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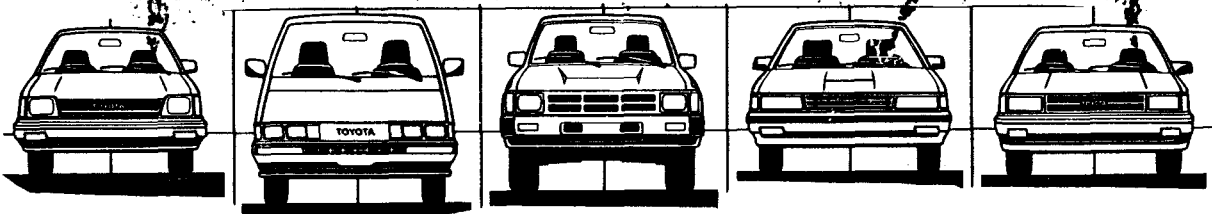


NEWSLETTER

May 15, 1990.

401 Main St., Vancouver, B.C. (604)665-2289

## TAKING TO THE STREETS



### CARS! CARS! CARS!

The signs along the highways proclaim that British Columbians have "FREEDOM TO MOVE." Of course it's brought to us by the Government of B.C., the Honourable Rita Johnston, Minister of Transportation. It seems like the limit of a slowcred's imagination is the hood ornament of their automobile.

Downtown Eastsiders will soon be getting a taste of that freedom, The Province and the Greater Vancouver Regional District are planning to widen Hastings Street and the Barnett Highway by an extra lane on each side.

This will allow even more cars to

travel into the downtown core. The people who are going to pay for the "freedom to move" on Hastings Street are the people who live in the Downtown Eastside. Almost everyone here knows at least one person who has been hit, if not killed, in a car accident somewhere in this neighbourhood. And let's not forget the increased pollution, noise and stress that increasing volumes of traffic bring with them.

We are being overwhelmed by cars and every level of government, from the City to the Province, wants to send more. The Downtown Eastside is not alone. Strathcona and Grandview will be zapped by the planned highway down the Grandview cut, where

the railway tracks are now, and by the so-called Malkin Bypass that will funnel traffic to the Georgia Viaduct.

People who live in the inner city are choking on automobiles and all the planners and politicians are doing is making it easier for cars to get down here. What are we going to do about it?

The Carnegie Community Centre Association will present:

**Cars! Cars! Cars!**  
**A Town Hall Forum**  
**Sunday, May 27th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**CARNEGIE THEATRE**

At this public meeting we will be discussing the traffic problem in the Downtown Eastside, what it means for us in the future and ways of finding solutions to the problem. We have also invited a four person panel to discuss the issue. Although no speakers are confirmed yet, we have asked reps to come from the City's

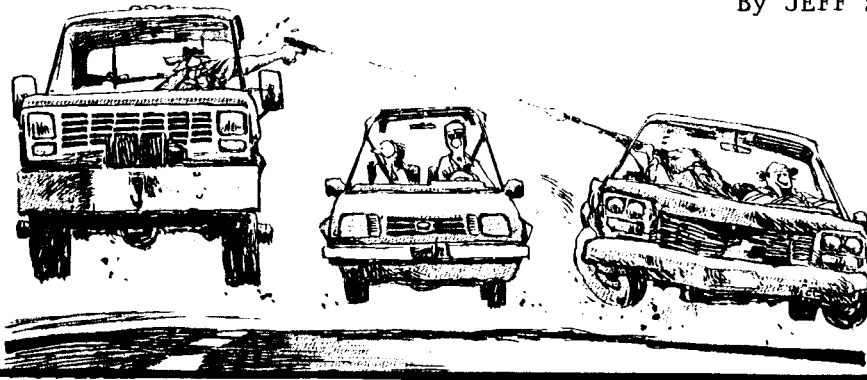
Engineering Dept., the Police Dept. Traffic Division, and citizen advocates on transit and traffic reform.


Remember, if you're feeling a little run down lately, this is not a hopeless cause. Revulsion at the destructive force of the car is growing around the world. And it's easy to see why: Cars and the car industry are perhaps the number one contributor to environmental degradation. Automobile exhaust is a major addition to the hydrocarbons that create global warming and the Greenhouse effect.

In order to do that, automobiles suck up incredible amounts of resources. In Western Europe, 44% of all petroleum is used by cars. In the Third World, that amount is almost 50%. The auto industry uses 20% of all the steel in the U.S. and 2/3 of all the rubber.

Doing something about cars isn't just a question of improving the quality of life in the Downtown Eastside. It's a matter of making the world a better place to live.

By JEFF SOMMERS



**OPEN**   
**STAGE**  
**GABARET**

**TEUSDAYS**  
**7 PM**  
**THEATRE**

# Arts & Crafts

for Kids

Mondays 7-9 pm.

Saturdays 2-4 pm.

## Free



Carnegie Centre  
3rd Floor



FREE ADMISSION

BRING A FRIEND

The address is the Mount Pleasant Community Centre at 3161 Ontario St (at 16th); phone 874-8165.

# ENVIRONMENTAL THINKING



## ON THE MOVE

The Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association is sponsoring this forum, happening on Wednesday, May 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

The focus will be on traffic and alternate, practical ways to be-friending the environment. Beginning at 6:30 several displays will open..Environment Canada, BC Transit and BC Gas, Cycling advocates, linear Parks plans and more.

It's becoming more and more obvious that no "magic bullet" will be fired at the ;ast moment to miraculously solve the pollution problems and let us wake up tomorrow to a clean, young world.

A 9 year-old in Grade 4 says:

Gotta get moving,  
We're doin' the environment  
wrong.

We all must do somethin',  
Or our time here won't be long!

'Friends of the 44' is back! Bingo at the Evelyne Saller Centre, 320 Alexander, Mondays, 7:30.

(May the Numbers be with You!)

at

# CARNEGIE

6:30 Wed.

# bingo



Dear Homeless,

What lucky, outstanding people you are!

You are the recipients of the highest honour that a maximizing, profiteering market economy can bestow on you - exclusion from all property. You are the living (so far) embodiment of the achievement of the ultimate in cutting costs for profiteers. Not only do you not have to be housed, either at leisure or at work, but you do not present any responsibility to at all to the meinent bosses of the marketting community. You embody everything the capitalist hopes to attain - freedom from all labour costs. You exemplify the final expulsion of that troublesome, so unreliable factor of production - the "human factor".

So while you wander (homeless, cold, unfed, shivering and ill) about the streets, collecting cigarette butts, tin cans, old bottles, etc., you can be happy in the thought that you are giving supreme satisfaction to every millionaire and every billionaire, and every hustling Yuppy whose hundreds of thousands in profit is reaching out toward the millions.

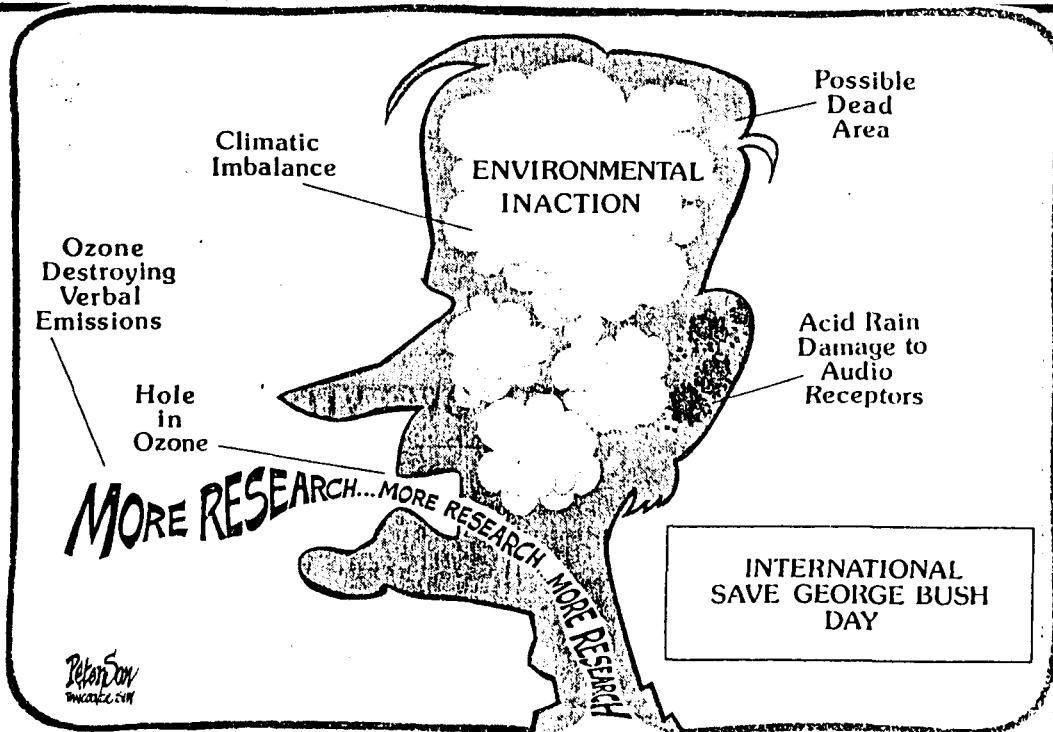
O you lucky, lucky homeless! Supreme peer of the maximum profiteering market economy society. Hail!

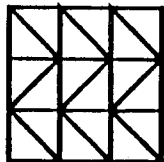
Or - should it be - HELL!?

Bless you.

Most sincerely,  
Your happy former boss,

Mike Millionaire  
(Just call me - Big Buck)





## "A CHALLENGE TO SET OUR AGENDA FOR OUR CITY"

May 25 - 26, 1990

Holiday Inn on Broadway - 711 West Broadway, Vancouver

Many of us are concerned about the dramatic changes taking place in our city. We can see a city emerging that excludes more and more people from living in Vancouver and participating in the decisions that affect our community and daily lives.

There are two basic trends in Van. On the one hand, neighbourhoods, community organizations and individuals are working together like never before to stop mega developments from destroying the quality of life and affordability of local communities. On the other hand, we are stymied at almost every turn by powerful development interests, arrogant civic government, and our own feelings of futility arising out of so many lost battles.

Which of these trends is strongest?

That is up to us. It depends on the energy, human resources and commitment to fight for our city that we can muster. It depends on the strength of our "Community Directions"

On the evening of Friday, May 25 and all day May 26, "Community Directions" is about our agenda that we will begin to set for ourselves. It is about looking at our city from our viewpoint as: 1) a whole community; 2) as homeowners, tenants, taxpayers, women, young people, seniors, gays, visible minorities, the disabled, unionists, low income people..

"Community Directions" is about setting our agenda through a process. There are no pre-set conclusions. There are no boring policy papers. There won't be any election gimmickry. There will be a thoughtful dialogue about our city & where it's headed.

On Saturday, May 26th you will have an opportunity to discuss your ideas, issues and concerns about Vancouver in one of four workshop areas:

- 1) GROWTH - How Does Our City Grow?  
How Should It?
- 2) THE AUTONOMOUS CITY - A Community That Governs Itself, and Cleaning Up Our Own Yard
- 3) THE INCLUSIVE CITY - A Place For Everyone
- 4) THE MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT  
- How Green Is My City?

The suggested registration fee is \$10 (employed), \$7 (unemployed) or whatever you can afford. It also includes lunch & coffee on Saturday. Pre-registration is encouraged and on-site childcare for Saturday can be arranged by calling 879-1447 ASAP.

For more information on "Community Directions" please contact Donalda Viaud, convenor at 879-1447.

Hoping to see you; it's our city.

Yours in solidarity,

LIBBY DAVIES



# Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, CLC

Family and Friends of Willis Shaparla  
c/o B.C. Federation of Labour  
3110 Boundary Road, Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Executive Council and all members of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour I am writing to express our condolences over the passing of Willis Shaparla.

Willis inspired many of us with his lifelong commitment to progressive causes and his willingness to struggle on behalf of the working class. A product of his times, he saw the oppression and social emptiness of capitalism and worked to change the system. He will be missed.

We would also like to celebrate his life while we mourn his passing. We are richer as a society because Willis lived. He and many others have raised the consciousness of many Canadians by engaging in organized struggle. He fought injustice where he found it - we need many more Willis Shaparlas.

In Solidarity,

Barbara Byers, President.

GENTLE STAR

We walk on different paths  
but search for the same  
great mystery of unknown  
spiritual treasures that  
stir the senses.  
Like the "wind in the willows"  
the quiet adventure of following  
the sound of birds splashing  
in some distant pond,  
or the narcotic smell of  
fresh morning air, counselling  
the feet to move to a place  
where the mystic mystery  
once reposed in decades passed,  
or to where it now dwells in  
the future of a better world.

Garry Gust

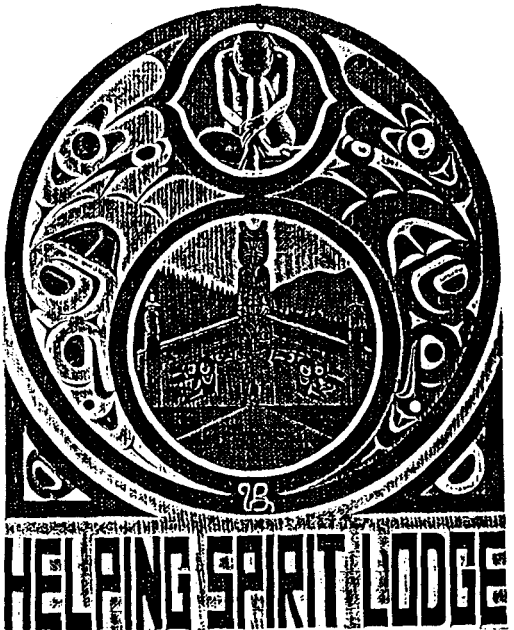
To All of our Carnegie Family,

It is with deep regret that, due to our work schedule, we find that we are unable to continue our duties as Board Members at this time.

But, to each and every one of you, including all our staff at Carnegie, we want you to know we will always have you in our hearts & thoughts.

Who knows what the future holds? Maybe somewhere down the path of life we will once again be able to serve you as Board members.

As always,  
Lillian & George Harrison



"HONOURING OUR FOUR DIRECTIONS:

HONESTY, KINDNESS,  
SHARING & STRENGTH"

The HELPING SPIRIT LODGE is a new non-profit society under the auspices of a committee of members of the aboriginal community in the Greater Vancouver area. The agency's current mandate is to conduct an urban needs assessment. This research will determine the needs of aboriginal women, children and elders in the East Vancouver area as they pertain to family violence issues.

Specific information will be gathered to develop a demographic profile of those affected, and to determine the extent and prevalence of the problem. The problem and its solution(s) as seen by the aboriginal community, as well as other concerned individuals and agencies dealing with this population, will be explored.

Aboriginal initiatives in other urban centres will play a significant role in this study. Strengths and weaknesses of existing services will be documented, and barriers and issues

affecting the efficient delivery of services to aboriginal families in this area will be identified.

Results of the research study will be utilized as the basis for the design of an aboriginal family violence transition shelter, appropriate to needs of families in crisis in the East Vancouver area.

Research questionnaires for agency workers and another for women/family members will be available. We are asking for the cooperation of all interested individuals/agencies in filling out these questionnaires. Your input is welcome and will be treated as confidential.

For more information regarding the RESEARCH PROJECT, contact:

**Muriel Roberts**  
Research Coordinator

**HELPING SPIRIT LODGE**  
205-96 East Broadway Ave.  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5T-4N9  
(604)872-6649

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

- (Free Shows!)
- TUESDAY (May 15) -
    - 4:30 - Secret Dance of Brazil
    - Colourful Korea (Tent #2)
  - 8:00 - Comedy of Faust (Tent #2)
  - WEDNESDAY (May 16)
    - 8:00 - Potato People (Tent #2)

VANIER PARK, 1100 CHESTNUT STREET  
For more information, call Corina  
at 687-7697.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Globe & Mail  
Carnegie Newsletter

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Deborah Wilson's article about David Sinclair, A death in the family, on Saturday, April 28, 1990.

The strongest remembrance I have of David is how private he was about his illness. After he came out of the hospital in January, he visited Carnegie to tell us that a cancer was no longer in remission but that it could be treated and he'd be back to work.

After that we lost touch with David for awhile. His phone was disconnected and no one knew how to reach him. Then in February an article appeared about the Heritage House Hotel, and identifying David as a person with AIDS. I called and left several messages with the intent of asking David how people at Carnegie could support him. David didn't answer my calls.

When David went back into the hospital, patrons and staff from Carnegie continued to visit him. And now that he is gone, a memorial service has been organized for May 3rd.

I don't know why David said that his identification as a person with AIDS had sparked a boycott by staff and patrons, and that he was indefinitely suspended. That's simply not true. David remained on the active staff list until April 9th, the day after his death.

The City of Vancouver has very firm and very progressive guidelines about employees with AIDS. I send along two City brochures to illustrate their theme that "HIV disease and AIDS are illnesses we can no longer ignore at work. With knowledge, understanding and compassion we can make the workplace a safe and comfortable environment for all."

Furthermore, the Union (VMREU) to which David Sinclair and the other forty staff at Carnegie belong, simply would not have tolerated the draconian personnel policy which David alleged.

David is not the first friend Carnegie has lost to AIDS. And he won't be the last. With that somber knowledge we have over the years run a staff workshop with the assistance of AIDS Vancouver, developed our own AIDS brochure, and cooperated with local groups to provide an annual educational focus on December 1st, an International AIDS Day.

Obviously the need for AIDS and HIV education continues -- for staff, for patrons, for people with AIDS, for newspaper reporters. Perhaps the gift David gave us is the recognition that this task is not yet over.

Sincerely yours,  
Diane MacKenzie



Letters to the Editor Globe & Mail  
Carnegie Newsletter

Please allow me to correct a misleading reference in your April 28 article on AIDS sufferer David Sinclair (A death in the family). You state that when David's condition became known at Carnegie Community Centre, it "sparked a boycott by staff and patrons, and he was suspended indefinitely."

Nothing of the sort happened. No one at Carnegie even knew about David's condition until it was reported in a newspaper. By then, he was too sick to come to Carnegie. There was no boycott, no suspension.

How would David have been received if he had come back? Our Association has long taken part in campaigns to raise awareness about AIDS. Just a



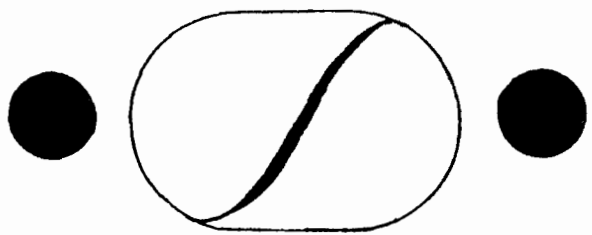
few weeks before David went into hospital, we sponsored a full day educational program in cooperation with the International AIDS day.

Earlier in 1989, another of our members was hospitalized in the later stages of AIDS. Whenever he felt enough for day release, he left his hospital bed and made a bee-line for Carnegie, where he socialised with his friends and took a full part in meetings and debates on all the subjects that interest Carnegie patrons. When he died, his memorial service was held in Carnegie. David will have a memorial service in Carnegie too - on Thursday, May 3rd at 1 pm.

As for the Carnegie staff, David enjoyed the protection of a strong AIDS policy agreed on by everyone working in Carnegie, as well as protection of his Union contract. There was no way he would be victimized for being sick,

AIDS is a difficult enough subject to grasp without having to contend with misinformation and hearsay. Carnegie Centre is the home-away-from-home for thousands of people in Vancouver's lowest-income neighbourhood, and our Association is their democratically elected voice. We miss David and the contributions he made to Carnegie. Your casual mis-statement did a disservice to a community fighting for its self-respect and dignity, and has made the pain of our loss that much greater.

Yours truly,  
Muggs Sigurgeirson  
President, CCCA.



Editor,

I'm confused. Is Finance Minister Mel Couvelier's budget stabilization fund necessary for the economic growth of our Province or is it truly a b\_\_s\_\_ fund, as the NDP and Liberals say? Is it for our good or for the good of the government's re-election?

In setting up the fund Mr. Couvelier told the Legislature on March 24, 1988 that "in years where revenues peak sharply, transfers will be made to the fund. In years of revenue shortfall, transfers will be made from the fund. Our objectives will be to avoid borrowing or cutting back from social programmes."

Minutes after announcing the establishment of the fund, Mr. Couvelier transferred, in his 1988 budget speech, \$450 million into the fund and then announced that the government was borrowing \$191 million to balance the budget. That certainly doesn't meet the objective of avoiding borrowing.

In his 1989 budget speech Mr. Couvelier announced that \$500 million would be taken from the fund and \$538 million be put into the fund? In his 1990 budget speech Mr. Couvelier said that \$684 million would be taken from the fund and \$612 million be put into the fund.

As I said I'm confused. Can we take 1989 and 1990 to be good years economically because in total \$1.15 billion was put into the fund or should we consider them bad years economically because \$1.184 billion was taken from the fund?

Seems to me the budget stabilization fund is a b\_\_s\_\_ fund.

Darren Lowe

WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home;  
The bailiff had just been by  
And the eviction notice read:  
"Get out by....."

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
The bailiff 'd been  
And now was seen -  
Piled high - yet not so high -  
What furniture we'd had.

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
The demolition ball  
Of the developers (one and all)  
Had recently that way come.

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
And the vacancy rate  
Was less than one  
Percent.

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
And, weary,  
She lay down  
In the doorway of a store  
On a downtown street.

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
And so  
The foetus squatter left  
The womb of thought,  
And boarded windows, doors  
Flew open: "For Rent" signs moved aside,  
For housed and sheltered people!

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
The corporate ranchers  
Had just clear-cut  
- and burned -  
The ancient/recent Rainforest.  
There was no home.

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
Overhead had flown  
From the opulent north America  
The bombers from the USA  
On homes - in Guatemala,  
Vietnam  
Grenada  
Panama  
What homes were left?  
And - what can be said of Afghanistan?  
of Tienamen Square?  
of South Africa's Apartheid?

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home:  
The BOMB had just been dropped  
On Hiroshima -  
On Nagasaki.  
There were no homes!

Look homeward, darling!  
But there was no home.

In ancient time  
They sacked and burned..

In modern war  
They bomb and poison..

In future war  
They'll kill us all.

They'll leave the whole world - dead.

We'll have no home

LET'S STOP IT.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!

We must recall that all of this is  
not the whole stinking story. Back  
in the Thirties - I can remember -  
any month at all from December to  
December we put up tarpaper shacks  
and used old flour sacks to sew  
sheets for bunks built of torn-  
apart boxes, like the ones fruit  
came in, that we'd found on junk  
piles or in ditches; put up tents  
and drank "heat" and vanilla ex-  
tract for inspiration while media  
voices, not so frequent, loud or

as clear, persistent, insistent  
and everywhere appearing as now  
pontificated:

"Woman's place is in the home!

And so

Look homeward, Darling!  
But where are these homes?

For not have troops and police  
All well armed with batons, shields  
and whips

Come in - so well deployed and  
Well mounted on steeds  
Trained to trample?

Well

In the thirties, as a result -  
There were no homes  
In the 90's - there are no homes!

One more war  
And the Earth will be no more.

LET'S STOP IT.

END THE ARMS RACE!

FUND HUMAN NEED!

(1990) Beatrice Ferneyhaugh

### RECYCLING: PLASTIC - "SUPERWOOD"

Before we get too far down the re-  
cycling road, we should consider the  
limitations of re-cycling.

In Vancouver, the latest big re-  
cycling move is by Superwood Ontario  
Limited - they produce "Superwood"  
out of waste plastic & discarded  
juice cartons. The vice-president of  
"Superwood" is quoted in a recent  
Sun article as saying "The first  
plant of its kind in the whole world  
will open by the end of May in Miss-  
issauga, & the second will be in BC  
by the fall." - He's targeting Coqu-  
itlam, Surrey or Langley for this  
plant & says it will employ 32 people  
& operate 24 hours a day, 5 days/wk.

Re-cycling plastics is being hailed  
as a great step forward in ecological  
awareness - but consider this:

"The process converts plastics into  
a wood-like substance that will  
not rot or mould & is water resis-  
tant. ...it can be used to build  
fence posts, lawn chairs, picnic  
tables, park benches, decks, docks,  
& curb-stops for parking lots."

Now let's get a grip on reality  
here, & use a little logic - if the  
answer to non-biodegradable waste is  
to turn it into something that is  
even less biodegradable...this vir-  
tually permanent "Superwood"...  
doesn't that mean it will hang around  
longer? By this so-called "recycling"  
process - aren't we just increasing  
the terrestrial 'shelf-life' of plas-  
tic? The "Superwood" plant is only  
one example.

Environment Canada is promoting an  
American plan to dump tires in the  
ocean & build underwater reefs for  
tourist scuba divers out of them.  
This is also called "recycling", but  
is obviously just an out-of-sight,  
out-of-mind dumping of garbage. Real  
recycling of tires has been done in  
Ontario, where the tires are chipped  
& mixed with asphalt for road re-  
paving. It makes a safer, more non-  
skid surface - exactly what we need  
on the west coast - but what are we  
getting instead? Tires permanently  
dumped in the ocean and picnic tables  
that last forever.

Anyone who is separating plastics  
at home in their blue-boxes should  
seriously consider the possibility  
that they're just contributing to a  
coverup on the environmental crisis  
in the form of processes that make  
money off products that actually ex-  
tend the pollution potential of the  
materials involved.

Recycler Beware!

TORA

# Crackdown cleans up corner

By ROBERT SARTI

A two-week crackdown on street-level cocaine trafficking at Main and Hastings has managed to drive most of the drug dealers off the corner, community workers and police agree.

The dealers who frequented the sidewalk in front of Carnegie Community Centre have gone either up the street or into back lanes.

"It (public drug dealing) has eased for a while, due to heavy police enforcement and the extra work of Carnegie staff, but we've still got to keep the extra pressure on or they will come roaring back," Vancouver drug squad Det. John Dragani said in an interview Tuesday.

Dragani, who said he was speaking for drug squad head S. Sgt. Larry Smith, confirmed police have stepped up patrols of the area.

Carnegie security workers say the increased police presence and arrests have scared off many dealers.

Dragani also credited Carnegie employees with keeping the pressure on the corner.

The crackdown started following the knife slaying of a 29-year-old man at the corner on April 26.

Police said the victim was a known drug dealer. His identity has not

been released because police are having trouble contacting his next-of-kin in El Salvador.

The unknown assailant fled on foot.

Before the crackdown, drug dealers could be seen handing over drugs for cash in broad daylight in front of Carnegie.

The intersection, considered the crossroads of the downtown east side, is just a half block from police headquarters, and on major bus routes bringing suburban commuters into the city.

On Tuesday, the corner presented

a different picture than two weeks ago. While drug dealers continued to pass through the intersection, they did not linger.

Carnegie security worker Robert Morrison pointed out three drug dealers who had taken up positions further up Hastings.

He said Carnegie patrons appreciate the change of the past two weeks.

He said Carnegie security workers have been keeping a close watch on the action. Anyone identified as a drug dealer is barred from the building.



## Too Much Freedom

Turmoil and depression  
I had little interest  
for people  
Animals were my friends  
But civilization  
had me there  
Because I had to control  
my animal urges  
to keep on living  
Too much freedom  
Too much freedom  
and few friends  
Deep foreboding  
held onto my soul

..a promise of a future

Dorin

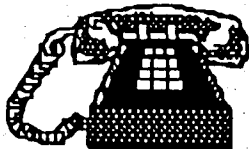
# STRAIGHT TALK

THE NEWSLETTER AND  
MEETING LIST OF  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



VANCOUVER  
AND AREA  
APRIL 1990  
24 HOUR HELPLINE

873-1018



P.O. BOX 1695  
STATION "A"  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
V6C-2P7

## INSTITUTION MEETINGS

REQUIRED: 3 MONTHS TO SUPPORT, 6 MONTHS  
TO SHARE; FOR CLEARANCE, CONTACT NAME  
AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AT RIGHT

ALL MEETINGS AT 7:30 UNLESS STATED  
VANCOUVER DETOX

Tuesday, 8:00 P.M.

Tracy 874-9604 Paul D. 662-7699  
LAKESIDE

Thursday (Women) Wendy 430-6906  
MAPLE COTTAGE

Tuesday: Wayne or Diane Z. 526-2755

Friday: Billy W. 524-6572 / Don 521-8273

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC UNIT

Jim 524-0078

NEWHAVEN

1st & 3rd Thursdays: Gordon R. ... 521-9236

## SERVICE

The following is a list of service positions and  
contact phone number's:

Treasurer:	Janis 275-3874
Activities:	VACANT
Vice Chair:	Gordon 682-8048
Secretary:	Joy 734-8602
Literature:	Jeff B. 275-3874
Public Information:	Mike 325-4750
Area Service Rep:	Evelyn 433-1882
Regional Service Rep:	Wendy 430-6906
Hospitals and Institutions:	Paul D. 662-7699
Newsletter:	Alexander 327-2082
Spring Clean:	Rob 222-1307
Telephone Comm. Chair	George 437-6918

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BFH = Burnaby Fellowship Hall,

P.I.: 1st Monday of April, 7:30pm BFH

Telephone Committee: , 7:30 p.m., BFH

Newsletter: May 2, 9:15, after 3rd Tradition.

H&I: 3rd Wed., 6:00 at 4035 Kamloops St.

Spring Clean Committee: April 25, 9:15 p.m.,  
after THIRD TRADITION, 114 West Broadway

## P.N.W.C.N.A #13 "I CAN'T - WE CAN"

PNWCNA Oct 26-28 Delta River Inn, Richmond  
Committee meets the 3rd Monday of every  
month (April 16th), after FREE TO BE,  
114 West Broadway. Call Lori: 253-8488

## WORKING WITH A SPONSOR

A sponsor is someone who can teach me how to live without using drugs, and how to live and cope with character defects I cannot seem to accept. A sponsor teaches me to look at good things about myself, not just the bad. My sponsor is my friend. He is there to support me, but not to baby me when I make a mistake.

My sponsor teaches me in ways I understand, whatever those ways may be. My sponsor is not my keeper or my mom. I need my sponsor to tell me when I'm off track or when I'm doing well. I may not get it the first time, but I will get it. It's not always rosy, but I learn through my mistakes. That's learning how to live.

Sponsorship is sometimes a love-hate relationship, like so many other relationships in my life. When I'm learning how to let go of control, I sometimes feel for a while like I hate the person who's helping me. My sponsor, through loving me unconditionally, helps me through that. A sponsor is something I need.  
J.B., New Mexico (NA Way, June 1989)

## YOU NEVER HAVE TO USE AGAIN

I recently realized that death is really an option for me, or for anyone else who suffers from the disease of addiction and chooses not to follow the simple suggestions of the program of Narcotics Anonymous. Just as our fellowship is open to anyone regardless of age, race, sexual identity, religion, or lack of religion, so is dying from the disease of addiction.

It is not only for the heroin addict lying in the gutter with a needle sticking out of his arm, but also a doctor's wife with two small children whose drug of choice was alcohol. I know, because I just buried such a woman. I kept telling her friends to just let her go and she would be back when she was ready. It never crossed my mind that she might die first.

Our literature tells us that some must die in order for others to live. I am grateful to the program of Narcotics Anonymous and my Higher Power for allowing me to choose life. The message is simple: you never have to use again.  
Anonymous (NA Way, Dec 89)

## ICAN'T, YOU CAN

1) Imagine, if you will, how much time we spent on street corners, by the phone, in pubs. The getting and using and finding the ways and means to get more. How much money did we spend? How much energy did we expend? How much trouble would we go to for a fix? Maybe your addiction didn't bring you to detox or to jail yet. Maybe it did. Share your experience, strength, and hope at Hospitals and Institutions Meetings.

OR

2) Hey, man! We don't need you. We are doing fine as it is. Detox and jail meetings have been going strong for years, so who needs you? H & I service is extremely rewarding, so why should we share it? Do us a favor and stay home.

OR

3) Please, we beg of you, please! We can't go on. We can't do it without you. You make the difference! Think of all those poor, suffering addicts, just waiting to hear your story! Please support H & I meetings. We (cough, cough) need your help desperately.

OR

4) OK, We'll make you a deal. You support detox meetings and we guarantee you'll never have to use again. At least you won't forget the results.

## TEST SURVEY (choose one)

Please forward your answers to the  
H & I Committee

a) I am extremely offended. I wouldn't support H&I if you paid me. I've never been so insulted in my life.

b) Gee, that guilt stuff really works for me. Where do I sign up?

c) I can't be bothered. Its too far. Who cares? Besides, thats hockey night. And what about Knots Landing? Someone else will do it. I can't, you can.

d) I go with #3. Especially the part where you beg.

e) Service work is an important part of recovery. There are lots of different ways to empty ashtrays. Carrying the message through Hospitals and Institutions can help us put our talk into action and show our gratitude. How can we help?

Paul D., Addict

## ALL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP, DINNER, MEETING, & DANCE

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Burnaby  
Fellowship Hall, 3096 E Hastings

2:00 pm-6:00 pm-All Committee  
Workshop

6:00 pm-7:15pm - Potluck Dinner

7:30 - 9:00 - Meeting

9:00 - 1:00 am - Dance

## SPRING CLEAN '90

May 25, 26, 27 on Gambier Island

Adults: \$55.00 Children: \$30.00

Please confirm registration by April 30  
Out of Town tickets will be held at dock.  
Under 18 must be accompanied by  
Adult. Support is available for those on  
financial assistance who require it.

Further Info: Sharon K. 430-6906

Activities: Meetings, campfires,  
swimming, hiking, games; and the  
**SATURDAY NIGHT TALENT SHOW!!!**

## ABOUT TWELVE STEP PEOPLE

**AND LAUGHTER:** *"In laughing at the  
outlandish behavior of their old selves and  
tipsy others - in tall tales and true experiences  
- they find gratitude, self forgiveness, honesty,  
and humility."* Cecil C.

## RECOVERY RECOLLECTION:

*"I used to deny being in denial."* Used with  
permission from "God grant me the Laughter" Ed F

# VANCOUVER AND AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

April, 1990

\*NON-SMOKING @ Wheelchair Accessible

## MONDAY

- 12:15 NEW ATTITUDES  
2851 Heather Street, Class #7
- 7:30 K.I.S.S.  
6th Street and Queens, New Westminster
- 7:30 MISSION RECOVERY  
Dogwood Room, Royal Canadian Legion, Mission.
- 7:30 LAST DOOR  
12817 104th Ave Surrey (Backdoor)
- 7:30 SENSE OF WONDER  
455 West 13th Ave
- 7:30 A NEW BEGINNING  
10011 #5 Road at Williams,  
... (Church of God) Richmond. (12 Step Meeting)
- 7:30 FREE TO BE  
114 West Broadway
- 8:00 \* POCO PIONEERS  
Terry Fox Library, Port Coquitlam, Rm 1

## TUESDAY

- 12:30 • NO NAME NA GROUP  
U.B.C. Hospital, Main Floor,  
Room #311, (Through Lab Medicine)
- 7:30 NEW BEGINNINGS  
Chilliwack United Church Hall,  
Main Street Entrance, Downstairs
- 7:30 FLAME OF HOPE  
176 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver
- 7:30 \* @ BACK TO BASICS  
3981 Main Street
- 7:30 WE DO RECOVER  
1248 Seymour (Gay, all welcome)
- 8:00 DOPES A NOPE  
14600 North Bluff Road, White Rock.  
(small white building with blue stripes)
- 8:00 FREE 'N EASY  
(Speaker Meeting on 1st Tuesday of every  
month). One Way Club, 22270 North Avenue,  
behind the Haney Hotel, Maple Ridge.
- 9:00 NEW MEETING: Burnaby Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY

- 12:15 NEW ATTITUDES  
2851 Heather Street, class #7
- 7:30 THIRD TRADITION  
114 West Broadway
- 7:30 NORTHERN CONNECTION  
245 Marine Dr., Dreighton Mall, Blaine, WA.
- 7:30 \* WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS (Closed)  
3981 Main St., Upstairs
- 7:30 @ CLEAN AND CRAZY (closed)  
8711 Cambie Road, Richmond
- 8:00 \* ITS UP TO YOU  
6th & Queens Avenue, New Westminster

### THURSDAY

- 12:00 Noon NEVER ALONE  
Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton St
- [REDACTED]

- 7:30 \* DROP THE ROCK  
1020 Nelson Street
- 8:00 THE SOLUTION  
33324 S Fraser Way @ Borquin, Mill Plaza Mall
- 8:00 STAIRWAY TO FREEDOM  
747 Alderson Way, Coquitlam, Fatima Centre
- 8:00 NEW WEST WINNERS  
1111 6th Avenue, New Westminster
- 8:00 SQUAMISH MEETING  
Squamish Alano Club
- 9:30 @ SHOREWAY TO RECOVERY  
176 East 2nd Avenue, North Vancouver

### FRIDAY

- 12:15 NEW ATTITUDES  
2851 Heather Street
- 7:00 \* 60 MINUTES  
Douglas College Rm 4211
- 7:30 SURVIVORS  
59 West Pender Street
- 7:30 \* YA GOTTA WANNA  
YMCA, 755 Burrard, Barclay Room
- 7:45 JUST FOR TODAY (Closed)  
4451 Williams Road, Richmond.
- 8:00 LANGLEY GROUP  
Douglas Hall, 20550 Douglas, Langley

### SATURDAY

- 12:00 CORNERSTONE  
Carnegie Center, Main & Hastings
- 2:00 AKA  
Unity Church, 1630 Edinburgh St, New West.
- 7:30 STARTING OVER  
1155 Thurlow Street
- 8:00 SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE  
1111 6th Ave, New West
- 8:00 UNKNOWN ADDICTS  
2318 St Johns St, Port Moody

### SUNDAY

- 11:00 \* OVER EASY BREAKFAST MEETING  
1125 West 12th
- 12:00 Noon NEVER ALONE  
Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton St
- 7:00 SUNDAY SERENITY  
11963 Haney Place,  
Maple Ridge Arena, Maple Ridge
- 7:30 \* @ STEPS TO RECOVERY  
(Step/Tradition Meeting, Closed - Addicts only)  
1410 West 12th Avenue
- 7:30 \* @ NEW FREEDOM  
King Edward Campus, Room 3054,  
1155 East Broadway
- 7:30 TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS  
433 Carnarvon, New Westminster
- 7:30 LANGLEY MEETING  
Douglas Hall 20550 Douglas
- 8:00 DRIFTWOOD GROUP  
15262 Pacific, White Rock
- 8:30 HOPE IN HOPE  
588 Hope-Princeton Hiway, Hope

### CAKES

1 Year: Tony G., Wednesday, May 2nd, at  
Third Tradition. Want your cake announced?  
Call the Newsletter

### PNWCNA #13 T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts for the Pacific Northwest  
Convention of Narcotics Anonymous #13 are  
available for \$13:00 each or 2 for \$25.00.  
Contact Sharon K. 430-6906 or other  
members of the Spring Clean Committee

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: MAY 2



Debra Thomas  
Program Coordinator  
U.R.B.A.N.

Dear Ms. Thomas:

At our recent Carnegie Community Centre Association board of directors meeting the issue of your funding situation was raised and our board passed a motion of support for your organisation. As you know, we at Carnegie are quite involved with the Urban Native Community. Over the last year we have increased our programming in this area and now have a solid group of people who generate the energy for continuing native programming. Two representatives from Carnegie attended your recent conference "Urban Voices" and found it quite stimulating.

At Carnegie we deal with a variety of cultural groups and are constantly seeing the need for better communication between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. An organisation such as yours is an important element in the mix of groups dealing with these issues. We wish you success in securing stable and continuing funding.

Sincerely,

Donald MacPherson  
Program Coordinator  
Carnegie Centre



## VOLUNTEERS

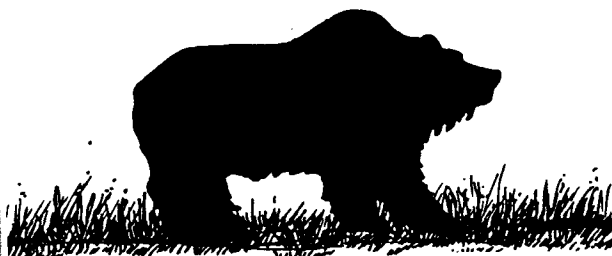
### Sports Page

TF There is a popular belief that bowling is a boring activity, about the lowest form of recreation yet devised. Try and convince Mary Brogan, Pat Kendall, Robert Anderson, Larry Loyie, Nelson Sock, Barb Gudmundson, Richard and Leslie Hill. These are all Carnegie Volunteers who know how to have a really good time...bowling!

The outing took place at the Fraser Bowlway on Friday, May 4th, when the Volunteers put on a stunning demonstration of the skills involved. Once the object of the game was figured out, bowling balls and pins were flying and respectable scores were racked up amidst all the joking and laughing. Seeing our loyal and hard-working Volunteers getting out and enjoying themselves so much left everyone with a very warm feeling (and perhaps an aching body).

If you are a Volunteer and dare to have a good time too, stay tuned for upcoming events in which you may become involved. How does bowling, swimming, ice-skating and miniature golf sound to you, sports fans?

Get involved!



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Dr. COLIN HORRICKS  
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through the weekdays.

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or call  
for an  
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ment.

# Carnegie

NEWSLETTER

THE NEWSLETTER IS A PUBLICATION OF THE  
CARNEGIE COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

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Art by Garry

**FREE - donations accepted.**

City info staff can't accept  
donations for this Newsletter, so  
if you can help, find Paul Taylor  
and he'll give you a receipt.

Thanks everybody.

## DONATIONS SINCE INCEPTION:

Yanum Spath -\$200	
Nancy W. -\$300	Willis S. -\$110
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Robert S. -\$70	Jancis A. -\$45
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Mendel R. -\$15	Wilfrid B. -\$7
K'lem G. -\$5	Anonymous -\$48.73
Terry the Terrible -\$100	
Archie M. -\$100	Linda K. -\$100
Maureen R. -\$5	Sandy C. -\$40

## NEED HELP ?

DERA can help you with:

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



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

DERA HAS BEEN SERVING THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE  
FOR 16 YEARS

If you have to use a wheelchair to get around it's frustrating to be blocked by curbs, steps, narrow doors...all kinds of things. It's a hell of a lot worse when you go across the city - you have to book a Handidart bus a few days in advance and set everything up. People on a Handicapped Pension, able to use the regular buses, can buy a year's buspass for \$36. If you have to use Handidart it costs \$50 a month. If you, as a large portion of people in chairs are, get a fixed government pension, you have to pay for transport out of your food money. MSSH (Welfare) will add \$25 to a monthly cheque for this service but of course it actually costs \$50.

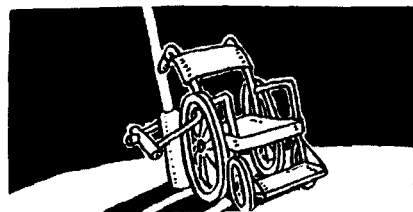
Harry Dawson has had enough of this discrimination against poor people. He has started a petition to bring attention to this and get a fair shake.

### To Whom It May Concern

Whereas a monthly B.C. Transit bus pass is not valid for fare payment on Handidart buses and some offices of the Ministry of Social Services and Housing are no longer providing tickets for Handidart transportation, the disabled community is being discriminated against in that they are not provided the same fare concessions allowed to the ablebodied public, especially those who are on low income.

We the undersigned hereby petition B.C. Transit to either provide a yearly pass for Handidart transportation at the same cost as for regular bus system or, preferably, to set up a common bus pass for both systems.

Look at the front desk of Carnegie, in the DERA offices, and around the Downtown Eastside if you wish to sign this petition.



**ALL CANDIDATES MEETING!**

*CFA*

**THURSDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**7:00 P.M.**

Please attend  
&  
bring a friend.

### CARNEGIE COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00 pm. On Thursday, May 31st, all candidates in the running for election to the Board of Directors are asked to come, declare their intention, and answer questions from the people. All members who plan to vote at the AGM should attend on Thursday. Carnegie is getting national attention; we need to elect people with the best interests of us all at heart. See you there!

# THURSDAYS FREE POETS

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HELEN  
POTREBENKO  
new works!

SHERI-D WILSON

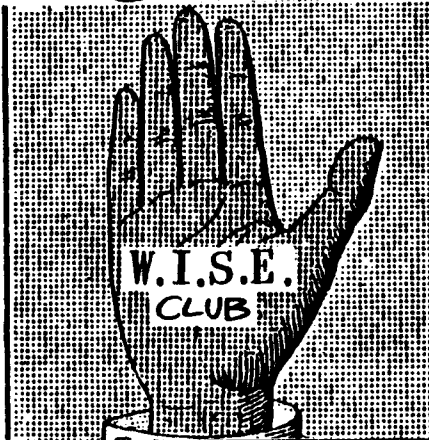
DAVID BOUVIER

TERRY CRANE

LEIGH WOLF

OTHERS

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BEER @ 7:00  
MOST THURSDAYS  
1882 ADANAC  
254-5858

POETS @ 8:30  
STARTING MAY 17  
Spoken word & music  
and it's free!



DOWNTOWN  
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POETS

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WEDGE

EAST  
WING

Molecular Machine  
Year 2000

Machine will  
Inside be  
Molecular size  
Do you see  
Ten years hence  
To be free  
A computer lives  
Inside of thee  
No more government  
Or even tax  
No need to work  
Just relax




With the choice  
Of Heaven or Hell  
Utopic end  
Of buy and sell  
Out of the air  
And the dirt  
All things wrought  
Instead of hurt  
Wealth is free  
As the air  
When all people

Really care  
Men must learn  
What women know  
Expressing feeling  
Is to grow  
A long life  
Of perfec health  
No more greed  
All is possible  
Free at last  
Free at last  
S. Hoare



SUBJECTIVE ALLOYS By Garry Gust

LA, LA LA, LA  
LA DE DA,   
LA DE DU.....

EGO

WHAT THE HECK'S  
GOTTEN INTO  
EGO?

SUPEREGO

SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S  
GOT TO DO WITH MS. VENUS  
IN BLUE JEANS.

ID

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW  
SHE JUST SMILED  
AT ME!

EGO

SO WHAT'S THE BIG  
DEAL, SHE PROBABLY  
SMILES AT LOTS OF  
PEOPLE.

SUPEREGO

AH, BUT THIS  
WAS A SPECIAL  
SMILE.

EGO

WHAT WAS SO  
SPECIAL ABOUT  
IT?

SUPEREGO

WELL, HER EYES  
WERE SPARKLING,  
AND YOU KNOW  
WHAT THAT MEANS!

EGO

NO. WHAT  
DOES THAT  
MEAN?

ID SUPEREGO

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!!!  
EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT  
WHEN YOU SMILE WITH  
SPARKLES IN YOUR EYES,  
YOU FEEL VERY GOOD!

EGO

SOMEBODY CALL  
A DOCTOR. THIS  
SPACE CADET'S  
GOT SPRING  
FEVER.

SUPEREGO

WHAT'S A  
SPARKLE?

ID

"...what a powerful corporation can and will do."

I attended a meeting, a public info gathering last night, designed to let people in Vancouver know what is happening and what will happen in the uppermost corner of our province be side Alaska. The slides, music and some of the speakers were helpful in showing what a powerful corporation can do and will, as the people in B.C., Alaska and the Yukon are without the ability in action to do otherwise.

The Geddes corporation is planning an open-pit copper mine on the magnitude of a megaproject. The tailings pond is actually a man-made lake one kilometre wide and four kilometres long, controlled by a 100-metre high dam. The tailings and ground rock are toxic; about 30% sulphur plus dissolved copper, zinc and cobalt. In contrast, tailings from other B.C. mines are about 3% sulphur. The idea of dumping the tailings in a lake is to prevent the sulphur from combining with air and water to produce sulphuric acid.

The drainage from this lake of deadly liquid will be up to 70,000 gallons daily; saturated with sulphuric acid and toxic dissolved metals as mentioned.

I could go on with this clinical explanation of a company removing mined ore on a rarely matched level of exploitation. Such activity... are the shareholders going to use their money to benefit the Mayans in Guatemala or the starving in Ethiopia? Will the financiers of this project use their money (profits are not foreseen by the indication of copper prices on the world market) to pay for much needed health care and education in all countries? I don't think so. It is my experience that those with more money are less able to see those in true need.

It is likely more to the point that the economics generated by such a scheme will only add to those that already have much more than they need.

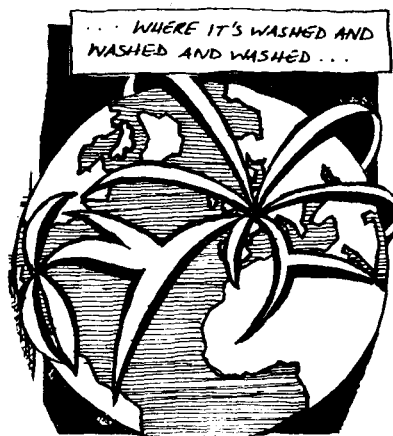
Already the area of the mine is under seige: there's a survey line become a road, four-wheel drive access...we all know what that means for grizzly bears, mountain goats and a host of other creatures in the virgin ecology of the area. There will be plenty of hunting and fishing for awhile and then the area will not produce..and we'll know why.

Shareholders of Geddes and other like-minded companies - can you see, can you hear? Come to Hastings and Main and look upon the wonders of a man-made economic scheme. It is a false economy..peoples' souls are being lost and it is not likely that those you look at here will be your 'own'.

Unsustainable is not forever; this earth is or was sustainable but with such ecologically unsound projects as Geddes' we will surely destroy her.

The Tatshenshini is an area deserving its sustainability. Call WCC at 683-8220 or go to 20 Water Street and offer your help.

By MIKE BOHMERT



(PART 2 OF A SQUATTER'S STORY.  
PART 1 RAN IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER.)

I had put a double roof on my squatter's cabin, with a space between the outside tarp and the ceiling - which was simple thick plastic you buy in rolls from the hardware store. This was supposed to trap warm air from the stove and help keep the place warm. But it trapped birds as well. All night I could hear them cheeping, fluttering and banging overhead. Between the birds and the rats it was hard to sleep.

I had learned about the packrats early, while I was still sleeping in a tent, building my cabin. They would steal anything I put down; soap, steel wool, string, food. They bit a hole in the tent and later, when I got some of the industrial strength plastic buckets the other squatters used to store food, they bit through them too. They were voracious and elusive, so I got a cat.

The high tide was washing right to the top of the beach by October, soaking the driftwood we used for the stove. And the rain-swollen creeks were muddy a good deal of the time, making drinking water another problem.

But oh the delights! The peace, the leisure, the fresh air, the wildlife. At dawn once, my dog started growling as we came in sight of a huge network of logs tossed up on the beach. From behind shambled what looked, in the half-light, like a little old hunched man, dragging a fishnet. It was actually a sea-lion making for the surf.

At night there were the stars and the uniquely intimate, slightly spectral lamplight in the other cabins.

And my neighbours, once I got to know them, were full of help and advice. They taught me to seek out driftwood with knots in it for fire-

wood. It dried quickly and burned a long time. To look for cedar for kindling, to string fishnet over the stove to dry out the wood; they showed me the hidden sites of abandoned cabins where there were always bits and pieces of materials I could use. They told me where in the cabin to locate the stove so that the smoke would mostly blow away from the dwelling, where to pick choice oyster mushrooms and shellfish.

There was Blue, with, with the battered face of an old fighter who had built on the far side of the big river and had to get there, when the river was high, by a cable car he had built. There was Strider for whom the beach was literally a lifesaver - he was an alcoholic who knew the city would kill him. And Mike, a dark good looking man, He spoke several languages and had a huge library. He hosted the beach bridge games which sometimes went on for 36 hours.

Lonesome, a neighbour of mine went to live in Port Renfrew for awhile. He found he couldn't sleep in the bed because it was too soft, and he couldn't sleep on the couch because he wasn't used to the humming of the refrigerator.

The most remarkable and respected members of the beach community - the nucleus of it really - were a family. Steve and Barb, their six children, their goats, ducks..raising such a large family on the beach without any of the usual amenities must have been tough, but the kids were clean, bright and hardworking. Great surfers too.

On Christmas Eve, Blue, his friend Wendy and I went into Port Renfrew for a drink and to look at the lit-up Christmas trees, which we did not have on our powerless beach. Returning in the evening we drove slowly along the stretch of road high above our beach, looking down at the mag-

nificent spread of ocean. The sunset was spectacular, a great crimson swath. "Those are our Christmas lights," Wendy said.

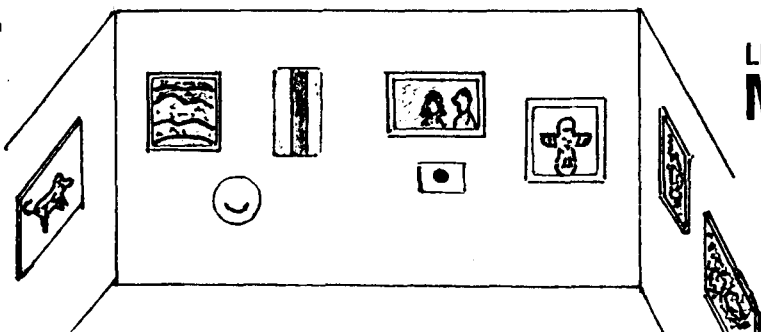
But progress in the past few years had intruded on the beach. Much of the forest behind the beach had been clear cut. Then the stumps and debris had been burned. It was a chopped-up burned corpse of a forest, a mouldering ash-heap. It had been sprayed with chemicals.

A woman who had squatted on the beach for many years told me how it used to be. "We would walk down a narrow trail over beautiful tiny creeks. We were like little gnomes among those massive trees. On the walk something happened, so that by the time you got to the bottom you were ready for the beach. The city was washed out of you. I went bare-foot winter and summer. We used to sit on the beach, drink peyote tea, catch fish. It was an enchanted place.."

It still is, despite the intrusion of forest companies. It is just harder now to find such places, where you can squat in peace, with few expenses and a simple lifestyle. Once when I had to hitchhike into town I got a ride with a woman who had once lived on the beach.

"everybody should do it once in a lifetime," she said. "There is a power to a life like that, a freer life.."

By AL METTRICK



# FIFTY-SIX

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# The Faceless Ones:

## The real enemy is close to home

**A**S AN Earth Day post-script, consider the words that Jack Whyte did not know were in him.

The North Vancouver writer, a former folksinger, once said to his wife that the environmentalists he saw on television "come across like Looney Tunes." She asked him why he didn't speak up. He said he didn't think he had anything useful to say. He was wrong. He had this to say, which he calls *The Faceless Ones*:

*When the Exxon Valdez spilled her guts*

*Off Alaska's pristine shore  
She belched black shame, spewing  
bitter blame*

*For the Faceless to ignore;  
But the Valdez trull with her single hull*

*Wasn't special or unique-  
It was just bad luck that things got stuck.*

*To hear the Faceless speak. . .  
Where oil slicks spread and the  
birds are dead-*

*Their feathers destroyed by tar;  
The seals are gone; no salmon  
spawn*

*Where the thick, black globules  
are;*

*No whales sound there, no hungry  
bear*

*Will set foot on a black ice floe  
To hunt for food in a sea of  
crude*

*That smothers the life below.*

*When you drive again through the  
mountain chain*

*That makes B.C. so fair,  
Look up in awe at the Mackinaw  
made of trees*

*That the mountains wear-  
And you might make note that the  
once-thick coat*

*Is showing wear and tear;  
It still looks fine, but the holes are  
sign*

*That the Faceless Ones are there.*

*When the hills are bare, there'll be  
no soil there*

*For trees to fasten on;  
Just plain, bare rock. The bright  
woodcock*

*Will be vanished; long dead and  
gone.*

*There'll be no life there for the  
grizzly bear;*

*Neither cougar nor wolf will  
prowl;*

*No sign of flight through the  
woods at night*

*Will signal the hunting owl.*

*There's blood in the ooze from the  
tanker's screws*

*There's blood in the chain saw's  
teeth;*

*There's dread in the thread of the  
steel cat's tread*

*The torn earth screams beneath;  
There's the breath of death in the  
pipeline's path*

*And the strin mine's ~~omen~~ ~~sore~~*

*And the pulp mills sweat a cold,  
poison threat*

*While the nuclear reactors roar.*

*We have tumorous salmon and  
poisoned fish*

*That we're told are safe to eat  
And, if caught outside the grim  
Red Tide*

*They say mussels still taste  
sweet;*

*And a drop in the ocean is just a  
drop*

*But its meaning has changed  
today*

*When one toxic drop has the power  
to stop*

*A migrating whale midway.*

*These are the gifts of the Faceless  
Ones.*

*The ones who will swear, "Not  
I!"*

*As they defend to the tasteless  
end*

*Their plight and their right to  
ply:*

*They'll swear you threaten their  
livelihood;*

*That your ignorance is plain;  
And all the time they produce the  
slime*

*That the papers call Acid Rain.*

*And they'll tell you that Pontius  
Pilate's dead;*

*That his days and his ways are  
gone;*

*Did he wash his hands of the  
Empire's plans*

*For the Cedars of Lebanon?  
They cut and squandered the for-  
ests there*

*And they shipped the lumber  
home*

*And the desert sands of the Arab  
lands*

*Are the legacy of Rome.*

*We must take aim at the Faceless  
Ones*

*Though they're always hard to  
find;*

*They take no blame, but they're all  
the same,*

*The blind who lead the blind;  
They sit, in power, in ivory  
towers*

*And decree how we live our lives;  
They throw us bones and honing  
stones*

*But they own the long, sharp  
knives.*

*They'll take no blame for the can-  
cer flames*

*That pour through the ozone  
holes;*

*They'll hear no tales of dying  
whales*

*Or ice melting at the poles;  
They'll disown Bhopal and the  
Love Canal*

*And the Three-Mile-Island scare;  
And they'll wash their hands off  
the blasted lands*

*Lying barren and bleak and  
bare.*

*We must stand up to the Faceless  
Ones,*

*The men who control the winds;  
The winds of power, the winds of*

war

*The fiscal, blizzard winds;  
The winds that soar and the winds  
that roar*

*And the winds that destroy the  
trees;*

*We must make them see that the  
winds of change*

*Are stronger than any of these!*

*For the winds of change have  
begun to range*

*And they won't be held at bay;  
They'll scrub the earth and they'll  
scour the seas*

*'Til they purge all the wastes  
away;*

*As howling gales, they will strip  
the scales*

*From the eyes of the Faceless,  
too.*

*And make them see that, like you  
and me,*

*They must live on this planet,  
too.*

*And then we may find that the  
Faceless kind*

*Look very much like you and me,  
Though they're ill-defined, for  
there's none so blind*

*As one who will not see;  
So when the trace of the shadowy  
face*

*You're straining to see has  
grown,*

*Don't stand and stare if the fea-  
tures there*

*Are very much like your own,*

*For we, ourselves, are the Faceless  
Ones*

*Though that truth might seem  
uncouth;*

*We've grown too fond of an easy  
life*

*Where there isn't much need for  
truth;*

*We've grown accustomed to reach-  
ing out*

*For whatever we want, right  
now!*

*And we seldom think that you just  
can't drink*

*Fresh milk, once you've killed  
your cow.*

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## THE GREAT DIVIDE

Allegiance to the collective values of others must cease, so that the difficult but rewarding search for one's own values may occur.

Society takes us further & further away from the path each one of us, as individuals, was meant to take - our own.

The path of becoming a unique individual cannot be travelled wearing a suit & tie. Membership in groups & a compromised allegiance to collective values is not the name of the game here in this mysterious universe.

Society begins to ask itself - what can we do for the planet-? How can we honour the existence of our unborn children?

Unless each individual in a society has his or her own personal values, that society is hollow...its rules are not upheld within the heart of each person - they are imposed from outside - enforced by armed guards. Life becomes a potential Tienamen Square waiting to happen, & valueless individuals mimic the State in their tactical attitudes, plotting vindictive acts of revenge & manipulation against each other.

In order to discover the values of the heart, each person must drop out of society - stand apart from it - severely minimize their allegiance to it, in order to examine it critically. Alienation from society is the only way to see it for what it really is. We must come to understand that society is only a network of compromised ideas adopted for economic convenience, and that in this enormous experience called human existence, there are many many other paths to travel.

These other paths or possibilities lie hidden in the deeper personal

layers of the knowledge of the heart - they are dormant & deeply unconscious in most of us.

Real ethical values arise originally from the hearts of individuals. Real ethics is not the debating game of lawyers & politicians, nor is it in any way connected to the images of consumer propaganda manipulated by businessmen for fun & profit.

If the legalized & institutionalized attitudes of power groups are accepted as a replacement for individual knowledge & experience, there can be no real justice in the world - except that provided by the "accidental" effects of "karma",

Many people believe the universe itself is unjust & that the principle of "As ye sow - so shall ye reap" (karma, in Eastern philosophy) is just a scam made up by false Gurus to take money out of the pockets of stupid disciples. This is the New Age Yuppy attitude in a society where genuinely ethical individuals have been discouraged & repressed.

Historically church & state have co-operated with businessmen to repress the need of individuals to pursue their own vision of direct truth - the values of the heart are dangerous to social systems.

Society is terrified by the eccentric, disruptive & unco-operative behaviour of those who travel their own path & discover the truths that are meaningful to them.

The Downtown Eastside is largely a community of eccentric individualists and that is why it is an "outcast" neighbourhood, reviled, persecuted & crucified by the "good" people who live in a domesticated socially acceptable manner, wear clean fashionable clothes & never, never have a unique way of doing things they can really call their own.

... AND ON THE EIGHTH  
DAY THE LORD CREATED  
FEMINISTS & HOMOSEXUALS  
... & LO, IT WAS BOTH  
FILTHY & DISGUSTING...

