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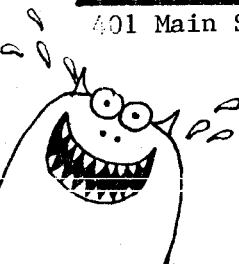
# Carnegie

## NEWSLETTER



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**it was  
unanimous!**

By PAULR TAYLOR

CARNEGIE COMMUNITY CENTRE has had a persistent worry laid to rest.

In 1987, City Council appointed a panel to review the internal strife that had led the City of Vancouver to suspend its working relationship with the Carnegie Association. The Board of Directors was split down the middle and rumoured death threats further dirtied the ideological war being waged. The vast majority of users had rallied and finally expelled the small clique that was running our Centre's name into the ground. The Review Panel came in shortly after the victors assumed office.

Most of the community had come to regard the Association as a bad joke but the question of auspices was still unanswered. Carnegie is under the auspices - that's administrative

control - of the Social Planning Department, the best and only place suitable for retaining our uniqueness and vitality. The Review Panel went against the wishes of practically everyone and recommended transferring the entire administrative apparatus, the auspices, to Parks Board. For almost two years, this question went unanswered. Parks Board runs all community centres except ours & all that stopped the transfer to Parks was the issue of Federal CAP funding.

BUT: In a report to Council, the Director of S.P., Max Beck, supported his department's retention of Carnegie and at a recent meeting of the Parks Board the entire body voted in favour of our Centre remaining under Social Planning. It's UNANIMOUS!

**INSIDE:**

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Editor,

In your (Feb.1) issue, you asked for comments regarding the abortion issue. I am an angry and heartsick member of the feminist movement. In my opinion, the movement has been betrayed by those people and institutions who advocate "pro-choice" on abortion. They are leading us away from the real revolution, where every human being would have equal opportunity and be of equal worth.

Pro-choicers state that women must have abortions in order to protect their "mental health" - an insult that infers that women are mental incompetents. They state that, unless abortion is allowed, the women thus "forced" to bear a child will abuse that child, thus inferring that women are violent monsters of immaturity. I am sick of such insults. Pro-choicers say no woman has an abortion without prior, intense soul-searching. That might have been true ten years ago but it is true no longer. Witness the CKVU executive secretary who last year stated publicly her abortion meant "nothing"; witness the teenagers on the same program who stated they didn't use birth control because they could "always have an abortion".

Women and children have always been the victims of violence. All the pro-choice movement has done is to advocate a procedure that institutionalizes more of the same. Pro-choicers have sold out to the woman-haters, and given Real Women a solid platform from which to campaign against feminists. Do you know who funded the National Abortion Rights Action League convention on Oct.20, 1979? The Playboy Foundation. The Playboy mansion in Chicago was loaned for the event. Male chauvinists have always belittled or ignored the awe-inspiring ability of women

to give birth, and now we have pro-choicers parroting the same, dismissive philosophy.

It is also significant that the pro-choice hero is another man - Dr. Morgantaler - who refers to the developing human being as a "collection of cells" or a "zygote". Newspeak, 1989! Anyone who uses language that dehumanizes the human being forming within women is both sexist and dangerous. I have seen and heard Dr. Morgantaler; watched, appalled, as he revelled in his 'suffering martyr' role while lapping up the adulation offered to him by the pro-choicers in the audience. I seriously believe the man, who suffered terribly in a Nazi concentration camp, is actually projecting into his adulthood the death-dealing violence that occurred to him in his youth. I think his horrifying experiences have made Dr. Morgantaler more than a little mad - and that his psychological reaction is to deflect death and violence back onto the society that did not quickly come to the aid of Jews dying in the Holocaust.

## "Get rid of IT."

Throughout the ages, women have accused men of sexual irresponsibility. Brutal men have always said, "Get rid of IT, can't you?" Now some women are repeating this ancient, misogynistic line. (Misogynist - one who hates or distrusts women.) Whatever happened to personal responsibility? We know that pregnancy can result from sex. Let's be pro-choice BEFORE we get into bed, not AFTER it. There are pills, and there are condoms; if the pills cause sickness then there are cervical caps. I agree that rape and incest victims should qualify for an abortion, as being the

lesser of two great evils, but it is still an evil. Such victims had violent sex forced upon them; other women have chosen to have sex and should accept the responsibility that goes with that.

The pro-choice ethic is rooted in 19th century thinking, blindly accepting cruel, patriarchal systems and values. Abortion is a quick-fix solution which does nothing to alter the social evils that led to it; which, in fact, by its expedience, delays much-needed reforms. Here, in another form, is the old fear and contempt for the function of women's bodies. The pro-choice ethic does not honour women for their unique function; instead, it does its best to change women into men, complete with the same detached outlook for which women once so rightly condemned the male. It is ironic that in 1928 a male Supreme Court said women were not persons. Now, in 1989, it is pro-choicers who are claiming that the child in a woman's womb is not a person, but a "zyglot". Yet look at a depiction of an 8-week fetus: it has arms, legs, body, head, sexual organs, its own heartbeat, brain, blood and nervous system. It is able to react to touch and thus able to feel pain. (What pregnant woman has not pressed her belly for the delight of seeing the fetus move?) Those who insist the fetus is not a human being should hurry to an optician, because boy, do they need glasses! When it comes to inhumanity, women can no longer point the finger. When women embrace abortion, we can no longer claim that a world run by women would be a world without violence.

It may be easier to abort than to alter social institutions. Nevertheless, that is what we should do. In

this, women must have male support. It is men who still, to an overwhelming degree, hold and wield power. It was male selfishness and refusal to share power and wealth, thus forcing women into poverty ghettos, that brought abortion into being in the first place. Now, men MUST share; they must accept equal responsibility for birth control, support sensible and complete sex education, ensure that motherhood is honoured as a profession, that sexual abuse is eliminated and that we have social institutions that properly support mothers and children. Every human being is unique; there never has been nor ever will be again another like him or her. This is the profound miracle that abortion would vacuum away like so much rubbish,

If society and its institutions do not change, there will be a terrible price to pay. When women begin to kill their own children because society has refused to help them, then, I truly believe, the death of civilization is upon us.

Yours very sincerely,  
Maureen McCullough

#### Rape

Rape is not  
a pleasant thing  
for a girl.

Rape is very scary  
But men do not  
Think about how  
The girl feels about it

The girl screams  
and yells  
But the men do  
not stop

from  
Spike



*PEOPLE ON WELFARE*

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Our last get-together was excellent. People with problems all had someone from P.O.W. to give them support. Another older gentleman has been cut by 50 dollars and we are encouraging him to fight it.

Thank you to the people of Carnegie who came out to help each other and for the great sandwiches and coffee. The Association donated the sandwiches and it was authorized by Alicia.

Advocacy doesn't always mean having lots of knowledge: it's as simple as being there for someone who needs encouragement or help in facing Welfare. We meet every Tuesday at 4:30 at the back of the 3rd floor.

Sheila Baxter

The Vancouver East Cultural Centre (1895 Venables at Victoria) is featuring movies for kids every Saturday at 1:30 pm.

The Admission - "PAY WHAT YOU CAN"

The following titles are being shown in March:

- Sat. MAR. 4 - Robin Hood
- " MAR.11 - Charlotte's Web
- " MAR.18 - Darby O'Gill and the Little People

JOIN THE CROWD FRIDAY NIGHTS  
at the Carnegie Theatre

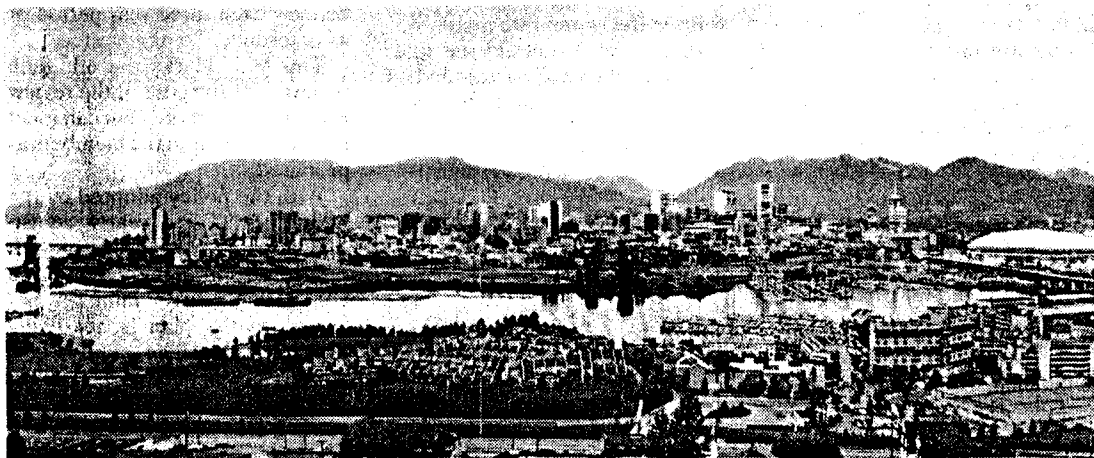
\* FEATURE FILMS each Friday \*  
The following line-up is for February and March:

- Fri. FEB.24 - Wrong is Right
- " MAR. 3 - The Natural
- " MAR.10 - The Driver
- " MAR.17 - Night Crossing
- " MAR.23 - Rozanne



From ON THE LEVEL

# Labour council urges defense of public's interest in False Creek



**Looking north over False Creek.** Developers are hoping to transform the Vancouver skyline and, in the process, earn mega-profits. But the public will have to mobilize to protect their interests and ensure affordable family housing is built on the north shore.

***"There is alarm and indignation in Vancouver over the give-away of the heart of the city to one of the richest men in the world, and the political scandal and blatant abuse of the public interest that has accompanied this sell-out.***

*"The privatization of False Creek is to facilitate a multi-billion dollar proposed development which fails utterly to meet the social needs of Vancouver, and which threatens to seriously harm the city's living environment.*

*"The primary responsibility for this betrayal of Vancouver rests with the Social Credit government and the international capital it represents, and secondarily with the Vancouver City Council which has been an acquiescent partner to the process."*

These are the opening words to

a comprehensive report published by the Vancouver & District Labour Council entitled "The Public Interest and the North Shore of False Creek". The paper, prepared for the labour council by the Trade Union Research Bureau, makes it clear that what's at stake in the development of False Creek is the public interest, which has consistently been sacrificed to big capital over the years. From the give-away to the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1886, to Marathon Realty in the 1970s, to Li Kai Shing in the 1980s — governments have

been more interested in courting capital than in protecting and furthering the public interest in the heart of Vancouver.

Over the past decade, but especially during the last three years, Asian capital has acquired a vastly expanded presence in Vancouver, a fact which has been "grist in the mill" of racists who want to curb non-white immigration to Canada.

This campaign of racism has been opposed by both the labour movement and civic reformers. The labour council is not concerned with the "cultural consequences" of Asian investment in B.C., but it has taken dead aim at the result of "speculative investment" which has sent property values "spinning out of control...

at more than double the rate of inflation".

The issue of most concern to the trade union movement and civic reformers is the impact of speculation in residential property: it will come as news to no one that the security of homeowners and tenants has been jeopardized "through increased rents and taxes" and that for "many thousands of citizens" housing is becoming simply unaffordable.

The labour council underlines the fact that the main problem in False Creek is not "Hong Kong money", but the failure of the provincial government and Vancouver City Council to defend and promote the interests of residents—both property owners and tenants. It is careful to point out that "Hong Kong capital is not invading B.C. It has been sought out and invited to B.C. by the provincial government and the City Council . . . and by the province's own financial elite who have sought partnerships with it." It also outlines the role played by Ottawa, which has designed its immigration policies to favour "rich immigrants with money to invest."

Rising rents and property taxes have hardly gone unnoticed by Vancouver residents. Not so obvious to the naked eye have been the

changes in the B.C. economy as the focus of government and business has shifted to the Asian Pacific countries. In 1964, the labour council reports, only 24 percent of B.C.'s trade was with the "Pacific Rim". Now it constitutes 42 percent of all our trade — greater than trade with the rest of Canada and the United States put together.

The flood of capital into the Vancouver real estate market during the last ten years has also directly affected those who work in the construction industry. The labour council reminds us that the north shore of False Creek was used during the EXPO period as "the laboratory for the anti labour experiments of the Social Credit government" which declared the Coal Harbour construction site an economic development project and outlawed the use of non-affiliation clauses by building trades unions. The government's intervention on behalf of its big business masters "guaranteed that a substantial portion of the site would be built by non-union labour".

What has happened in False Creek is nothing short of a scandal with long term consequences for the people of B.C. For the building trades, the immediate question is will construction be carried out by

unionized contractors paying union wages under union conditions? What precautions will be taken to ensure that construction workers are not exposed to toxic wastes left in the soil by previous owners (CPR and Marathon Realty)? Will construction workers be building neighbourhoods they can afford to live in with their families and friends?

The labour council is proposing a meeting among unions and concerned citizens groups to hammer out what Frank Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer, called a "common program" around development of the north shore of False Creek.

"We are hoping to organize a meeting at the end of February or beginning of March to begin mobilizing around the various issues involved in the sale and redevelopment of False Creek," Kennedy told ON THE LEVEL. "It's important that we have something in place to monitor what's going on and to organize appropriate actions in defense of the public interest."

Kennedy said that union members interested in becoming involved should contact their local unions to find out what plans are being developed to participate in this broadly-based effort.

I lick duwie wooudwrc and wucking on mowtrs and Fihuel  
things and oll so I lick spors If I cund undr stan  
It then I cund get mor uot uvit.

Thas the dest I cud duw for U.

# POETRY

## The Lady With the Lamp

Born of a love two gave to the world  
Precious light in the dark of night  
A love two hearts could not forsake  
A love that gave still never takes.

Working, toiling through horrors of war,  
Their love lit up the world  
Two cousins that met though never married  
Their prayers to one another,  
the light wind carried.

To love humanity ever serving thusly  
The oil still burns in our lamps for them  
Now is as it was back then  
And when they died their love was their will  
And their lights keep shining,  
flickering still.

Elizabeth Thorpe



She walked into his room that day  
Didn't really have much to say  
But she hid her fear and tried to  
be brave,  
She said, "I have no job  
but that's okay,  
The world's in a mess  
At least I have a place to stay"  
And she told him where she lived  
when he inquired  
And she wondered if she was  
what he desired  
"It's so good to hear your voice  
I've wanted to hear it for 7 years  
And it's so good to look in your eyes"  
And she went away, satisfied  
She knew the truth after all this time  
All she was after was peace of mind.

Elizabeth Thorpe

I believe in something new  
I believe in something - you  
I believe in summer sun  
I believe in loving someone  
I believe in health food stores  
And I believe in something more  
I believe in starry skies  
I believe in apple pies  
I believe in here and now  
I believe in asking how  
I believe in apple trees  
I believe in birds and bees  
I believe in eternal life  
I believe in the second sight  
I believe in gifts of healing power  
I believe in the eleventh hour  
I believe in all that is to be  
I believe in all I was meant to see  
I believe in something new  
I believe in something - you  
I believe in summer sun  
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8 public, but is it normal that the sell-off of an £8 million a year business appears only on a private agenda?

*"Legal aid administration is on the verge of collapse"*



**'Equal opportunities are a luxury, icing on the cake'** *"A substantial amount of public space is now patrolled by private bodies"*

## WELFARE WATCH

*We all pay for the government's inducements to buy personal pension schemes*

*the new cure may only be skin-deep*

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### Justice takes a private road

Hi. Hope you are well and that the DE is chugging along - lots of battles as usual I see. Thanks very much for the Carnegie newsletters - it is really nice to get some reading material & info on my home still. I think it's important to feel connected as I know I always will to Vancouver.

As for England, I was ready to go back to Vancouver the 1st 5 weeks or so. I couldn't stand the place - dirty, noisy, crowded. Thatcher everywhere. Secret Official Bill, Cuts to Welfare, egg scandals, boring labour leader Neil Kinnock, a dragon landlady and not much interest re paid work - as per ads at any rate. I had the flu the whole time. But I'm over the flu, can see there is opposition to Thatcher, lots of good TV documentaries, excellent movies (Chinese cinema, Mexican-American) & I know where to buy tofu now - not like Vancouver - only sold in Health Food stores & Chinatown (we are a few miles from it), so I'm happier. I've managed to put in about 10 job applications - a few traditional social work jobs - a few alternative in the voluntary sector - which is where I'm happiest.

Because we are still temporary where we live, I still do not feel I have roots or a particular love for any community yet - so I may not live & work in the same place. It will be different for me, but OK. I have an interview this Tuesday with a Social Service Dept - Gurnwich local Council - I am not really that keen on it but I will do my best. I hopefully will get other interviews and have a choice. It all takes time.

Toni has done some temporary work - driving a forklift truck, being the tealady at a TV station. It will affect our dole rates - the usual garbage of working for peanuts and then getting penalized for it. But she needs \$ to do her driving test for trucks. So it's OK.

And we've done some canal walking - there's lots of them here - a good way to get to know the various communities.

So - we are doing pretty good. Still checking things out - watching the political happenings - too many of them - but a healthy opposition I think. I'll keep in touch. Take care and cheers!

Horror stories about the kind of training offered by ET are legion:  
**ANGELA GETS £38 FOR A 33 HOUR WEEK!**

Sue Harris

property (as the French secret service did to Greenpeace); or burn the offices and meeting places of anti-government groups (as the Canadian security services did to Quebec separatists in 1972); bug and burgle the political opposition (as Nixon did in Watergate); or send poison pen letters and hate mail to radicals (the FBI and Martin Luther King), no one shall be permitted to know.

In Britain, there is only worse to come. In the very near future, under the amended Official Secrets Act, anything at all that the security service does will be absolutely protected against disclosure in Britain. Thus, if MI5 or MI6 were to murder environmentalists and destroy their





## Too Much Dopamine

Sacramental sacrileges soaring somewhere else  
 finally free me from grammar's iron rules hosannah.  
 Question.

Happy loosed words clinging threadly to meanings  
 grinding out the heart of language scream out their redemption.  
 Jesus? Thanks, but I already have a fetish object.  
 INSERT IDEAL WORLD HERE.

Verbs do most to right the dopamine levels laughing'  
 through this matrix Stephen-thing who tries to give up poetry  
 because he can't take on sex. As if there are any connections  
 anymore. Oh beautiful randomness sear me to the  
 severance that knows no mayonaise either before or after  
 the fax machine breaks down.

Pure chaos reams out the anal fantasies tied down  
 to my costly wanting. Nothing has changed. Context is  
 everything except bread on the table.

KITCHEN SINK.

Morpheus weds Diana soon: technically chaste union.

All else is vanity, sayeth the pen. And though it  
 doesn't stop the stomach growling it's still more or less nice  
 to be back among you all again, I guess, stuck as I am  
 with the mind of a 50's woman, mutatis mundatis.

And besides, I shot a perfect 'S' the other day.  
 Where do I pick up my reward?

- The Stephen Belkin Thing

At Day's End...

is anyone happier because you passed his way?  
 Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?  
 The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through:  
 Is there anyone now to utter a kindly word of you?  
 Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's  
 slipping fast,  
 That you helped a single brother of the many that you  
 passed?  
 Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said:  
 Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage  
 look ahead?  
 Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?  
 Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or solely spent?  
 As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think God will say,  
 "You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?



By JOHN DALL

(Submitted by Sheila Bell)

# LETTERS

## WOMEN!

If you have poetry to put on the 3rd floor, on display, for International Women's Day, see Sheila Baxter in the Learning Centre.

Editor:

When new governments are elected, it's possible to judge their attitude by the laws they enact. Many have noticed & commented on the petty cruelty evident in Social Credit policy, simply by examining the changes they hand down as laws, rules, regulations, etc.

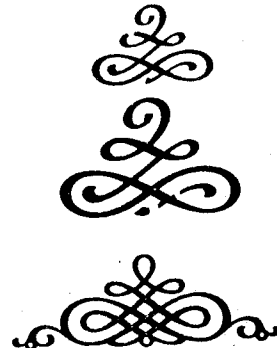
The same principle can be applied closer to home. For example, the rules individuals apply to themselves & others is a good indication of their basic attitude.

Similarly, the attitude of Carnegie staff can be judged by considering the effect & intent of new rules made for Carnegie people. For instance, the Tuesday night Open Stage Cabaret has recently had its rules changed. For many years it was like this: The M.C. received tickets from staff & handed out 2 tickets to each performer on open stage. With these tickets it was possible to buy 2 cups of coffee during the night... this was especially comforting to those without money. But, the rule was changed so that the M.C. must now make a list of those who perform and then takes the list to the office upstairs - & each person must go to the desk, have their name checked off the list & then receive

2 coffee tickets. The tougher members will not mind this, although they may find it inconvenient - but the more sensitive ones will probably shy away from such a process - thus losing their tickets. Coffee tickets seems like a small thing, but the changing attitude of staff is revealed by such small things.

I detect a withdrawal from the principle of direct trust & honourable treatment in this change, moving those who make the centre lively & interesting into the lineup, list & control system. It's my personal opinion that people who make changes like this should not be made welcome at Carnegie...or at least, their attitude should be seriously questioned.

TORA



## MUSIC AT CARNEGIE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dean Obrol for all his dedication to "Music at Carnegie". As many of you know, he is often seen carrying a briefcase, rushing to the Theatre playing his guitar, singing, setting up sound equipment and being a master of ceremonies. He has done this work both as a staff person and as a volunteer, but always out of dedication to the needs of musicians in our community.

We recently combined all the programs connected to music and entertainment that have traditionally happened at Carnegie under the responsibility of a Music Programmer. The anticipation is that this program will grow and develop.

A job posting was done, interviews have taken place, and I'm pleased to announce that EARLE PEACH will be Carnegie's new music programmer.

While saying thankyou to Dean, I'm also extending a warm welcome to Earle.

Donalda Viaud,  
Programmer.

An exciting new play, THE WOLF WITHIN by Alex Brown will open March 17th (running til April 9th) at the New Play Centre, 1405 Anderson St., Granville Island.

"This play is a powerful and challenging drama about personal integrity. It's an absorbing play about a Catholic priest who is caught between his ambitions and his sense that everything he is doing, feeling and living for is false."

Group rates are available for 10 or more seats. Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evenings have reduced rates of \$6.00 each. Matinees are \$4.00 and on Sundays the matinee is "pay what you can".

So if a group of you want to get together as "Carnegie" feel free. Most importantly, enjoy yourself!

Donalda

## MEETINGS

- Mar. 2(7 pm) - CCCA Board - Theatre
- Mar. 8(11am) - Volunteers Support Group - Theatre
- Mar.14(11am) - Seniors Support Group - Theatre

## DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE - HEALTH PROJECT

All of the following events are Free of Charge. Health Project #: 681-4786.

- Wed., Mar.1 2:00 Video: Drug Dependency - The Early Signs
- Thu., Mar.2 2:00 Video: You're Eating For Two
- Mon., Mar.6 2:00 Gaiwan Jordan of the Drug & Alcohol Program, Robson Street clinic, will describe their program.
- Mon., Mar.6 5:00-6:00 MENOPAUSE Support Group. First meeting.
- Tue., Mar.7 1:30-3:30 WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE changed to Mar.22(more info next iss.)
- Wed., Mar.8 2:00 Video: Women & Alcohol.
- Mon., Mar.13 2:00 Two Videos: I'll Quit Tomorrow; Beyond The Bottle
- Tue., Mar.14 2:00-3:30 MENOPAUSE. Lorraine Kochinka will discuss signs & the changes in the body & various treatment methods.
- Wed., Mar.15 2:00 DOROTH FRANCIS, a native elder who has received the Order of Canada - NATIVE CULTURE AND SPIRITUALITY.

# Naughty Naughty

Naughty naughty Salman Rushdie  
 Rushed in where even angels learn  
 To keep their mouths shut.  
 Ayotollah mad, Ayotollah spank  
 Ayotollah blow you away  
 With aid of Faithful - and greedy - minions  
 Salman is the real six million dollar man  
 That'll learn you to think for yourself  
 And dare expose the crudities  
 Of Fundamentalism  
 Now all the royal Fundaments  
 Stand united against us.  
 Jerry Falwell's gang of christly extortioners  
 Are gnashing their expensive teeth.  
 Just a-praying t' the Lord to smite us down.  
 The Religious Affairs ministry in Israel  
 Doesn't want your unholy book  
 Published in their holy land  
 Monotheist monomaniacs on a patriarchal rampage  
 Did you really think the pen  
 Was mightier than the sword of bigotry  
 Wielded by hypocrisy's hand?  
 Then what's that bloody great scimitar  
 I see swinging your way?  
 Rushdie you bad boy  
 For the sake of all that is  
 Unholy and unrevealed  
 We pray you -  
 Keep your unsaintly but sacred head down  
 Salman you naughty man  
 We salute you!  
 SALAAM ALEIKUM, Salman!

DAVID BOUVIER

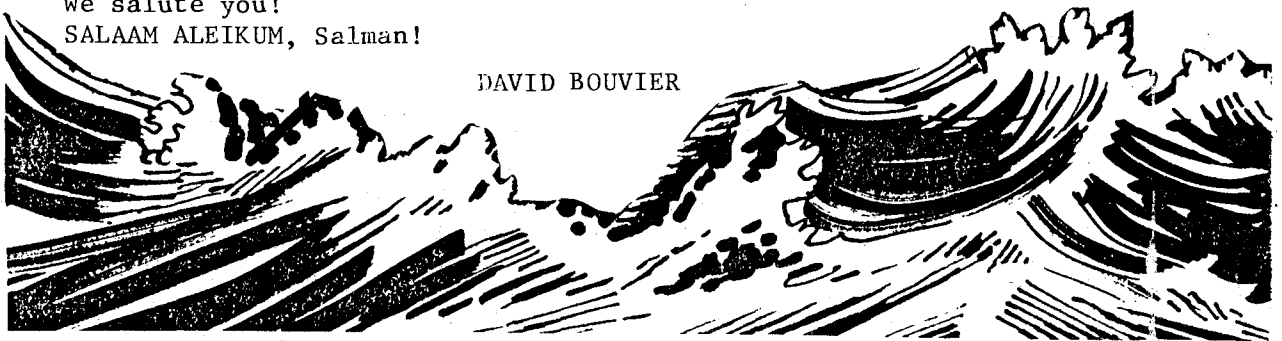
## Granny's Irish Stew

1 lb. stew meat  
 1 lb. potatoes  
 2 carrots  
 2 gallons whiskey  
 1 quart beer  
 1 pint gin

Cut up potatoes and carrots,  
 add to meat.  
 Pour the remaining ingredients  
 over them and cook for 3 hours.

Dump out first 3 items and  
 drink the gravy.

By Granny "Bee"



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### THE VALUE OF CONSCIENCE

The New Westminster VALUE VILLAGE employees are on strike for better working conditions, job security & an increase in wages. Seeing the picket signs outside first brought kind of an indignant train of mind into gear: 'This is work for a good charity, so what happened to their idealism?' Following is the sordid yet truthful story...what is behind the public image.

1. VALUE VILLAGE is owned by a big American corporation with stores in B.C., Alberta and the U.S.A.; it has about \$12 million worth of real estate in B.C. alone and 1988 sales netted over \$5 million.

V.V. is closely associated with the Mentally Handicapped Association which is a charitable organisation. However, V.V. is a profit-motivated corporation which conveys its relationship with the MHA in a deceptive fashion, misleading the public and its own employees. When starting a job there, employees are told that the minimum wage paid to them is to facilitate giving the MHA 50% of the profits. This is also the reasoning used to stonewall raises, complaints and even job security. Any statements by employees about working conditions or job security are met with their immediate dismissal.

Wages paid range from \$4.50 to \$5.65 an hour with no increase in sight, yet only about 10% of the profits go to the MHA while the rest go into the pockets of the owners of the company. The MHA solicits donations from the general public for a good cause, yet sells them to V.V. wholesale; e.g. a garbage bag full of used clothing fetches \$8 for MHA and V.V. sells each item retail -

if some generous citizen takes goods directly to V.V., then MHA gets nothing at all.

Employees have become aware of the guise that this corporation operates under and how it uses MFA to V.V.'s full advantage. V.V. refuses to pay its employees a decent wage, starting them at the minimum and keeping the pay as close as possible to the minimum even after years of work. And as stated, any employee is expected to do good work for poor pay and is "ruthlessly dismissed" if the company feels their wishes are not being completely complied with.

This is the same old story: the rich American corporation gets richer while B.C. and Canadian workers can not afford to feed their families.

Charity should not get mixed up with the exploitation of the public's generosity and the exploitation of general workers. Charity involves benevolent good will towards humanity and in this situation the meaning of that word just does not fit in.

By PAULR TAYLOR

And now

THE BENEFITS OF

**free  
trade**

## WILL THE SOCREDS SELL YOUR HOME?

The socreds have privatised everything from natural gas to highway maintenance to job training for people on welfare. It is very likely that they will sell off public & non-profit housing.

## WHY DO WE THINK THE SOCREDS ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?

- a) We have a copy of the Sept. 1987 Social Services & Housing three year plan which includes "increase the capacity for self directed purchase housing." This means that the government plans to sell off public and non-profit housing.
- b) The socreds have been selling off "pieces" of the social housing system since 1987. In 1987 they privatised all of the contracts for building and maintaining social housing. In 1987, the BCMHC building of the new social housing units was tendered to the most competitive bidder. It is important to remember that a government can privatise much of a public operation and still call it part of the public sector.

Margaret Mitchell, president of the Vancouver & District Tenants' Assn., has been advocating for more real PUBLIC housing. The Vancouver & District Tenants' Association wants to see 125,000 public housing units in BC, not just the meager 10,000 that exist now. There hasn't been any public housing built since 1979, the same year that Thatcher started privatising (Eng.)

- c) Mitchell, received a letter from Claude Richmond stating: "If privatising social housing is the most cost effective method of managing social housing, then we will pursue it." (Sept. 87)
- d) On Feb. 7, Clod Richmond appointed a new chairman for BCMHC. Peter Thomas has taken over the helm. Peter Thomas has written such books as "The Art of Selling", "The Joy of Selling" & "21 Steps to Successful Selling". He is chairman of the board of Century 21 Real Estate. He is associated with Nelson Skalbania. He believes in the "gospel of salesmanship." He wants to encourage the private sector. He wants to try innovative approaches to social housing. He was previously the chairman of the BC government's Privatisation Review Committee. Does it look like the socreds are pursuing privatisation?
- e) We know that Intergovernmental Relations Minister, Stephen Rogers, went to England to study Thatcher's privatisation program and is being advised by bankers and investors that were instrumental in Maggie's privatisation scheme. In 1987, Rogers attended a privatisation conference in Vancouver. He said that BC is willing to show "leadership" in privatisation in Canada. He said, "Thank for Thatcher or nobody would be doing it."
- f) The socreds are privatising land in other areas. The Expo lands and Crown land in the Coquitlam area are two examples.

## WHAT WILL BE THEIR SNEAKY STRATEGY TO SELL OFF PUBLIC HOUSING?

Stephen Rogers favors Madsen Pirie's approach to privatisation. Pirie is featured speaker at conferences on privatisation sponsored by the right wing National Citizens' Coalition. Pirie is the guy that managed to sell off most of Britain's public assets. These assets took over 100 years to accumulate, and less than 10 years to get rid of almost entirely. In 1978 England had the most public assets in the world; by 1990, he says that it will have the least public assets. That's his motto: GET RID OF IT. Sell it piece by piece, sell it wholesale, but GET RID OF IT. He says that each country, like Canada, will have its own quirks, and it takes work to get a good strategy that people will buy. But, according to a report on the Fraser Institute's Conference on privatisation, there are three guiding principles. Here's what they are, and how the socreds will probably use them:

### 1) MAKE FRIENDS OF YOUR ENEMIES

Buy off the public. Find out who the public interest groups are and make them a deal that they can't refuse. The V&DTA is a likely target. The socreds might offer to sell the property and housing units to the present tenants, or to other individual members of the public. They might offer to sell it to you share by share, at a reduced rate, so that you will make a quick instant profit. They will say that this is "your opportunity to own your own home." They will say that they are offering you a chance at "pride of ownership." They might offer to sell your home to you at a price below market rate, and even guarantee "preferential credit" to ensure mortgage rates below your present rent. Say you DO buy a house from SS&H. In case you haven't noticed, most "happy homeowners" in Vancouver who are low-middle income, can no longer afford to own their own homes. They have to take in renters, not out of the good of their hearts, but to cover costs. Many are forced to sell and leave Vancouver, their home for many years. Who buys their homes? Realty companies, investors, NOT average people.

The only hope you have for longterm security is getting the government to EXPAND public housing - not "get rid of it." Once the socreds finish with selling public housing, it will be impossible for any future government to buy them back. The "shares" will be too widely dispersed. Pirie says: "When the opposition gets in, they will not be able to get back those houses... They are going to have to accept the new status quo."

## 2) IDENTIFY ALL OF THE OBJECTIONS AND DISARM THEM

The socreds know that we will resist privatisation. They know that not everybody agrees that the only motive for life is sheer profit. They know that we do not agree that some people should have homes, while others sleep in the streets. They know that if they sell off public housing, they will have succeeded in beginning the dismantling of BC's society. Next to go will be GAIN, health care and education. They know that most decent Canadians don't like this. But if the socreds follow Pirie's strategy, they will be ready for us. If we say: "But what about the people who will go homeless? What about the gap between the rich and the poor?" They will guarantee new homes. They will cite "home ownership" as closing the gap. They will offer us any answer that we want. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ANY OF THIS; THEY JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE PUBLIC BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL. But a public "high" on quick profits from share and short-term profit is easy to buy.

## 3) PRIVATISE THE PROCESS OF PRIVATISATION

This means the government should contract out the implementation of privatisation. That way, the government is not head accountable. The socreds are already doing this: They have privatised the architects, builders, and to a large extent the management of public housing. Their last step is to do the actual selling of our homes.

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ENGLAND

In England, residents were in for a rude surprise after privatisation. Here's some of the things that happened there that could happen here:

First, only some of the tenants will be able to afford to buy, no matter what the conditions. You might be given only a couple of weeks to decide if you want to buy. If you don't, the offer will go to an outsider. Those who can't or don't want to buy will either be evicted or have to pay rent to a new "private" landlord.

There is no guarantee that these new landlords will keep rents low, maintain repairs, etc. Tenants lost long term security to their homes. Yet, Peter Thomas and his boys will try to make you believe that all you have to gain is longterm security. "A home to pass on to your grandchildren." Those poor who are evicted will have no place to go. In England, entire families are living on the streets, squatting, and staying in dingy hotel rooms. Maggie paints a picture of happy homeowners. She forgets to finish the equation: happy homeowners at the expense of thousands of 'new' homeless.

Longterm security is NOT possible in the marketplace or the "private sector." The marketplace is based on wheeling, dealing, and eventually buying the little person out.

### HOW CAN WE FIGHT TO KEEP PUBLIC HOUSING?

- 1) Make sure all tenants understand what is happening in Britain, how the privatisers use sneaky words and phrases to get support for their schemes, and how tenants lose in the long term.
- 2) Make the public aware of the longterm implications: Thousands of BC residents will be homeless if they have to depend on market housing.
- 3) Educate the public to realise that privatisation is not security, but the insecurity of the marketplace in all aspects of our lives. Explain that selling public housing actually increases homelessness and the gap between the rich and poor. Explain that once the houses are gone, there is no getting them back. Ask people: "Is this the "secure" future you want for your grandchildren?"
- 4) We suspect that the socreds are preparing NOW to sell housing. They will probably want to get some of it done before the next election, to bask in the short term "success" of those who are seduced by Peter the Wolf. They will get re-elected and when the long term results come down, they will no longer be accountable. We MUST GET RID OF the socreds. To the socreds, the business of government IS business. Vote for a government with a commitment to longterm security.
- 5) It is no coincidence that free trade is here. Privatisation is the American Way.
- 6) Don't fall for any of their ploys. Just remember: Privatisation means some short-term gains for some, long-term disaster for many while rich investors prosper, and the dismantling of our society.
- 7) Develop a plan of action such as leafletting, board meetings about this issue, support for other groups, maybe lawn signs saying: 'This house is not for sale.'

### BEWARE OF PHONEY OFFERS FROM PETER THOMAS

According to Equity magazine, Peter Thomas "gets \$10,000 a day for explaining to others the joys of "hot button selling." Thomas is always selling, and that makes it hard to get a fix on what is going on inside his head. Is he telling you something because he wants to say it or because he thinks you want to hear it? Need I say more?

\* Quotes from Madsen Pirie are from a luncheon speech given to the National Citizens' Coalition.

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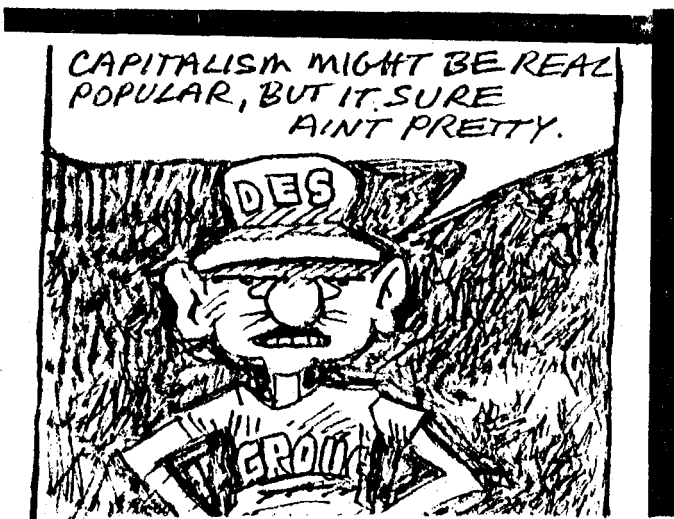
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Submitted by Mr. Henry



We drunk draft  
so fast.  
It doesn't even  
get a chance,  
For the bubbles  
to pop,  
For snap, crackle  
slop, why bother  
With all this non-  
sense...  
I wish I knew  
and could help  
Me figure out  
why me.

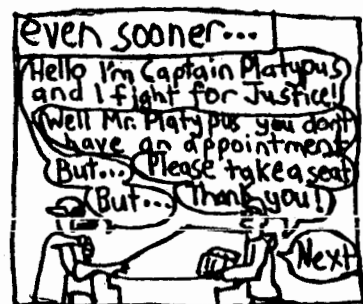
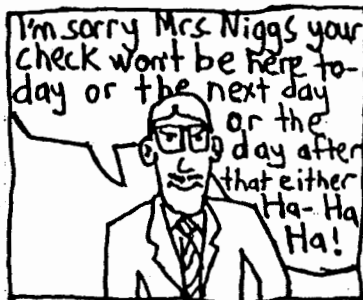
Patricia



# The Adventures of Captain Platypus

By L. Bradley Fenton

When Freddie Skiffles won \$1000 in the 649 he went on vacation to New Zealand where he was bitten by a radioactive platypus. Now wherever Justice is threatened Freddie is Captain Platypus!



Will Captain Platypus be able to help Kindly Mrs. Niggs? Will her kids ever get fed? Find out in the Next action packed Adventures of Captain Platypus

POETRY  
POETRY  
POETRY

Mother, Will I Never Be Perfect?

("The upper lip, of course, should rise by an angle of not more than forty-five degrees." (delegate at a Beauticians Convention, Hotel Vancouver))

Hell and damnation! Missed by this much!  
The story of my life revealed  
In my imperfect Playboy pout!  
Not to mention that  
the ideal weight is height -  
that's in inches - times one and three-quarter  
pounds - or was that  
one point seven-five kilograms  
- and that female Ideal Leg Length (that's I-L-L)  
must equal height (H) divided  
by one half i.e., H over point five equals ILL  
the hips  
must be equal to the bust; the bust  
must be equal to the waist plus ten  
inches (or centimeters?),  
the sum of all womanly parts  
must be equal to the times and batteries  
are not included.

What is one to do, when one failed  
Grade Nine maths! Discarded  
seconds, tossed into the marked-down  
sisterhood of the bodily unacceptable,  
nothing but a big cross-out, X marking the spot  
that didn't come up to scratch,  
that raises no man's itch.  
Zero out of ten, again!  
The square of the hypoteneuse  
of our wrong-angled buns  
not equal to the sum of the square  
of our two adjacent boobs.  
Sisters, there is nothing left for us  
but to transpose our deficiencies  
to the nearest bar  
where I, for one, will bracket  
my forty-six degreed lips  
around a one hundred per cent pure scotch.

Jancis M. Andrews

Courtroom Drama

They pushed her through  
that revolving door  
so she could be processed  
and delivered from evil.  
They attacked her there,  
dealing death blows  
to the vulnerable face,  
while she lay bleeding,  
screaming mutely  
into silence  
for the help  
she knew  
would never come  
for it  
never had.

They decimated her,  
with etch-eternal smiles,  
like Madame Curie  
killing a disease.

Joanne Hamen

Look out at sea  
and mountains  
B.C.'s my place  
Seagulls and water  
container ships  
And the breeze  
Warm-hearted people

B.C.'s my place  
to be.  
Passing ships  
on sea  
Vengeance  
and destruction

Nobody can see  
People are full  
of humility  
B.C. can it be.

Frank, Joe

Editor:

"Twas the night before April Fool's Day when all through the House not a creature was stirring except Peter Dueck. The Medical Services Plan premium increases had just been signed by the Minister while the patients were all nestled in their under-staffed hospital beds..."

So reads the latest news release from the Minister of Health. The announcement that medical plan premiums will be increasing 6.5% on April 1st is indeed an April Fool's joke from the government. Since Premier Vander Zalm took office our premiums have increased close to fifty percent, the government has lobbied for the return of user fees and they are constantly voicing their concerns about the "soaring" costs of health care.

Rather than ride this Trojan Horse of deception the government should look to the future of health care in our Province - everything from how best to provide for the growing older senior citizen population to the effect of new technology on medical services and the shortage of nursing professionals.

Perhaps then the next press release from the Minister of Health will read, "Twas the night before Budget Day when all through the Province people were cheering because of Peter Dueck. Homemaker programmes for seniors had not been slashed and funding for AZT had now been approved..."

Darren Lowe

Such freedoms as do exist  
are given with a sly twist  
You have the choice to die  
at any time  
Though failure is a punishable crime.

It is Greenpeace's right to honour the whale  
Making Ahab's quest a sordid tale  
And surely the seal to save  
To make the outports a misty silent grave

And we could speak in actions loud  
That are surely followed by the shroud  
To kill the workers in the plant  
Someone's guidance system has gone ashant

And Vanderzalm by the makeup man dusted down  
A jester in a thorny crown  
Will air his scripted views profound  
While buffalo chips come raining down

You & I on a soapbox in Pigeon Park  
Removed by statute after dark  
Practicing our freedom of speech, standing tall  
Proving the media is the message after all.

Their soft sell will surely kill us all.

Tom Lewis

POETRY IN MOTION Five of the Downtown Eastside Poets have returned from giving 1st-time "readings" in Nanaimo & Victoria in near shock. If you're aware of their stuff, you know why readings is in quotes: it's an experience that many people on the Island had on Friday and Saturday. High times indeed.

At the scheduled events in each city, the poets were so well received that they were signing autographs, all the books they took were sold and people were stopping them on streets and saying, "I recognize you; you're one of the Downtown Eastside Poets!"

In each place, small groups of poets/writers/artists said that doing readings and travelling to other places was just so much wishful thinking. When they learned of Canada Council being a source of funds their eagerness for more info was almost palpable. The seed grows.

PRT

Ten-after-two  
 The metacycle,  
 stops - starts  
 redlight district  
 check the cheeks -  
 playfully - zooms  
 thru unknown zones

Foreign only  
 Arrive sans companion  
 Blue zone -  
 She reverses her steps  
 Ten-after-two  
 arrive!  
 vite - vite  
 Bibliophils  
 Jaemophils  
 hetrophils  
 Ten-after-two  
 silver shackles  
 Adorn the throat. To  
 numb the pain

unspoken words, truths  
 lyes - broken dreams  
 be spoken --  
 crowded-darkened bars  
 sodden back rooms of  
 gloom... zooms

Ten-after-three  
 specks-of-age  
 mar her arms.  
 unspoken tokens  
 gesturers - form  
 a eamouphlage  
 a collage of  
 years forgotten -  
 Ten after Three?  
 Home, girl -  
 speak-easy  
 is closed  
 Hit the main  
 East - West

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diane wood

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Kelly



Headlines Theatre will present this play in 26 cultural and community centres in the Lower Mainland. SANCTUARY? will be at First United Church, 320 E. Hastings, on Friday, March 3, at 8 pm. and again on Saturday, March 4; same place & time.

For further information please call Teresa Marshall, Headlines Theatre at 738-2283 and 1st United for info on ticket prices (if there's a fee).

# IS SANCTUARY?

HEADLINES  
THEATRE  
PRESENTS

HEADLINES THEATRE PRESENTS

This powerful play was first performed at the '88 Vancouver Fringe Festival. It is now being done as a Forum Theatre event, with the audience invited to participate in changing the action and words as they unfold after seeing it, uninterrupted, first. During the 2nd performance (10-15 minutes) every person present may stop the action at any time and insert changes.

SANCTUARY? is about refugees and resulted from an 8-day workshop with people who are refugees from their homeland. As one participant has said: "What the audience can

change is their view of refugees. It is not a matter of asking Canadians to sympathize with us, it is a matter of accepting us - that we do contribute to this society."



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**Wed.**

NEXT ISSUE!!!

Starting March 15th, the Seniors  
will have their own page in the  
Newsletter. If you have any news or  
comments you would like to share,  
either write it down or just come to  
the Association Office.

Deluded But Not Lost

Glorious partners,  
I live in a world all my own.  
I'm deluded, but not lost  
I have a path  
Of trust and comradeship  
Mother Nature has trusted me.  
I'm deluded, but not lost  
I scream for freedom  
From the traps of society  
Toil has its reqards,  
But are people really sincere  
about changing the world?  
And I'm deluded, but not lost.

Dorin

Total Disagreement

Entrenched in a maze of turmoil -  
Lost my bearings,  
Remembering crawling  
I needed a light  
It was a dead end of  
Total Disagreement.  
Wanted you so badly  
But you left me crying  
And I needed an angel  
To show me a caress again  
And she showed me I was waiting  
For you when I was a baby  
Then I find my way back  
From total disagreement.

Dorin

WANDER IN YOUR EYES  
(Song for Denise)

City lights below a quarter moon,  
Soft spring nights rolling into June,  
Here I am in this little park,  
Writing love songs in the dark.  
Thinking of the things I couldn't say,  
Perhaps I could say them in this way.

\*

I could wander in your eyes forever,  
Getting lost in the love I see,  
I could wander in your eyes forever,  
Always yours but always free.

\*

I can't say I love you any more,  
I've heard them words too many times before,  
Searched for love so often in the past,  
Always found the kind that didn't last.

\*

But I could wander in your eyes forever,  
Getting lost in the love I see,  
I could wander in your eyes forever,  
Always yours but always free.

I could wander in your eyes forever

Wayne Lewis

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POETRY  
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ALOHA

There can be no delay  
got to buy Japanese  
If there was nothing to buy  
have a hassle with the Yen  
cough and sneeze again  
Enos otre do rock

Black Pearl of Prince Rupert's Land  
Mafia Birthday Party  
Disorder said it's so  
Psi forces abound from the crowd  
the masses the mobs psychology  
Control it my mind be so close  
but a miss is as good as a mile  
while Nazi's gas us and smile  
distorting graphic reality  
crushing the common bond sense  
alining numbered accounts with gold  
a life not worth its Soul(in the head)  
So Old, sold out Sold down river  
Railroaded again but don't worry  
we can manage it  
Real estate to be developed  
Pave over the berries forever!  
Taum D.

Dear Environment Canada:

for full disclosure of report on  
Burrard Inlet toxicity

The Create a Real Available Beach society (CRAB) urges full public disclosure of a study recently completed by your department concerning toxic substances presently accumulating in our immediate area (i.e. Burrard Inlet).

"Portside"(Crab) park, a recreation area in the heart of downtown Vancouver, which the downtown east-side community struggled many years to achieve, fronts directly on the Inlet. Contact with the water's edge was the main focus of our fight.

Many of our children will be playing at Crab beach this summer, and a 125 foot pier will soon be built which will be used by low-income fishermen who have augmented their diet for many years with seafood from the shores of the inlet (e.g. bottom-dwelling fish and crab).

The lives of community members and the future of their children are at risk through the uncontrolled dumping of extremely toxic pollutants. Apparently your department has only begun to measure such pollutants.

CRAB society strongly urges you to make a full disclosure of your findings. The few details leaked by the media indicate that some lifeforms in Burrard Inlet carry levels of toxic substances dangerous to public health.

CRAB Society

Rita Johnston,  
Minister Responsible for Transit,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Rita Johnston,

Our organization, "PEOPLE ON WELFARE", is greatly concerned about the cutbacks in bus service. The passengers are taking their frustrations out on the bus drivers, who are not to blame. Why isn't there better security to protect both passengers and bus drivers from violence? Where are the two-way radios the buses were supposed to be equipped with? A great number of people are carrying knives in the city.

We want to be certain that there are no fare increases in April as the cost of a bus ride is too high already. People on Welfare and low income citizens should be issued with free bus passes as they are living far below the poverty line.

Rents are extremely high in Vancouver and cause people to be isolated with no money for transportation.

Thank you for attending to this matter.

Sincerely,  
People on Welfare.

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**Open Stage CABARET**

**TUESDAYS IN THE THEATRE 7 PM**

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# poetry

## BISQUE DEPRESSION

Poetry Diane Macs  
 semantics of verse  
 grey shades of I miss you  
 Red Valentine of Loving  
 by the size of it  
 the audience appreciates prose  
 there is coffee money to  
 be made  
 in writing those.

Geriatric deficit  
 a run on the larder  
 by those who oppose  
 the resistance to nutrition  
 Soup/Sandwich at the Mission  
 run of the Mill  
 Church Welfare diet  
 Dungeon Swill  
 the imprisoned run riot  
 til taste buds  
 Govern the Kitchen

I'd drink too  
 infused with it  
 run Pro  
 Creation  
 appropriation of the fund  
 Spending in London

between lead & gold is Mercury  
 sheppard grazing land Lord  
 Lasr Chance Press

Dry Gultch Dailies  
 play for the view  
 a character  
 Generator, Red and  
 white and green printing  
 (the) Machine

this unit a mass of  
 contradictions/ proceed  
 at the rate of survival  
 breakdown many from causes  
 awake to Life  
 if in doubt check it out  
 a patchwork of restored  
 biological repairs and  
 reaction to motion  
 a well ordered labyrinth  
 new lids for the kiln top  
 blue-green, combination of light  
 Clone young blade  
 prancing to the machine  
 different colours to be seen  
 Colour temperature a  
 mathematical progression  
 slump glass a  
 Bisque depression.

Taum D.

## Feelings

Be little  
 Be tall  
 Be crazy  
 Be small  
 Be funny  
 I have no  
 money  
 Be sad .  
 Be glad  
 Be lonely  
 Be happy.

Frank, Joe  
 & Spike

## SUNSHINE BLUES

By Robert Anderson  
 Jerry Sentino  
 Garry Gust

## REFLECTION

( ii B )

I HAVE IV KEYS IN MY POCKET,  
 EACH, FOR A COFFIN.  
 I HAD MY UNBORN KILLED.  
 YOU SEE, I HAD NO CHOICE.

I SEE NO REFLECTION IN MY MIRROR.  
 I'LL NEVER KNOW MY CHILDREN.  
 I'VE PLANTED PRETTY POISON  
 ON THEIR GRAVES.

Serious Writer

The Ozone's gone and left a hole;  
 I got the sunshine blues.  
 Those violet rays are eatin' my skin;  
 I got the sunshine blues.

The Human Race  
 Is erasing its space,  
 There's human waste  
 All over the place.  
 I look for hope  
 But there's not a trace;  
 I got the sunshine blues.

INNOVATIVE ANTI-DRUG SOCIAL CENTRE  
SEEKS ORGANISERS, SUPPORT

Are you happy with Vancouver's nightlife - as it is - rife with drugs such as alcohol and tobacco? Or are you wary of drugs' effects on you, your family, friends and society?

Using drugs puts you at some risk of slipping into heavier use. In spite of denials, mind and mood drugs ALWAYS have negative consequences: physical, emotional and social.

However, here in Canada, you probably can't even name a single person who truly abstains from psychoactive drugs. Remember that in that category are caffeine, tranquilizers, solvents, Ritalin, other psychiatric drugs, added sugar, steroids and illegal drugs. Maybe 99% of Canadians are drug users.

One reason that anti-drug programs don't do better is that the people conducting and sponsoring them use drugs. Let's face it: our world is drug-drenched, from top to bottom. Many powerful people (knowingly or not) stay in power partly by hypocritically exploiting drug users.

Another reason anti-drug campaigns fall short is that they try to deter people from going to drug hang-outs but don't provide very exciting alternatives, if any.

Alternatives to the drug scene shouldn't be confined to the prim & proper, athletic, religious and highbrow.

Our project? Opening a warm, inviting club which attracts lots of people to our anti-drug lifestyle. (Action in addition to the words we hear so much.)

This will be the world's first anti-drug ballroom and activity centre! As much as possible, our premises will be free of the temptation to "use". Every other dance hall in the world (as far as we know) allows

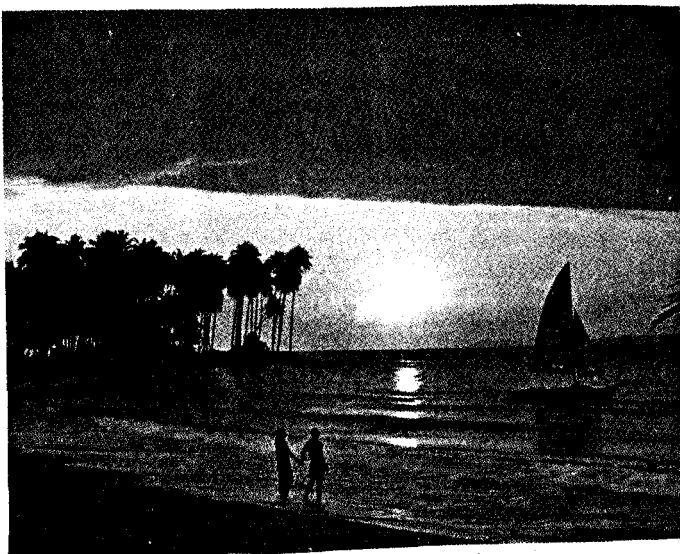
or serves drugs. Neither will we contribute to other addictive behaviours, such as gambling or even eating too fast.

We intend to feature live stompin' music such as rock, soul, gypsy, hot jazz, punk, blues, reggae, honky-tonk, metal, etc. Dance music is a proven draw. People of all ages, including those recovering from drugs, will really enjoy "letting it all hang out" on our dance floor. What a tremendous boost to musicians and the present unhealthy music scene! It's been almost impossible for a performing rock musician to avoid a lot of cigarette smoke.

We'll provide a sauna, a hot tub, healthy food, a children's room, and other services. We'll go down in history!

To get off the ground we need more workers, funding and other support. We're gathering the least-addicted people we can find.

Regardless of your present lifestyle, feel welcome to contact us. Write Korky Day, #3-420 Hawks Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6A 3H6; Te. 879-0730.



PACIFIC SOCIETY For NATIVE MUSIC  
#111-2228 Franklin Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 1R9  
251-4844 or 255-9543

Dear Friends,

The Pacific Society for Native Music and Debbie Mearns, General Manager of the Vancouver Indian Centre, were approached by Mr. Heinrich Scierski, a West German promoter, with a proposed opportunity for 50 Canadian Native people to attend a Cultural Festival in West Germany in 1990.

The festival welcomes all facets of Native art such as: carvers, painters, musicians, recording artists, etc.

Air fare and accommodations will be provided for by the West German Govt.

I have sent a demo tape of KINOQ, a

rock 'n roll Native group from Calgary and a demo tape from Mt. Currie, B.C. to West Germany. I have not as yet received any dmoes or promos from Traditional drum groups or dancers.

I invite all Native artists to submit photographs of their work with a phtot of themself and a short biography. I am at the above address. Please; photos of your work only.

Please feel free to contact for any additional information you require.

Miro Vlcek,  
Executive Director.

I've been a student and a volunteer at Carnegie for more than a year. This Centre did not only give me the chance to meet and make many friends but also provided me with a chance to upgrade my education. There are a few additional reasons why I keep returning to this place. Aside from having enjoyed participating in the picnics, and the musical and poetry events in the theatre, I also enjoyed playing the role of the founder of Carnegie, Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Yes, the Carnegie Centre has provided me with so much to date. I hope it will continue doing so in the future, which includes the tickets that I collect each day. These are now a part of my monthly budget.

Henry Hebert

### Cut and Dried

I have a new career now  
Smooth sailing into the future  
It's all so cut and dried  
Tried and true cut and dried  
Nobody makes unreasonable demands  
Not even I care that much.

If you storm back now  
It would mess up my future  
So cut and dried  
Re-open old wounds  
Make the blood flow  
Unscar the future  
Drowning stars would rip the sky  
Inside all cut and dried  
Navigating the desert  
Scraping the hull  
Deeper into wasteland  
Spread the sheets  
There is no tomorrow  
Without you coming back  
To fuck up my life.

mike kramer



### TELLIER TOWER OFFICIALLY OPENED

On Monday the 27th, the residents of this model for seniors housing took great pride in telling all participants in the gathering about their home.

All names aside, there were politicians and architects and builders and representatives from federal, provincial and municipal branches of governments...all pleased to have been involved.

Jim Green, of the Downtown East-side Residents Association Housing Society, was master of ceremonies; so glad to stand firmly behind social housing with such an incredible tribute to the concept being the building everyone was in. He asked the gathered to listen to reps from various government departments.

Each, of course, spoke of the cooperation necessary to realise such housing as this, with history, heritage and modern quality all rolled into one beautiful project. The audience was content to listen. It was a time for good feelings in our



community; a time to feel satisfied that one more idea had reached fruition in this historic location. Everything from the basement to the roof has its own story and heritage tale.

Small matters like massive developments, land speculation, demolition of up to 15 buildings in the next 3 months/500 people facing homelessness/ no end in sight to escalating rents/ 100-resident structures being 'removed' to make way for a few luxury condos and land prices going out-of-sight and...

How serious, in the face of this other reality, can words like "It's only the beginning, Jim!" (from Claude Richmond, Minister of Social Services & Housing) be taken when the starkness facing thousands includes having no affordable housing in Vancouver in a few years? How committed to rich rule are the present governments, when the socrads praise such as Peter Thomas for "having the right idea?" Thomas is talked about in the special section of this issue at the centre of the newsletter. Make your own decision.

We, the people here, are fighters. Even though we win battles, war is still the lowest form of human activity. There is a great difference between being co-operative and being co-opted.

What seemed to have been said but not spoken was that we are here to STAY.

By PAULR TAYLOR