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## NEWSLETTER



MARCH 15, 1991.

BY THE AUTHORITY INVESTED  
IN ME, I HEREBY DECLARE  
YOUR NATION EXTINGUISHED  
BEFORE YOU EVEN GOT TO  
COURT... BUT JUST TO SHOW  
THERE'S NO HARD FEELINGS  
I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO  
BERRY PICKING, TRAPPING,  
FISHING OR HUNTING FOR  
WILD ANIMALS, IF YOU CAN  
STILL FIND ANY... HEH HEH HEH



### NATIVE LAND CLAIMS

A Town Hall Forum

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 7:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Theatre

WHAT ARE THEY?  
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

GITK'SAN-WETSUWETEN  
LAND CLAIMS  
DECISION

1991

McEachern did what his bosses wanted. He slammed Natives with his "decision" in one of the longest and most costly land claims cases in the recorded history of Canada, telling them they should just assimilate themselves into the mainstream.

The judge took a giant step backward going against many precedent-setting victories of Natives.

The Gitskan-Wet'suwet'an people expected a victory and objective observers agreed. McEachern chose to feed their rage, to lecture about ample opportunities for getting off reserves and just 'give up'. To him, thousands of years of Native history, tradition and belief weren't worth a damn...the Oka standoff is meaningless...legal recognition of Native rights irrelevant. McEachern had his orders.

McEachern's bosses are the same who tell Mulroney and Vanderzalm what to do..be it deregulating air travel or the phone system, privatizing public services, removing farm subsidies & gutting the fishing/mining/forestry/manufacturing sectors, weakening pollution laws..anything to make transnational corporations independent of local, regional or national concerns.

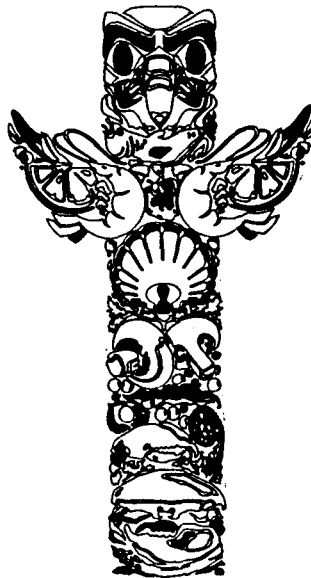
McEachern knows what hand feeds him and scratches his head; all he's done is lick that hand. By telling Natives to leave reserves he makes theft and exploitation of natural resources on them simpler.

For decades, Natives struggled with the non-native concept of 'owning' land, then years in discussions, negotiations and courts demanding their birthrights and heritage be respected.

Herb George (Satsan), a Wet'suwet'an hereditary chief, said: "We will come off our reserves in a way this country has never seen before."

The language of the judgement speaks of the attitude of McEachern - "Our Indians" -

By PAULR TAYLOR



Dear Carnegie and PaulR Taylor,

I would like to send a thankyou to the one who did the artwork and the layout in January 15th's issue. The art really enhanced my poetry; thanks!

I'm sending 2 poems and a newsletter on the war - new to Calgary. The Update has received the last 3 issues of the Carnegie Newsletter. Also, articles from Carnegie have been going to the Calgary Poverty Focus Group.

We enjoy so many aspects of the News letter; the articles, poetry and political commentary and, of course, Carnegie's Newsletter gives us the images language and the courage to speak the truth. My son Danny and a friend Eliza also read it.

Thankyou again for the newsletter and publishing my poetry in such a wonderful way!

Marilyn Seelye  
Calgary, Alta.

### The Bum's Song

mix my wine with water;  
don't give a damn 'bout quality.  
mix my wine with water;  
it makes a week seem like a day  
in my bummin' money...  
a week seems like a day.

ever in the graveyard is my favorite place  
to drink and cuss and sin.  
they put a fence around my favority graveyard  
because people are dying to get in.

o when I bite you for a dollar  
and you only give me a dime,  
ain't gonna scream and holler  
cuz I mix my water with wine.

tanding outside the liquor store, I say  
"partner how you doing today?"  
and if you retort with a grumpy snort,  
say, "You can go to hell all the way."

ell I'm a derelict rummy with guts in my tummy,  
but my head is feeling fine;  
you see I mix my wine with water.  
mix my water wuth sweet dream wine.  
mix my water with wine.

DEside Joe



Correction -

A few issues ago, Bob Kiyoshk was mistakenly referred to as "a director of a new shelter for battered Native women". Bob did and does a lot of the research in this area, networking with Native support groups all over North America. He is presently working as the program developer for this house.



Lines From Your Learning Centre

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Dear Folks,

Joan Doree

Keeping Carnegie going, struggling with problems, having fun and keeping 'up' on being here is part of all of us, I guess, but doing all this & more is part of the unwritten job description of the staff people. I want to say Thank You to Phil Goad. I almost lost it during a severe asthma attack and he stayed calm & cool, keeping me together until the ambulance arrived. Just decent...staff are people - even human!

Leona



#### ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSE TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Helping Spirit Lodge Society wishes to announce April 15, 1991 as the date for its transition house facility to begin operations. This initiative is the first of its kind in the Greater Vancouver area, and will address the unique needs of Aboriginal communities.

The home will offer shelter and support for ten women and their children, and will provide options to remaining in abusive situations. Counsellors will be on hand to assist residents in areas of physical, emotional, psychological, and sexual abuse. Appropriate referrals will be made for persons who cannot be accommodated for whatever reasons. The Society's basic philosophy is "creating healthy families", and will combine contemporary and traditional healing methods.

In addition to serving women, children and elders, the Society is proposing to offer a program for abusive men. This is seen as an essential step in preventive services which will benefit the entire family.

Public and legal education will also be a major focus of the Society's work.

The Society is looking forward to working cooperatively with all agencies dealing with victims, witnesses, and perpetrators of family violence. This includes justice system personnel, policy makers, transition houses, and counselling and support services - both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

The Lil'Wat people of Mt. Currie are currently engaged in a nonviolent struggle to prevent the building of a four-lane lumber road corridor through their ancient, sacred burial grounds on Lillooet Lake. This area has historically been the training ground where the Lil'Wat have gone to become strong - spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

The Lil'Wat people have always lived on this land and have never given up their claim to it through any treaty. They are asserting this claim both in the courts and by physically blocking construction of the road when necessary. The Mt. Currie Band Council recently submitted an application for land claims to this area, and the Lil'Wat People's Movement, in a separate case, was recently granted leave to appeal the road construction on the grounds of sovereignty - a major step forward. The outcome of these two hearings will have a profound impact on the future of the Lil'Wat people, and on the relationship between Native and non-Native peoples in B.C.

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), along with other churches and community groups, supports the Lil'Wat people in their non-violent efforts to assert control over their own lives and resources. If you wish to show your support, please join us in the public prayer vigil held on the first Friday of every month, from 4:15 - 5:30, on the south steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery (Hornby & Robson). The next one will be on April 5th.

Ruth Walmsley, on behalf of the BC Quaker Committee on

Ruth Walmsley, on behalf of the BC Quaker Committee on Native Concerns.



# B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities

(formerly B.C. Coalition of the Disabled)

A new guide to accessible places in Van has been published; the 192-page, pocket-size book contains listings on basics like stores and libraries and parks and festivals and washrooms and phones and on and on.

The Coalition also does advocacy for HPIA applications. One current struggle is to get MSSH and the Ministry of Health to stop passing the buck back and forth and decide which pays for aids, wheelchair repairs, etc.



## Accessible Vancouver

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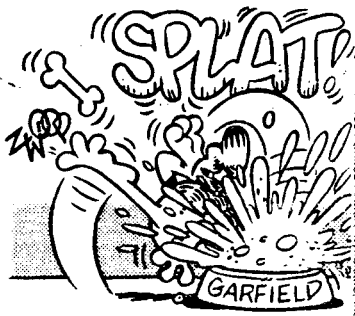
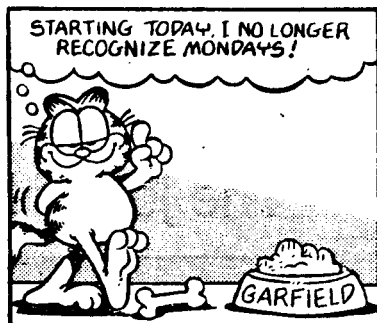
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## POLITICS OF THE HEART: The Individual Voice

There are lots of people in this world who will support humanitarian causes & speak up for justice, equality, freedom, etc. as long as there's a chorus of support backing them up. But when they find themselves standing alone on a commitment to truth about poverty, about land rights, war or social justice, these same people soon become uncomfortably embarrassed - a gnawing insecurity takes them over & they fade conveniently into the background.

Their own personal understanding rises up in them, their friends fail to support it, & they swallow the truth along with their pride. They usually think their only source of power lies with the establishment (left, right, centre). It's the group power syndrome. Many individuals are intimidated by the idea of being "politically correct", or they don't want to rock the boat for economic reasons, or to preserve the "one big happy family" illusion.

On the other hand, there are those who will say & do what they think is right no matter what the consequences.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



The fact that you might have to stand alone, even be ridiculed, put down or ignored by your "friends" shouldn't even be a factor in the equation.

Some people actually do have a voice of their own, without rules & regulations to back them up. These people

have no agenda, except to work for the truth as they see it.

One of the best ways to establish a voice of your own is to have no strings no commitments to any outside group.. be it political, religious, or simply "humanitarian".

No allegiance to any flag is "anarchy" - but in this case it's not just political anarchy, it's an anarchy of the heart, because it seeks to establish new freedoms only out of an ethical imperative.

Anarchy does not mean freedom to go against the grain - it means freedom to express & follow your own personal desire for truth, in spite of ridicule oppression, the self-interest of bureaucracy, the group power syndrome or whatever. It means you care enough to make room in your society, your neighbourhood, your family, your community centre, for honest unobscured expression of direct truth even if it alienates you from your neighbour.

This doesn't mean we have to open our doors to every neurotic opinion - to white power racists, christian fanatics, economic fascists, or whatever - these are all classic group power syndromes that often attempt to disguise themselves in the values of individual freedom.

Standing alone is the freedom to pursue an ethical ideal, to offer serious & constructive criticism, to co-operate or not co-operate with established procedures, as your heart dictates. This is the freedom to present your own ideas & to stand behind them. Without it life can become just one long-standing agenda - a power struggle, with no real communication.

Real answers to real problems seldom come out of agendas - but they often do arise from spontaneous no-holds-barred communication. This is only

true when free dialogue pursues an ethical goal.

To challenge group allegiance is a difficult & thankless task - it's usually labelled "destructive" or "stupid" or simply ignored.

People who stand alone for truth are often accused of "emotionalism" - they are put down as "bleeding hearts" but when we stop hearing & seriously considering individual points of view, when we ridicule those who attempt to tell the truth & honour only group interests, we cease to reveal our innermost thoughts, become suspicious of each other's motives, & line up obediently behind the latest "groupthink".

When this happens, our actions lose their ethical momentum. We are in danger of becoming merely collective yea-sayers or nay-sayers in a sea of politically correct smugness.

Groupies cling to an image of power, & those who have only group allegiance feel powerless on their own.

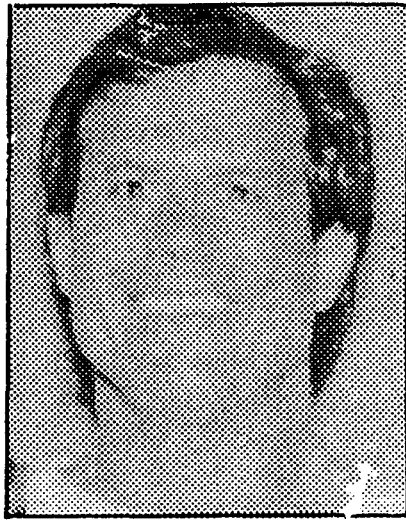
Preserve & exercise your individual voice. Group intimidation is a paper tiger, because the truth always speaks with a single voice, and to have no voice is to have no power.

TORA

FOR BETTER OR



## MISSING



Gerald Pittao

This person is missing and was last seen February 20 in the downtown Vancouver area.

He is Gerald Pittao, caucasian male, 6'1", 180 lbs., age 42, dark brown hair, brown eyes, may possibly have a beard now.

**DISTINGUISHABLE FEATURE:** Losing control of his head, neck and shoulders. **NEEDS MEDICATION,** possibly confused. Anyone with information on Gerald's whereabouts is asked to call the Vancouver Police Dept. Missing Persons —



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My friend

How to tell you  
you have chosen death

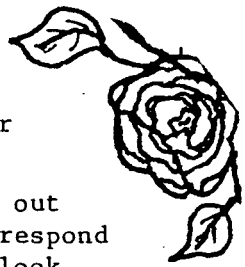
Hiding behind the walls of class  
building the walls thicker with  
distinction  
revulsion  
disgust  
hate

Insisting you are on high ground  
but back  
when I told you I might be crazy  
told me life was  
brightly coloured laughter



Where are you?  
have you become...  
the grand controller  
who must know...

how the child comes out  
the child must respond  
child must look



LIKE A BANK ACCOUNT

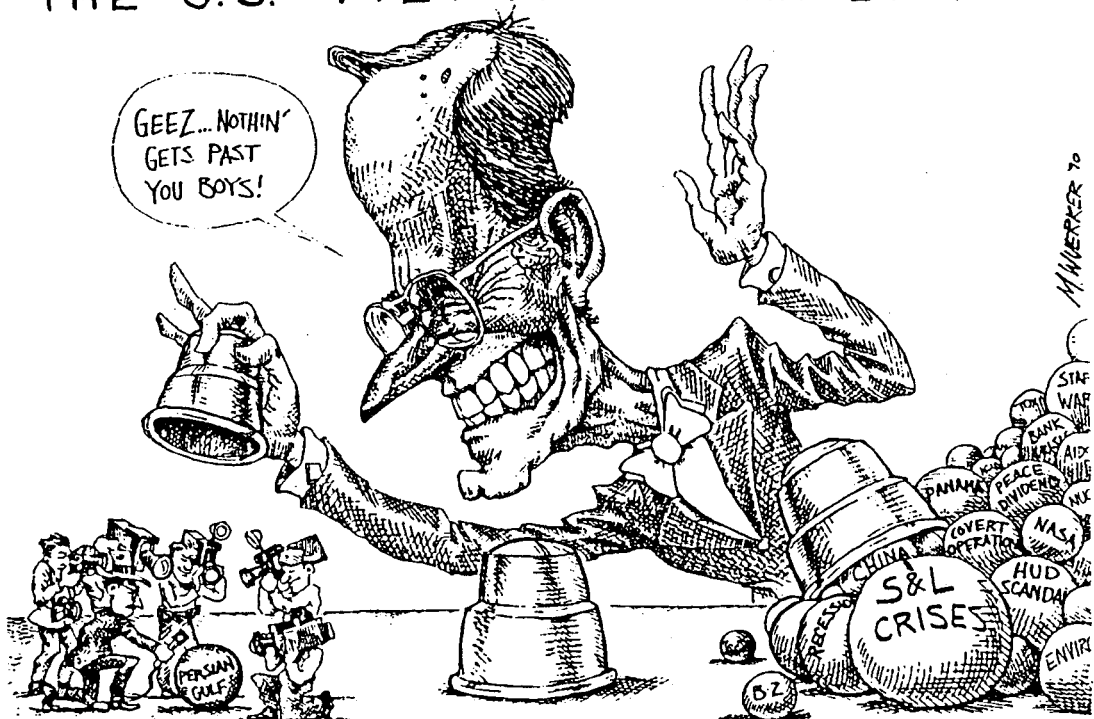
preoccupied with dirt and disgust  
how the husband must be

no breath

Marilyn Seelye



## THE U.S. MEDIA ON THE BALL...



CHILDREN'S POEMS FROM TEREZIN CONCENTRATION CAMP (1942 - 1944)  
(15,000 went in - 180 survived)

AT TEREZIN

When a new child comes  
Everything seems strange to him.  
What, on the ground I have to lie?  
Eat black potatoes? No! Not I!  
I've got to stay? It's dirty here!  
The floor - why, look, it's dirty, I fear!  
And I'm supposed to sleep on it?  
I'll get all dirty!

Here the sound of shouting, cries,  
And oh, so many flies.  
Everyone knows flies carry disease.  
Oooh, something bit me! Wasn't that a bedbug?  
Here in Terezin, life is hell.  
And when I'll go home again, I can't yet tell.

"Teddy" (1943)



THE BUTTERFLY

The last, the very last,  
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.  
Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing  
against a white stone....

Such, such a yellow  
Is carried lightly 'way up high.  
It went away I'm sure because it wished to  
kiss the world goodbye.

For seven weeks I've lived here,  
Penned up inside this ghetto  
But I have found my people here.  
The dandelions call to me  
And the white chestnut candles in the court.  
Only I never saw another butterfly.

That butterfly was the last one.  
Butterflies don't live in here,  
In the ghetto.

Pavel Friedmann (1942)



MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES

Who was helpless back in Prague,  
And who was rich before,  
He's a poor soul here in Terezin,  
His body's bruised and sore.

Who was toughened up before,  
He'll survive these days.  
But who was used to servants  
Will sink into his grave.

"Koleba" (1944)



# I'D LIKE TO GO ALONE

I'd like to go away alone  
Where there are other, nicer people,  
Somewhere into the far unknown,  
There, where no one kills another.

Maybe more of us,  
A thousand strong,  
Will reach this goal  
Before too long.

Alena Synkova



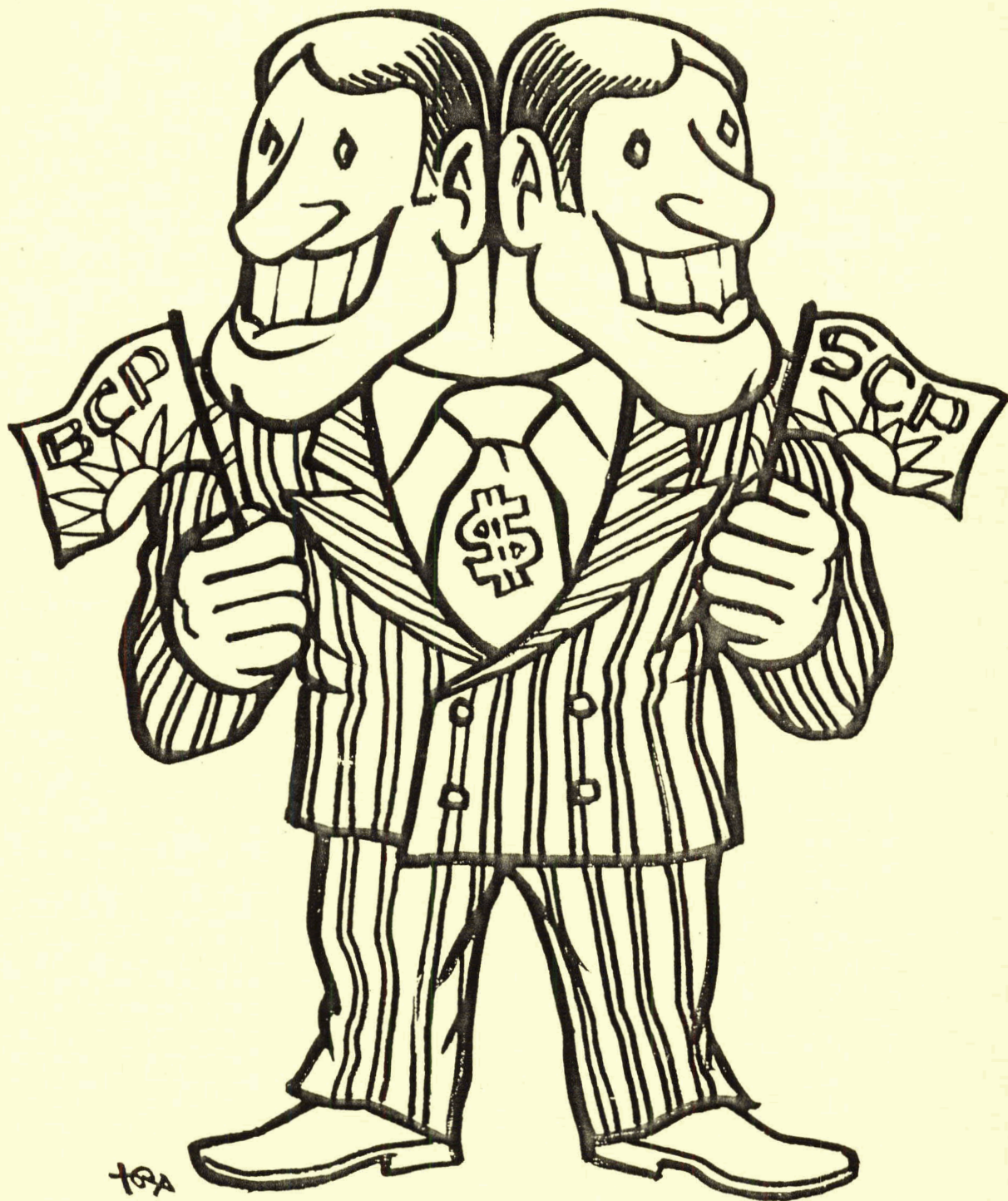
# YES, THAT'S THE WAY THINGS ARE

In Terezin in the so-called park  
A queer old granddad sits  
Somewhere there in the so-called park.  
He wears a beard down to his lap  
And on his head, a little cap.

Hard crusts he crumbles in his gums,  
He's only got one single tooth.  
My poor old man with working gums,  
Instead of soft rolls, lentil soup.  
My poor old grey-beard!

(M. Kosek, H. Lowy, Bachner)





TWO-FACED ELECTION MONSTER



"..the struggle goes on.."

her last  
twenty dollars  
goes to bingo

at least  
a chance  
she may win

the caller calls her  
Fate

fill the frig  
the kids  
until the gov't  
cheque comes

☆☆ at least a chance  
of a week  
a month  
of everybody well/..  
Our food  
Our frig  
full

why with \$20.00  
buy enough kraft dinner  
to last until month end

I'm O.K.  
I can take  
hard

ship  
trapped by  
beat & howl  
of wind & rain  
...we're tough

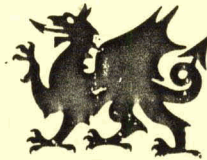
I'm good  
we'll survive on less  
GOT & less  
\$16.00 & less

...51¢ A DAY  
BOX OF KRAFT DINNER  
A DAY

Webb and kraft amd Celiacs  
disease...if he ate kraft  
...he could starve

CAN KIDS  
CAN ANYONE  
EAT MACRONI ONLY

Marilyn Seelye



1990



## the year in review

JANUARY 9: Elizabeth Cull, who beat socred Susan Brice in the by-election (Oak Bay-Gordon Head), is sworn in as MLA and named urban development critic for the NDP. Cull's was the 6th by-election won by the NDP over socreds.

JANUARY 11: Housing critic Robin Blencoe unveils the NDP housing strategy for BC, including the construction of 5,000 new homes for first-time buyers as well as rent review and other protection for tenants.

JANUARY 17: After weeks of media manipulation, Bill Vanderzalm goes on province-wide TV to announce he will stay on as premier. Mike Harcourt says the speech "resolves nothing", adding somewhat prophetically that it "is a guarantee the socred leadership crisis will continue."

JANUARY 23: Vanderzalm introduces his Meech Lake plan, which makes every province a "distinct society" - the plan is universally panned by other provincial and federal leaders.

JANUARY 24: Back in the fold, Part I. The first of four dissident socred MLAs, Duane Crandall, comes crawling back to the socred caucus. The remaining three soon follow.

JANUARY 26: Harcourt demands the resignation of Agriculture Minister John Savage over his role in a cabinet decision that vastly inflated the value of his Delta farmland. Savage had signed an Order-in-Council allowing golf courses on land in the Agricultural Land Reserve. Because of that decision, the minister's own farmland - which he and his family purchased in '85 for \$250,000 - skyrocketed in value to \$1.6 million.



JANUARY 31: In typical Vanderzalm style, the premier turns a blind eye to conflict of interest by one of his cabinet ministers, and refuses to fire John Savage.

The socreds introduce a school funding referendum scheme, which NDP education critic Anita Hagen says will only encourage more conflict between children's education and property taxes for homeowners.

FEBRUARY 1: The socreds' Expo land deal losses continue to add up. Concorde Pacific sells 4.2 hectares of the site for \$40 million, 5½ times the per-hectare price it paid the socreds in '88 for the 82.5 hectares. With this deal, ConPac recouped almost 1/3 of its total purchase price.

FEBRUARY 4: Despite growing opposition in BC to the Meech Lake Accord, Vanderzalm says he will not pull his support for the pact.

FEBRUARY 15: NDP energy critic Anne Edwards tells the BC Utilities Commission it must reject any attempts by the socreds to use BC Hydro as a way for taxing BC citizens. Hydor applied for a 9% increase to cover a \$500 million payment demanded by the socreds.

FEBRUARY 19: An NDP government will introduce "green taxes", aimed at reducing pollution and environmental hazards in BC - Harcourt announces.

FEBRUARY 27: "Irregular and improper". That's how reports by the Auditor General and Comptroller General describe former socred tourism minister Bill Reid's political abuse of public lottery money. Reid was forced to resign in 1989 after it was revealed that he tried to funnel \$277,000 in GO B.C. grant money to his campaign manager and close friend.

FEBRUARY 27: "Girls need to have the same attitude as boys" in order to reach equal pay status, says Women's Minister Carol Gran.

FEBRUARY 28: Despite the 2 independent reports denouncing his conduct, Bill Reid says he expects, and deserves, to be back in cabinet very shortly.

NDP finance critic, Glen Clark, demands the government empower the Auditor-General to investigate a \$500,000 grant given to entertainer David Foster by Vanderzalm's office in '88 for a promotional video on B.C. that was never used.

MARCH 8: No sex please, we're Socreds. A letter written by Social Services Minister Peter Dueck says one of the socreds long term goals is "restricting sexual activity to marriage and adult monogamous relationships."

Bad timing. It's International Women's Day and BC's 33 women's centres are facing closure because of federal budget cuts - and Women's Minister Carol Gran responds with medals...3 of them, to be precise. Oh yes, and a logo contest, as well.

Meanwhile, Mike Harcourt is demanding emergency funding for the centres, saying the \$500,000 funnelled to David Foster by the socreds could have provided core funding for all 33 centres.

MARCH 15: NDP status of women critic Darlene Marzari demands the recall of an "offensive and sexist" government land transfer title document. The document's example sheet uses the standard 'John Smith' name for the male lawyer, but names the female lawyer 'Sue May Love'.

MARCH 20: Harcourt and NDP justice critic Moe Sihota announce they're giving the socred govt. until April 19 to reconsider their decision not to charge Bill Reid with breach of trust. Sihota warns if that deadline is not met he will launch a private prosecution against Reid.

The New Democrats' demand for a charge against Reid is reinforced by revelations from the Attorney General's department that the RCMP wanted to lay charges against the former minister.

MARCH 21: Attorney General Bud Smith refuses to act in the public interest by again insisting no charges will be laid against Reid.





APRIL 2: The socred cabinet pushes through an unprecented special warrant, allowing them to spend \$1.3 billion in public money without the approval of the legislature and with no accountability.

APRIL 5: New Democrats steal the socreds' thunder on Throne Speech Day by introducing motions to establish four special committees, including one to investigate government ethics in the wake of the Bill Reid lottery scandal. Other committees were to deal with the GST, women's programs and housing.

APRIL 6: Vanderzalm government slammed for spending almost \$12 million in public money on ads and polling last year alone.

APRIL 10: The socreds announce they're dividing the Carmanah Valley in two, with half being used for forestry and half being turned into a park. Harcourt announces NDP will oppose the plan, calling it a "shortsighted political game". Environmentalists and the forest industry also label the decision "political."

APRIL 11: Bud Smith orders an "investigation into himself" says Harcourt, after Smith announces his ministry's decision not to prosecute Bill Reid will be the subject of an inquiry headed by Ombudsman Steven Owen.

APRIL 17: In a late response to Moe Sihota's announcement that he will lay charges against Bill Reid if the Attorney General doesn't, Reid says New Democrats don't have the guts to follow through.

APRIL 18: The AIDS prevention video - banned for a year by Vanderzalm - is finally released, but with two significant changes that clearly put the responsibility for AIDS prevention on women.

APRIL 19: The socred govt. brings down its budget which it claims is balanced, but which NDP, media & public recognize as a \$500 million deficit.

APRIL 23: The socreds try to push thru a \$5 billion spending bill in five minutes, but NDP fights the bill for a full week.

APRIL 25: Real socreds. Vanderzalm defends his government's use of taxpayers' money to distribute a REAL Women newsletter that MLA Jan Pullinger brands as hate literature that insults women, homosexuals and AIDS patients; refers to Vancouver as 'Sodom North' and speculates that last year's Montreal massacre of 14 university women may have been the fault of "a feminist" who aborted the gunman's child.

After reading the newsletter, Vanderzalm refuses to criticize it, and says he has no problem with the group's plan to hold part of their convention at Fantasy Gardens.

APRIL 30: The socreds' hidden Hydro tax - a scheme to tax British Columbians an extra \$500 million over the next 3 years through their electricity bills - is rebuked by the BC Utilities Commission.

Harcourt demands the socreds pull ads lauding "balanced budget" because they are false and misleading.

MAY 1: The Auditor General's yearly report comes out, exposing:

- socreds' \$500 million budget deficit
- empty BS (Budget Stabilization) Fund
- costly, dishonest and potentially unsafe privatization scheme, and
- loss of at least \$150 million on the socreds' Expo land deal.

Finance Minister Mel Couvelier responds by calling the Auditor General a "beancounter with his nose in the public trough."

MAY 2: The BC automobile association calls for an independent audit of highways maintenance in the wake of the Auditor General's criticism of highways privatization.

It's revealed that Doug Adolph, a 20-year Conservation Officer with the Ministry of the Environment, resigned over socred environmental practices that he says help polluters break the law.



MAY 3: After much public pressure, Mel Couvelier offers a reluctant apology to the Auditor General for his "beancounter" remark.

MAY 4: Bill Reid refuses to participate in Stephen Owen's breach of trust inquiry.

MAY 5: Voters stay away in droves from the nine school referenda held, with turnout between 12.5 & 32% - all nine districts renew their call for an end to the socreds' referendum scheme.

MAY 15: The Vanderzalm govt. is "soft on crime" says Moe Sihota after it's revealed the socreds reap up to \$100 million a year from the offshore sale of lottery tickets - often connected with organized crime.

As the constitutional crisis grows, Mel Couvelier pushes the idea of economic sovereignty for B.C.

MAY 17: BC Supreme Court Justice Thomas Dohm raps the Vanderzalm govt. for routinely failing to enforce the pollution permits of BC pulp mills.

MAY 18: Moe Sihota lays a breach of trust charge against Bill Reid by swearing a private information before a JP.

MAY 23: NDP introduces sweeping new laws to help eliminate pulp mill pollution throughout BC. The 8 laws - including bills to eliminate toxic discharge by 2002 and toughen enforcement - are all rejected by the socred government.

MAY 24: Deputy Minister of Health Stan Dubas is fired suddenly - NDP finance critic Glen Clark later links it to a free trip to Europe he accepted from Slemens Electric, a German supplier of major hospital equipment to the BC govt.

MAY 28: A Justice of the Peace accepts the argument put forward by Moe Sihota and issues Bill Reid a summons to answer charges alleging breach of trust. Glen Clark links former Health Minister Peter Dueck to the same free trip to Europe that led to the firing of Dubas.

MAY 29: Following questioning by Glen Clark in the legislature, Finance Minister Mel Couvelier confirms that cabinet ministers are forbidden from accepting free trips from private suppliers.

MAY 30: Social Services & Housing (and former Health) Minister Peter Dueck resigns over his involvement in the Slemens scandal. He is the eighth minister to resign from Vanderzalm's cabinet.

JUNE 1: Ombudsman Stephen Owen postpones hearings into the Bill Reid scandal because of the charges laid.

JUNE 2: Glen Clark calls for Mel Couvelier to be dumped from cabinet for trying to cover up Peter Dueck's role in the Slemen's scandal.

JUNE 5: Glen Clark reveals Oak Bay Mayor and socred candidate Susan Brice also took a free trip to Europe - paid for by Slemens - when she was a government appointed member of the Victoria Hospital Board.

After weeks of media stories on the Slemens scandal, Health Minister John Jansen agrees to a review of hospital equipment purchasing policy.

JUNE 6: The Environment Ministry confirms that 14 of BC's 23 pulp mills are routinely breaking pollution permits.

JUNE 7: Government Management Services Minister Carol Gran refuses to release flight logs for govt. jets - saying the situation is too "volatile" and BC is too close to an election to release the information. She adds people will have to "trust us."

JUNE 11: After continued questioning from New Democrats, Carol Gran agrees to release government air logs.

The Crown announces it will not prosecute Bill Reid.

JUNE 12: Carol Gran releases guidelines for use of govt. aircraft...but she says they don't apply to her, the premier or other cabinet ministers.

New Democrats introduce a package of



'good government' legislation, including tough conflict-of-interest laws and freedom of information laws.

The Auditor General tells a legislative committee that one quarter of all lottery grants break lottery rules.

Bill Reid makes his first court appearance - he doesn't enter a plea and the case is bound over till July 17.

JUNE 13: Provincial Secretary Howard

Dirks admits the socreds' granting of lottery funds is "political."

JUNE 14: Peter Dueck abused the govt.

jet service, says his seatmate Harry DeJong - Dueck responds by saying he is a victim of "character assassination and innuendo."

Glen Clark wants a probe into the untendered purchase of Slemens equipment at Kelowna and Victoria hospitals.

Mike Harcourt puts forward his Environmental and Jobs Accord as an alternative to the socreds "political" Carmanagh Valley decision. The Accord will bring loggers, environmentalists and Natives together to put an end to the valley-by-valley confrontation set up by the socreds, says Harcourt. It will double BC's park and wildlife areas while protecting jobs by focussing on new secondary manufacturing jobs in the forest industry.

JUNE 16: Back in the fold, Part II. Jack

Kempf - fired as Forest Minister in 1987 and a staunch critic of the Vanderzalm govt. since - rejoins the socreds after winning that party's nomination in Bulkley Valley-Stikine.

JUNE 18: The finally-released govt. air

logs show socred cabinet ministers are using govt. jets as a taxi service, New Democrats charge.

Tree fruit growers are outraged with the release of the Luszig Report into their industry and the socreds' failure to provide any concrete action or funding for their struggling industry. The

President of the Tree Fruit Growers' Association calls for the resignation of Agriculture Minister John Savage, while angry growers begin a series of tense meetings with socred Okanagan MLAs.

Emergency patients are forced to fly in slow propellor planes while govt. jets are used as taxis for socred cabinet ministers, says Adrian Kroll, recording secretary for the Ambulance Paramedics Union.

JUNE 19: The government air logs reveal:

\* govt. jets frequently fly one cabinet minister at a time back to his/her constituency & return empty;

\* a govt. jet was once sent between Victoria & Quesnel in order to pick up Neil Vant's suitcase; and

\* Bud Smith and Claude Richmond often take separate flights home to Kamloops on the same day and only two hours apart.

The cost of flying socred cabinet ministers on govt. jets is estimated at \$750 an hour - or \$48,000 a month on average - based on the government's own figures.

JUNE 21: Mike Harcourt releases his travel

expenses for '89-'90, showing only \$28,000 for the 12-month period. He challenges the premier & cabinet ministers to do the same.

JUNE 23: While visiting Penticton, Vanderzalm's car is blocked by 150 angry Okanagan fruit growers demanding action for their struggling industry.

JUNE 24: In the aftermath of the Meech

Lake failure, Vanderzalm hints at some kind of "sovereignty association" for B.C.

JUNE 25: The socred caucus officially

welcomes dissident MLA Jack Kempf back into the fold, saying the 3-year old comptroller-general's report - used to fire him at the time - now vindicates him.

Mike Harcourt meets with 120 BC business leaders at a Board of Trade reception, and tells them that a NDP government's priorities will be realistic. 'Our goal is a balanced budget and to live within our means.'



JUNE 27: Harcourt calls for a province-wide election (on the same day as municipal elections) to fill B.C.'s vacant senate seat.

On the recommendation of the lawyer he hired to prosecute Bill Reid, justice critic Moe Sihota drops his case against Reid for financial & logistical reasons.

Still smarting from the govt. jet scandal, Bud Smith tries to turn the tables by attacking the media over its use of telephones, free parking at the legislature and other privileges provided by the Government Speaker.

JULY 3: New Democrats reveal that over the past 5 years, patient demand for air ambulance services has climbed 37% while the use of govt. jets as air ambulances has dropped by 34%; according to the government's own emergency health services commission. While the jets were being used as air taxis for cabinet ministers, the commission was forced to pay an additional \$1.2 million in public money to charter extra planes as ambulances.

JULY 4: NDP puts forward a package of rights for BC women, including a public service pay equity program, a guarantee of freedom of choice, and access to affordable child care.

JULY 5: The Vanderzalm reveals its new referendum legislation, as promised in the Throne Speech, to widespread criticism. The legislation gives the socred cabinet the power to decide whether or not a referendum is binding, when it can be held, where it can be held, who can vote, and even what percentage is required for it to pass. Harcourt labels it a 'bad bill' that will make referendums "a floating crap game where the cabinet can change the rules or percentages however they see fit."

JULY 11: Tapes of public radio phone conversations revealing an attempt by Attorney-General Bud Smith to tamper with justice in the Bill Reid prosecution are presented to the legislature by justice critic Moe Sihota. In the two taped conversations put forward by Sihota, Smith openly discusses a number of

elements in the Reid court case with his head of criminal justice, Bill Stewart. The conversations reveal how Smith is made aware of potentially damaging info about the lawyer Sihota hired to prosecute Reid, and his subsequent attempts to make that info public through the media. The Smith scandal would be investigated by both the RCMP and a public inquiry commission headed by Ombudsman Stephen Owen.

JULY 12: Nine men out. Smith resigns as Attorney-General, less than 24 hours after insisting he would not quit. He is the 9th cabinet minister to resign under the Vander Zalm government.

JULY 26: The socreds' conflict-of-interest legislation is introduced and immediately labelled a "socred cover up" bill by NDP leader Harcourt. Being an extreme response to the Smith scandal and other socred conflicts of interest, the bill essentially 'gags' any MLA from raising or discussing publicly potential conflict-of-interest by cabnt ministers.

NDP puts forward tough new laws to protect BC's forest environment & jobs.

JULY 27: The legislative session comes to an end - and on a bitter note, with Bill Reid launching a wild attack against Moe Sihota in the legislature, calling him "a turkey", "sleazy" and "whacko."

JULY 30: 'Line four, you're on.' Socred candidate Susan Brice announces she's backing out of her nomination to take a radio hotline job. "If I was a socred candidate, I'd be getting cold feet by now," says NDP rival Cull.

AUGUST 9: "I hope if I have been of any Hindrance to the party in the last 10 months, I hope this may be of some assistance." Bill Reid's words in announcing he won't run in the election.

AUGUST 10: After raising expectations of major help for BC's troubled tree fruit growers, the socreds abandon those growers and their families by offering a 4 cents-a-pound extraordinary grant - 6 cents below what's needed to keep the



industry healthy. Harcourt calls the offer 'insulting' and repeats his commitment to bring the offer up to 10¢ a pound immediately after the next election.

AUGUST 29: At the Owen Commission inquiry BC's head of criminal justice, Bill Stewart, says Bud Smith wanted to help Bill Reid prepare his breach-of-trust defence by giving Reid's lawyers material relating to the case. (Province)

SEPTEMBER 6: The Fantasy Gardens saga opens as Vanderzalm rolls out the red carpet for Emilia 'Bien Bien' Roxas, whose company is interested in buying the premier's castle. "He's using a 21-gun salute and lunch with the Lieutenant-Governor to impress a woman who's buying Fantasy Gardens. How many other entrepreneurs in this province get that kind of chance," says Mike Harcourt. Not surprisingly, a deal to buy the Gardens is announced shortly after.

SEPTEMBER 21: Vanderzalm accuses media & NDP of forcing the sale of Fantasy Gardens because both groups wanted wife Lillian "to go broke."

SEPTEMBER 22: The truth comes out on Fantasy Gardens. Despite years of assertions by the premier that Lillian owned the business, documents uncovered by the Vancouver Sun reveal it is Bill Vanderzalm who owns 83% of the Gardens. For the next few days he jumps back and forth between stories in an attempt to talk his way out of the revelation.

SEPTEMBER 24: Mixed messages. Vanderzalm claims "stupidity" in not knowing until checking with his lawyers today that he owned 83% of Fantasy Gardens. Yet on a CKNW radio show he said the information "was part of the public record all of the time. The Vancouver Sun could have released this information two years ago." The Fantasy Gardens fiasco effectively puts an end to an election in 1990.

SEPTEMBER 27: "The right to cut the people's trees will be directly linked to forest jobs," announced by Harcourt at the IWA convention. This strat-

egy provides a clear alternative to the approach taken by the so-called gov't. which recently removed the contractual obligations of forest companies to provide jobs in return for access to public's trees.

OCTOBER 17: Documents filed in the New Westminster land titles office show the total sale price of Fantasy Gardens at \$16 million. It's also learned that the deal includes an \$11 million mortgage carried by the premier til 2000.

OCTOBER 31: New Democrats launch their fall campaign on fair taxes, equality for women, and the future of BC forest communities.

NOVEMBER 9: NDP social services critic Joan Smallwood calls for the creation of an independent Children's Advocate and the introduction of Children's Rights legislation, after an Ombudsman's report is released criticizing the so-called failure to properly protect the interests of children and young people under their care.

NOVEMBER 13: The so-called privatization scheme takes another fall when Stena Lines announces it's terminating the Victoria to Seattle ferry run, and with it axing 200 BC jobs and \$10 million a year to the BC economy.

NOVEMBER 14: After months of saying they would put \$350 million into the new five-year provincial-federal FRDA reforestation program, the so-called slash that offer to \$100 million - \$50 million less than its commitment in the previous program.

NOVEMBER 21: In his final commission report, Ombudsman Stephen Owen recommends nine major changes to BC's justice system, including the creation of a special prosecutor to handle cases involving politicians. The changes are enthusiastically praised by justice critic Moe Sihota. Owen also reports that Bud Smith displayed an "inappropriate mix" of his political and administrative roles in the Bill Reid case.

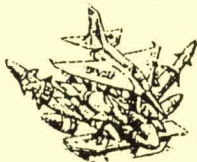


NOVEMBER 23: Vancouver Sun item: "The lawyers who wrote opinions on whether to charge Bill Reid over his handling of lottery funds said the former tourism minister's conduct was highly improper, confidential documents released by the Owen inquiry reveal. They just couldn't agree on whether Reid engaged in fraudulent "deceit" or "politically-inspired pork-barrelling."

DECEMBER 5: Where do you stand Mr. Reynolds? One day after flip-flopping and surprisingly announcing there will be full public hearings on the controversial Kemano energy project, Environment Minister John Reynolds again reverses his position by insisting no such hearings will be held.

DECEMBER 11: Following John Reynolds resignation over the premier's interference in setting new pulp pollution standards, it's revealed Vanderzalm weakened those standards after receiving phone calls from angry pulp company officials. It's also learned though that Reynolds himself was planning to provide many of those companies with an exemption from the tough standards he was proposing.

DECEMBER 13: Vanderzalm shuffles his cabinet to bring more loyalists in. He also brings Bud Smith back. Shortly after the shuffle, the new environment minister, Cliff Serwa, rubber stamps the weaker pulp pollution standards Vanderzalm insisted on.



Editor's note: 1990 - the year in review comes from the NDP. We get reports of a crude nature - when the socreds are so gross in their double standard rule (one rule for them, their friends & insiders, one rule for everybody else) - but the NDP has had the task of getting to the bottom of all this crap and then making it so public that the socreds have to lie



Source: *ReWeaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Non-Violence*

## I Am A Dangerous Woman

By Joan Cavanaugh.

I am a dangerous woman  
 carrying neither bombs nor babies —  
 flowers nor molotov cocktails.  
 I confound all your reason, theory, realism,  
 Because I will neither lie in your ditches  
 Nor dig your ditches for you.  
 Nor join in your armed struggle  
 for bigger and better ditches.  
 I will not walk with you  
 nor walk for you.  
 I won't live with you and I won't die for you.  
 But neither will I try to deny  
 your right to live and die.  
 I will not share one square foot  
 of this Earth with you  
 while you are hell-bent on destruction.  
 But neither will I deny that we are  
 of the same Earth,  
 born of the same Mother.  
 I will not permit you to bind my life to yours  
 But I will tell you  
 that our lives are bound together  
 and I will demand that you live  
 as though you understand  
 this one salient fact.  
 I am a dangerous woman  
 Because I will say all this  
 lying neither to you nor with you.  
 Neither trusting nor despising you.  
 I am dangerous  
 because I won't give up  
 or shut up  
 or put up with your version of reality.  
 You have conspired to sell my life quite cheaply  
 And I am especially dangerous  
 because I will never forgive or forget  
 or even conspire  
 to sell your life in return.

and weasel and squirm. A lot of them have even tried to make a public show of a "clean break" with Zalm/Social Credit and form a "new" party. The truly sad part is the slime left behind doesn't just wash away. It wouldn't matter if these geeks joined the Hottentots, they'd still rot in the stink of their own reflection. Their minds smell.





## REQUIEM FOR A FAN-TAS-TIC GUY

Well, it looks like the Zalm's political career is headed for the big tulip garden in the sky.

As Saddam Hussein huddles in Iraq, still in power but facing death or exile and desertion by his followers, Bill Vander Zalm might well be sitting by the fireside in Victoria or Richmond saying: "Got any ideas Lil?"

Did it start after the Zalm's televised speech last spring when he seemed destined for the comeback trail- and the Socreds were talking about "windows of opportunity"? Could be the Zalm slammed one of those windows on his thumb. In any case, a series of miscues followedk one of the most notable being the Bud Smith affair.

Bud started iht as consultant to Bennett, then the Zalm and his career blossomed. He became a big man on campus and was appointed Attorney-General after his election. But some recorded telephone conversations, when he made prejudicial remarks about an investigation underway by

the Attorney-General's office, wound up in the hands of his political nemesis, Moe Sihota, NDP critic for the Attorney-General's office. As a result, Bud Smith had to resign. After a suitable period of quarantine, he was welcomed back to the trough of Bill Vander Zalm's cabinet, where it's business as usual.

Then something fantastic happened. We all heard that Vander Zalm didn't own Fantasy Gardens - his wife, Lillian, did. The Zalm took a prospective buyer down the yekkiw brick road of Canadian opportunity, some thought using his political office to facilitate the sale. He pocketed a cool \$16 million. But documents filed last week in the BC Supreme Court not only revealed the premier's intimate involvement in the sale, but also suggested that Vander Zalm used his position to arrange business access to cabinet ministers. The revelations prompted an announcement that Edward Hughes, the BC Commissioner of conflict of interest, will investigate the sale. The Zalm had in fact owned 83 per cent of Fantasy Gardens. Politics is simply fan-tastic!

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A certain element among Socreds, including constituency party presidents, is trickling away from the lifeblood of Socred support, many going to the Reform Party, headed by Preston Manning, son of former longtime Alberta Socred premier, Ernest Manning. The Reform Party is another western alienation party, which claims 10 per cent of the national vote.

By the time you read this, Saddam's fate may be resolved, but Vander Zalm's political review will be carried out by the electorate sometime this year. The Zalm is said to be an embarrassment to the business community. And, faced with a deficit of \$375 million in transfer payments as a result of the recent federal budget, which will undoubtedly result in cutbacks in government services, the Zalm can no longer be the fair-haired boy he was when he strolled through the Expo site in 1986. Yep, politics is simply fan-tas-tic! Canada is a great land of opportunity, even for someone who claims to have eaten tulip bulbs during the war. But sometimes those opportunities cost - everybody.

By JOANNE HAMEN

"There is a time when the poor and oppressed have nothing more to lose, and whatever they do will be achievement, not loss."

—FATHER ELIAS CHACOUR



### My GOLD

Writers and Artists  
Seldom get rich  
The very finest  
Have died in poverty.

Should I trade  
My Poems  
For a money  
Making job?



Should I sell  
My life  
To make the  
Corporates richer?

Or shall I  
Sit on a river bank  
Pen and Paper  
Flowing with tide



As sunset yellow  
Turns me  
Into unmarketable  
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The inheritance  
I leave  
my children  
is the  
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# STOP THE BLACK RAIN

Saddam's threat to unleash this weapon has been well known for months and, once again, burning oil has been used in this ancient land as a last defense.

The coalition forces unleashed more firepower in Iraq than any in other war. This explosive tonnage, however, is now being dwarfed by the energy of the most volatile weapon of them all - Oil.

The resulting ecological catastrophe was predicted months in advance and communicated to the head of the U.N.

Thousands of groups around the world are now trying to come to grips with the fallout from this ultimate weapon.

Every effort must be made to put the fires out as quickly as possible. No expense can be spared. Hundreds of millions of lives - perhaps all our lives - depend on it. Agriculture will wither under a toxic black cloud in one of the most heavily populated areas of the world.

If the new world is to have order, the United Nations Environment Program must make an immediate assessment of the situation, oversee the capping of the wells and deal with the cleanup. The General Assembly must declare a state of emergency for the world.

A millenium from now the next few years will still be remembered as the era of the Black Rain.

History demands a moment of your time.

Over 600 of Kuwait's oil wells are now raging infernos belching chemical toxins more deadly than any of Saddam's warheads into the air. They are expected to burn for years.

## FEAR

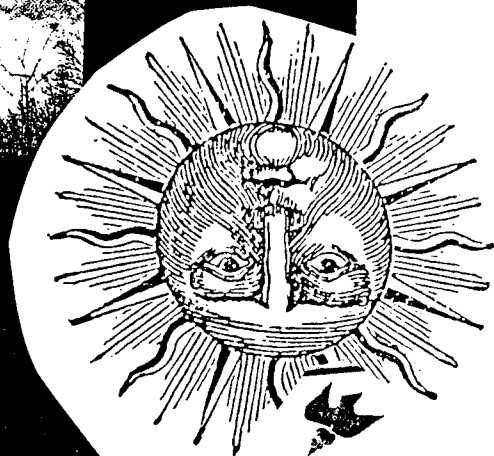
Today the ghetto knows a different fear,  
Close in its grip, Death wields an icy scythe.  
An evil sickness spreads a terror in its wake,  
The victims of its shadow weep and writhe.

Today a father's heartbeat tells his fright  
And mothers bend their heads into their hands.  
Now children choke and die with typhus here,  
A bitter tax is taken from their bands.

My heart still beats inside my breast  
While friends depart for other worlds.  
Perhaps it's better - who can say? -  
Than watching this, to die today.

No, no, my God, we want to live!  
Not watch our numbers melt away.  
We want to have a better world,  
We want to work - we must not die!

Eva Pickova



## BIRDSONG

He doesn't know the world at all  
Who stays in his nest and doesn't go out.  
He doesn't know what birds know best  
Nor what I want to sing about,  
That the world is full of loveliness.

When dewdrops sparkle in the grass  
And earth's aflood with morning light,  
A blackbird sings upon a bush  
To greet the dawning after night.  
Then I know how fine it is to live.

Hey, try to open up your heart  
To beauty: go to the woods someday  
And weave a wreath of memory there  
Then if the tears obscure your way  
You'll know how wonderful it is  
to be alive.

Anonymous (1941)





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Fallout Rain

Never would I mind if I did find  
A Blue Whale in my soup  
Nor would I mind a porcupine,  
inside a chicken coop.  
Yes life is fine when things combine  
like corn in beef chow mein  
But Lord this time I think I mind,  
Cause they've put fallout in my rain!!

Gimme Twinkies,  
Gimme wine  
Gimme Jeans by Clavin Klein  
But if you split the atoms fine  
Mama keep 'em off those genes of mine

Gimme Zits, take my dough  
Gimme bunkym in my jelly roll  
Call the Devil,  
And sell my soul  
But mama keep Dem  
Atoms whole!!

By Berkeley Breathed (Bloom County)  
(portaged by East)

These poems are meant to end the arms race and to bring in the traditional peace that spring heralds to us all. First the Peace Encampment at the Nevada testside, then the April 27 Peace Walk in Vancouver.

J.E.





## SEVENTEEN YEARS AND A COFFEE TRUCK

### MEMO

TO: R\_\_\_\_, \* Barrister and Solicitor  
FROM: H\_\_\_\_, \* Secretary  
RE: Vacation Time

I haven't seen you since this case started. As you have another trial coming up soon after this one I shall probably never see you again, which is a pity because you are as worthy an example of Womankind as ever crossed the bar and it was a privilege to have known you.

Leaving me a note drawing my attention to a course on managing secretarial stress is not an appropriate response to my previous memo requesting a vacation. I do not wish to manage stress nor go to a dynamic seminar. I wish to go to bed. I do not wish to "master the magic of manager-employee synergy" nor am I interested in "escaping the approval trap." I don't have secretarial stress anyway, I have poet's stress, a much more delicate condition. Poets are not expected to manage stress but to write passionate poetics as a result of it, and succumb to either stress or consumption, whichever is most popular that year.

What I really want from this job is 17 years and a coffee truck. I know there isn't 17 years left before retirement age and I know you are momentarily quitting law, but when people say to me: so how long did you work there? I want to say: 17 years. I'm not sure how a person would say that, possibly with a judicious mixture of self-satisfaction and self-pity. Certainly it could never be said in the same tone of voice that I say: I've had 22 jobs in 24 years, or whatever my job count is now. Seventeen years would sound, you know, significant.

And a coffee truck. You know these places where the coffee truck drives around more or less the same time every day and blows its horn and everyone downs whatever they're doing and runs out to the truck and some are stopping others to give them money to get them something, and like that. I could leave you memos saying something like, the truck was early this morning or the coffee truck was out of blueberry muffins, or whatever it is people say about coffee trucks.

Then when I retired, I could complain the cinnamon buns in the nursing home aren't as good as the ones on the coffee truck and I could say stuff like: in view of my 17 years with this one company, I think this, that and the other. I know you think you're a liberal employer because I'm allowed to type B.C. on addresses instead of spelling out British Columbia but this is neither here nor there and what I really want is 17 years and a coffee truck.

\*Using initials is in the best traditions of old literature and I have always admired it so I am turning everyone I know into initials.

(This is an excerpt from a work in progress by HELEN POTREBENKO)



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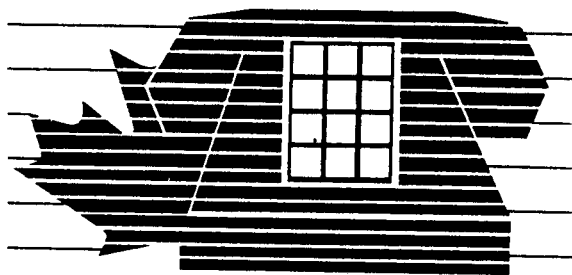


## Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill  
When the funds are low & the debts are high  
When you want to smile but you have to sigh  
When care is pressing you down a bit -  
    Rest if you must but  
    don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt  
And you never can tell how close you are  
It may be near when it seems afar  
So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit  
It's when things go wrong that  
    you mustn't quit.

Submitted by Sheila Bell



Public Relations & The telephone...

Having a phone is a necessity for a lot of people. If your income is GAIN and you are not paying your maximum shelter portion for rent, a phone can be paid for with the money not going to keeping a roof over your head.

The cheapest option is a dial-phone and not calling long-distance. Business, being concerned with profits, is controlled by government regulations so profiteering doesn't screw the many for the sake of the few. At least that's the ideal anyway.....

A notice came with phone bills a while ago saying that BC TEL wants to make push-button phones mandatory; a price increase for this "service" is of course included.

It will cost more for something you get whether you want it or not..or whether you can afford it or not.

On a larger scale, Big business is -trying to get the entire telecommunications industry deregulated. With a monopoly, profits are ensured, but up to now in Canada the average costs of basic service are low because of what is called "cross-subsidization". If you don't live in a major urban area you still don't have to pay 2 or 3 times what a city-dweller pays because

..Wolfe Spirit..

the extra profits made from the city subsidize rural service. Also, the high cost of long-distance sees 2/3 of the price go to maintaining and building the network to make access to all telecommunication universal.

Profiteers want to deregulate the Canadian phone system, and have competition for long distance rates. The direct effect of this on us will be higher phone bills, as the profits used now to subsidize will be cut by competition, local 'free-call' areas will shrink, research & development to improve services and equipment will be reduced as funds go to duplication and advertizing.

In the States, deregulation has led to increases in rates by an average of 44%, while long distance has gone down by 29%. This's great for the few major corporations that rely on long-distance but the vast majority of phone users make just local calls. Out of any 10 people, with this deregulation, nine suffer higher costs and one benefits...sound familiar? ..more on this 'mandatory' stuff soon.

By PAULR TAYLOR

### All Because

"When it comes to myself, I can fight off the fear."  
I've heard this so many times.

The result:

Black and blue from head to toe.

Before heading out, dress up.

Behind sunglasses, face covered

with a scarf and the need for a long-sleeved sweater, on a bright sunny day.

All because dinner wasn't ready, and there was dust on the stereo and a scuff mark on the floor.

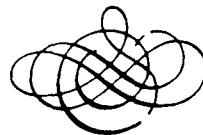
When it was all over, he said, "I love you honey,"

"Come let's go talk about it in the bedroom."

Of course you're not going to say no, for fear of getting another beating.

AND HE CALLS HIMSELF A MAN.

M.P.



### THE RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

Date: March 24, Sunday

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- 10K - 10:00 am
- 5K - 10:30 am
- 2K - 11:00 am

The Vancouver International Triathlon Society and KISS-FM are the sponsors of the Run for the Homeless with monies raised going to DERA.

There are four different distances that one can run or walk; 2km, 5km, 10km and half Marathon. Draw prizes will be awarded to participants and a portion of the entry cost will be donated to DERA.

Everyone is welcome. For more info come to the DERA office (9 E. Hastings) and pick up an entry form or phone the event hotline - 737-2453.





## Safe Love - a sort of an essay

She cringes as she walks past me, suffering from an obvious state of disgust. She speaks excellent body english and can cut you to the bone with the slightest gesture. She's an expert at protecting herself from men who are compelled to love her - her least attractive posture - but what man could resist a woman with such personal integrity?

Physical differences are ridiculously perfect; she is statuesque, I am gnomish. She is entering her sexual prime, and I'm just about through my first mid-life crisis and can only equate my outlook on sex with that of a child with his nose pressed against a candy store window with no money in his pocket - some things never change when it comes to getting what you want. That last remark, of course, is "sour grapes" and not entirely true.

A strong negative of Safe Love is that a safe lover is an unwanted entity, who is but obsessed with the optimistic logic that every condom has its day.

Safe, meaning - reaching base without being put out. Love, meaning - a score of zero. Safe Love is not like cutting off your ear or chasing Ann Murray around the Provinces.

Safe Love is pretending that you're the Flying Dutchman who was cursed to sail the Seven Seas alone for eternity. But in pretense you amend the story so that the curse can be broken if the Flying Dutchman passes one night within the arms of his heart's desire.

Safe Love is the realization that no matter how much you feel for someone, if they don't share the same feelings, it's a matter of playing a realistic game of Charades with chastity as the secret work.

Safe Love is standing alone at a half-way point wanting nothing more than to be a brief exception.

Safe Love, in the end, is spiritual in that it fulfills a basic mental function that would otherwise dry up and wither away like an unwatered garden.

DEside Joe

## Alien Curiosity

Who are you? Where are you from? Why are you here? What values do you have? Do you get stoned? Are you an insomniac? Are you for real? Are you really reading this? Is something wrong?

Do you hold grudges? Is your Karma in good balance? Do you believe in Atlantis or heaven?

Name three things that make you happy. Do you think this space could have been put to better use? You do! But don't you see I'm sincerely curious about if anybody actually reads this stuff all the way through? Well, so long. It's been nice communicating with you.

DEside Joe



# **COUNTRY LIVING**

**DOWNTOWN EASTSIDERS** - are you interested in living and working in the country?

You can stay in one of four farms in B. C.'s scenic Cariboo country (between 100 Mile House and Williams Lake) for a short or long period of time, and help care for animals and grow organic food.

No experience, obligation or investment necessary - just an interest in being part of a group of people who share their volunteer labour and live a healthy outdoor life.

The farms are operated by the Cariboo Community Enhancement and Economic Development Society (CEEDS), an independent, non-profit society that is not connected to any religious or political group. The Carnegie Community Centre Association is a sustaining member of the Society.

Everybody who lives and works on the farm is an equal partner, and shares in all that the farms have to offer. Several Downtown Eastside residents are now visiting there.

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# HOW BIG CORPORATIONS PLAN TO GET CHEAP LABOUR



How can Canadian workers become competitive with Mexican workers who earn \$4 a day? The Dec. 5th, 1990 transcript of testimony at the House of Commons Subcommittee on Child Poverty provides a clue to a likely government strategy in the following explanation of the National Child Allowance Program.

It comes from Barbara Greene, the Tory Chair of the Committee: "We would eliminate all the income-related programs the federal government finances but still keep certain social programs such as subsidized day care and others."

When asked if the credit would be for children and parents or just children, Greene replied: "For children only and the parent would be financed either thru the welfare system or a minimum wage. The minimum wage would not have to cover the costs of raising children, just the costs of the adult."

Does this mean the federal govt (which just announced a freeze of 3% on public sector wages) is planning to abolish the old concept of family wage..the idea that a working person should make enough to support a family?

Here are some other pieces of a social policy puzzle that seem to indicate "yes" - a plan is afoot to end the family wage concept.

1. Tory MP Murray Dorin says that a guaranteed annual income may be in the next Tory throne speech (Globe & Mail, Feb. 20). This would no doubt be the Tory version of a guaranteed annual income presented to the McDonald Commission by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. It includes

- \* destroying existing social programs;
- \* having a very low rate of income, far below the poverty line;
- \* keeping minimum wages low and avoiding pay equity;
- \* allowing people who get the income to use it as a top-up of low wages.

In short, this is the type of guaranteed income that would guarantee poverty.

With this system, people on welfare would be forced out to work at extremely low wages, with existed social programs converted to wage top ups.

2. Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa says that governments have to "re-evaluate social programs" in the light of global economic conditions (Globe & Mail, 23/2) Bourassa says that his government is considering various cutbacks. Social programs like welfare provide a bit of security to people without jobs. Does he want to reduce these programs so Canadians can fit into the global reality of slaving at jobs that pay very low wages?

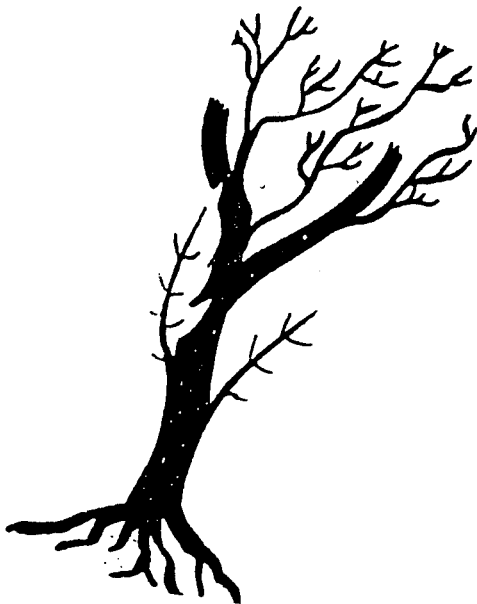
3. Quebec welfare programs have already been changed to force so-called employable people to seek work even though unemployment is at 11.4% and expected to grow. When wages are extremely low, forcing people on welfare to seek work as a condition of getting their cheque, will push more people into the workforce and drive down wages.

4. In BC the socreds are forcing single parents to look for (low paying) work when their youngest child is 6 months old, regardless of benefit to family. The welfare system is changing, not to reduce poverty for people, but to ensure poverty while working at low wages. BC provides some childcare and transportation expenses to single parents for a year, ensuring that they can work at a lower wage and survive. As End Legislated Poverty Director Debbie Elisen says, the system ensures that you will always be dependent on it.



5. The Social Services Ministry in Ontario produced an interesting paper outlining the federal direction in social policy. According to this paper, the goal of federal policy is "deficit reduction". The strategy is "reliance on the marketplace and global competition" and reduced assistance to "casualties." Implications for Ontario (and other provinces) are "increased numbers of people on welfare, loss of good jobs, more bad jobs, social programs that provide long-term top ups of low wages."

It adds up to this: Tory, Liberal and Social Credit governments are using deficit hysteria to justify cutting social programs so people will be more desperate to work at low wage jobs. They will avoid raising minimum wages, and implementing effective pay equity programs at all cost (that would cut into profits). They will attempt to weaken unions and their ability to negotiate decent wages. They will use welfare programs, not to help people escape poverty, but to force poor people into the labour market and low wage jobs. When they see that it is totally impossible for people to survive on the low wages, they will try to convert existing social programs like welfare and social housing to wage top up programs.



There you have it; people on welfare in Canada become the corporations' answer to competing with low wage Mexican workers.

For years low income people have called for a society without poverty. We have proposals for achieving this kind of society. We need governments with full employment policies, comprehensive universal programs, good public insurance programs like UI and CPP. We need a fair tax system with the rich paying more and the poor paying less. We need strong unions and decent wages for people in the paid workforce. This means that the minimum wage should be raised to at least \$7.50 an hour (this is what it would be if it had kept pace with inflation since 1975), and women should earn 100% of what men earn, not 60%. We need adequate incomes for people who aren't in the paid workforce. Our goal is a society where our economy meets the needs of all people, and where all people can participate as equals.

Changing the Canadian welfare system to meet the desires of corporations for cheap labour has no place in this democratic vision.

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