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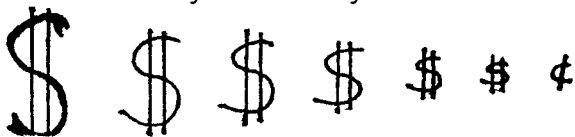


MARCH 1,
1990.

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When the federal budget was being televised, a camera crew was in Carnegie to see what people here had to say about it. The TV in the Seniors Lounge was tuned to a movie and no one made any move to switch it; the reporter wanted to film the editor of the Newsletter handing out the paper but that would've been an obvious sham and it didn't happen; no one reacted with the frightened look or righteous indignation expected... It's so hard for people who get paid every week or two, who have cars and TVs and groceries and pick and choose for entertainment and so on..for the middle class, who are at least comfortable, to realize what people at the lower end of the economy live with on a day-to-day basis.

The reporter began asking individuals why they weren't seemingly interested in this "major announcement" and the answers were brutally honest: "Why bother? They'll just double-talk about 'a need to do this and having to do that', add a lot of crap about it being for the good of the country's future, then cut all of the stuff that they said they wouldn't cut."



"The ones doing it won't feel any worse; they all make good money and pay for private, special services. They cut all the public ones and refuse to make their buddies with big businesses pay anything. Those guys will just keep ripping the public off and pay lawyers to make sure it isn't against any law."

What happened with Wilson's speech bore all of this and more out to a T. Now the provinces will say they "have to" cut public services while tax breaks and low-interest or interest-free loans (or out-and-out gifts) to corporations continue.

A very informative paper was received recently. It shows the "INCOME ASSISTANCE RATE INCREASES" for people on welfare from 1984 to 1989.

INCOME ASSISTANCE RATE INCREASES

Family Unit Size	Date	Support	% Incr.	Shelter	% Incr.	Total	% Incr
	Apr/84						
1		230		200		430	
2(couple)		335		340		675	
2(1 parent/1 child)		335		340		675	
3		395		410		805	
4		450		455		905	
	Oct/86						
1		230		209	4.5%	439	2.1%
2(couple)		335		356	4.7%	691	2.4%
2(1 parent/1 child)		335		356	4.7%	691	2.4%
3		395		429	4.6%	824	2.4%
4		450		476	4.6%	926	2.3%
	June/87						
1		230	---	209		439	---
2(couple)		335	---	356		691	---
2(1 parent/1 child)		352	5.1%	356		708	2.5%
3		415	5.1%	429		844	2.4%
4		473	5.1%	476		949	2.5%
	Dec/87						
1		230	---	250	19.6%	480	9.3%
2(couple)		370	10.4%	412	15.7%	782	13.2%
2(1 parent/1 child)		370	5.1%	412	15.7%	782	10.5%
3		435	4.8%	486	13.3%	921	9.1%
4		497	5.1%	526	10.5%	1023	7.8%
	Apr/89						
1		230	---	250		480	---
2		370	---	412		782	---
3		435	---	486		921	---
4		500	0.6%	526		1026	0.3%
	July/89						
1		243	5.7%	275	10.0%	518	7.9%
2		391	5.7%	446	8.3%	837	7.0%
3		460	5.7%	514	5.8%	974	5.8%
4		529	5.8%	560	6.5%	1089	6.1%

NOTE:
 The rates used are the unemployable rate for the size of the family and assumes maximum length of time on assistance for the family to receive the maximum rate.

THE FACTS ARE IN.

In six years a single person has enjoyed the luxury of a \$13 increase a month for little things like food, clothing, etc.; you know, things that never go up in price. At the same time, the shelter portion - that goes directly into a landlord's pocket - has gone from \$200 to \$275. It took 5½ years before the first increase happened (the \$13) but inflation is low if it's below 5% a year.

And note the NOTE: these rates are the highest if you are unemployable, but things like utilities and a phone are over and above the rents charged by 95% of all landlords. A lot ask at least \$10 more than the highest shelter portion so people have to eat less if they want a roof over their heads. If you are classified as "employable" (and remember that Clod Richmond made thousands fit in this category at the stroke of a pen) then you get less.

It's not a case of running on at everything. Poverty is kept going because it means a lot of jobs; it's good for business. It also stops a lot of people from becoming socially active because they have to survive; that takes more energy than a lot have. When Richmond cut rates by \$7 rather than raise the rates of those under 26 to be equal to those over 26 he showed the attitude of the "haves" to the "have-nots" - I'VE GOT MINE; WHAT'S MINE IS MINE AND WHAT'S YOURS IS ALSO MINE." Anger can have interesting consequences; morally decrepit people always do the wrong thing. Look at the budget, the welfare rates and the effect of Free Trade on us... how much rent do you pay?

By PAULR TAYLOR



Editor,

With March 8, International Women's Day, fast approaching I thought your readers might be interested in taking a quick look at how women fare in Canadian politics and especially in serving in cabinet, where the real decision-makers of govt. exist.

As of today there are 266 cabinet ministers serving in Canada among the federal, provincial and the two territorial governments. Of these 266 people, a mere 37 are women. And of those 37 female cabinet ministers 17, almost half, serve in health care, social service, tourism or culture portfolios - positions that many people would term as being more "female" oriented.

There has never been a female premier. There have only been two female opposition leaders - Leonne Bagnall (PC-PEI) and Sharon Carstairs (LIB-Man.). There have only been three female attorney generals or justice ministers - Kim Campbell (PC-Can.), Margaret Joe (NDP-Yuk.) and Lynn Verge (PC-Nfld.). There has been only one female finance minister - Bette Stephenson (PC-Ont.). There is, at present, only one female economic development minister - Lise Bacon (LIB-PQ).

Nationally only Kim Campbell (Justice) and Barbara McDougall (Employment and Immigration) are the ministers of a full cabinet portfolio. The other four female cabinet ministers serve as junior ministers, reporting through another cabinet minister. In the entire history (her-story) of Canada it was not until 1957 that a woman was named to the federal cabinet - Ellen Fairclough (PC) and since then only three women have served as ministers of a natural resource portfolio - Jeanne Sauve (LIB), Judy Erola (LIB) and

Pat Carney (PC). At present only four women serve in natural resource portfolios in Canada.

What is also interesting, and perhaps surprising, is that when the nine ministers responsible for the status of women meet one of them happens to be a man - Nova Scotia's Donald McInnes (PC).

For women the job of getting elected is difficult but once elected it is even more difficult to have real input into policy making as a cabinet minister. Some may wonder whether we even need to have ministers responsible for women's issues. I wonder if Sharon Carstairs, should she be successful in Manitoba's next election, will have a minister responsible for men's issues. And will it perhaps be a female minister?

Darren Lowe

LEADBELLY

Still raining steel balls coming down
traffic swish glides by
roar of diesel bus gearing up
flights past my window on the side

a morsel of food
and thoughts of you
the things we said, we shared
this poetic grace seeks inspiration
when the words won't come, don't come

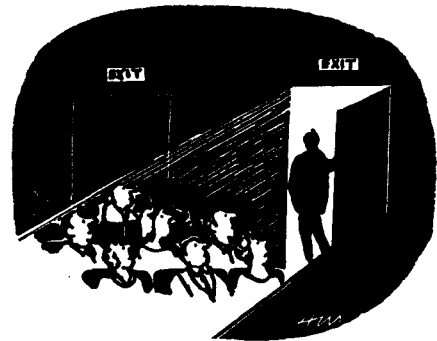
birds in the sky fly by
leaving trails in the wake of passing
building nests of grass and mud
safe for young from predation
aloft, the wheels of inspiration

Airborne communication
oops! she dropped one
shift secrets dropping to the ground
squeeling sounds of vibration
Only they can know why

So a bald eagle gets repaired and shot down again
don't you know they're protected here?
Probably under British protection too (as well)
Britain is more than England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales
I saw it on TV from Aukland
an endangered species facing extinction
legislated tracts of wasteland for breeding (Parks)
and gun control groups shoot live bullets

isn't that a surprise!

DanYCreag



Last visit to Carnegie Community Centre I found a Carnegie Newsletter. It's a great find!

Possibility of great write-ups are there. Humanity - who frequent the Centre - mostly have colorful past. They've seen history on the make in different intervals of their lives. And if more of the same should happen nearby, they'd be at it more than likely. Carnegie Newsletter could tap in on even a few of these colorful humanity and make good write-ups.

Being a visiting old-timer myself, I remember the old-timers when they were young riding the freight to Ottawa but only getting to Regina, hoping to beard Tory Mr. Bennett in his den. Younger people (later) joined the Solidarity movement when another Bennett (Socred) was raising hell with the workers of B.C.

Not as well known by way of excitement is taking part with many local unions in opposition to starvation wages in a strike situation. Most often the poor didn't win but at least worker's pride was mostly kept intact. But some combined efforts paid off like winning Carnegie Hall as a community centre. Some people who fought against it at City Hall are no longer in politics. The people have spoken.

The battle isn't all over of course. City Hall isn't working for us, but we do have COPE representatives there to speak for the poor. They got there with great assist by many who frequent Carnegie Hall. It's only fair that the Carnegie Newsletter remember the supporters of "good times for all" who find Carnegie Centre a good place to visit and also take part in some action that help make it a Centre.

Gratefully yours for now,

K'Lem Gee

NEW HOURS AT CARNEGIE!

Beginning on March 5, Carnegie will open its doors at 9:00 A.M. & close at 11:00 pm. After three yrs. of continuous submissions of reorganization ideas, the City finally approved an extra two hours of time for Carnegie to be open. To complete learning what hours best serve the users, the Centre will now alter the hours and see the difference.

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE KID'S KLUB PROGRAM

Meet old friends, make new friends and share a fun filled winter with the Downtown Eastside Kid's Klub Program.

Ray-Cam has hired qualified recreational staff who will arrange a variety of safe and enjoyable activities. Your children will be participating in out-trips, swimming, arts and crafts, skating, tobogganing special events plus much, much more!

All program activities, including a daily nutritious snack, are free.

PLACE: RAY-CAM CENTRE

920 E. Hastings

DAYS: Monday to Friday

(Closed weekends)

TIME: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

AGE: 6 to 12 years old.

To join, get a registration form from Carnegie or Ray-Cam, fill it out and return it to the recreation worker. We will be asking all parents to sign a consent form which will include medical numbers and all appropriate information.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 251-2141.

chorale cantonese

i can hear them playing mahjong next door
nine cantonese voices rising one above the other
a chorus of jays
and then the sound of mahjong pieces
almost drowns out the chatter

a gathering of women
constant harmonization
here the contralto
drawing out the last long note
holding it on and on
there a soprano
picks up where the alto left off
a high excited tremolo
and then begins a blending
from the ensemble
a painting by intonation
a mode oriental
sliding triumphantly up the scale
culminating in a single piercing aria
di coloraturo
which breaks and falls
to a glassando
a waterfall of osund
ending in a trickle
and then a tympani of mahjong pieces
fill in the gap
a symphony of the Sacred Nine
a cacaphony of bones.

Anne Rayvals



BY THE RICH, OF THE RICH, FOR THE RICH!
WE THE POOR PEOPLE?

Let these headlines speak for themselves, oh Canada, yet as we stand for thee in all ten provinces and Yukon & North West Territories.

As you restfully recline within the luxury and coziness of an expensive Lazy-Boy swivel chair, smugly savoring the benefits of your labours by a glowing fireside, puffing one of your finest Havana cigars..has the thought ever passed through your mind that some not-so-fortunate Canadians are having to sleep under bridges, are homeless, live (or rather exist) on the streets, suffer the deprivation of adequate nourishment, endure the undeserved humiliation of unbearable poverty amidst the boasted great wealth we were all told in school was our lot under the maple leaf flag?

The stigma of back alley foodbank lineups imposed on the laid-off honest workers of this country, which now extends from coast to coast, is a shameful example of the worst degree of callousness resulting from federal and provincial policies that denigrate the worth of so many respectable, worthy citizens, of all walks, including those aboriginals, our proud natives who are double-talked and rebuked at their land claims at every turn.

That's the way I see it.

HOOHOO



ILLITERACY

As I was thinking about illiteracy, it was like I saw this tree and it was dead or dying. It was dried out and there were no leaves on it except for dead ones. It seemed to be stunted, not growing ... dead.

Then all of a sudden it began to get life given to it. The sunshine, the rain, just things that nature puts in. On the wind, Mother Nature whispers, "I will help." The tree takes a deep breath and true life begins. I thought, this is what illiteracy is like.

You take a child, or another human being who is totally illiterate, and give it facts or feed it knowledge, and you can see the growth it has upon a human being, just like the tree. The tree, though seemingly dead, once it receives the nutrients it needs, starts to thrive; this is exactly what happens to illiterate people. You start to teach, they start to learn.

The magic is in teaching them how to learn. No matter how difficult it seems at times, you've got to keep trying. Show them there are other ways of learning. Convince them that having struck out once doesn't mean they are doomed to strike out again. We must keep trying until we all get it right.

No matter how hopeless you think it is, I believe that everything that is living is worthwhile to keep around, be it an animal, be it a tree, be it a blade of grass. There is beauty in everything. There is beauty even in people who are illiterate, be it hidden. People who are illiterate sometimes hide behind anger and cruelty, but there is something there that we have to get out. Maybe it is their illiteracy that is making some people angry.

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Maybe they are shy or are too frightened to speak, because they have been called dummies all their lives. Maybe they play the clown because it is safer. When people are laughing with you, they are not laughing at you. No one should have to feel this way.

The tree that seems dead and is given life so easily is the same as illiteracy. Once people learn how to read, it's like they are given a breath of air that they never had before. They are now able to unlock doors that were bolted. In school you learn things from people that will help you outside of school. You talk to people in school who you might never have talked to in your life. But because you are in school with them, you talk and learn more about the world through their eyes. You learn from their experiences and what they have lived through, so you don't make the same mistakes.

Try to imagine a person like you, with all your capabilities except one: he cannot read. This person is lost in our world. He is shunned; called dummy, but he is not stupid; he just cannot read! This person begins to lose confidence; he slowly begins to die internally; he begins to think there is no hope for him until someone puts out their hand and says, "I will teach you to read." As he begins to learn his confidence comes back; he feels like he is a worthwhile person again. How many teachers pass up a fertile, good mind by not cultivating it and not taking the time with one child who needs to learn to read?

It just seemed to me a good concept - a tree compared to illiteracy - because if you give each what it needs it thrives instead of withering and hopefully, with luck, it blossoms.

By SHIRLEY DUOMO

ATTENTION LOW TO MIDDLE INCOME SENIORS

We must establish that there are people who need affordable housing. To be successful in providing family housing in your community call now to apply so your local non-profit organizations that we represent can be successful in providing you housing in your community, such as Whistler, Squamish, Abbotsford, Maple Ridge, Mission, Langley, Pemberton, Kamloops, Victoria.

Call collect, 530-3887, Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or write to Coventry Management Ltd., P.O. Box 1701, Aldergrove, B.C., V0X 1A0. All calls accepted up to March 2, 1990.

The above newspaper has been handed in twice to the Newsletter office. "What the hell is this?" Part of it is a scam. Coventry Management does not represent any non-profit housing society in the downtown eastside.

The first line of the ad should set your warning sense off - "We must establish that there are people who need affordable housing." Establish for who?

The ad goes on to say that "your community, such as Whistler, Squamish Abbotsford, ..." Anyone here who wants to be a number in some 'study' should be very cautious. If this were an honest service it would answer all the basic questions first:

1. Who is Coventry Management?
2. Who are they "helping"? (Why have they spent money on these ads and the answering service. What is their vested interest in "establishing that there are people who need affordable housing"? Any half-wit can see the answer to this any day (or night) of the week by going to parks, bridges, viaducts, hotels,... Who are they trying to con?

Editor:

The housing crisis - evictions, demolitions and soaring rent increases - has yet to be effectively responded to by the Social Credit government. A return of the Rentals-man, rent review or rent control is of course too much to ask of them but many thought that when the B.C. Housing Management Commission issued its proposed call for non-profit housing for 1990 the government would increase the number of units to be constructed in the Lower Mnl.

The call has now been issued and lo and behold 450 units have been allocated to be constructed for families in the Lower Mainland. Exactly the same number as in 1989. For senior citizens the news is even more grim. Only 210 units have been allocated this year. In 1987, for example, 525 senior citizen units were allocated for the Lower Mainland.

Now isn't that responding to a housing crisis in a timely manner?

Darren Lowe

At the DERA monthly meeting, a man and woman saying they were from "LTD" (Living the Difference) came and actually asked for support from here to make a list of people who could move to the Bosa development at Main & Terminal. Bosa refused to even talk to DERA or any housing society based in the downtown eastside. Instead, we get people saying "We want to help you help yourselves!" Ask any Native person about their gut feelings when these words are spoken.

By PAULR TAYLOR

APOLOGY

Stanley and Henrietta BEEGER, as owners, and John KLOSTER, as Manager, of a laundromat at 568A Powell Street, do hereby apologise to Miriam WILSON, a native person who lived in the downtown eastside.

The apology is the result of an incident which occurred on June 28, 1989, in the laundromat whereby John Kloster discriminated against Miriam because she is a native person, by refusing her access to the laundromat.

Both the owners and John sincerely apologise to Miriam for John's actions. They recognize that it is against the law to discriminate in the provisions of services available to the public and will ensure that such discrimination doesn't occur in the laundromat in the future.

OWNERS

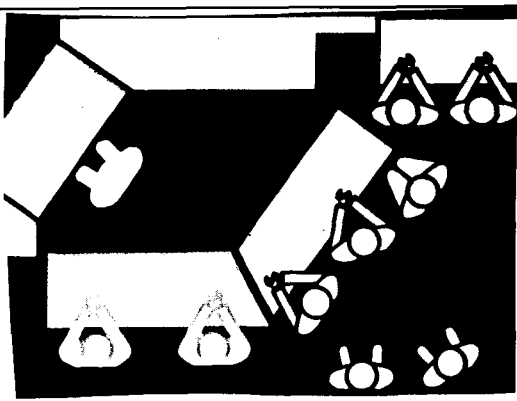
MANAGER

~~STANLEY BEEGER~~

~~JOHN KLOSTER,~~

~~HENRIETTA BEEGER.~~

(The law makes the owner of any business responsible for the actions of any employee of that business. This was brought to the Newsletter office by an Industrial Relations Officer, Employment Standards Branch, Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services.)



BABIES

Babies are bits of stardust,
Blown from the Hand of God.

Lucky the woman who knows
the pangs of birth
for she held a star.

Jim Kennedy
RCNVR (1945)

The Status of Abortion in Canadian Law

1803:

An Act was passed in Britain that made abortion illegal, except if the pregnancy threatened the life of a woman. Canadian law was based on British law.

1929:

Canadian women are legally declared "persons"

1966:

British law amended; abortion legal.

pre-1969:

- The fetus was considered "protected" after it became "animated," at "quickening" (usually around 20 weeks). Disagreement: at what point did it become criminal to abort fetus?
- The Canadian Medical Association, together with the Canadian Bar Association, lobbied Parliament for changes to the abortion law. Doctors were increasingly concerned that they could be held legally responsible for performing an abortion.

1969:

- Section 251 of the Criminal Code passed by Parliament. It became a crime for a woman to have an abortion, and for any person to perform an abortion, EXCEPT: *abortion was NOT a crime if performed by a qualified medical practitioner in an approved hospital, after the majority of members of a therapeutic abortion committee had certified that the continuation of the pregnancy "would or would be likely to endanger her health."*
- During the vote in Parliament, more MP's were absent than voted yes/no.
- Dr. Henry Morgentaler starts performing abortions in a private clinic in Montreal. In 1970, the clinic was raided and arrests were made.

1973:

- *Roe vs. Wade* - U.S Supreme Court legalized abortion (at least in the first trimester) throughout the U.S. All states must provide equal access to abortion.
- Morgentaler's Montreal clinic was raided by police; he was charged, acquitted by jury trial. That acquittal was overturned by Quebec Court of Appeal. Morgentaler appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada.



1975:

- Morgentaler's appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada asks if Quebec's Court of Appeal can overturn the acquittal by jury trial. Morgentaler's defence was that Section 251, from 1969 amendment to the Criminal Code, was invalid: he felt that the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights took precedence over the Criminal Code. Justice Laskin of the Supreme Court noted his concern that the Bill of Rights was not constitutionally entrenched in the Canadian justice system, therefore there was no reason it should take precedence over the Criminal Code
- Quebec decision upheld by Supreme Court of Canada. Morgentaler went to jail.

post 1975:

Canadian feminists start to lobby in favour of "bringing the Charter home." The theory is that if the Charter is firmly entrenched as Canadian constitutional law, then Justice Laskin's concern is met and Morgentaler cannot be sent to jail.

- Morgentaler was tried two more times; acquitted both times.

1982:

Charter of Rights and Freedoms comes home to Canada. From Section 15: *Every individual is equal before and under the law...* From Section 7: *Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of the person, and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.*

- 66,319 therapeutic abortions performed in Canadian hospitals.

1983:

In response to the 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Dr. Henry Morgentaler, in defiance of the "abortion law," opened a free-standing abortion clinic in Toronto. He was charged with performing illegal abortions. He was acquitted by an Ontario jury in 1984. This was appealed by Ontario Court of Appeal, and Morgentaler's acquittal was overturned. Morgentaler appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1986, arguing that the 1969 law violated clauses in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms:

1986: 63,508 therapeutic abortions performed in Canadian hospitals.

1987: 63,662 therapeutic abortions performed in Canadian hospitals.

Jan. 1988:

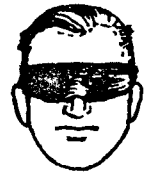
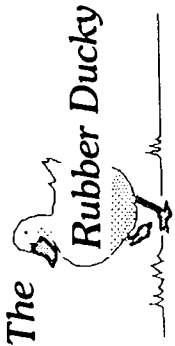
Supreme Court of Canada, in a 5-2 decision, strikes down Section 251, Canada's abortion law, finding it in violation of the Charter's guarantee of life, liberty and the security of the person, in response to the Morgentaler case. Abortion is decriminalized in Canada.

Oct. 1988:

A national Gallup poll showed that 71.2% of adult Canadians are pro-choice.

1989:

- U.S. Supreme Court rules that individual states can limit access to abortion. This is contrary to the *Roe vs. Wade* decision which resulted in equal access to abortion everywhere in the U.S.
- State of Pennsylvania responds in October by placing strict limitations on abortion: a married woman must secure her husband's approval before an abortion can take place.
- Nov. 3, 1989: A bill is introduced to Canadian House of Commons which, if passed, would prohibit abortions except when a woman's physical, mental, or psychological health is threatened. The decision (of imposed threat of the pregnancy) is to be made by the woman's doctor. The proposed legislation would be an amendment to the Criminal Code.
- Nov. 16, 1989: The Supreme Court hands down their decision on the Chantal Daigle case. Daigle's ex-boyfriend sought an injunction that would prohibit Daigle from having an abortion. The Supreme Court decided that 1) a father has no rights until the fetus is completely born alive, and 2) the fetus has no rights until it is completely born alive.



If you should go fighting I want you to know
as you march in your columns to conquer the foe
this justified madness that you know as war
is an updated version of things gone before
The people have changed and the children have grown
our minds have been molded by things we've been shown
as they spew out political reasons to kill
the now-prejudiced masses succumb.
These plasticene people no will of their own
fighting ghosts of the past no new enemies shown
all you need do is follow your fates all laid out
go through history's pages and read all about your destiny.

Close off your mind to the things you can't see
you can't alter the facts yet you still disagree
too afraid to stop following prints in the snow
if a storm blew them over you'd have nowhere to go
you thoughtless fool
step off the track sink in over your head
no sound breaking through
you are deaf to what is said
No instructions forthcoming no-one to salute
your new enemies faceless there is nothing to shoot
you must choose for yourself

Who shall you choose as your recipient of hate
rid yourself of frustration in wars you create
you can't simply be
you thrive on dissension no problem exists
it's your mind's own invention you need to fight

Conquer your anger and the war will be won
the victory made sweeter when no killing is done
hate's conceded defeat
so you now make your own way, the path has been cleared
no new enemy created there is nothing to fear
you are truly at peace

if you still think it's natural man will always war
a schoolroom of millions and heaven the reward
let me remind you that murder's a sin
you can't justify it they know where you've been
you don't have to pull triggers just sit back and watch
all you need to condemn you is apathy



Consider this, though horrific it seems
the existence of heaven is only in dreams
your reward in the end will be what you have made
there is no ticket out it matters not what you've paid
my god what a theory it would blow them away
I think we should tell them but I'm too tired today

Maybe we should show them the horrors we've made
frighten with pictures that revolt and degrade
what have we done
our poison-filled oceans
our skies no escape
the land pitted and pock-marked as daily we rape
to achieve our means
the sunshine a danger we all must screen out
what more must be done before someone will shout
loud enough to be heard
Our children are hardened by image on screen
nothing more left shock they've not already seen
how can we break through
take them out show them the way it once was
all will be lost if none carry the cause
we must show them the way
your detached way of living a slap in the face
sure you're causing no problems but killing the race
you must understand

Nothing else matters and it's all I address
if the world crumbles under the weight and the stress
of human abuse
so thread all your needles well sew up the rent
in the fabric of life on which history's spent
all those painstaking years
let's not spatter the pattern with blood of our own
the stains left by those before us so we could be shown
the mistakes that were made
So much more could be said
fewer should be dead
but here I must stop

Not written for pleasure
to be read at leisure
no flowery phrase
it's a heartfelt devotion
to a perhaps ludicrous notion
that things can be changed
and my hopes seem not futile while the breezes still blow
and beauty yet lingers in flowers that grow
don't let it end.

Shannon Thackray



In Memorium: JOSEPH PAUL BONNELL

Joseph Paul Bonnell from Nanoose Bay, B.C., passed away recently. Joseph was a thin, Native elder with a consistent sense of humour.

We knew him most because he was at the 1984 Crab Camp-in, an occupation of "federal lands" down at the foot of Columbia Street.

Although we were never organized to do a proper camp-in with supplies Joseph Paul tried to cook enough food so that some of the 60 tenters could eat. Probably the few pieces of bannock that he cooked was all some of the campers ate during some of those hard days.

Because of the spirit and support of people like Joseph, the Camp-In successfully lasted 75 days and was a major factor in there now being a 7 acre waterfront park in the downtown eastside.

Joseph understood issues like Native land claims and the Nanoose Bay peace camp which he supported.

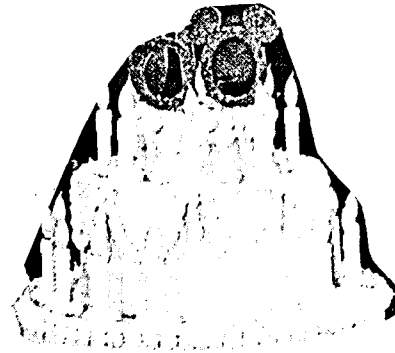
He lived a tough life in poverty, but nobody could long wipe a smile off of his face.

He will be missed by many, especially his friends Bert Thomas, Donnie and Paul Denomie.

His body was sent back to Nova Scotia for the funeral. We should find some way of remembering the support Joseph Paul gave the underdog.

If it meets support, there is a suggestion to name the mini-park at Alexander and Main, "Joseph Paul Bonnell Park". This mini-park is a part of Crab waterfront park and is a part of what Joseph helped earn for our lowincome community.

Don Larson



A QUIET SERVICE

As you are reading this a volunteer in Carnegie is marking an anniversary - EGOR MAROV has shown over 430 different videos in the last year!

He began at a rate of a few a week but the popularity of this free show soon had him increase his commitment to twice to three times and more each week, with up to 4 or 5 videos a night and all night on Christmas Eve.

The 3rd floor at the back of the building was the only 'unbooked' area for awhile, then, with the later hours the Theatre became the place. Egor has had audiences of over 130 for a few videos and many users of Carnegie ask "What's on tonight?" as soon as they come in.

Egor was chosen Volunteer of the Month last year after people realized that he'd been doing his work for months and no one had even asked him if he had gotten any coffee tickets for his time. He also makes duplicate tapes, bringing in his own VCR, upon request (and all the extra hours this requires).

In case you don't know who to thank just look up. Egor is about 6'8" & a healthy 375 lbs. He increased his fame during the Columbia Hotel protest's and was the star of a TV show on that incident!

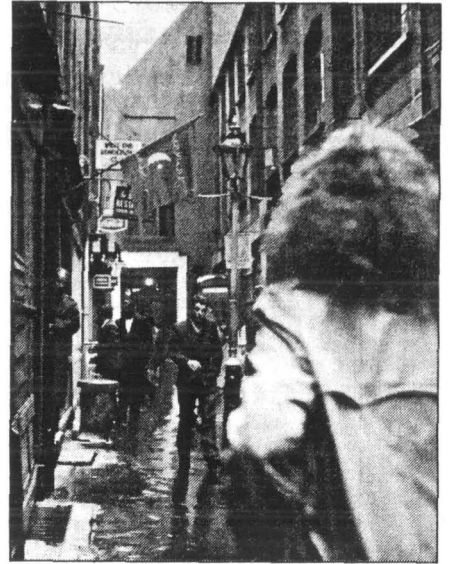
Small wonders of the world.
O so many they are yet are still unseen.
Just like the mother cradling her child
Protected from the unwanted, hidden away.

Left there to be discovered by the wary
Worthy can only one be to find it so.
All about us they are just in plain sight
Still many don't see other than the ordinary.

For to give life is to die a little
Forever wandering seeking new abodes
To see other than the ordinary is to
Find the joy in living.

In finding hope one can find life
In finding life one discovers purpose
In discovering purpose there is a reason of being
In being one with the self, one becomes one with
the universe.

For being one with his universe, the small
wonders of the world are now in plain and full
sight as they always were.



Plume

DUTCH TREAT

All is well in Wouldn'tville,
Shouldn'tville and Can'tville.
All is as it has come to be
For one who chose to wait.

Nothing gambled on the bed
Because a running shoe of red
Was much a safer even bet
For one who chose to wait.

The Nile Jewel failed again
To rub a nagging, lovely neck, pain,
But shoes were still on and couldn't move
The one who chose to wait.

A feast of sweet meats on a cheesy crust
Brought passions boiling beyond mistrust
But flatulence came demanding to sing
With one who chose to wait.

And when the evening was packed-in
The door was rushed quicker than sin.
Walking home weirdly thoughtful of fate;
Who was the one who chose to wait.

Garry Gust



Mayor and Alderpeople
City of Vancouver

I have attended two public meetings about the proposed garbage plant. Although I was opposed when I first heard the idea, I am now angry and adamantly opposed to the building of a commercial garbage plant in Vancouver for the following reasons:

1. There is a need in this society and in the world to tighten and sophisticate our recycling efforts.
2. Commercial garbage enterprise in North America has little or no interest in the environment..just as drug entrepreneurs have no interest in the damage that the drugs do to the human environment.
3. Such a plant would degrade the surrounding land, parks, and residences. The continuum of trucks bringing garbage for sorting, and trucks taking away about 85% of what was brought to Burns Bog or Cache Creek would lead to increased noise and pollution, particularly when the Expo site and Marathon's Coal Harbour add their thousands of residences and accompanying businesses.
4. The area is described as 'industrial' but is encompassed by ap-

artments (Northern Way) and single family dwellings (Strathcona, Mount Pleasant, Grandview-Woodlands) and proposals for conversion of much of the area to more residential/commercial development. An example is the proposed multi-million dollar Bosa development at Terminal and Main, a mere four blocks away.

I understand that the Engineering Department recommended against this garbage disposal plan, but that the Council decided to proceed to the next stage. I would like to see (and I'm sure that the general public would like to see) a statement from the Engineering Department stating their reasons for recommending against proceeding with the plan.

I should also like to comment on the organization of the Public Meeting held at Strathcona School on Feb. 7. About 20% of the audience was Chinese and did not speak English. No interpreter was provided. Fortunately a bilingual woman was there and able to translate.

Is the Council seriously interested in the views of the citizens? Or are we seeing a public relations job of soliciting input when a decision has already been made?

Ron Hansen

Radio Project Update

The Radio Project had its second general meeting on Monday, Feb. 19. We talked about what we've done so far and planned some workshops for the future. One of our projects will be an hour long poetry program on April 3rd.

Our next meeting will be on Monday March 19, 11 am to 1 pm. If you are interested in finding out more call Brenda or Helene at 684-8494.

POETRY IS MY BOMB

This will be a live, one hour co-op radio show on April 3rd, 1 to 2 pm. Contact Helene or Brenda at 684-8494 or see Shannon and Kevin in Classroom 2 on Mondays or Wednesdays (3:00 pm) at Carnegie.

Read your poetry, stories and stuff on the air.

BE HEARD! IT'S RADIO SO YOU CAN'T BE SEEN.

ARRIVE IN BETTER SHAPE.

On February 7th the second meeting on Mayor Campbell's "Resource Recovery Plant" was held at Strathcona Community Centre. The engineers on the stage were under orders to go through the rest of the speaker's list, with over 25 names of people who didn't get to state their views at the first meeting held at Britannia two weeks previous.

The NPA majority on Council had tried to force this retarded scheme through by simply refusing to open it up to public hearings. Surveys done by different public interest groups found that the large majority of citizens asked for their opinion didn't know anything about it. What "it" is is a way to let all business and hotel/apartment owners north of 16th Avenue in Vancouver off the hook as far as being responsible for their garbage is concerned. Rather than setting up ways and means to educate people on how to recycle, how to separate reusable materials at the source, the NPA majority saw the best way to make someone a big buck. They want to privatize the entire waste management system, pay a private company to skim anything they can sell from the mountains of refuse, pay them to haul it to and from the plant (proposed for Strathcona less than 1000 feet from food wholesalers (say hello to thousands of RATS)), pay them to dig out what they want, then pay them to haul at least 85% of the remaining smelly mess to a landfill. Brilliant!!!

To the point: at that meeting a 2nd meeting was demanded in Strathcona at a time when the seniors of the community could come. Also demanded was a public hearing in the West End; residents there are angry that they are being completely denied

a comprehensive community recycling program so a few big corporations can get bigger. The real point is simply that the City has failed to hold either of these meetings.

Maybe having to spew the NPA's brand of logic anywhere except at Council meetings (where they are assured of the last word) must scare them shitless. Criticism from the peasants (that's us) must be really galling when you think you're untouchable like Campbell does.

The engineers' reports on the 2 meetings held (public input) are going to Council. Call the City Clerk to appear on Thursday, March 8. 873-7276! A deluge of speakers will be GREAT!!!

By PAULR TAYLOR

DIVINE LOVE

Divine love reaches a spire
To shake hands with the soul;
Radiant angels join the choir
To sit on the rainbow -
Utopia falls in love with Saul
Far above mortal men;
All these things I've thought
Are in the naked poem.

The genius of William Butler Yeats
And all the men including Dylan;
John Donne, Pratt and Blake
Bless these poets, I love them -
They're atop the golden chain
With their diamond pens;
Alas, for everything is contained
Within the naked poem.

Joe Ringer

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Carnegie

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FOR 15 YEARS

Not too many of you reading this have cars. Issues that affect us are the destruction of affordable housing, the obscenity of corporations getting tax breaks while the minimum wage, U.I. and welfare keep thousands of people in poverty... Cars are somebody else's problem.

In the last two issues, there have been articles from a group based in Vernon called the Association for Vehicle Movement and Safety. They've managed to take the lid off a slimy can of worms and, in a response to their persistent questions, the minister responsible for a new "safety" program has exposed another part of the corporate agenda.

Background information is fairly simple: the sacred government has made almost anything from ripped seat covers to dirty floors a legal reason for police to take cars off the road while police in different regions of the province are saying that they won't enforce things that 'enough people' don't like. What it means is that anyone with a car or truck over a couple of years old will have to either pay huge repair bills or buy a new(er) vehicle. This whole piece of legislation is great news for car dealers, businesspeople in to repair and parts and the police who can increase their revenue with inspection fees, fines, etc. When Vanderzalm tried to mess with the office of the Attorney General, Bud Smith resigned, stating that it was a "matter of honour." Vanderzalm then split the ministry in two and put the department of motor vehicle and the police in the same department. Fines, fees and licences now benefit the legal branch with a huge increase in revenue brought about by this stupid program. Following is a press release from the Association for Vehicle Movement & Safety:

"The Solicitor General doesn't know what he's talking about in his explanation of the new Private Vehicle Inspection Program," said Stuart Meade, spokesman for the Association for Vehicle Movement Safety.

Meade's comments were in reaction to a recent response from the Solicitor General, Russ Fraser. In his letter Fraser claimed that no useful purpose would be served by performing an assessment of the costs and benefits of this program, and even admitted he didn't know how many people would be affected or to what degree.

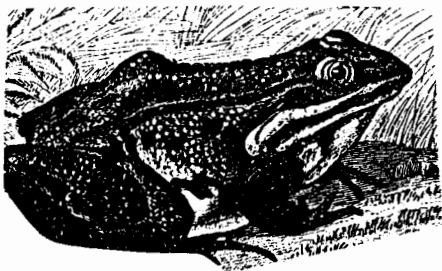
"It only requires a pocket calculator to figure out that in inspection fees alone, \$51 million will be extracted from the owners of 1.7 million vehicles licensed in B.C. I guess Mr. Fraser isn't curious as to how much this program is going to burden the public," Meade reflected.

The Solicitor General attempted to answer Mr. Meade's query as to the relative seriousness, as a contributing factor to road accidents, of the mechanical condition of private vehicles in the province. "He even got this wrong!" said Meade. "Mr. Fraser quoted me the figure of 2.44 percent of all accidents had 'vehicle condition as a contributing factor.' In fact, 1.33 percent is the real figure. Mr. Fraser's calculation ignores the 46,762 accidents which have not been included in the compilation of "Major Contributing Factors in 1988 Accidents." (1988 Motor Vehicle Branch Traffic Accident Statistics Manual, pg 1.1 & 3.1)

Meade observed that, "If he is answering me with all the facts he has at hand, then he has managed to implement a program costing upwards of 1/2 billion dollars in inspection and repair costs, on the basis of fantasy rather than statistics."

In his letter Mr. Fraser noted with some satisfaction that this program was implemented after 'consultation with and at the urging of the public, safety related organizations, police and the automotive repair industry.'

"While Mr. Fraser is busy espousing his care and concern for the motoring public, in reality he seems to be responding primarily to special interest groups," said Meade. "What we have is a program that will be burdening the vehicle owners of this province with horrendous costs, without any statistical justification, while ignoring other very real hazards of vehicle movement. Common sense suggests that a program of this magnitude, implemented in this day and age, must have some factual and statistical foundation - we are appealing to the Ministry to share this information with us."
(Information: 873-5149)



NOCTURNAL FLUTTERING

Employing the mind with illusions of grandeur is a good job for a sleepless night. It's the therapy of Walter Mittyism as defined by John Lennon in "Imagine". It's a soothing mental massage, relieving the let-downs of the real world. It's the power to do away with heroes and villains, of competition, and other unequal conclusions. It's a seed that blooms only if nourished by the highest humane ideals. Alas, it's also useless unless it harvests an eventual action.

the devil made me do it
and then i read in the paper the other day about a guy from new west-minster who got eight years for a sexual attack on a thirteen year old baby sitter that lasted two hours he had ordered his wife and four kids into another room the sick part is that she went i wish that she had run with the kids to get help but instead she tried to help the girl herself and got beaten for her pains
the article said the girl was left a wounded animal and his wife has a scarred face the girl was thirteen years do you hear me she was thirteen years old the guy who raped her said that booze made him do it
i really don't remember what happened he said if you say i did it i must have he said i'm very sorry he said

i guess that means it's probably all right if you say you're sorry.

Anne Rayvals

Garry Gust



Assorted Puzzle Pieces on Paper

Politics, religion, sex, etc. ... & love
That's all I ever hear 'round here
These days, who's got long hair
Who's nice with daisies-n-roses-n-flare
Who's got short hair, who's fat?
Who's skinny, who's ... who knows?
Who really has to tighten his belt...
Even if he cannot afford one?
Gay - Got-Aids-Yet? Whose business
is this? Is it serious? Is it really
funny...shooting down people?
Who's fault?

Love of politics? Is it necessary
for individuals...psychologically...
How does it tie together with religion...
with people...people created religion..
They created politics...it led into sexism
The battle of the sexes...to the arts...
to love, in general. What's love?
Self-love? Relationships - companionship?
Romance? Independence/dependence?
Anyway..in the end we love the sound
of silence.

Miki

The evening hesitates
on the windowsill
A burglar caught in
moment still
Then enters in a thief
of days
The sun drops to its knees
and prays
for darkness

And those who have lost
the day and more
With hat and coat
wait by the door
In Quiet pause
from incessant chatter
Search for meaning
that goes
natter, natter,
and pray
for silence

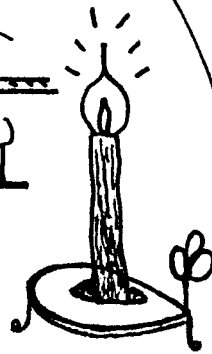
On the river the
boatman waits
Silent sails sloughing
winds of fate
While shadows lengthen
in the hall
Wonders why we wait
..why at all
prays for a
safe voyage

Tom Lewis

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BAN THE KNIVES

In the last issue a postcard was reproduced. It was addressed to then-Minister of Justice Doug Lewis, stating:

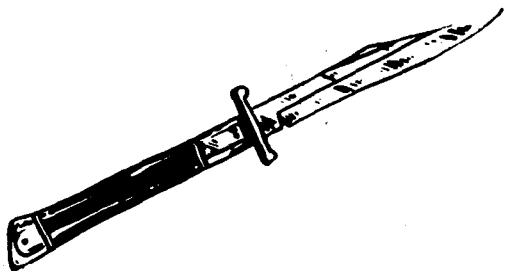
Dear Mr. Lewis,

On _____, 1990
a person was attacked and injured/
killed with a knife in the Downtown
Eastside of Vancouver, B.C. I would
like to know what you are going to
do about it.

Since then former Socred MLA and
now Tory MP Kim Campbell has become
Minister of Justice. Mulroney hopes
to silence her pro-choice views on
abortion.

In the early 80's, Sue Harris be-
gan a grassroots campaign to change
the law allowing knives. After five
or six years and thousands more
crimes involving knives, a ban on
carrying knives in bars came into
effect. Needless to say it's had
little effect. On February 22 (last
week) there were 5 stabbings in one
night in the Sunrise Hotel.

Kim Campbell has to hear from us
every time a knife is used in our
neighbourhood. It's not acceptable
for her to just live high & mighty
as a federal minister while people
in her own home town are terrorized
daily. Blank postcards can be pick-
ed up at DERA (9 E.Hastings), at 1st
church, at the Deposit Project on
Carrall, at the Women's Centre on
Cordova, ...postage is free.



Smoke
(the invisible enemy)

If I only had money
Then things wouldn't
be the same
My awareness would be altered
And a sense of well being
Would pervade my senses
And I'd
skip the food line.

My vision would clear
I'd see intricate designs
on my bucks
I'd put them in piles
And divide them
just right.
Each one a miracle and
All the same

I'd feel better physically
Confident that I could handle
The day
I'd have no enemies
That money can't buy
So I'd buy them and
Then I'd have friends
Ain't life a gas?

Greg

THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

A rich woman wanted to buy her
mother a birthday present. She went
to a pet shop and saw a beautiful
bird. The bird could sing. The bird
could also speak seven languages:
Chinese, Japanese, Italian, French,
Spanish, Vietnamese, Czech & English.
She bought the bird. It cost \$5,000.

She sent the bird to her mother.
The next day, she called her mother
on the phone. She asked her mother,
"Do you like the bird?" Her mother
answered, "Yes, it's delicious! I'm
eating it right now!"

kung hay fay choi

it's 20 to nine now and maybe the sun will stay up there but i'm not sure there's a crow cawing like mad in a tree across the street i hate how it sounds and i wish the granville bus would hurry up and come oh there it is so i get on and it's packed as usual i have to stand until i get to Broadway and then i grab a seat quick when a lot of skytrain people get off you have to be fast because there's a whole bunch more waiting to get on i get one of those single seats on the left side i'm lucky there's so many passengers on the bus today that the windows are all steamed up and it isn't even raining for a change so people have to rub the windows to see where they are a couple of mental handicaps get on and one of them gets a seat the other one leans over her and they talk loud about someone named jessie

i guess they don't like jessie much then four chinese women are pushing through all the people who are standing so they can say hello to their friends who are sitting near the back they're all happy and calling out to each other it's chinese new year today and then a really old man climbs up the steps and the bus driver takes off too fast and the man falls and cracks his head hard he's bleeding oh look at all the blood and i hear the driver swear under his breath and hit the brakes the guy is hurt maybe a fracture i hear somebody say and a woman runs to call an ambulance then a big guy looks like a biker is hollering at the driver

he's really mad and he's threatening to push his face in and the woman across the aisle is talking to her friend about how they are going to report him for taking off too fast and making the old guy fall i am upset too i don't like all that blood here comes the ambulance and they take the guy away we all have to get off at the next stop and move to another bus probably that bus will go to the garage to get the blood cleaned up

so i get off in front of woodwards and stop to watch the pigeons and a couple of street people sucking on something that's covered by a paper bag

Anne Rayvals



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BY, THOMAS MERTON, MONK.