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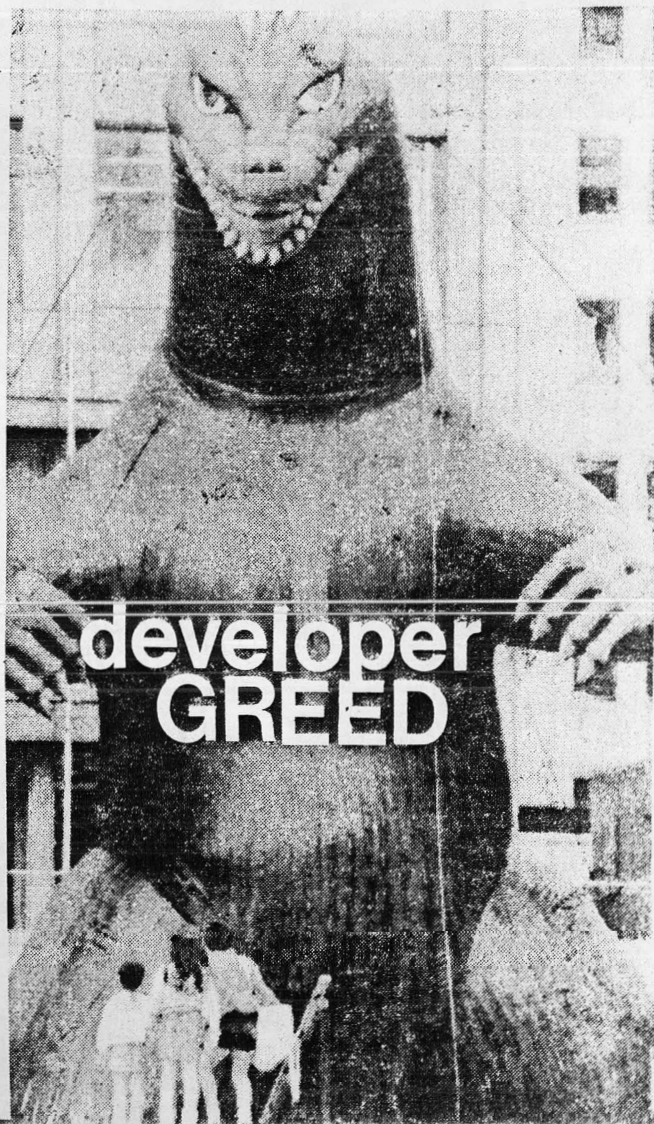
'GROW TO THE LIMITS OF AVAILABLE ENERGY'

...and with government backing, stick to the lie that more taxes solve all problems.

A while ago, the Mayor of Vancouver held a banquet for over 1,000 developers and their parasitical services; people who follow the biggest bucks, hoping to find openings for their greed to develop into the Big Scam. Everyone there was quite "respectable", with great visions of Vancouver being transformed into an executive city. Everyone there naturally included themselves in the executive class. EVERYONE talked about, listened to and conspired to make as much money as possible. The Mayor was in his glory!

Funny that citizens involved in community planning, non-profit housing societies, tenants' rights advocates and members of the environmentally conscious public were specifically not invited. Funny that the current housing crisis in Vancouver was only addressed in terms of "dwelling units". Low-cost, affordable housing was (and continues to be) an issue for someone else to worry about.

From the federal level on down to the provincial and municipal cliques, the movement is to turn as much as possible over to private sector...to



the people unknown to the public except as names in the paper: Board Chairmen, Presidents, Owners of much of everything. It is to these people that developers turn to for their inspiration and methods of playing the Greed Game to the hilt.

Examples: Right here at home, we have the matter of the Columbia Hotel. One person has said that the entire building should be put into a green garbage bag and hauled away. Owners are using the excuse of "by-law enforced renovations" to raise rents by 50% while tenants have to fight for weeks just to get heat.

During Expo 86 scores of hotels and rooming houses evicted low-income, long-term residents to make cosmetic changes and gouge tourists.

Five people died.

BC Hydro, bragging that they have \$10 billion in resources, scurries around without a word to anyone in the area concerned about maintaining low-cost housing, gets a permit to demolish an 80-unit dwelling, and then tries to pit a non-profit housing group from New Westminster against DERA and Affordable Housing for Seniors so community attention is focused on anyone else BUT BC Hydro.

There is no social housing slated to begin in the Downtown Eastside. The area of greatest need is being consciously ignored by the political parties and their supporters in favour of demolitions and construction of new buildings/developments that no one in need can afford.

Vanderzalm has finally been pinpointed, in the media, as a liar. His own party members can't stomach him. Campbell, like Vanderzalm, promised "open, accessible government" "listening to the people" etc. ad nauseum. Does this mean that we are not "people", or just that we are not the right kind of people. Mayor Campbell's executive city is a promise of eviction and homelessness for tens of thousands of Vancouver's residents unless reality is rammed down the collective throat of he, the NPA, the Socreds and their sugar daddies, the developers.

Does anyone out there know of a family or ten who will be "in"/welcome in one of the new megaprojects? Take this list and compare it to the rest of the people you know who will be out on the street in a few months because they can't find affordable housing anywhere.

By PAULR TAYLOR

EASTSIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLE (to the tune of "Good King Wenceslas") TORA

Rich slum landlords kick you out
Cops say you are leavin'
Shove fresh money up their snouts
Deep & crisp & Even

Brightly shine the cold streetlights
& the traffic's cru-el
Landlord says it serves you right
Screw the Golden Ru-oo-el

Hither Campbell, stand by me
Hotel owner's yelling
Yonder peasant must not see
How we scam his dwelling

Business says we send him hence
Knock him off his mountain
Welfare bums make no good sense
Let's not even cou-ount 'em

Mayor & Landlord forth they went
Forth they went together
Deaf to all your wild lament
Safe from bitter wea-ther

Therefore businessmen be sure
Profit's for the taking
Ye who oft times bless the poor
Lose thy credit ray-ay-ting.

ASK
NOT
FOR WHOM
THE BELL
TOLLS...
IT TOLLS
FOR THEE!



NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED by Alderman Davies
SECONDED by Alderman Eriksen

THAT WHEREAS City Council decided to proceed with a Resource Recovery Transfer Plant on Station Street;

AND WHEREAS there is a possibility that this Plant might have to be located on another property in the Burlington Northern flats, thus involving a land-swap;

AND WHEREAS it is a fact that no Public Hearings have been held anywhere on the matter in the affected areas of Downtown, Strathcona, Mount Pleasant and Grandview;

AND WHEREAS no environmental assessment reviews have been conducted analysing the impact of such a plant on traffic patterns and other matters such as smells and fumes;

AND WHEREAS the City's Engineering Department earlier suggested that the plant's construction be delayed pending the putting into place of a City-wide comprehensive waste disposal system:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council declare a moratorium on its decision, and that it immediately proceed to hold appropriate Public Hhearings in the areas affected and accompanying environmental impact studies.

DATED this 28th day of November 1989.

Voting Yeas _____

Nays _____

The above was presented at City Council as a result of the public meeting reported on later in this paper - Resource Rip-Off Plant - held on Sunday November 26th at Carnegie. Anyone wishing to speak must write to: The Mayor & Members of Council and ask to be heard on this issue on December 12th.

"Artsy Idea Article"

Just an idea I want to throw out into the community...How about the

FIRST ANNUAL SKID ROAD ART FESTIVAL

- an exhibit of sculpture, painting & other art at the Unit Pitt Gallery - Monday to Sunday;
- concurrent on Saturday & Sunday a live talent stage for the performing arts - music, dance, poetry reading & theatre at the Carnegie Centre Theatre;
- (why not) a working studio for poetry, portraits & other art on the 3rd floor - same time?!

Of course, legit skid roaders. I for one am one and know others in the arts... there must be more.

If anyone is even somewhat interested, let (of course) Carnegie Centre know. Leave a message at the Info Desk or with the Newsletter. They'll be in touch with me.

Wish upon a star...

Robert



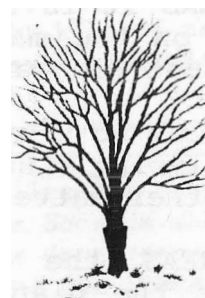
Me as someone I like myself.

That's when certain people don't touch me in places I don't like, or do things to me I wish they didn't do.

When they do I go into a shell and find it very hard to tell anyone or let anyone know what the people do to me.

But now I'm breaking my shell and telling people about the things that have happened to me. Sure it took me a long time but I told them that whatever had happened to me they understood.

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Editor,

I feel it is time the Residents of East Vancouver be given a vote as to what we would not want developed in our community. The latest plan now is the garbage recycling and layover plant the City would like to dump on us.

All other cities have referendums and votes. Why not us?

I could imagine the people in \$2 million penthouses at Concord Pacific would not appreciate the smell when the wind blows. Well neither would any resident surrounding the area of the proposed site.

The people of the Downtown East-side and their opinion doesn't seem to matter to our Elected Aldermen and Mayor.

A prime example was Bosa Bros., passed by all city council & mayor. When so many people here opposed it, spoke openly against it, our City

Tora,

You may not be a liar but your argument is a lie. It supports the big lie that human greed is not the motivating factor in this economic system.

You are painting as saints people who display a total disregard for the health and safety of those from whom they profit.

You are working for the other side if you propagate the myth that landlords increase the rent only when their costs increase. This feeble justification for the maximization of profit, which is the true cause of rent rises, is at best forgetful.

The rampant destruction of low-cost housing to make way for construction for wealthy imports is proof of the irresponsibility of landlords and their government cohorts. The City by-laws enforce minimal standards that were in force at the time the hotels were first built.



If you really think that pneumonia and rats are integral to the character of the Downtown Eastside then you share the sentiments of the slumlords. They will no doubt be grateful for your support.

Barbara Daniel

Council fully endorsed it knowing there is no money promised for core needy social housing.

Maybe the east-enders should pitch tents in the summer and camp indoors at B.C. Place Stadium in the winter rainy season we have.

When so many people enjoy the climate here, it only stands to reason we shall have more home-less.

The Hostels now turn people away at night, they are so full, and the ones able to get in are charged \$6.50 per night paid by Social Services. So the city can add another 250 to 300 people on their homeless totals.

How can city council be so proud when we have people sleeping in parks, doorways and under bridges, vacant buildings when hostels are full? Food banks and soup kitchens need cash from the city and province to buy supplies. When food wholesalers move out, their donations therefore would decrease in the D.E.

When people have to use comfort money to cover rent there is automatically less for food.

My rent is \$295 for a room, hot plate, camper fridge.. I use \$20 comfort money. Ironically, it's called "Affordable" by the company which owns it.

James Fischer

IN DEFENCE OF



I was very interested to read Tora's letter in the last Newsletter criticizing DERA for fighting for better hotel conditions. He stated that DERA was "playing into the hands of the hotel owners" and DERA was afraid "to admit its responsibility for a process that legalizes this victimization of the poor." Of course we disagree with this.

Anyone who lives, or has been in a hotel, in the Downtown Eastside knows that the standards are not very high.

The standards that the City's Permits and Licenses Dept. forces the hotels to maintain are pretty basic. Elevators have to be in working condition. There has to be a sprinkler system in case of fire. There must be heat in the rooms. Toilets must be in working condition. There can't be too many mice or cockroaches. All very basic.

If these standards aren't maintained, what will happen? If you move into a hotel and you are in a wheelchair and the elevator breaks down and the landlord won't fix it.. you have to move. It's as good as an eviction notice.

If there is no heat in your room and the landlord won't fix it and you can no longer bear it..you have to move.

You begin to get the picture. For many people, if the hotels are not kept to a certain basic level the tenants are forced to move.

Sometimes hotel standards are also a life or death situation, DERA

fought for a number of years to get a sprinkler system in every hotel. Previous to the sprinkler by-law there were between 5 and 10 deaths a year from hotel fires. Now the figure is pretty well zero.

I might point out that when the sprinkler by-law was implemented there was not a major increase in rents in the Downtown Eastside, though all hotels incurred expenses to put in the new system.

Obviously renovations cost money, but is having a working furnace renovations? The owners of Columbia Hotel (which instigated this discussion) have been making a good sum of money off the hotel and bar over the years, but the hotel has hardly changed since it was built. Like most hotels in this area, a lot of money was taken out but little has been put back in.

Forcing hotels to maintain standards does not lead to increased rents. There are other factors that force rents up. As we all know, if welfare rates go up to do the rents. In the last year or so the shelter portion went up and, within a month, most hotels had increased rents.

Another factor regulating rents is supply and demand. Unfortunately there have been demolitions and evictions all over the city as developers tear down affordable housing. This has even begun to affect the Downtown Eastside. The supply of rooms in this community is not increasing and in fact we are seeing hotels being torn down.

Even the crummiest hotels are turning people away because there is not enough affordable decent housing. So some hotel owners are trying to put one tenant against another and the person with the most money will win.

Now, in the case of the Columbia, they have to fix the furnace and are using that as one of the excuses to

raise the rent. But if there was a high vacancy rate would they raise the rents? I don't think so, because most tenants would just move to a cheaper place. Unfortunately there are few choices these days.

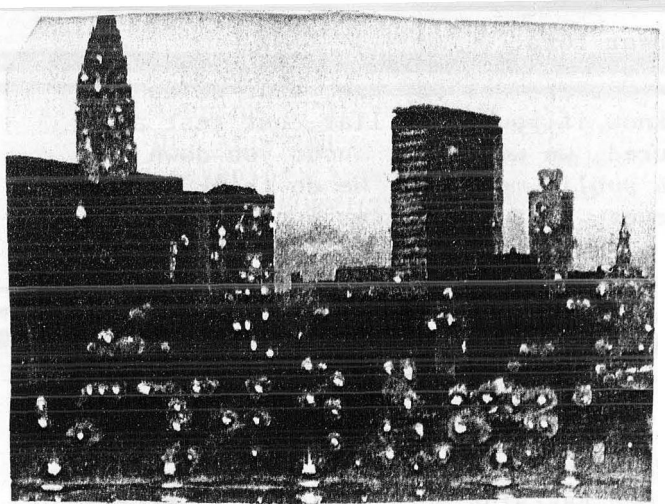
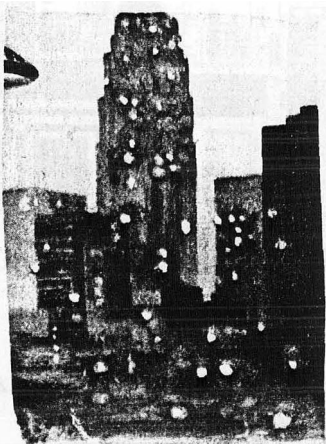
There are many hotels in the community which have been maintained over the years, and still do not charge up to the maximum welfare rate.

A final point that I'd like to add is that the people who work in the DERA office do not act alone on issues. DERA is a residents' organization and it is the residents of the community who constantly tell us of the problems of the neighbourhood. On a daily basis, people come into the DERA office to complain about the condition of one hotel or another. Quite often more than one tenant will come in from a hotel to complain.

We don't have the staff to investigate hotels and keep up on all the hotels in the area. But residents come to us and ask for help in fixing the problems with their hotel.

Finally, DERA will continue to help tenants. DERA will continue to report hotels for infractions to the City. And DERA will continue to fight for quality affordable housing as the ultimate solution to poor living conditions.

Stephen Learey
DERA



BUILDING BY-LAWS

The question of enforcing the city by-laws in downtown hotels has recently been brought up in your newsletter. It seems to me that Dera had no choice in the matter as complaints about conditions in the hotels came from hotel residents themselves. In the case of the Columbia Hotel residents, they had no heat and asked Dera what to do. So it wouldn't do to tell them, "Don't worry, because if you complain the landlord will be forced to fix the boiler and you'll be out of a place."

Building owners normally set aside funds to renovate outdated pieces of equipment. If negligent hotel owners fail to do this, is it all of a sudden somebody else's fault when the owner's number is called and they have to fix a problem?

I don't think anybody should accept the premise that because you are poor you should settle for substandard conditions just because you can't pay as much. The notion that the poor should accept less is what leads to society's band-aid solutions to poverty in the first place. No, everybody including the poor deserves decent living conditions like anybody else.

Jeffrey Hu-Tung

Dear Tora,

You are not our enemy and we do not know if you are a liar, but rest assured, we would not shout you down in a public meeting. We do think, however, that the Fraser Institute might be interested in your rationale for keeping Downtown Eastside residents in slum housing conditions. After all, a cold room at the Columbia is better than no room at all.

It is not that you are our enemy; it is just that you are sadly and dangerously mistaken. Rents in Downtown Eastside hotels rise whether or not the City tries to enforce health and safety standards. They rise simply because the demand for affordable housing in Vancouver is greater than the supply. Probably you can grasp the concept.

It is interesting that you mention the New Columbia Hotel. When the City Inspectors threatened to shut down the Columbia on November 3, 1989, the heat had not been on since last winter. Residents were told it would be "a couple more weeks" before the boilers would be fixed. The City found no boilers whatsoever and said that if the heat was not on by 6 pm that evening, they would withdraw the Columbia's business license. Now I am sure Robert Sequeira, the owner, would like to blame the rent increase on the City's actions. Or DERA. Perhaps you would too. But remember: the notices of rent increases were given before Nov-

As one young man said, "I don't know why I'm going through this exercise; it's a waste of time."

He was wrong.

Without him and other tenants who spent their time and energy, the Columbia would undoubtedly be without heat today. Can you seriously suggest their actions have "destroyed the character and community of the Downtown Eastside"? If you honestly believe that, we hope you will leave your warm, two-year old co-op apartment and move into a cold, leaking room. We happen to know of a vacancy on Abbott Street.

Sometimes, Tora, the very small battles in a war have larger, more profound implications. If the Columbia Hotel incident affirmed, for a few people, that they deserve the same standard of health and maintenance as people in Kerrisdale, it will have been a worthy battle.

Sincerely,

Laura Stannard



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- * UIC problems
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FOR 15 YEARS

maybe I won't come this

Morning sun is a rare pleasure
which calls me out
to walk on Pender to Clark,
then north on Powell
and west to the fish dock
past the B.C. Sugar Refinery.
Being Sunday
the Marine View Coffee Shop is closed,
but it's closed forever now,
fini, caput -
the Port of Vancouver has other plans.
Workers don't know these other plans
made by strangers seen only through glass,
and darkly.

Seagulls swirl and cry in the bright sun
over the Lions Gate Fisheries,
over the fishing boats rocking in the slick water,
over the Marine View Coffee Shop,
closed forever.

Maybe I won't come this way again.

Polaris
Miss Amy
New Venture
Wishing Star
Rose-Lind
Sans Peur
Ocean Tide
Tracey Jean

The goddess, the star, and the journey
are in these names,
and the boats, like Zen temples,
point to the door at the bottom of the garden
which opens slowly.

The Lions glisten with new snow,
a small cloud touches Mount Seymour,
the harbour sleeps in golden light.
Where will the boats go when the dock is closed?
Maybe I won't come this way again.

The ice plant is already closed, and
it won't reopen - ever.

"Try B.C. Ice and Cold Storage,"
a sign says brightly.



Way again...

Under the sign there's a newspaper cartoon
on a grimmer note,
a prophecy,
a cry for help,
a picture of some people in a cage
at the zoo;

we know it's a zoo,
the drawing makes that clear,
and in the next cage is a giraffe,

we can see his long neck and small head.
Visitors are watching the people in the
and a sign on the cage door reads cage,
"Riff Raff."

One of the ice plant workers has drawn
an arrow to the caged people,
and written in pencil beneath the cartoon,
"After the ice plant closes."

Oh, my brother, my sister,
Maybe I won't come this way again.

Sandy Cameron

LADY OF THE RAIN

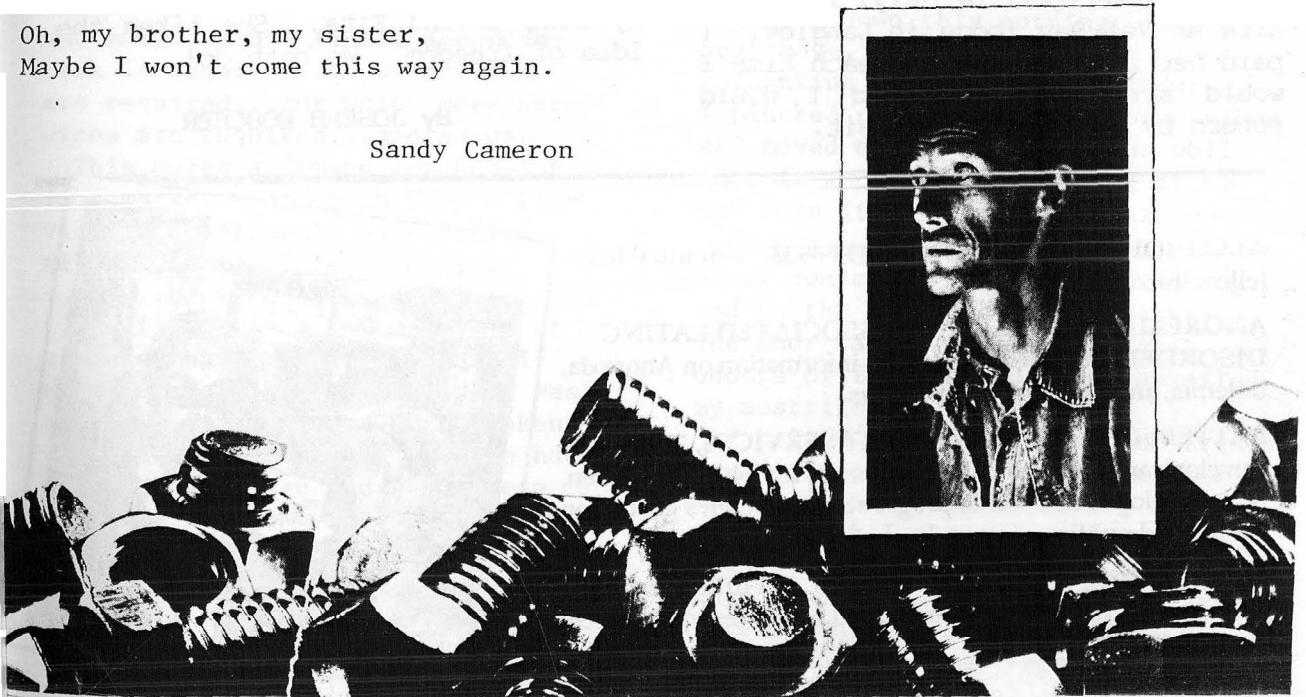
The eyes of night look upon me,
The lips of darkness
Say I'll never be free.
In my mind your image is chained,
But the eyes of night
Are dark and stained.

The face I've kissed only in dreams,
The hands I've never held
Reach out to me.

In my thoughts you'll sadly remain,
As the eyes of night
Fade in your rain.

The unsaid words that stayed untold,
I say them now though
you're not here to hold.
Only the wind can hear me now
But I'll see you again, somehow.
Until then may the eyes of night
Watch over you.

Garry Gust



¹² FREEDOM for Zita

June 7th 1989 OPPENHEIMER PARK

Getting up early was easy enough for me. Since it was very common practice for me I was trying my best to stretch my days. So I could see Zita for as long as I could spend time with her.

I went to all her usual haunts but there was no sign of her anywhere. The next day was the same and the next. On the evening of the 9th I was told that my good friend Zita was hurt real bad.. a suspected head injury was the verdict of Hospital attendants and the ambulance attendants too. I asked around and learned that she was on the 10th floor of St. Paul's hospital.

June 10th was the first day of daily visits everyday until July 16 when she was committed to a group home for headinjured persons.

When I receive my pension cheque in the latter part of July, I visited Zita at Vel Ray lodge in Langley. I paid her three visits and each time I would arrive by taxi and I would return by taxi after my visit.

The place by itself, when viewed by me, seemed very restrictive and seemed much more so by its locked gate. It was to my way of thinking that I would not wish for my friend to be in such a foreboding looking place.

Each day that I visited my friend Zita she implored me to obtain her release and on the last day I went she was in tears. I told her I would see what I could do.

I looked up every agency that deals with this sort of thing. I first went to the B.C. Human Rights Commission and while there I got my first glimmer of hope. I was told to try and get a hold of the Ombudsman. I was able to get thru to a senior one and through her and others like her I was able to obtain Zita's release. She is now free - that is the only way I know of satisfying a person who needs freedom.

I'm glad that I was able to help my best friend Zita. She likes the idea of freedom. We both do!

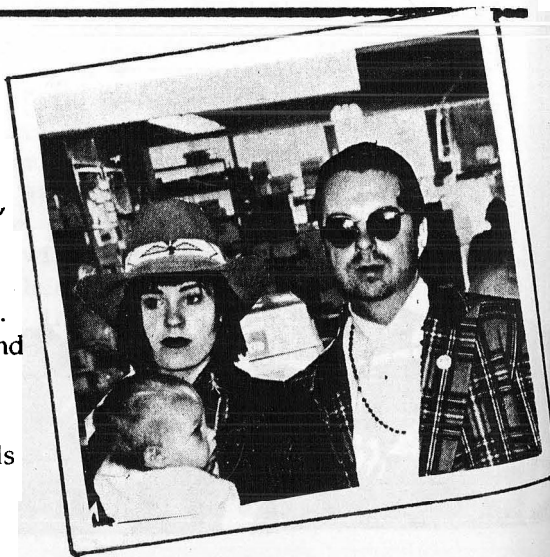
By JOSEPH BOUCHER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 434-3933: A mutual help fellowship of Alcoholics.

ANOREXIA NERVOSA AND ASSOCIATED EATING DISORDERS, 875-9690: Provides information on Anorexia, Bulemia, and other eating disorders.

BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES, 734-1574: Develops and sponsors support groups for battered women. Also develops educational programs for women's groups and the general public.

BC COALITION OF THE DISABLED, 875-0188: An advocacy group promoting increased awareness of the needs of specially abled people.



MOVING OUT ON

Deck the halls with boughs of holly - that is if you have halls - for it ~~is~~ the new era of the homeless and thousands are in the street with promises of more company to join them.

Myself, I have been homeless since April when I undertook a trip to the east. On that trip I met many former Carnegie patrons, former Vancouver residents who had seen the writing on the wall or experienced this form of progress & plenty..sustained by the belief that the economy is solely based on real estate.

These are not good times - they are based on a "boom" economy . They are based on an expansion of cities to accomodate the needs of work contrived by the needs of working people to travel where the work is available. **For each worker** who moves on new family accomodation is required...new services are required...for which more services are required...and so on.

This makes a demand for housing in a market where both City & Provincial governments have pulled all the stops of rent control.

Well..back to being homeless.

The first place I stayed was at a house that was for sale and I went in there because the door was ajar and some windows were broken. The place was a mess. Someone had trashed the house and there were bedrooms and some beds left behind, so I slept there for three nights.

On the second night, for some reason, I went up the stairs and in one room were a young couple partially dressed. I excused myself

and went downstairs to my own room. In the morning they came down and introduced themselves. They were in their early twenties and had arrived in Vancouver only to be unable to find a place to live.

The next evening there were some people there drinking so I decided to find a new home.

I went to Bino's on Broadway and had coffee. After that I went down 8th and there was a house completely boarded up with a For Sale sign on the lawn. I walked around it once and found that the front door had no lock whatsoever... I had found a new home. No furniture, mind you; no electricity or hydro but it was summer and warm and all I needed was a place to sleep.

I was there for almost a month, slowly acquiring the things I needed to be comfortable..a bed, chair, etc.

Early one Saturday morning someone was kicking in the front door and when I enquired what I could do for him, he said, "I'm going to tear this building down this morning. You'd best move."

Thanking for this small kindness, I plucked up a few simple possessions and moved out, musing all the while what it would have been like if he had torn it down without waking me up.

A few days before the destruction of my domicile, I had been drinking and on the way home past a bakery. The door was open and delicious odours of fresh-baked rolls assailed my nostrils.

I helped myself to a loaf of French bread and two rolls and while walking down the alley devouring my midnight snack I chanced upon another open door, went inside and found a huge deserted workshop. The lights were on and there was a washroom. This then, after my recent eviction, would be my new home.

I went to a mini storage company in the area and lo & behold there was a waterbed with frame, heater, the whole apparatus.

It took me three trips to install my waterbed in a small area about 15' x 20' that was painted white. I also acquired rugs - a large braided one and a smaller, more conventional one. In the few days following I added, from the same place, dishes, cutlery, a coffee maker and then purchased a lock for my door. All these efforts were done clandestinely in the late evening but after a few days of sleeping in realized that they knew of my presence. So began a few casual conversations with my neighbour.

It seemed the place was up for redevelopment; apartments, offices & commercial...the whole block was gone but just when no one knew.

It may seem to you that one would have sufficient funds without paying rent but cigarettes cost me approximately \$6.50 a day (x30=\$195.). Eating in restaurants was about \$300 and I was really no further ahead than having a cheap room and Kraft dinner & Chinese noodles..or dining in the depressed atmosphere of subsidized cafeterias. What it did allow was a choice of where and what I ate and in what neighbourhood.

This "home" lasted approximately 3 months, but I must admit living with a friend for a month because of their financial difficulty. I paid her rent, allowing her to catch up on her debts.

At one time we had been lovers but trying to live together as friends only created a great deal of difficulties for both of us. It ended up with my moving earlier than our bargain called for. So there I was.. back in my factory.

The fellow next door told me it would all end at the end of November, so I had best be ready to move. I wondered at this, then one morning his shop was broken into, or so he said.

He also told me he was phoning the police and they would want to talk to me. Not knowing the legality of my staying there, I was off again with only a sleeping bag.

I walked around a bit and then I noticed only two blocks away a boarded up apartment so I went around the back and a door was ajar - in I went.

I walked to the third and top floor and began an inspection of rooms. They all seemed to be two-room flats; in some, various possessions had been left behind but for the most part they were empty. On the second floor I found a room with a mattress on the floor and knew that someone else was squatting there.

Proceeding to the lower floor I found the storage room which had been broken into. In it were three bikes with all flat tires, mattresses and various oddments of furniture.

I left the building and noticed the building adjacent was also boarded up at the doors. I went down a set of stairs to the basement level and found someone had broken out the windows at the back and in I went.

This building consisted of one-bedroom apartments with wall to wall rugs. The doors had mostly been broken and the hardware removed (door hooks, locks, etc.). In this building there were some couches left, chairs, kitchen tables, old TV's and such. There was no electricity and it would be cold but the price was right...I was home.

I found only one apartment where the lock still functioned and, haul-

ing up a couch & chair, I moved in. I covered all the windows with blinds and bought candles to read by.



The next night, for some reason, I left the door unlocked and about one-thirty heard someone enter the building. They made their way up the stairs and directly to my apartment. As this person approached a very mild voice said, "Some people have money for sure." There I was, bundled up in my sleeping bag and my guest walked right into my living room..

I said, "If you'll pardon me, I was just trying to get some sleep."

She replied (for it was a she, very small and scruffily attired for whatever reason), "I'm looking for my friend Dave. He used to be here."

I offered her a cigarette but she declined, saying, "I'll be back in a while."

So far I've only told some of the good things that happened. I never mentioned that once it rained and it took me three days to get dried out; the fact that one cannot leave your clothes in a squat because someone in need is apt to steal them.

I am a fairly active person and reasonably mentally fit but there are those who can't cope with even the simplest welfare forms, or landlords or even manage to keep clean. Then there are those who are unwelcome in any rooming house or hotel, because of drinking or glue sniffing or mental illness. Some of these people roam the streets incessantly, trudging along with worn out shoes, worn out beliefs and worn out love.

There are those who have opted out of mainstream society. Now there are no frontiers, no wilderness to lose oneself in, no land for would-be pioneers...more and more North American communities are forcing the have-nots to live and die in the streets while those that prosper continue in a great cornucopia of luxury. There is no gassing here as there was in Treblinka, no Siberia, just the old cold callousness of "Screw you Jack. I'm alright."

However, the next fascist regime will develop here to better the Americas, to entomb the minorities, the poor and the mentally ill... Never will so many lose so much over so little; in other words welcome to the Fourth Reich.

The fall of the western civilization is upon us and will have such a resounding crash as to destroy the very vestiges of all civilized life.

In all things there is a beginning and an end and a time for living and dying.

Pray to your Gods, sharpen your weapons and die like sheep offered up on a cindered planet.

T.L.



The list of names below includes those of you who have contributed to the Newsletter over the past three years.

Files are only so big and some of you have been regular with poems and stories.

If your name appears below there is a folder in the Newsletter office with your name on it containing all the submissions that you've contributed waiting for you to come in and get it.

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A KINDER, GENTLER AMERIKA....



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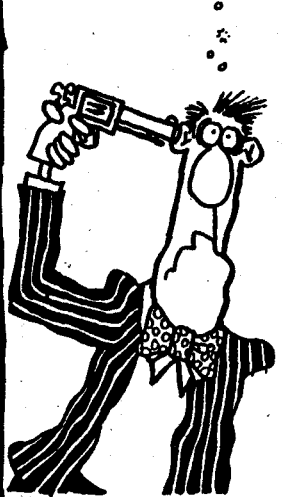
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AUXILIARY.....



SOUTH WEASELFEATURES
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SOCREDS...



THE NORTH BURNABY
COMMITTEE OF
SOCRED QUILTERS...



THE NDP.....



Vander Zalm-Carroll

FAZIE



THE DAY DAD CAME

by
Margaret

I remember the glow of sunshine.
The room filled with happiness,
The ocean water was like a diamond ring,
as the sun was shining down.
As Dad's boat turned into the bay
joy and happiness flowed through the room.

Mom was sitting at the table taking the curlers out of her
hair.

We were just getting home from school,
all excited because Dad was coming home.
We smelled the homemade bread from down the hill.

When Dad and the other fathers came in for the weekend,
each bringing in their share of fresh fish and money they
earned.

But when winter came,
it was a different story.
We would make due with what we had.

We were a family with love, joy and happiness
and to me, that's more than money can buy.

Thanks Dad for those wonderful days

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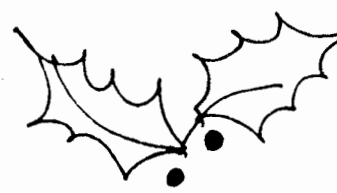
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Carnegie Christmas



XMAS LIGHTS
Go Up Outside.

KID'S GINGERBREAD

2nd floor 2-5pm
OPEN STAGE - Theatre
free coffee 7-11pm

Video Premier 3

"Your Policy
Stinks" 7-11pm
Theatre.

Also at 7pm:
Christmas Murals

Painting-3rd Floor

Ice Sculpture Show at the
PNE...Dec 5&6 ...Seniors and
Volunteers Tickets.
(See Donalda and Atiba)

DECORATION
MAKING PARTY 10
(Theatre) 7-10pm

Help make the
centre spectacular
for the season.

(Refreshments too)

Songs of the
season.. 11

Theodore Gabriel

HARPIST

2:30 - 4:00pm

Carnegie

Windows

Decorated.....

VEGETARIAN XMAS
FEAST 15
\$2.50 2nd Floor

KID'S PARTY 16

"BREAKFAST WITH
THE SANTAS"

11am - 2pm

Gifts, Food, Fun.

BALLROOM
DANCE - DINNER
& MUSIC 17

(Dancers Club Only)

5-10pm - \$2.50

CULTURAL SHARING
GROUP PARTY (TBA) 18

VOLUNTEERS
XMAS DINNER 19

Theatre 5pm.

HARPIST Returns,

Theodore Gabriel

2:30 - 4:00pm

LILLIAN/GEORGE'S
ANNIVERSARY DINNER 22
Theatre- 5-11pm.
Ticket Required

XMAS CHEER ALL
NIGHT LONG... 24
MIDNIGHT FOOD &
ENTERTAINMENT/free

All night Videos.

6am
BREAKFAST - free
XMAS DINNER IN
THEATRE \$3 25

(Limited seating)

BOXING DAY DINNERS 26
4:00, 5:00, 6:00pm
Santa, gifts, and
entertainment/free

GARBAGE

Reduce It!

Don't Produce It!

These are
throw-away
Newspapers,
Burger wrappers,
Junk-mail,
Magazines,
that are
made from....

...these throw-away
trees that
grow in....

...these throw-away
rainforests,
that are
part of...

...this throw-away
Planet.



GROUPS TO CONTACT:

The following groups are actively working on the GVRD garbage issue. Contact them for further information or to provide support:

Vancouver Citizens' Action Network,
4969 Sherbrooke Street, Vancouver, B.C.
V5W 3M1; (322-5422).

Cache Creek Area Residents United,
P.O. Box 1000, Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0;
(459-7020; 453-9391; 373-2312).

Cache Creek Landfill Legal Defense
Fund, P.O. Box 593, Cache Creek, B.C.
V0K 1H0.

Greenpeace, 2623 West 4th Avenue, Van-
couver, B.C. V6K 1P8 (604) 736-0321.

FURTHER READING

Dirty Business: The Inside Story of the New Garbage Agglomerates, by Harold Crooks (Toronto: Lorimer, 1983) is a fascinating history of the political economy of the Canadian and U.S. garbage industry dominated by four major companies.

Dire Straits: Pollution In The Strait of Georgia, by Bob Lyons (Vancouver: Greenpeace, 1989).

Toxics In The Household,
Greenpeace.

Bubonic Plague Found in Cache Creek Rats!

In the Spring of 1989, local doctors asked the government for an immediate halt to garbage dumping at Cache Creek following discovery of the bubonic plague bacterium in local rats. The doctors are concerned that rats imported from the Lower Mainland will colonize the landfill and come into contact with plague-infested rodents in the area.

Water for LIFE

The Island I come from
Is nowhere more than seventy miles from the sea.

The Saltwater is in my blood.
Our people sailed the Seven Seas
Voyaging only with Wind and Water
A few simple instruments for Hand and Eye.

I came by ship once across an ocean
To this-much vaster-Turtle Island

In these coast mountains / of the Spanish Nation
I first met open water flowing on the ground
Sparkling clear and safe to drink.
It tasted better than any tap water ever could.

Where was the Source of this Living Water?
It was in the Sea - I learned -
To which it returned to rise again
And fall as rain and flow once more.

A Cycle / of pure renewal ---

And the oceans - I learned - were being poisoned.
Unclean vessels with Unholy energies
Concealed in their metal bowels
Sailed the salt seas; sailed right here, into
Vancouver.

And so we protested / with our small boats
And we will go on protesting
Until they come here no more.
Such things as they are / should not be!

We must unmake them very carefully
And very prayerfully to the Great Mother
That we may undo this awful thing
That should not have been done.

WATER CAN DO WITHOUT PEOPLE
BETTER THAN PEOPLE CAN DO WITHOUT WATER!

If we poison the waters
The waters will poison us and we will all die.
Though the waters would cleanse themselves
in time
We / should all be gone ---

And with us / the fourlegged - the feathered ones -
and all our relatives.



I send to my friends
on the Valakom River
Handpicking knapweed
So the Forest Service
will not spray TORDON
Which would go straight
into their water supply

I send them Greetings!
and my thanks!

To All who Care and All who Act
For Water
For Life

from my heart I say

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

David Bouvier

Resource RIP-OFF Plant

Garbage has the largest grown figures of any resource in North America.

The key word in the above fact is "resource". A public meeting held on Sunday, 26 November, at Carnegie Centre, focused on what is being done by government to deal with the lower Mainland's refuse. Sitting on the panel were Paula Rubenstein of Cach Creek Residents United, Bruck York of COPE, Blair Redland of CUPE, Leonore Herb of Citizen's Action Network and Dermitt (whose last name I don't have) who has done an incredible amount of research on what exactly happens in the process of "dealing with the problem" of garbage.

In order of speaking, the points made were uniform: garbage is now headed to becoming the biggest money maker around and the entire GVRD scheme is geared to allowing the biggest polluters to be freed of any responsibility for separating their refuse at the source and privatizing all aspects of removal.

Dermitt began with a detailed account of what will actually happen if the proposed Resource Recovery Plant (proposed for a tract of land near Main & Terminal) is built. The tactics of private garbage industries are geared to demanding more and more garbage to make their business "economically viable". The impact of this attitude on the environment is evident. There is no encouragement of recycling at the source, except for individual, residential, curbside boxes. The major amount of refuse from commercial businesses and hotels is everything in one bin with people paying the price - through taxes to build plants, hauling, dump sites, etc. for toxic waste.

Paula spoke from bitter experience about the promises of officials and the results. She and her group successfully stopped a toxic-waste incinerator and urged people at the meeting to continue to fight.

Bruce made several "no" statements - no public education, no public hearings, no impact studies, no public awareness except band-aid recycling leaving the biggest polluters free to continue.



Blair gave the international picture of multi-national corporations making \$8 billion a year from the refuse resources. He sees the bottom line as profits for the already rich and the people being left with the aftermath..of dealing with a problem instead of working together to solve it before it becomes a problem.

Lenore had the most information on the current state of the GVRD's plan and presented the following resolutions:

1. THAT THIS TRANSFER STATION NOT BE BUILT, DUE TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

i) This is not a recycling facility, it is primarily a transfer station. Most of the garbage (90,000 tons a year) will go straight through the plant, in to a truck and on to a dump. It is designed to take mixed, toxic garbage from all the multi-family dwelling units (apartment buildings, condos) and commercial businesses, everything north of Broadway; False Creek, the West End, the Expo development, the downtown hotels, co-ops, everything in the most densely populated parts of the city. The city is doing this before it has tried to put any sort of source separation or comprehensive recycling program in place for this area.

ii) This plan does not encourage any one to recycle or reduce. It makes it very difficult to start recycling in apartment buildings, when apartment owners are allowed to dump all their garbage into one container and have it hauled away. The City of Vancouver is sentencing its citizens to years of environmental disaster.

iii) The purpose of the recovery process is to reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill. The only problem is that the economics of extract-



ing resources from mixed garbage results in a low grade product such as refuse derived fuel which is environmentally detrimental.

iv) Transfer Stations and RDF plants are 70's technology based on dump and burn policies, a mechanical solution to human problems. In this day and age, knowing how toxins affect our environment, it offers no solution at all. The program required is one based on environmental sustainability.

v) It was designed as part of the overall GVRD 1985 waste management plan, which did not provide for source separation or recycling. It has resulted in the Cache Creek Dump and the Burnaby Incinerator, the toxic ash dump and the Coquitlam RDF Plant. These are all environmentally detrimental to the quality of life for the residents of B.C. The public is not willing to take further chances with a program that has so many obvious flaws. There hasn't been one city-sponsored public meeting for the resource recovery plant/transfer station, the decision to situate this station was made by city council without a proper assessment being done, despite several requests being made by the public.

vi) The 1985 GVRD waste plan was authored by Douglas MacKay, then General Manager of the GVRD. He was hired by the City of Vancouver as an "outside" consultant to prepare the tender contract for this station. The public questions the conflict of interest.

2. THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, BACKED UP BY STUDIES SUPPORTED BY ACCURATE SCIENTIFIC DATA, MUST JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR THIS FACILITY. PRIOR TO APPROVING THE RELEASE OF ANY TENDER CONTRACT FOR THIS FACILITY, THE CITY OF VANCOUVER IS OBLIGED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1) An accurate estimate of the types and amounts of garbage emanating from commercial sources (amounts and types of solvents, plastics, paper, food, batteries, sources of heavy metals etc.), apartment and multi-family dwellings (amounts of human feces and urine from disposable diapers, amounts and types of food, plastic, paper, metals, appliances, pesticide containers, etc.) and industrial sources.

2. A thorough analysis accompanied by written reports of the toxic fumes emanating from the South Van Transfer Station. Whether or not they can be "smelled" certain substances such as CPC's pose a threat to the environment.

3. An independent analysis of Refuse Derived Fuel, taken from random samples over a period of time. Environmental impact study on the effects of RDF incineration, on the local environment and on the global environment (ie: green house gases).

4. The effect of including toxic RDF ash in cement, the life expectancy of that cement and programs to keep track of where that cement is used.

5. Separation programs, that would prevent the mix of solvents and cleaners with other garbage.

6. Destination and ultimate end use of all materials "recovered". Responsibility of City of Vancouver as regards "end use."

7. Guarantees that the material recovered will be recycled and not be incinerated (RDF) or disposed of in a landfill by any of the proponents.

8. Environmental impact study for the neighbourhoods adjacent to the development including Strathcona, Grandview/Woodlands, Downtown Eastside, Mt. Pleasant, False Creek and Concord Pacific Development.

3. THAT MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION AND COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER WASTE DUMPING FACILITY CONSTRUCTION.

The above was carried unanimously. Jeff Sommers also moved that: NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO HAVE ALREADY STATED THEIR VIEWS ON THIS WASTE FACILITY FORM A COALITION TO DEMAND PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ALL ASPECTS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN B.C.

The City of Vancouver and the GVRD have some answering to do. They had better begin doing their homework.

By PAULR TAYLOR



By MUGGS SIGURGEIRSON

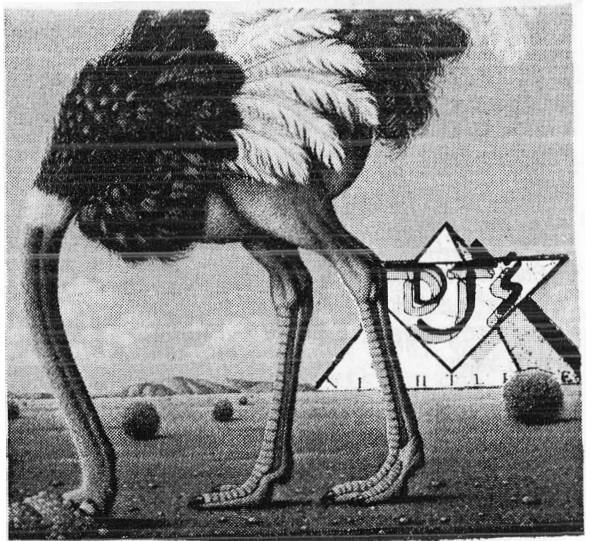
On Monday, Nov.20, the Mount Pleasant Community Centre held a Public Forum on Environmental Thinking In The Home.

About 200 people came out to listen, learn, look and talk about a different way to do things. They arrived early to browse through the display tables set up by some environmental groups. The speeches started at 8:00, but all the information tables were set up by 7:00. All kinds of groups came such as SPEC, Imagination Market(showing how to recyle used stuff into play things for kids) Green Peace, Can Too, Western Canada Wilderness, and Community Gardens(both Mount Pleasant and Strathcona).

The speakers covered the areas of how to be more effective in eliminating chemicals at home, how to get people in your neighbourhood together to take action, and what exactly the City's curbside re-cycling program is all about.

The three golden rules(in order of importance) for reducing garbage are:

- A) RE E - Do you really need it? Buy less, and with little or no packaging - so much waste in packaging
- B) REUSE - If you buy something in a container, re-use it, take your old plastic bags back to the store and have them fill them up instead of new ones.
- C) RE-CYCLE - Glass, paper, met metals, compost, etc.



The enthusiasm and energy in this meeting was strong. People were hungry for ideas on how to make their personal lives a little less wasteful. They also were clear that the governments need to up their standards in re-cycling. Fundamental solutions were called for. We should be re-cycling our own plastics not sending it to some Asian country to do our dirty work at low wages. If we insist on using it, we should clean it up! What about paper re-cycling mills in B.C.? Why don't apartments and businesses have to be in the re-cycling program in Vancouver?

It struck me while listening to this discussion that at Carnegie we are out in front in changing our ways. We try to use re-usable dishes, re-cycle paper, tin, and glass. The Kitchen waste is turned into compost at the Community Gardens. But it is like constantly swimming upstream in a society which is geared 'to throw it out' and we've all got to get in the there and swim upstream together.

What You Can Do To Help Recycling

- **Write to your local council member** and/or provincial MLA. Tell him or her that you want to see recycling a program in your community—and soon!
- **Start recycling newspapers, glass and aluminum** in your household and your community. Small-scale recycling programs already exist—support them right away.
- **Avoid extra packaging materials**—complain to the store manager if you come across an example of over-packaging. Don't be afraid to let your voice be heard!
- **Take a shopping bag or basket** to the store with you, so you won't have to come back with all those plastic or brown paper bags each time you shop for food;
- **Choose refillable containers** rather than liquids packaged in throwaway plastic or glass bottles. Especially avoid energy-consuming aluminum cans whenever possible;

Don't use biodegradable plastics bags—these make an even worse mess in landfills and do nothing to help recycling.

Join the CITIZENS' ACTION NETWORK or any active environmental group.

For more information on these issues contact:
in Vancouver:

Lenore Herb 732-6952

CITIZENS' ACTION NETWORK
Meets every Monday except holidays
7:30 P.M. at 2150 Maple St. (SPEC)
604-732-5879

RETURN IT—DON'T BURN IT!

PEOPLE SPEAK
OUT AGAINST
GOVERNMENT-
SPONSORED
INCINERATION
SCHEMES

GARBAGE IS
A RESOURCE
IF PROPERLY
RECYCLED

HELP TO
DETOXIFY
OUR
PROVINCE

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kids will BE



...children as they grow. They want to play anywhere they please, do whatever they want to do, go wherever they want to go... so don't yell at them or tell them to get out of wherever they are.

Even though us as parents are trying to keep our eyes on them as much as possible, it's hard because they want to go wherever they want to. So please don't yell at us because kids will always be kids.

Please understand that kids will always be kids. If you yell at them they'll grow up not wanting to be your friend. If you don't they'll grow up wanting to be your friend. The same with parents - they'll like you if you don't yell at them.

If you yell, the parents will dislike you, the kids will dislike you. We as parents dislike all the trouble of getting yelled at about our children.

If you don't understand that kids will be kids then you know where to go and how to get there. So go there if you don't like what I'm saying but please don't go if you know what I'm saying.

Sure you all loved the children when they're first brought in when they're born. Now that they're walking you don't like them at all.

As parents that's why we don't come around as much as we used to. When we did you loved them because they weren't walking then but now they are so they always get into trouble with you.

please: UNDERSTAND THAT KIDS WILL BE KIDS!

Please remember that you all were children once before!!! Young M

EGO-WACKER MEETS LAO TZU

Polish the mirror of your mind
So it reflects accurately
What is - nothing more nothing less.

Wipe away the mental dust
That obscures good from evil
so a fair choice can be made.

Calm the waters of your heart
so a clear mental vision can be seen
without a ripple.

Discard reason, analysis & knowledge;
They distort complete enlightenment.

Polish them away and inner conflict
will vanish.

Dust off your mirror-mind daily
And the truth will be cleansed of
impurities
signifying the way of living
with Nature.

The clean mirror-mind unites the
finite and infinite
in harmony with Nature's Law
That all people and things are of
equal relative importance.

Garry Gust

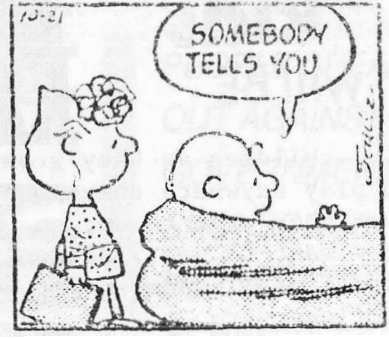
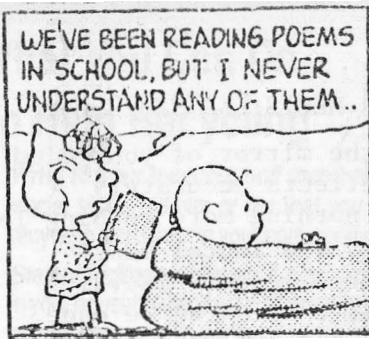
Amazing Me

A maze of me's a blaze of ego,
A crazed disease of self desire;
Mythologies I was the hero,
Shrines of leaves and crystal fire.

A Mass of me's inspire devotion,
Sympathologarithmic lyre;
Chromostasiah hymns to motion,
Seas and trees and breeze conspire.

A maze of me's attacked by seagulls,
On my rainbow bridge of sighs;
Noble swineherds... angel crow skulls,
Sun-bound dead shall sail rose skies.

John Hussi



OVER COFFEE OVER TEA

Over coffee or was it tea,
Cigarette in hand, burning me!
Lost in thought - waht wuz it
she said, "I need a lover."
I said, "I'm incomplete."

She was staring into the leaves
in the cup.

So no one's in the picture
yet there is two or three of me
and the Sun
a big orange
california sky - so western y know
and driftwood washes in and the
boats set sails again
and the leaves on the trees
catch the breeze from the seas
waves washing over me, again and again

sails of the wind

two sailors close to shore
sail boat driftng in the wind
sail boat drifting in

i sit under the leaves of a palm tree
i open my eyes to take a peak
and in the dim light, what did i see

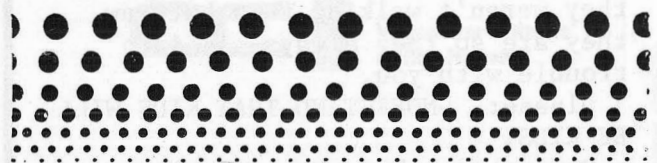
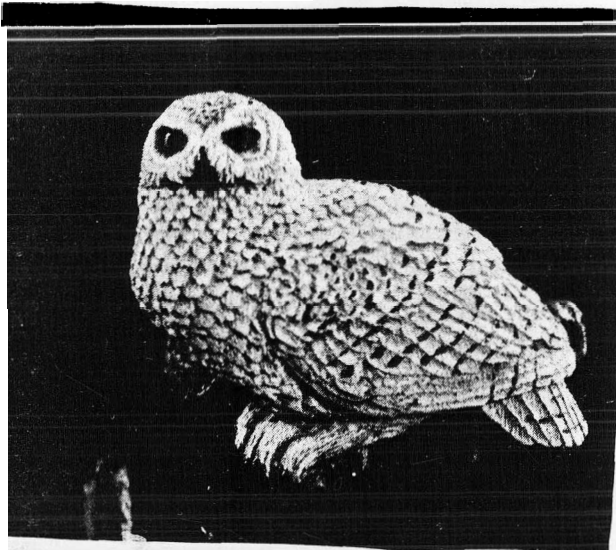
two sailors driftng
in the wind

Taum DanICreag

hoot owls

on the volcano
snow on the mountain
alberta sky clouds away up high
fog patches glistening off the
moving waves - juan de fuca

so calm, no wind
just birds chirping
a branch falls off the forest
lawn of the governor general
and that sound
a hoot owl?



SAFER rent aid program

Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) is a provincial program providing direct cash assistance for eligible B.C. residents who rent

Until recently, it was available only to renters (or people who share rent) who are 65 or older and receiving Canadian old age security.

Now, seniors 60 to 65 who meet the residency requirement — 10 years or more as an adult (over 18) in Canada and one year or more in B.C. immediately prior to applying — may also be eligible.

In addition to meeting the residency requirements, to qualify for SAFER you (or you and your spouse) must be paying more than 30 per cent of your total income from all sources (or your combined incomes) toward rent. For couples, the combined income must not exceed \$1,583 per month, for singles, \$1,500 per month. Divide the total income on your 1988 income tax return by 12 to get your monthly income.

If you receive income assistance, live in a provincially funded care facility, rent subsidized housing, rent space for a mobile home you own and are living in, or live in a co-op as a member-shareholder, you are NOT eligible for SAFER. However, receiving GAIN for Seniors supplement or GAIN medical services only does not disqualify you.

To complete your application you will need your signature(s) witnessed and evidence of age (photo

copy of birth certificate, driver's licence or passport). You may also have to permit examination of the tax return you filed with Revenue Canada.

This all sounds pretty complicated. Is it worth it?

It all depends.

There is a sliding scale of benefits based on your income and rent. What matters is your rent-to-income ratio. The higher your rent and the lower your income, the more you will receive, up to a limit of course.

For example, a couple whose combined monthly income is \$613 and whose rent is \$475, may get \$262 a month. If your combined income is \$1,572, you are not entitled to benefits unless your rent is \$475, and then you get only \$1.22 per month. For a single person, if your monthly income works out to \$1,046 and you pay \$350 for rent, you will receive almost \$25 per month.

To find out if you qualify and to ask any other questions about SAFER, in the Lower Mainland call 682-0391, in Victoria call 387-4331, and elsewhere in B.C. ask the operator for Zenith 2656.

If you think you are eligible, call the numbers above or write to SAFER, Ministry of Social Services and Housing, P.O. Box 2500, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3A1 for an application. Although the application comes with step-by-step instructions, assistance in filling out the form is available from local ministry offices.



Mom & Pops

Until the stars have
lost their sparkle
And the sun
refuses to shine
Until the flowers
fail to bloom
You'll always be
on my mind

Until lightning
ceases to strike
And tears stop falling

Until rainbows
have no ending
Your names

I'll still be calling

Until time
stops ticking
And the skies are
emptied of blue

Until my heart
stops beating

I'll always
miss & love you.

Chuck

People's Republic of China

First Nuclear Explosion: 1964

First Hydrogen Bomb Explosion: 1967

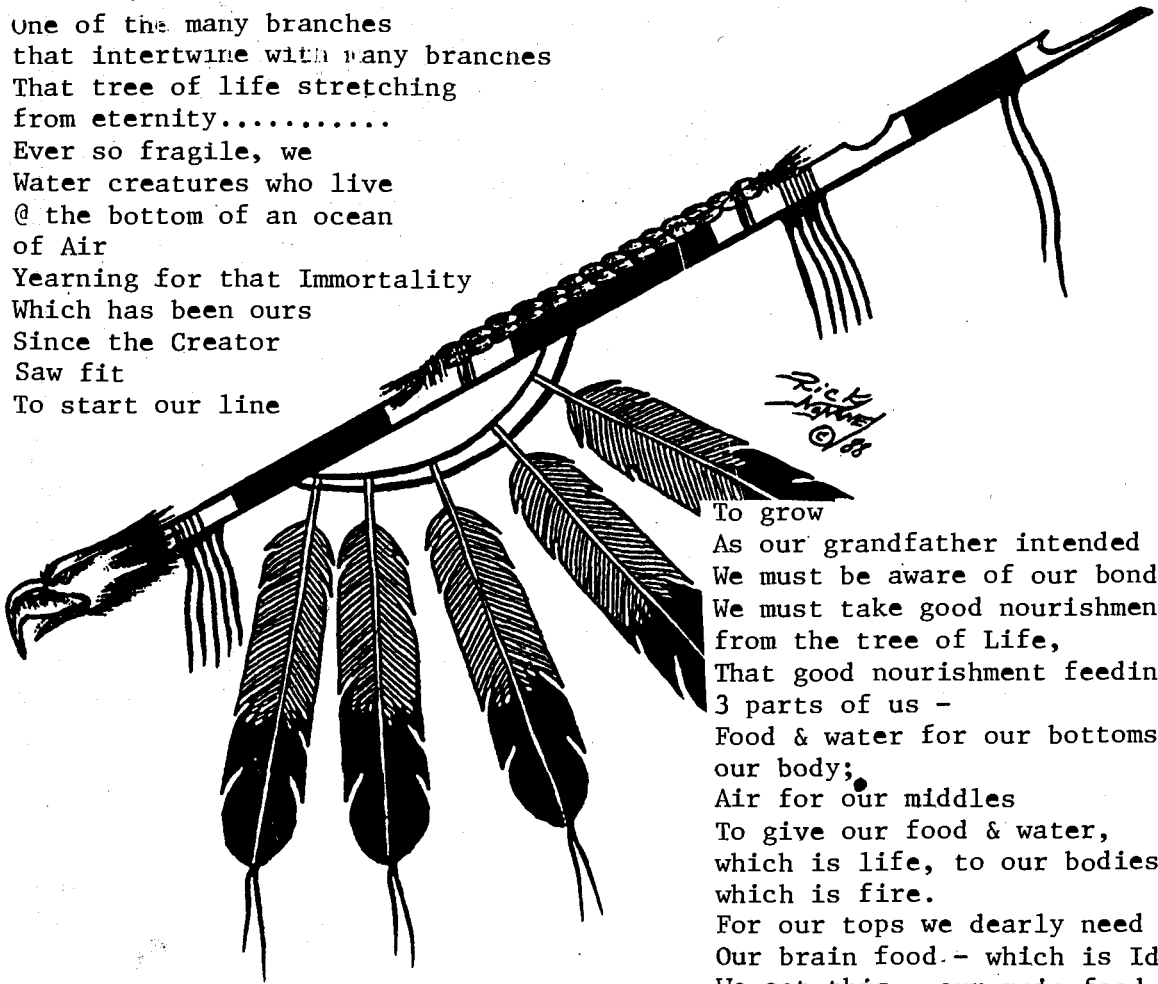
Weapons Systems: Most major systems, including ICBM and sea- and air-launched missiles

Uranium Suppliers: Self-sufficient

Arms Control Treaties: None

Our Generations

One of the many branches
that intertwine with many branches
That tree of life stretching
from eternity.....
Ever so fragile, we
Water creatures who live
@ the bottom of an ocean
of Air
Yearning for that Immortality
Which has been ours
Since the Creator
Saw fit
To start our line



To self-sustain thru time
Yet conscious are we
of our possible extinction.
In the brief span of time here
We daily strive to form more bonds
Bonds that vary
Ties that bind
Bonds one way ... seemingly.
Sensing perhaps
Forming no bonds this day.
Surely the tree of life will grow
beyond you
And you might know that bonds
are unbreakable
Embedded in history.

To grow
As our grandfather intended
We must be aware of our bondings.
We must take good nourishment
from the tree of Life,
That good nourishment feeding
3 parts of us -
Food & water for our bottoms
our body;
Air for our middles
To give our food & water,
which is life, to our bodies,
which is fire.
For our tops we dearly need
Our brain food - which is Ideas -
We get this - our main food -
From our bondings.

We are much like our brothers -
The Plants
In our tree of life
So bonded are we to all of Creation.
Our generation is
That moving, living circle
That emphasizes Now.
@ the end of this age, our fathers,
our mothers, our children -
the seventh generation
Even unto our children's children
and all sideroots thereof
So, brothers & sisters,
@ this time we are 4 generations
Now ...

William Dominic

PRINCIPLES and OBJECTIVES of WATER USE

Nine principles guide any study of the use of water resources. Following are broad statements relating to both water planning and management:

- Planning approaches
- Conservation
- Ecosystems
- Public involvement
- Social, economic and environmental value of water uses
- Priority of water use
- Water as a provincial resource
- Sustainable development
- Interprovincial sharing of water

Objectives vary with each region and available water resources. What must be born in mind at all times is that water is our most precious gift from the planet. Assuming that water is always pure, available and drinkable can be deadly.

"To-Day"

Today as I sit by the table
Sick as a dog with the flu
I just give thanx

Thanx that I'm alive

" for our jobs

" for our Carnegie family

" for our kids

And grand kids too.

And thanx for our Great Grand Son,
the pride of our lives.

When the phone rings at 4 am oh Boy!
but when we pick up the receiver and
a little voice says "hi, can I talk to
Poppy?" I love and miss him so... &
an afterthought - "I love you too Gram"

Our day is made and I give thanx for
a little guy who says "I love you."

Just for today I give thanx.

Lillian

Canadian Press

MONTREAL — Western businessmen act like criminals when they sell gas-guzzling cars and waste natural resources in a quest for profit, a French author and environmentalist argued yesterday.

"There are over 100 million children starving in the Third World at a time when we are wasting food and energy at an incredible rate," Rene Dumont told a conference on the environment and the economy.

"In my opinion, people who manufacture huge cars and live in enormous houses are holding these children hostage to their lux-

urious, polluting way of life. This is simply criminal," said the 86-year-old Parisian.

At one point in his passionate discourse, some audience members laughed uncomfortably when Dumont accused them of being selfish.

"Don't laugh," he shot back at the businessmen and officials, almost all of whom wore grey suits and carried black attache cases.

"I may be dramatizing to make a certain point, but this is a dramatic situation," said the white-haired socialist, who has made a reputation as an advocate of radical agrarian reform in the Third World.



The image is a black and white photograph of a building entrance. A sign on the left side of the entrance reads "the Front Steps" in a stylized, bold font. The building has a classic architectural style with columns and a doorway. The text "the Front Steps" is overlaid on the left side of the image. Below the main title, there is a subtitle in parentheses: "(Experiences of a Carnegie Doorperson)".

the Front Steps

(Experiences of a

Carnegie Doorperson)

It can be dull. Very dull indeed. All you do is stand at the front door or sit and say hello to make sure you get eye contact from patrons coming in. Within seconds you must be able to detect signs of drug or alcohol influence.

Sometimes it's pretty hard with people constantly coming in and out. Usually I try to see them walking up the steps. I don't like it when some guys are really tanked and it's cold outside and late at night.

I remember one night this man had just gotten out of the joint. I guess the first thing he did was go out and have a few beers. He then came to Carnegie and I could tell he was drinking. He asked, "I just got out of jail and all I want to do is read a newspaper. I don't want to cause any trouble..just read the paper in peace." I had to tell him that he couldn't come in. He bowed his head and quietly repeated himself. Sue finally came by and told him he had to leave. I didn't have it in me to refuse the guy entrance when he was fresh out of the slammer.

Some people become rather forceful and aggressive. I can recall a few occasions when patrons would curse at the top of their lungs and try to push me aside to get in. They'd be calling me names and threatening to

get me when I got off shift. Many times I'm eyeball to eyeball with them and their slobbering and spitting as they talk and their breath..Wow! Their breath would be so bad, stinking of tobacco and booze that you'd get a headache within minutes. Other times people shake my hand and thank me for not letting them in. They compliment me on a job well done!

It's weird because sometimes they can be really easy to work with and then on other nights they can get quite pissed off.

When I first started I was warned of the possibility of getting hurt. Around the 3rd or 4th shift I did alone on Security, one man I was clearing from the front stpes had a bottle of Ginseng Brandy. He, after I tried talking to him, raised the bottle to forehead level and mumbled some gibberish like..." are you challenging me to a fight?" I quietly said, "No. I just want you to have fun somewhere else." With that he lowered the bottle and staggered away with his friends. I had to stay calm inside but I was a bit scared too. When people are that drunk they are unpredictable and anything can instigate them to be violent. Fear sometimes keeps me alert.

Then there's the people with heavy problems and I must face it. One young woman who wanted a drug rehab worker was literally screaming "You don't care about me! You don't give a fuckin' shit if I have to work the streets and sell my body! This place doesn't want to help me! Go to HELL! Whitey!"

I pointed out to her that a man at the Balmoral Hotel hands out syringes. He could've helped her but nothing

doing. I was off duty the next day but that incident and the Doing Time exhibit testimonies filled my conscience. I saw her near the Brandiz and she had a black eye. I said hello to her but she ignored me. When I see her these days she smiles and at least talks to me.

Other situations like calling an ambulance can be really messy. I remember in August during the PNE there were three stabbings in three nights. All were within feet of the Carnegie walls. I worked the second and third nights. On Thursday night Igor came around midnight with some cinnamon danishes. Paul and I were at the door. Everyone was surprised with the nice gesture. We all went to the front desk and began pigging out. Next thing I knew Gord was telling me that someone had been stabbed and was in the building. It was a strange transition from calm to edgy. Detectives, newspaper reporters and an ambulance crew were surrounding the guy. He was hurt in the chest and stomach. He had been barred but ignored it because of what happened, knowing he could get help. For someone who had lived 22 years in suburban Ottawa, it was not easy to swallow.

Igor then came again on Friday, near midnight. Again he had danishes and again someone yelled, "Call an ambulance! Some old guy has just been stabbed near the bus stop!"

I ran outside and blood was literally gushing down the sidewalk. This man looked at least 55 years old. His wife was screaming so I let her hold me as the police were not offering much comfort to her. Gord later said with a shrug, "Hey man, you haven't seen shit yet." Right.

Over ½ an hour later another person was hurt at the Balmoral.

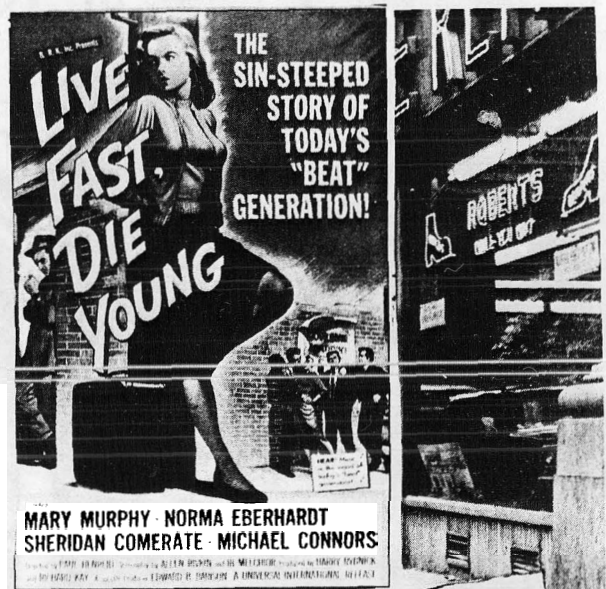
Fortunately it hasn't been that bad of late. I'll tell ya though, if it

wasn't for the majority of patrons, I'd give up... People like Henry Hebert and Alan Williams and Mike and others keep me going. Doing the door either days or nights means lots of people smiling when I say hello to them. Sometimes young children are about the front steps and I love playing with them. I make a point of cleaning the steps whenever finding them too dirty with butts and coffee cups.

Doing the door also means doing all the patrons who love Carnegie a favour; just trying to keep her clean inside and trying to do a good job. It is certainly not an easy job but it pays off in the long run.

Those front steps though - they've seen a lot and if they could only talk!

By STEVE ROSE



"most people just don't appreciate the Beauty of being nuts..." N.M.

FREEWAY

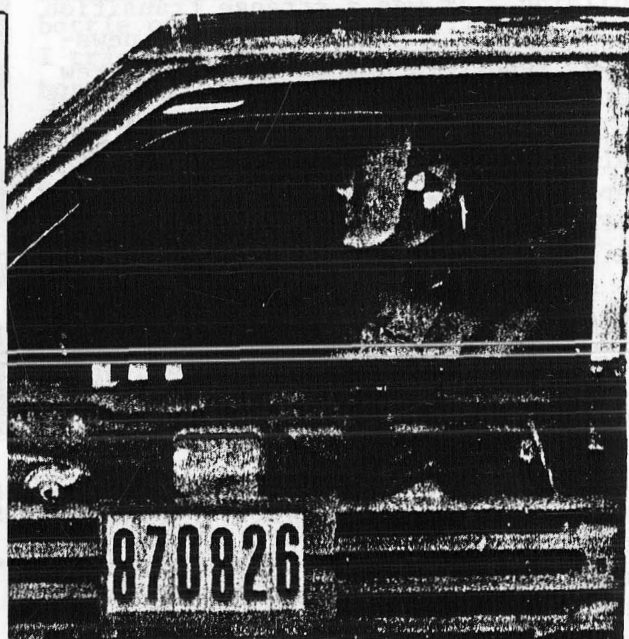
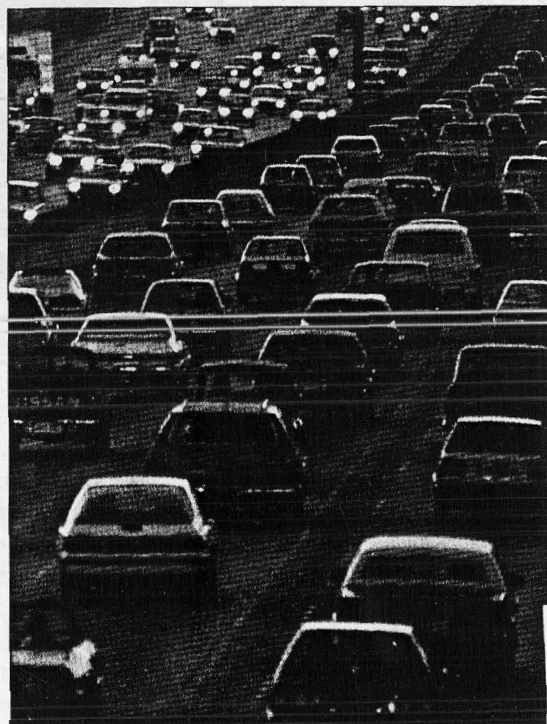
magic moves the breath - listen!
magic churns the bowels
collapsing cement crushes you
flat between two arteries
the road that was
to take you back
takes you back
as bridges roll
earth trembles
trillionth time
all journeys end
where they began

and the countless ones
you starve discreetly every day
the ones you never meet
whose blood flows
through arteries
from Candlestick to Coliseum

squeezed out like you
from birth canal
all reclaimed - all reclaimed

earth spins and rolls and trembles
cycles air an- water
so you spin
and roll and tremble
impossible space time unimaginable
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lightly
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mike kramer



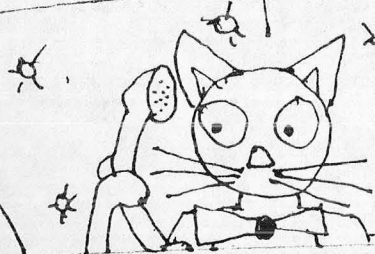
GOODS & SERVICES TAX?

- Workshops to answer what it is
and what it isn't; what it'll do to us.
- * Dec.4th, 7:30 pm, 1st Church
- * Dec.8th, 10 am, BCTF, 6th & Burrard.

Beauregarde



Hi Kitty. Do I want
to go out. sure!



Boy I haven't seen Kitty
in a long time



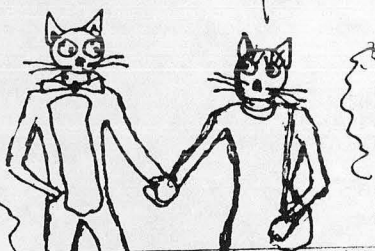
Hi Beauregarde!

Hi Kitty!



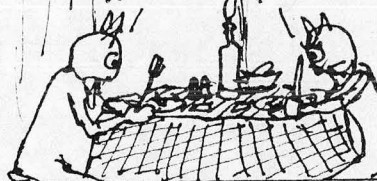
Where to first?

(how about Lunch



I missed you too
Kitty

I sure miss
you



Uh oh! I forgot
my wallet! Kitty!

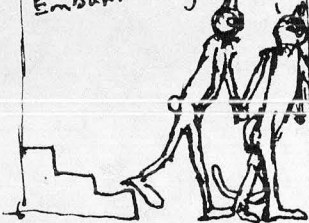


It's okay I
brought my
purse

RESTAURANT

Jeesh that was
Embarrassing!

oh
well



MOVIE

coming
soon

Now playing



thanks
Kitty

no
problem

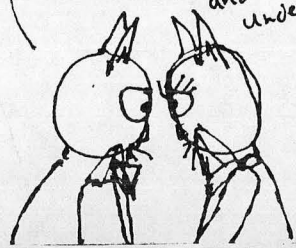
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has a lot of potential

My what a
beautiful
evening

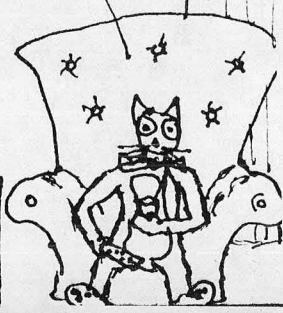
Sure is
Kitty



thanks for eating
and understanding
you're easy to care
for
and to
understand



by
Lee Blanks





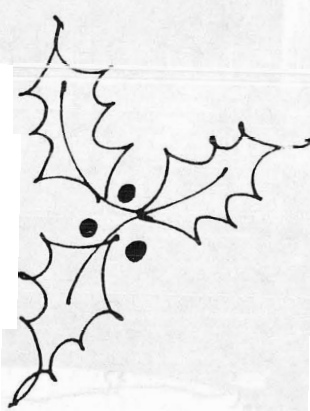
Christmas Volunteers Needed



Your help is needed to make this the best Carnegie Christmas ever!
Just check off the work you'd enjoy the most and return this form
to Atiba or the 2nd floor office.

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1. MAKING DECORATIONS - DEC. 10 ☐
2. DECORATING THE CENTRE - DEC. 14 ☐ DEC. 15 ☐ DEC. 16 ☐
3. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 16 ☐
4. GEORGE & LILLIAN'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER - DEC. 22
FOOD PREP ☐ SET-UP ☐ SERVICE ☐
5. MIDNIGHT SNACKS - DEC. 24 ☐
6. CHRISTMAS DAY BREAKFAST AT 6AM
FOOD PREP ☐ SET-UP ☐ SERVICE ☐
7. CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
PREP ☐ SET-UP ☐ SERVICE ☐
8. BOXING DAY - 3 DINNER SITTINGS
FOOD PREP ☐ SET-UP ☐ CLEAN-UP ☐
SERVICE 3:30 ☐ 4:30 ☐ 5:30 ☐

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9. OTHER: _____
 10. YOUR NAME: _____