a week for over a decade and Evelyn's desk is the place where the buck always stops. It's a helluva job because, like any public service, the Alex Centre can't be run by one person. Evelyn's superb skill is to help the staff and patrons get along - to work together. Her secret is an open one: simple respect for people as people.

For years, the '44' and the Alex Centre have worked under Evelyn's guidance to be the best possible in all parts of their operations. Her special touch is seen in the way she



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accepted the move from the Cordova address to the smaller facility on Alexander. At first it was outrage that more people were to go to a smaller place, but 'make the best of anything' and the new facility and equipment just hum.

Also for years, Carnegie and the specialized services like D.E.Y.A.S. and Crabtree have been the focus of articles in the media whenever the downtown eastside was covered. Without glory, the '44' and the Alex have just quietly gone about doing their business, and doing it well.

Evelyn and her work are crucial for thousands of residents and transients, and hats off to her. She is off work for awhile for knee surgery and may retire soon. She is an unsung heroine of the downtown eastside. The next time you see her, say thanks for everything. She deserves it!

By PAULR TAYLOR

### LEARNING CENTRE COURSES

### Monday

10:30-12:30 Creative Writing - Rm.2

12:30- 2:30 English/Math - Rm.2

### Tuesday & Thursday

3:00- 5:00 G.E.D. Rm.2

5:00- 7:00 G.E.D. g - Rm.2

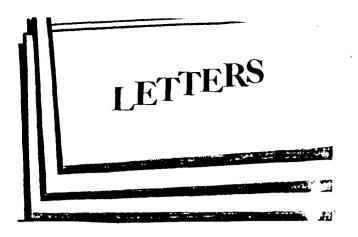
### <u>Wednesday</u>

10:30-12:30 Creative Writing - Theatre 12:30- 2:30 Math/English - Rm.2

### Friday

12:30-12:00 ESL/Literacy - Theatre Conversation

All courses are open to everyone and the person to contact is Kathie in the Learning Centre on 3rd.



Editor:

Mr. Richmond:

This is the letter P.O.W. mailed with the 300 signatures against welfare cutbacks -

P.O.W.

People on Welfare & Low Income

We are glad that some cutbacks to single parents have been cancelled, but we must call your attention to the terrible deprivation being suffered by other single people in the province who have been deemeddently

Our experience in the community is that a few dollars spent in prevention will save many dollars in Welfare, and investment in more housing, health and dental care for the poor is money well spent.

Welfare rates are way below the Poverty Line, as you well know. The minimum wage is not enough to pay rent and eat.

Many people are stuck in parttime jobs with no medical or dental coverage.

People have to let their teeth rot because they can't afford the fillings. Rotten teeth can make people really sick.

We urge you to heed this petition.

Sheila Baxter for P.O.W.

Dear People who put out the CARNEGIE NEWSLETTER:

I get the impression, lately, that you want my submissions to your rag to be a little more genteel.

You folks, if anyone, should know by now that I am not a nice guy.

Therefore, you're outta luck. I'll never give you anything that is genteel or that has any kind of redeemable qualities.

Yrs. Truly, Sam Slanders

Editor,

I'm writing to express my concern and disgust at my harrassment at the Welfare Office, 522 Alexander.

The week of January 16-20 was the time during which I had made arrangement with my f.a.w. to receive a set of faresaver bus tickets, am \$11.25 expense. I came in to the office on Thursday of that week to pick up the tickets. As one of the workers was in the process of writing out the voucher for me at the counter, the district supervisor

came over and gave me a lecture on not coming in to this office again to ask for whatever. I was disgusted at this remark of hers and the fact that the arrangement for these tickets had been worked out beforehand didn't stop her.

The reason for my asking for these tickets in the first place was to get to a VSB night class that same Thursday evening. The piddling \$35 cost for this class had previously been denied to me by the so-called R.O.

Peter Imm, Volunteer.

TERRA NOVE : STEVENSTON WATERFRONT

### LANDS

A most educational and enjoyable evening occurred on January 22 in the Carnegie Theatre. Beautiful slides were shown and we saw how important it is to save the Terra Nova lands and the Stevenston Waterfront.

The guest speakers were from "Save Richmond Farmlands Society" and the "United Fishermen's & Allied Workers Union." Both organizations explained why we must fight to save this valuable area.

Save Richmond Farmland Society was registered as a non-profit society in 1987. Their purpose is to protect Richmond's fast disappearing agricultural lands. The focus lately has been on Terra Nova.

During the last fifteen years many dairy and vegetable farms have given way to subdivisions and concrete industrial buildings. "Far too much of our richest farmland has been taken," said the speaker. "Where will we grow food for the increasing population?" This pointed at the massive developments planned to house hundreds of thousands of people in the next five to ten years.

Terra Nova is located in the north-west corner of Lulu Island. Bounded on the north by the middle arm of the Fraser River, on the west by Sturgeon Banks, on the east by No.1 Road and on the south by Quilchena Golf Course and Granville Avenue. It is 320 acres of the richest farmland in Canada but it is also important as a staging area for migratory waterfowl. Richmond has few parks and needs open space. The snow geese come through here in October, November and March. They will not land in areas close to human habitation.

Terra Nova is one of the three

feeding sites for the Great Blue
Heron Other species using the
fields are eagles, Rough-legged Hawk
and Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Short-eared and Common barn owls.
The Fraser River delta supports the
largest winter population of these
species in Canada.

Before the building of these subdivisions can take place, a great deal of hog fuel must be dumped on the land. As this deteriorates it gives off an obnoxious odour and it's still unknown whether this process is dangerous to health. Also, when buildings are erected on top of this fuel, flooding occurs.

Dennis Brown said that Stevenston has a fishing village character and there is a real sense of community in that area. The part of Stevenston that is being fought for is the only place where one can see the waterfront. No one has really looked at the fishing potential in this historical place.

Now for some famous quotes from their local politicians: the Mayor of Stevenston said that public hearings are a charade. Their Member of Parliament, Tom Siddon, said he would like to relocate the fishing industry on Vancouver Island.

Many Japanese Canadians used to have fishing boats at Stevenston. B.C. Packers bought part of the waterfront for twelve million dollars. A new type of resident moved in and complained about the fish smell.

We should learn more about the history of these two areas and organize a field trip to support their fight. We just might need them to save us from being evicted when the Expo Lands are developed.

By IRENE SCHMIDT

### DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### HEALTH PROJECT

- at the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre - 44 E.Cordova

The following is a <u>free program</u> for the benefit of women in the down town eastside:

February 6th - 2:00: Kelly Lameman will give a demonstration of Reflexology. You will learn how to relax and sooth all parts of your body through massaging the feet. February 8th - 5:00: - Video -

matic feature about a young Canadian Indian who is removed from home as a child and thrown into the alien world of the white man. Torn between two worlds he struggles to find a meaningful place in himself.

February 13th- 2:00: AIDS presentation with current information about the disease. How to protect yourself by practicing safe sex. Other means of transmission will be discussed with lots of opp-

ortunity to ask questions.

11:00-2:00 Tuberculosis Skin Test(1) February 14th- 2:00: The Recovering

Alcoholic. Two women share their experience of being alcoholic; what it was like, how they recovered and how they continue to remain sober through the AA support.

February 15th- 2:00: - Video -

Atkali Lake is a story of an entire community's journey from alcoholic dependency to sobriety. The film was produced by this community after reaching sobriety. The actors re-enact real events from their own lives. A very moving and inspirational film.

3:00-7:00 Tuberculosis Skin Test (2) February 16th- 11:00 - 2:00

TB Skin Test (Part 2)

February 20th- 2:00: The Recovering Narcotic User. Two

women share their experiences of narcotic dependency, their recovery process and their continued sobriety through Narcotics Anonymous support.

February 21st- 2:00: Barb Hectrin will speak about midlife

changes and Menopause: what kind of changes occur in a woman's body, what you can do to help yourself and Various treatment philosophies. There will be plenty of opportunity for sharing experiences and asking questions. For those who are interested, there will be an ongoing support group which will continue to meet on a weekly or biweekly basis.

February 22nd- 2:00: - Video -

Pound Makers Lodge is a film about a centre where Native people come to break the bonds of alcohol and drug addiction. The healing process includes a return to native culture and ancient traditions.

Please come and join us. If you would like more information about the Health Project call 681-4786.

Morning Walk in Capilano Canyon Two green slugs copulate, slow-dancing re-creation: luminous trails blazed on soft flesh, in a spell wrought by the breathing silence of this forest. Bride and bridegroom of sensuousness and slow earth, their dim ecstasy dissolves in soft, exploratory caress as they seek to root one with the other. Who would not envy them A their timeless caress and silent delight? Never having been banished from Eden, they are free of the morning aftermaths of regrets, recriminations, compulsory clock-watching: black watch of performance pressures or the rising decibels of love's disillusion in the asphalt jungle. This unhurried moment is all. as their obscure universe turns as it should, their rapture inscribed in silver in this ferny stillness of seedpods and spiderwebs starred page with night rain: their pavane\* to the sun's measure. Jancis M. Andrews

\* an ancient, slow, stately dance.

(Editor's Note: Everywoman's Health Clinic is the local focus of a nationwide controversy. "Pro Choice?" was unsigned and submitted anonymously. Your comments please.)

### Pro Choice?

I've heard that only a serious writer may have the priviledge to write about death. I've had four abortions. I had a tubaligation along with the fourth. I allowed four different doctors to murder my four unborn children.

MONET

Serious writer?

### THE I WARS

Staking territorial claims; Like the Oklahoma land rush, The young ones grunt and shuffle, The old ones slurp and crush Their coffee cup defense lines, wishing they could hear the sound Of an elusive security D.A. Come marching on a round. But soon the danger fizzles out And calm once more restored, And the first to come get up and go Feeling nerve-rackingly bored. And now the chair is empty, No comfort will it share With new or old bruised soldiers Who come for refuge there.

Skid Row John



### WAITING FOR SPRING

She keeps saying she's going to come. But we both serve the same nature And know the planet must first shift Before the magnet of our souls align.

Here in my concrete canyon cabin I daydream of her presence and Feel her sunny warmth beaming Through the tiny thermo-fireplace.

Where is she when she's gone?
Does she sleep beneath the white sand
Or under the bark of leafless trees,
Dreaming her own hopes into existence?

Waiting for spring is the trust of time; Unlike wishing the phone would ring on a sleepless night. So I'll put on my walking shoes and Store my songless fever in the closet.

Skid Row John



PRELUDE TO MARDI GRAS

Broken glass shards reflecting Gastown's glow outside the spagetti factory Get lost! and Goodnight! Urban light, inner seedy fight! Smilin' the Earthquake Blues.

The Greenhouse effect tides, moon, Polar Caps juxtaposition this time Pizza Peace a slow torture the cheese melting my mind Word gets out around the town, what was I hoping to find?

Tred carefully the ways of the Jungle Path, light a smoke Emergency Blue stares at you Start to choke, move on, move on Tired feet but I start to laugh another bout with beers aftermath.

Taum D.

Fast friends
Fast friends
It goes on
It never ends
Loving strangers
Loving neighbours
This truth I know
It always changes
Slow to start
A kindly heart
Fast friends
Though oft apart
Be a friend
You are my ken

I'll never break

Canada
can it be
Can you see
Free flight
just like a bee
mountain & sea
Oh you're so
beautiful
to be in
Canada.

Our Land

poet

I'11 bend.

E. Thorpe

Starwind To Her

People sometimes ask me, in their round about way, whether I am experienced or intelligent, or in other words have yuu been there or are you just perceptive. Sometimes I just smile knowingly and other times I tell them what they want to hear. Lastly, if they're a rare individual (as Peppermint Patti's father sees her) I tell them the truth. Trust...one of the few possessions I have found no way to pawn off. I guess that is why the witches like the idea (they are good collectors of humane paraphenalia). Hmmmm, quick question to self; please stay tuned for origin-

al basis of article? poem? prose? Do witches out here believe in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust (that was only two out of three so do not pull the 'that was a secret trip' on me...thank you). So I do not know who I am, what I do or why I'm here

and if I did I probably wouldn't.

ion by now and they say this is a

Surely you must have your own opin-

criticisms? Relevations? so go ahead, I deserve it. Well no chance of staying on topic today so I will quit while I'm ahead. (Come on, play the game - what is my real name?)

(Staff automatically disqualified)

place to write these sort of comments?

Starwind

### Letter to the Editor:

Over the past decade, many people have focused their attention on Andrew Carnegie's Carnegie Hall. There is always a rainbow over this place.. That day a decade ago, anyone who wanted to share the spirit of light contributed their labour & dedication to the Carnegie Centre. All were working so happily and they and we became what you might call

Emerald starlight is not your colour But sky blue shows in your eyes Your ethereal dance, it is never shown And you don't have many lies

To get close to someone you must run away Hopefully not too far though. And when you stop running where will you be Will there be flowers or snow

So when ya finish thinking, let me speak

And then maybe compromise
Because it doesn't matter where you go
I can follow your lude eyes
Starwind

the Carnegie family.
A lot of volunteers were so soaked

staff. For example, Jerry Sentino is now on Kitchen after spending a first stint on Security. Jerry, you flaunt that beautiful Hawaiian smile and everyone just lights up seeing it! Henri Hebert, a long-time volunteer, is a real peach and among

into the place that they became

volunteers. Alicia brings a new light into Carnegie dedication & lightens up my day.

I am a volunteer. I am Miki, a

the best of the California raisin

free-verse writer for the Carnegie
Newsletter. In my opinion everyone
who has shared the experience of
hanging ten in Carnegie will always
have a special love for this place.
That is why Carnegie always has
future endeavors in the air, always
a waiting rainbow. Share the rainbow
and good luck to Janice, Gord, Bill,
Donald, Donalda, Henri, Alicia, Rob
Morrison, Irene, Jerry and the rest
of our angels. Love angel love,

Miki

### COMMON DISUNITY

You don't understand what I'm going through
Hippie dips - sharing their wealth
Holding the world with their
Commie views

You grow old and lose your health lose your shape and interest too

Is it common - this disunity?

there is nothing to unite us except perhaps the illicit spread of oil flowing North from south of the border

No cause for unharmony, unrest, dis-order Seniors day, dark in the park coupled with some activity

sing a song for some tickets not working, no cause for pickets unorganized tenants have no right to strike

'Cos a Frenchman didn't like my face Said, "Beware my friend, it's not your place

to tell me what I want, the story lies behind the eyes T Am

I got beat up in a restaurant

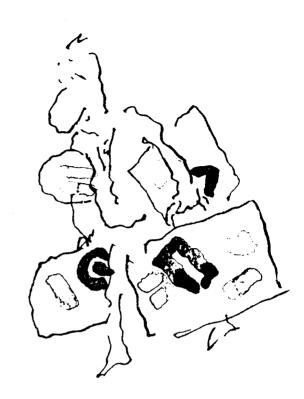
Can't walk, always walking

so I flaunt!"

the price I pay for drinking Could have paid for a cab fare

but I'm broke and on welfare





and at single occupant automobile I stare

This could have been you what with all I'm going through would be nice for a car ride but such luxury I'll step aside to save some cents for payments due

Could have caught the last bus but it's really not that far and I need new strings for the guitar so what I've saved I've already spent It's just not enough (and there's always rent)

It's healthier too or so I rationalize the extra cash I'll use to patronize An extra buck or two for the next visit Write a letter, make it better Change the system for the better 'Cos the Winner isn't me, is it?

Taum D.

### WONDER OF WONDERS!!!

The Carnegie Pool Room Support Group has purchased a brand-new snooker table.

In July of 1987 a grant proposal was sent to the first of four foundations, detailing an idea of starting a program called STREET SMART. Outside of Carnegie, anyone having talent in playing pool has to practice in pool halls and bars. If you don't have much money you can't afford to pay up to \$4/hr. to use a table, and hanging around just watching will either bore you or even lead to increasingly criminal activities.

STREET SMART would employ a qualified instructor in pool skills and tournament etiquette, with the advancing players entering tournaments in the Lower Mainland and around BC. Included in the proposal was the need for a new table.

For a year and a half, foundation after foundation ignored the request: pool has a negative image and no one was interested in helping.

All this time, both Danny Korica & Bell Mayer quietly and consistently worked on preparing good food and running the Pool Room's concessions on Thursday nights and, until recently, Friday afternoons. Sibyl Wagner. the administrative assistant on the 3rd floor, completed a financial statement for the Pool Room in November and there was about \$5,600 clear in the account. National Billiards in Burnaby gave Carnegie a great break on the price and sold us a \$6,400 table for \$4,700. The table was installed on January 13th and Percy Tutte Engraving, on Pender,

This plaque says thank you to the two people who made this amazing addition possible. It reads:

made a plaque to be attached to it.

THIS TABLE PURCHASED THROUGH THE FUND-RAISING EFFORTS OF

DANNY KORICA & BELL MAYER

1989

The older table was donated to the Vancouver Indian Centre on Hastings.



Pool Room Blues

I've got the blues today Let's go to Carnegie Pool Room To take the blues away.

Lots of people sitting there Waiting patiently for their turn Oh no, someone is not here.

Next on the list we do ask
It is their turn
He finds out it is a task.

Balls on the table being shot everywhere People playing do give a care Does he win or does he lose High or low ball, you have to choose.

In the pockets balls must go Anywhere; down they go It's a shot that was slow.

Cue stick here and balls in square, People play, see what's where. Some play to win, some lose,

Some play to win, some lose, They shoot till the table is bare.

The game is now over
So I must go
I'll sign off by saying
"Cheerio!"

Mary Cappell

The Board, Carnegie Community Centre Association Dear Muggs,

Please pass on to the Association the thanks of the staff and myself for the Association's generous financial contribution to Carnegie's Christmas festivities.

The holiday season was terrific here at 401 Main St., and I hated to see the good times come to an end. I really felt a sense of Carnegie as my family over Christmas and I'm sure we will all continue to hang in there together during the highs and lows of 1989.

So, thanks to the Association for its money and volunteer labour in 1988, Muggs! Your Board's efforts and commitment to the people of the downtown eastside are appreciated and respected by those of us working, as city employees. alongside you.

Sincerely,
Diane MacKenzie
Director

### Free Enterprise

If you have an income that is under a certain level, you are entitled to a tax rebate of \$70. So, you can count on some sleaze to try to shaft you: a tax preparation scam ran for a day near Jenny Pentland Place when some people got their personal tax forms.

With no income other than an assistance cheque once a month, it takes about 3-4 minutes to fill out the form. The sleaze at this office was charging people \$10.50 to fill out their forms and would then pay them the money left - \$59.50 - by cheque in three or four days. He's assured of getting the \$70 and makes over \$100 an hour ripping people off for their rightful full \$70. A fiveweek month, no cash and "Miracle" it costs you \$10.50 for \$70.

DERA is doing it for free and Carnegie is doing it for free. It takes about 6 weeks until your \$70 comes in the mail.

### On Public Input

An item in a paper recently announced that an 81-unit Senior's Housing development had been approved. The construction is to begin in February, 1989. The public - that is, those living/working immediate to the site on Alexander - made a score of points on the design, the impact, the site, and other concerns on record. These records form part of Planning meetings and City Council meetings, reviews by the Association of Architects of BC ...uniformly opposed to the concepts and plans of the designers. At one

meeting with the architects, the proponents were making changes at the rate of about one per speaker.

Since that time, after all the meetings were over, there has been no showing of the revised building plans or changes. It had the proper political backing and is just going up.

THE MEGAPROJECTS COULD BE THE SAME!!!

In order to gauge the ignorance of our remarkable voting public, we, your majority government, would like you to respond to our questionnaire so that we may better serve it to you in the future.

### 1) With respect to the Free Trade Agreement, what is a "permissible subsidy"?

- a) a macho-corporate defense contract.
- b) helping your member of parliament pay his overdue account at Helga's massage parlour.
- c) Medicare, regional development, and UIC payments.
- d) subsidizing Canada's energy resources so they will be cheaper for the United States.
- 2) How may Canada increase it's visibility as a world player in international peace and defence?
- a) make the armed forces wear pink scarves.
- b) send Canadian troops to Southern Africa to oversee the independence of Namibia and Angola.
- c) purchase \$15 billion worth of submarines which stay underwater all the time.
- d) become amalgamated into the U.S. Armed Forces and participate in overthrowing democratically elected regimes in the Third World.

### 3) What are your greatest fears about the Free Trade Agreement?

- a) the Americans will get our best hockey players, like the Wayne Gretzky deal.
- b) our rivers and lakes will be diverted into the U.S. so they can drink clean water because they have polluted their water.
- c) I still won't be able to purchase that CD player I had my eyes on.
- d) I don't know all the words to "America the Beautiful".





### 4) Why did you vote for the Progressive Conservatives?

- a) I'm filthy rich and I don't want to part with my money.
- b) I couldn't help it, I was accosted.
- c) I always have a friend in Global Corporate.
- d) I'm from Quebec. We always pick the winner because we want to be in power and shaft all you anglophones. Viva Quebec!
- e) I voted for the party whose name I couldn't understand.

### 6) Who is Canada's greatest ally?

a) our former colonial power, Great Britain.

5) What do you consider the greatest

d) having the biggest polluter in the

world as our neighbor, with George

Bush as president, and entering into a

Free Trade Agreement with them.

environmental threat to Canadians?

b) the greenhouse effect.

a) acid rain.

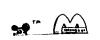
c) toxic wate.

e) all of the above.

- b) our former colonial power wannabee. France.
- c) our colonized native peoples.
- d) our new colonial power, the United States?

### 7) What do you like about the United States?

- a) the Peace Corps.
- b) their big huge budget deficit is bigger than our big huge budget deficit.
- c) it's easier to join a gang down there.
- d) you can buy a gun at the corner store and shoot people who bother you on the freeway.
- e) Morton Downey jr.





Employment: Drivers with own semitruck to tansport industries to the United States. Class I with air brakes necessary. Contact Manifest Destiny Moving Company.

Employment: Workers needed to dismantle industries. Preference given to those with own tools and an absence of intellect to understand the importance of industrial diversification. Send resumes to Kerkhoff Deconstruction.

Employment: Protesters needed to protest louder than the anti-free trade people. Previous experience in bar brawls, yodelling, and union-busting preferred. Candidates who show exceptional narrow-minded opinions and like to shout them, need not have the above qualifications. Contact Tory party headquarters

### 8) What don't you like about the United States?

- a) the Peace Corps are a bourgeois political propaganda machine in the Third Word.
- b) our budget deficit is bigger than the United State's in per capita terms.
- c) gang warfare, ghettoes, violence, and 1/2 the self-centredness of the population.
- d) they elected George Bush as president.







### 9) What do you like about your prime minister Brian Mulroney?

- a) I like how he sings "When Irish Eves are Smiling".
- b) he's the only human being who can actually look down and see his own chin.
- c) he's a francophone (see question )
- d) he leads the party whose name I can't understand.
- e) I'm filthy rich, I don't want to part ! with my money and I share Brian's vision of a country where the wealth is concentrated in fewer hands.

Thank you for your support.

From THE PEAK

THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION built the country around a railroad in which they had heavily invested. It was expedient to unite the country. thereby increasing tax revenues so the government could raise enough money to subsidize private enterprise.

So, why is anyone surprised at 'Free Trade' which is a means to subsidize the economic debt of Canada and the U.S.A.? With a history of business chicanery mixed with politics, this is only a means to the end of financial slavery for the masses.

The Civil War in the States was instigated/promoted by the underlying business interests of the Northern rich, who were falling far behind their Southern counterparts. In the South a few families were making money hand over fist through the exploitation and "use" of human machines - the black slaves. The few rich families in the North had to pay for their labourers' work.

The Second World War began in the East with Japan wanting more markets for their growing interests. The US wouldn't relinquish their stronghold on the Pacific rim and war ensued. In Europe Germany wanted more area in which to expand German economic interests. History books don't tell the full story, instead limiting stories to concepts of nationalsim. idealism, ethics and sometimes even morality. The economic reasons are never the only stimulants for change but to discount their importance leads to what is reflected in the article to the left.

'Free Trade' isn't free and neither are you. Tom Lewis

### FEBRUARY'S FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS

Feb. 5 - STAND BY ME

Feb. 12 - LIVING DAYLIGHTS

Feb. 19 - COLOUR OF MONEY

Feb. 26 - WRONG IS RIGHT

Every Friday at Carnegie Theatre. and the starting time is 7:00 p.m. Admission is FREE!!!



Wanted: Wetbacks and other cheap labour sources (children okay) for a variety of menial tasks. Contact Canada Relocation and Employment Centre.

For Sale: River diversion kits. Negotiable prices, Canadian and U.S. residents only. Contact Simon Reisman.



### TINKER'S DAMN

LMMO and the series learning math at the movies cookie cutter carving day in denial 'bout the woozies gutter freezes, wow Emergency red and white sounds like it's saying, "Woow, woow!"

Garbage Gin Smith right
Pickers lined up in the alley
fade to black
Naught to be
Scene
It's them
(Who I am) I fear

and

Sounds around alot
just to get a meal
disheveled clothes conceal
reveal
feel for the warmth
brief respite from the elements
Warm up ashen grave mug
Numbers added - to the list
- there's just more and more
people getting on this list -

Taum Dan Y Creag

I started my notations of people for the UP AGAINST THE WALL WHEN THE REVOLUTION COMES list today. It is overdo but it should be fun. Another diversion and free copies to the politically and socially disinterested types.

Starwind

### Let's Talk

Inches across the table from me Someone with whom I don't want to be Droning on about his misery But it's my boredom he doesn't want to see Communication takes a fall As once again we stare at the wall An uncomfortable lull of silence Lets the air ring with inconsistencies Across the room erupts laughter And I sit ill at ease Trying to gather the courage Or a facsimile of how I feel All this talk about nothing How can this person be for real Lord knows why I sit here like I do Instead of looking for someone interesting.

Another quaint illusion shot down by the twist of conversation.



Auras tumbling together like leaves gathered by birds Concepts expounded quickly not using any words

Knife flys farthest when thrown from a quick mind, versed in verbal inequities which can bounce or slice depending on which end strikes the target or slides off and hurts someone else. Lindon

Peace; a concept limited by itself War; population control
Drugs; the addition of the masses
to the myth of self
Crowds; pools of minds, some rough

and choppy, some calm. Lindon

### Song for a Lady

You'd look good in a classic car Or dressed up like a movie star And after it all There's just you

You'd look good on a winter's day Riding in a one-horse sleigh And after it all There's just you

And after all my songs are sung And after all them shows are done After it all there's just you

You'd look good on a rainy day You'd bring a rainbow right away And after it all There's just you So after all them shows are done

And after all my songs are sung

After it all there's just you

Tom Lewis

(1985 - Registered C.A.P.A.C.)

### SENIORS SUPPORT GROUP

At the January meeting a new Executive was elected, starting with NORM MARK as President, Bell Mayer as Vice-President and Bill Trembley as Secretary. The activities of the Seniors presently include coffee in the newly furnished lounge, the regular good-time dance on Mondays and several trips and picnics each year.

The regular monthly meeting is on the second Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.





Untitled

The rivers of the past Are like streams That rise out of nowhere Then descend thru The broken earth's surface Hidden in barren lands The oasis of memory. On lonely nights I reach back Events filed happenstance End on end They cannot be rationalized Or changed They are only What they are Of no consequence Just lives.

Shared warmth
This is all there is
The sum total of all my life
A voyage of memories
From future past
To future nothing.

Tom Lewis

### Tips to Mental Patients

When you talk to yourself don't do it out loud Because the person next to you thinks it's him And when you dance do it in the dark slowly They can sense the energy that's not social Sixteen people talking in one man tires you And when you are down you are easy to kick So take that acting course to deal with welfare And when the big spiders crawl on the windshield Don't say anything until someone else does Never ask for a friend unless it's for life When you reach for the soap say "Aids, what a curse!" Lastly, don't answer yourself twice — it's boring.

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First they called me schizophrenic but they saw how I saw and danced on. Then they gave me shizo-affective disorder and I marvelled at the master weaver's plan Finally they showed me drug-induced psychosis and asked for my opinions, opinions of a pupil or maybe, perhaps, just a PUPA with strings

But when the waste hits the turbines
I feel that I'll be there and laughing
So when we all stand up we must remember
To carry and support all those who can not.

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### 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



Working. Always moving. One short minute to say hello to say hello we said hello so briefly at the Centennial Hotel - hello goodbye, and I miss you so many miles away why can't things be different - no I loved being with you never enough time together, you were going or gone and your kids, your beautiful children Liana, Brenna, all fading away nice warm memories can't live in the past, how about the future? Plans and possibilities always moving what's new in your life? Love to hear from you. Love to be with you maybe sometime, always yours

Andy

# CASH DINGO at 6:30 Wed.

### CASTING CALL

Carnegie Hall Players is holding open casting for an upcoming production in the Carnegie Theatre this Spring (date to be decided).

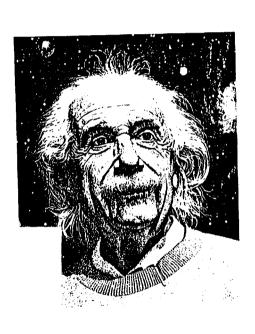
If you would like to be involved (acting, scenery, lighting, costumes, make-up, etc.) be at Classroom #2 on the 3rd floor on Sunday, February 5 at 7:00 for a full production meeting. Auditions will be held as a part of this meeting and scripts will be provided. See you there!

Grant Hirst

Lady Luck

Starlight so bright
Tonite what a night.
 Sing a song
Don't take too long...
See the shadows
In your mind
 For you're so
 Kind
Lady Luck
 Goodnight...

Frank



Big Sister
Second Sister
Big Land
Dance all night
Lady be my girl
For today's our day
Gotcha on my list
Give me a fist
Power to lady love.

Frank

When my children were small they ate well. Since I've been on welfare I have seen one very serious problem that is relevant to what this meeting is all about: Lack of food, especially during a five-week month. I barely get enough to scrape through in a four-week month. A five week month with the same amount of money is impossible for me to handle. We always totally run out of food.

At one point if I ran out of food I would go and try to get a food voucher. I was told not to come back for another food voucher after using the system about five or six times in about three years. I was sent a letter which stated that I should instead go to the food bank. I should spend money on transportation to and from a food bank that was ten miles away. This doesn't happen in all cases. Some financial aid workers will give a food voucher if needed and not condemn you for it. All single and two parent families on welfare should get a food voucher whenever they need it, especially in a five-week month. If a parent is turned away, that is abuse of children by the system.

My children's father makes \$40,000 a year. I have the children and we have all lived way below the poverty line since being on welfare. Our Premier says have babies, not abortions. No one had to tell me that. The Premier says we should have our children, then his government makes it impossible to properly feed them. In dealings you have with the Premier's office, please ask that the food voucher system is made easily available to all parents on welfare with no punishment attached to their

use. This would assist in alleviating the problem in all of the Vancouver schools that have no food programs, as well as helping the children in families throughout the province. This would also alleviate the problem in the home during the summertime and on the weekends.

It is my understanding that the Federal Government will not become involved in the area of C.A.P. grants unless the problem is addressed throughout the province. All children would have to benefit from the solution. If addressed in this way, hopefully, all children would have the benefit of enough food.

I would like to take this time to thank you for the food program that is presently in place in four inner city schools. I have a great deal of respect for the members of the Board who listened to hard-working people in the community and acted on what you heard and saw. Thank you for caring about these children's needs.

Mother of 2





### Indian Prayer

Oh, Great Spirit whose voice I hear in the winds, Whose breath gives life to the world, hear me ... I come to you as one of your many children I am small and weak I need your strength and your wisdom May I walk in beauty May my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset Make my hands respect the things you have made, and my ears sharp to your voice Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children, The lessons you have written in every leaf and rock. Make me strong, Not to be superior to my brothers, but to fight my greatest enemy - Myself. Make me ever ready to some to you with atraight eyes So that when life fades as the fading sunset My spirit may come to you without shame...

> ... Translated into English by Chief Yellow Lark of the Sioux Tribe, 1887 ...

### Christmas Memories

The Christmas season really began when Carnegie had their annual Children's Christmas Party on December 17th. It was at this event that I met Cuba's son Zak and we became instant friends. Another friend, Carl, was reunited with his mother so it became a happy time

for all. On December 21, Mom and I took Zak to the Native Education Centre Children's Party. It was the first time Zak tasted bannock and liked it. That evening Cuba, Zak, Mom and I

went to the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society Children's Party. The dinner was delicious and presents were handed out shortly after.

The most beautiful panata I have ever seen hung from the ceiling.

The eagle was made by the Spanishspeaking people. When the children smashed the pinata they discovered it was filled with candy, money & movie passes. Zak and I would like to thank everyone who made such a wonderful Christmas for all the children in the Downtown Eastside. A special thankyou to Santa & the Mrs.

I thoroughly enjoyed playing music on Christmas Eve and stayed up all night. The Boxing Day dinner was another highlight for the Carnegie patrons.

Mom and I helped decorate the theatre for the New Year's Eve John Lyons entertained first

and was followed by an Eastern European band called "Odessa". Barbara Jackson did an excellent job as Acting Director. Happy New Year to everyone.

13 years

A Valentine Wish

are what we see.

Dearest Conrad. This is your best friend, Michelle, plus all your friends in Carnegie. You've danced and sang throughout your life, and to us all, you're every inch our king.

Take life, lengthen it through love & living and live fulfillingly throughout the days; may you prosper. On your hand, the Lord spoke to you and baby Gabriel welcomes you with all the keys for eternity & life. Leather & lace are only one part of myself to grant you your dreams.

Dancing starlettes in your eyes

Miki

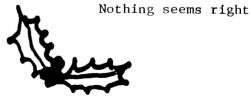
With heart and soul, love



### Peace wafting gently

Watching....Watching We know what we like Listening..Listening We know we are bright

Careful....Careful Don't stare at the light Motion.....Motion



Peace wafts gently on the autumnal breeze, Yet still, it can bring a man to his knees. Wayne Schmidt

But, he kneels not in submission, only in praise, Mappy to feel comfort in the early misty haze.

The rain falls gently on my soul Come rain fall gently make me whole The rain seems like it's always there The rain is constant seems to care Come rain fall on my desert flower Shield me from the sun's harsh power Let my love grow deep and deeper Disguise my tears for I'm a weeper Help me live you are my keeper The sun shone brightly on my skin The sand kept my roots buried tightly And I flourished in the bright sunlight And when I reached the zenith hour I felt a surge of primal power

And opened up my desert flower to the sun

Who gave his love like the sun above And he paused in flight to drink his fill

to the one

Then flew away into the light yet I loved him still and presently it fades

to night and now I shiver in the chill

Elizabeth Thorpe

### Social Pariah

Seems I was a social pariah My name was mud I just didn't belong I was just a social pariah I was a dud Something was wrong as I threaded my way through the maze of endless boring friendless alcohol days I hoped I'd find a good solution I hoped I'd find absolution So now I thank them all For putting up that wall For ignoring me in the halls Yes, I thank them all for hating me for baiting me for not dating me 'cause it made me so strong and now I never want to belong with them 'cause when push came to shove all it did was make me look for love I'm just a social pariah One day I'll be the messiah.

Elizabeth Thorpe



I am dreaming I see an elderly Chinese woman Her breasts are small like mine She wears an old flowered dress ..the flowers are small.. She looks at me and smiles before she turns and walks, glides past the wall, out of sight. And a voice in my head says clearly in her feminine voice: "We value most what we enjoy most We enjoy most what we value most."

and I think yes, don't we?

Elizabeth Thorpe

### WINTER ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The final line-up is complete for the first year of Vancouver's newest annual festival event. The WINTER ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL will take place from February 9 to 12 at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre and the Wise Hall (behind the VECC). With four days of concerts, workshops and late night cabarets, WINTER ROOTS will provide an escape from the February blues during the city's greyest month.

The festival features a program of over 20 "roots" oriented acts drawn mainly from Vancouver's folk, alternative music and multi-cultural This year's headliners scenes. feature SPIRIT OF THE WEST with their new line-up, STEPHEN FEARING AND FRIENDS, plus U.K. folk rockers and Richard Thompson alumnis CLIVE GREGSON AND CHRISTINE COLLISTER. Veteran B.C. singer/songwriter ROY FORBES (a.k.a. Bim) teams up with fiddler SHARI ULRICH of Hometown Band and solo fame, and rocker BILL HENDERSON of the band Chilliwack for a once only collective effort that is not to be missed!

A dynamic new music festival that's unique in Western Canada, a welcome break from Vancouver's winter rainy season, and the beginning of an annual event that the east end can call its own!

### TICKETS

- \$40 for weekend passes
- \$15 for concert day passes\$ 9 for workshop only daypasses
- Available from: Black Swan Records, Highlife Records, Track Records, Zulu Records or by calling the festival office at 684-4022.

### FIGHT BACK TO SURVIVE

In writing it's usual to pick an issue and try to shed some light on it. When a whole wack of things are happening at the same time with the same ideology behind them, observing a thread of injustice can make for interesting thinking. It can also make your guts turn...

make your guts turn...

Rent Control Defeated —
Mayor Gordon Campbell, after spending hundreds of thousands for an election campaign based on "Caring for Neighbourhoods" and so on has united with other members of the NPA ('Nothing but Progerse Assoc.') and defeated a motion to institute rent control — on the ever—popular landlords and owners of housing — to stop the hikes of as much as 60% in one month. "It doesn't work," said one. Campbell was quoted as saying, "There will always be bad landlords and bad tenants." So, don't even

business' and all the rest of that dogma. Dogma is a collection of bad ideas presented as fact.

try to use the power or leadership

of the Mayor's chair to force friends

and supporters to lose a buck or two.

'Business is progerse & progerse is

- Welfare Cuts Rolled Back -The Socreds want thunderous applause
- The Socreds want thunderous applause for themselves for being forced to restore assistance cheques, for single parents, to the level they were at before cutting them in October. "We should be proud of our record," thundered a cabinet minister. That is, we, the voters, should appreciate Socred intelligence after being out-

raged by Socred stupidity, vicious-

ness and indifference. A step forward after taking a step back is still going nowhere...

- Media & The Zalm -

Our illustrious (sic) Premier now has former media hacks working to change his image. 'No interviews, no talks, no quotes, no news' is good news. Part of this Mission: Impossible is to have us "forget" the two RCMP investigations (so far) and the excuses that contradicted each other for weeks; the resignation of Poole and the \$100,000 in hush money paid with tax dollars; the secret deal for the Expo Lands that voided 2 years of local planning; the things like jobs, better education, trade unions and complete disclosure of politicians' financial dealings - the Zalm was quoted as saying: "If that's what you want, you should vote NDP."

- St. James & Recycling This church supported DEEDS to get
a grant to upgrade one of their buildings. In part of the building was
their recycling operation. DEEDS wanted the entire place and the recycl-

ing went to the back yard. Neighbours

complained of the eyesore and health hazard presented by the 'trash' and recycling is now cancelled. Mirrors;

smoke & mirrors...

- Coal Harbour & Marathon Realty -

A recent public meeting was said to have had no protests. Funny that no one knew it happened until it was over. Marathon happily reported their plan to have twice the density as the West End. Funny again that the West End is already the most densely populated urban area in Canada.

The thread of injustice through all this is the almighty dollar being the reason why. Priceless intangibles like integrity, ethics, morality, true democracy, spiritual progress... just words? Are these just words to twist and assign meanings to, to further exploit people, to enhance slavery?!!

"Do it right" is too broad a concept for the people responsible for much of the above; it covers too much ground when all that is important to them is the amount of money to be made.

Justice is a priceless intangible. Karma is a fact.

By PAULR TAYLOR



I am BLACK

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I was born BLACK

When I go out in the sun I am BLACK When I am sick, I am still BLACK

When I am dying, I'm BLACK
When they bury me, I am still BLACK

You are WHITE

You were born PINK

When you go out in the sun you turn RED Then you go BROWN

When you get sick you turn WHITE
When you are dying, you go GREY
When they bury you are PHRPH

When they bury you, you are PURPLE AND YOU'VE GOT THE FUCKING NERVE

TO CALL ME COLOURED!

Author unknown.

