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ON TO OTTAWA STOP FREE TRADE CARAVAN

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STOP FREE TRADE VANCOUVER RALLY

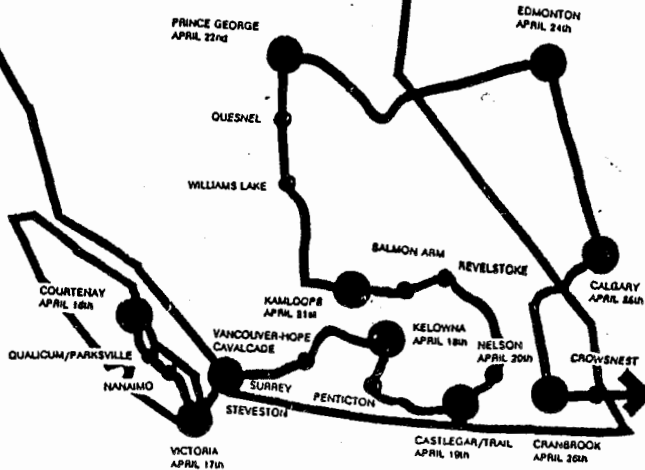
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1993
12:00 NOON - 1:30 P.M.

PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM
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THEN JOIN THE OTTAWA IS BEYOND HOPE
CAR CAVALCADE TO ESCORT THE CARAVAN TO HOPE

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WATCH FOR
DETAILS ON
LOCAL EVENTS TO
COINCIDE WITH
THE MAY 15th
PARLIAMENT HILL
RALLY IN OTTAWA



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Look Good...Feel Better

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This has been an exciting month with the possibility of NAFTA being reopened. This means there is a possibility that it will be scrapped. This is due to the concerns & the pressure put on the American gov't by the lobby of citizens, labour & environmental groups to make sure that jobs & the environment are protected. Both Canadian & Mexican ACN members have been actively involved in these lobbies. It means that we must keep up & increase the pressure on the Canadian gov't to stop the deal. The efforts that each one of us & our organizations make at this time is crucial.

Secondly we finally had a provincial AGM to set up a structure that could incorporate the new ACN chapters in BC. Following are the objectives upon which the organization is based:

- 1) To fight the free trade deals & support each other in our struggle against the global corporate agenda.
- 2) To develop & promote alternative trade, economic & social policies that will serve people, and promote equitable redistribution of wealth & power.
- 3) To share information & education on issues that affect us.
- 4) To develop & implement campaigns and actions.
- 5) To be an effective part of the national Action Canada Network.

In order to do this we ask that everyone participate in the ON TO OTTAWA CARAVAN as it travels through your part of BC. For information, call the BC Coordinator, Paul McCane, at 522-1179. We are also asking that everyone plan actions for May 15, the day of mass rallies in Ottawa. (Bob White,

President of the Canadian Labour Congress, said in a letter on this planned action:

" The demonstration will be another major step in our continuing fightback against a political & economic agenda that has inflicted terrible pain upon millions of Canadians.

We will take the message to Ottawa that we want jobs, not unemployment & attacks on the unemployed; that we want fair trade, not free trade/NAFTA; that we want good public services, not attacks on public sector workers; that we want child care, not child poverty; that we want equity & equality, not discrimination & inequality; that we want a social & economic agenda based on fairness, not an agenda dedicated to multi-national corporations at the expense of the rest."

In Vancouver, plans are for a demonstration at the Trade & Convention Centre at 1:00. Pick up posters for both events, send them out in your mailing & put them up in your areas. All of these events take money. Please send what you can to ACN. (Again from White's letter:

" There are times in every democratic country when it is necessary for people to take a stand on issues that directly affect them. When governments institute policies that destroy the hopes & dreams of people & their families & abandon their responsibility to improve social conditions - it's time to take a stand.")

Spread the word, call your friends, use your organizations. We must cut through the media silence, against NAFTA and the corporate agenda, or we will have the corporations leading the next Federal Government by the nose.

Yours in Solidarity,
Ellen Woodsworth

END LEGISLATED POVERTY

BRIEFCASE



Its a fund raising dinner for the needy. Hopefully none of them will be there.

This cartoon shows how charity work some how becomes people food.

RALLY AND MARCH JUSTICE NOT CHARITY

Thursday, April 15, 1993

5:30 p.m. at steps of Art Gallery
(facing Georgia St.)

PROTEST - NO JOBS

- LOW MINIMUM WAGE
- LOW WELFARE RATE
- THE INCREASING NEED FOR CHARITY
- UI CUTS
- NORTH AMERICAN "FREE" TRADE DEAL
- FEDERAL CUTS TO SOCIAL SERVICES,

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- HIGH TAXES TO LOW AND MIDDLE

INCOME PEOPLE

- NOT ENOUGH TAXES TO VERY WEALTHY

PEOPLE AND PROFITABLE CORPORATIONS

- FEDERAL CUTS TO HOUSING
- AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF THE

CORPORATE AGENDA

PUT JUSTICE INTO "HUNGER
AWARENESS WEEK"

for more information call 879-1209

LETTERS

Editor, Vancouver Sun:

The media has grasped onto recent incidents where women who said they were sexually assaulted were found to be "lying".

I want to draw your attention to the fact that it is the police who have stated the women were lying. I have gone through the horrendous experience of supporting women in reporting sexual assaults, & many times they are not believed by the police.

Officers have told me that some women admitted they were lying, but what the women have told me is that some police officers bullied them with "You're lying! You're lying!" until, humiliated & terrified, they'd say anything just to get out of there.

The process of "ferreting out the truth" need not be so blatant - police body language, facial expression & degrading questions may send the message that the woman is not believed.

It is also necessary to understand that many women have been told by men who have sexually assaulted them that if they tell, they will be killed. When women ask for protection, it sometimes cannot be offered - & it can never be guaranteed.

With the entire criminal justice system stacked against a sexual assault victim - especially if she is poor, on welfare, non-white or has previous mental health issues - it is real testimony to the incredible strength of women that anyone follows through with the process.

I am not familiar with the recent reported cases - it is very possible that, for whatever reasons, the women were not telling the truth. But in other cases, there are many valid reasons this conclusion is reached.

KAREN SPEARS

Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

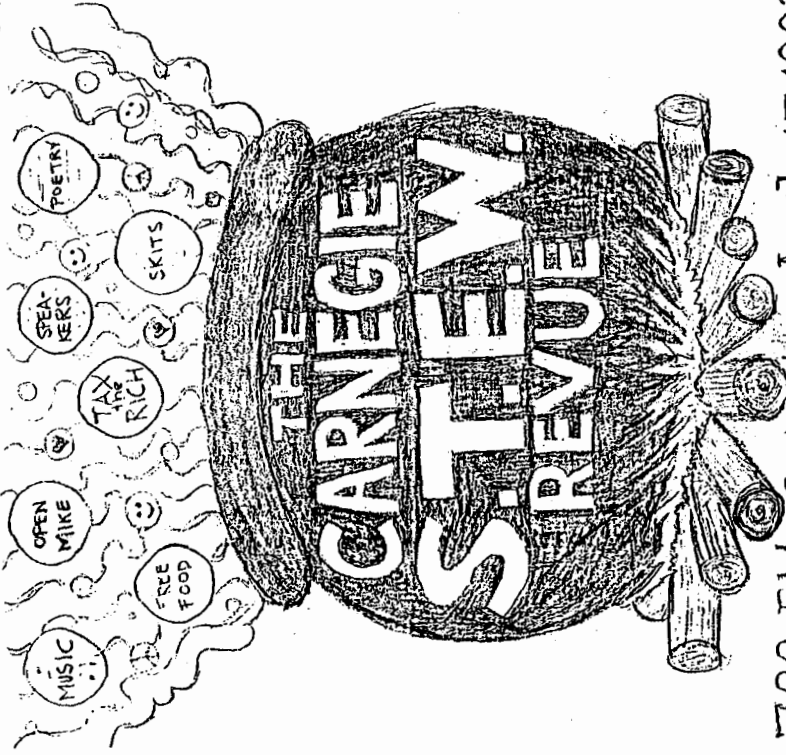
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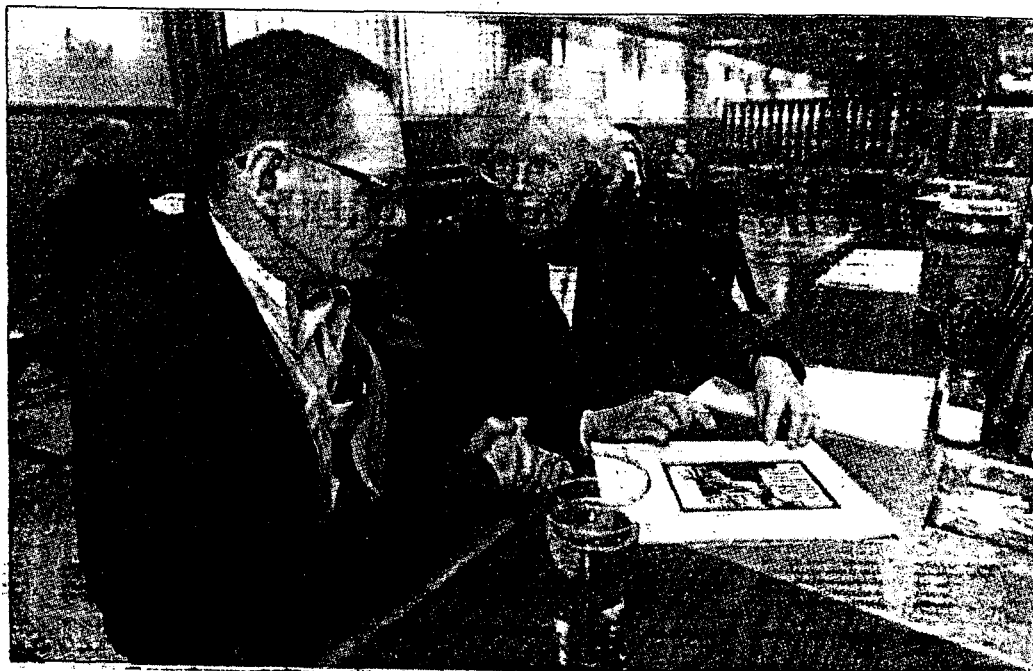
In the Downtown Eastside
Hotel Rooms
Bars
Restaurants

EASE Return to the Carnegie Reading Room

END LEGISLATED TOGETHER AND SHARE THE ECONOMIC WEALTH PRESENT...



7:00 PM, Saturday, April 17, 1993
Free to All - Carnegie Theatre - 401 Main
Bring the Kids - Free On-site Child Care (info 433-8312)



PERSONAL PITCH: Eleanor Kelly explains library system to potential reader in Empress Hotel bar

JEFF VINNICK/Vancouver Sun

Bar-hopping for books

ROBERT SARTI

Vancouver Sun

She runs the only public library branch in Vancouver that doesn't charge fines or require a library card, so it's no wonder Eleanor Kelly has learned her way around the beer parlors and hotels of East Hastings.

That's where she finds her lost books — and her new readers, too.

"People leave their books behind when they are uprooted quickly, vanish completely, go to hospital, prison or get kicked out of their hotel rooms," says Kelly.

"They don't mean to leave them. It just happens."

Kelly is the librarian at the Main and Hastings branch, located on the first floor of the Carnegie Community Centre. She has a regular route through the rough-and-tumble streets of the Downtown Eastside, handing out leaflets asking if anyone has seen her books.

Sitting at the bar of the Empress Hotel, she met a man who said he was too scared to go

Eastside librarian makes the rounds in hunt for readers and overdue books

near the library to return any books he might find.

The tiny, soft-spoken librarian reminded him she makes her way through the crowd every day.

"Well, I guess they don't bother women," he replied.

The man, who refused to give his name, finally agreed to collect any borrowed books left at his hotel and pass them on to a friend who frequents the library.

The pub crawl is all part of the job in a neighborhood that has the lowest literacy rate in the city, but also many of the most voracious

readers, especially of western, science-fiction and mystery paperbacks.

The branch also caters to the adult students learning how to read and write upstairs in the Carnegie Learning Centre, and contains one of the Lower Mainland's largest collection of Chinese-language books.

"People have a lot of time to read here," said Kelly.

"They don't always have ID to get a card, so they just give us their name. If we charged fines, they would not be able to afford to take out our books."

If a reader loses a book, she will accept another one in its place.

Even with the beer-parlor retrieval program, about 30 per cent of the collection disappears each year, compared to an average of five per cent in other branches.

The Carnegie branch, which is funded by the city social planning department but run by the Vancouver Public Library, is open and crowded 365 days a year, including Christmas and New Year's.

READING ROON ROUND-UP

Just a few items that we want to share with all of you, including an upcoming program, an important book & where we stand in our push to LINK all of you to the wide world of library books our there in Vancouver.

Ardythe Wilson & Don Monet will be coming to do a program for us on FRIDAY, 30th April at 1:00 pm in the Learning Centre. Don and Ardythe are the authors of - "Colonialism on Trial: Indigenous Land Rights and the Gitsan Wet'suwet'en Sovereignty Case."

The program is sponsored by Vancouver Public Library & will be held as part of the Native Issues group. It promises to be GREAT, so try to attend!!!!

Crazywater, by Brian Maracle, is now available in multi-copies in the Reading Room. Brian did a recent talk for us on this very important book & many of you asked about borrowing it. I've just read

it myself & found it fascinating. This collection of human-interest stories about addictions is a landmark book & fills a real need.

Our Project LINK to bring you in touch with Vancouver's book collections is coming along well. Allison Bain (you may've seen her in the Centre, she with the strawberry blond hair) is busy pasteing bar-codes on our books, so we can zap that information into our computer.

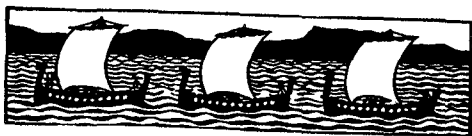
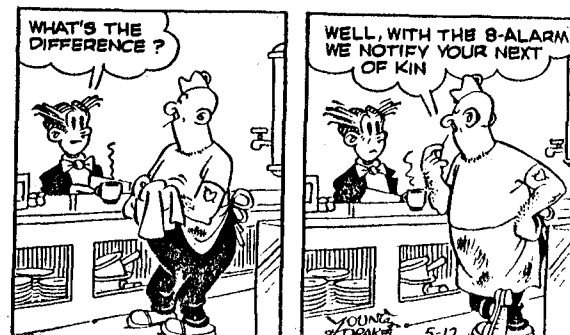
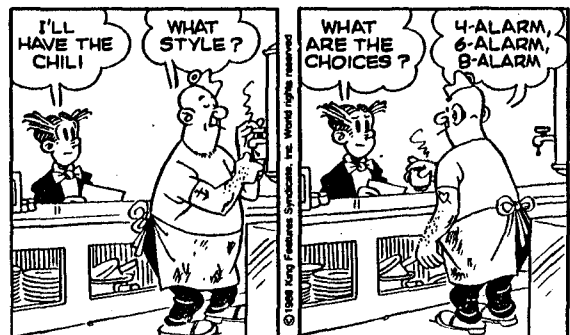
Lianne & Ada are doing the other job, which is typing your names into our database, so we can quickly LINK your name to the book you're taking out.

We're gettin' there & come summer we'll be giving lessons on the granddaddy of them all, the computer terminal that LINKs you up to Central & all other Branches.

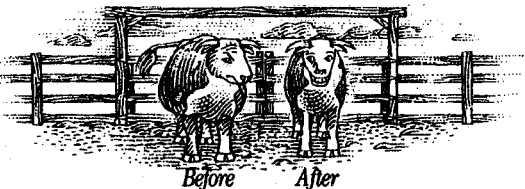
See you all on April 30th at Ardythe & Don's program & drop in if you have any questions on LINK.

The Literary Lioness

BLONDIE



KITCHEN KORNER



The Ride of the Horse of all Directions

Yeltsin and the President could clearly both agree that checking would be done close to aid democracy.

The congress south of forty-nine to taxpayers must freely answer for the grocery list and most heartily.

True, budgets are a trouble. They're known in history to incite some rebellions and aid democracy

1837

Quebec and MacKenzie were happily successful, and Durham came to see. His hopeful, good prescription: Dominion you shall see to sea receive attention for young democracy.

Old Douglas was a-working when Papineau's strange spell called 'tention to the nation and gave old England hell.

A bureaucratic problem that funder knows too well: the workers of a campaign might not ring the bell.

The Russians and the Yankees have run a different course; the first horse struggled long & hard the second broke like a horse.

But history has its reasons and people understand the lack of fairness burdens the life for any clan

So off to justice plenary and virtue she commands the horse of all directions may race upon this land.

Ron Carten

Well spring has ariz, & that can only mean a couple of things: lots of happy dogs & Volunteer of the Year festivities here at Carnegie & throughout the city.

This year, with all the new volunteers we have it will be more interesting than ever to see to whom they present the annual Volunteer of the Year award. Doris, our hair-cutter, was bestowed with the honour last year and, as usual, it's anybody's guess as to who may cop the prize in '93. I think everybody should win because, as with any efficient, well-oiled machine, it is most effective when all of the parts are in sync, filling all of the needs.

Since this is "Kitchen Korner" though, let's visit some of the people who do their thing in the kitchen.

There's good old George, for instance, (actually not that old, & certainly not that good) over in the corner whipping up a batch of delicious no egg/no dairy blueberry muffins, all the while telling staff how to do their jobs.

And what have we here? A nice little old lady making millions of delicious sandwiches. Whoa, what the heck was that she said??? Ya...same to you lady!

Out here in the concession we have Peter Sherstobitoff (say it slow & it's not that difficult), serving up the dinner & folding his personalized cloth. You might also catch him delivering flyers out in the neighbourhood.

And there's June Rose, patiently dealing with some of the crustiest patrons alive. (I hate it when staff get into the lineup) Sometimes it may be Ray Johnston there, or Linda Scrivener, or our learning centre twins, Wendy & Rika (they're actually instructors, not twins) or our 911 lady, Marilyn Hoppe. Thursday afternoon it's Victoria Andy scrunching the two's into the till...all these people, all volunteering!

Right over here is the dish-washing area ..Shades of Harvey Wong, it's David Wong! Or is it Robert Anderson? Actually it's Wednesday afternoon, so it must be Mariah Sonya; of course it could also be Joe Paul or Frank Burgess.

It's a parade: There's Don Baker, Brian Heavers, Ed Aho, Howard. I can still see Flo, 'though he's gone south for awhile. Joan, Ooly (Ooly??), Donna Megahy helping with Thursday's fish dinner, Steve quickly preparing a batch of peanut butter cookies & disappearing into the night. So much work..so many workers. I'm glad I don't have to choose just one of them.

Anyway, let's go & have one of those great sandwiches, a bowl of soup & a muffin, & ponder this whole affair...boy, that sandwich was somethin', wasn't she?!

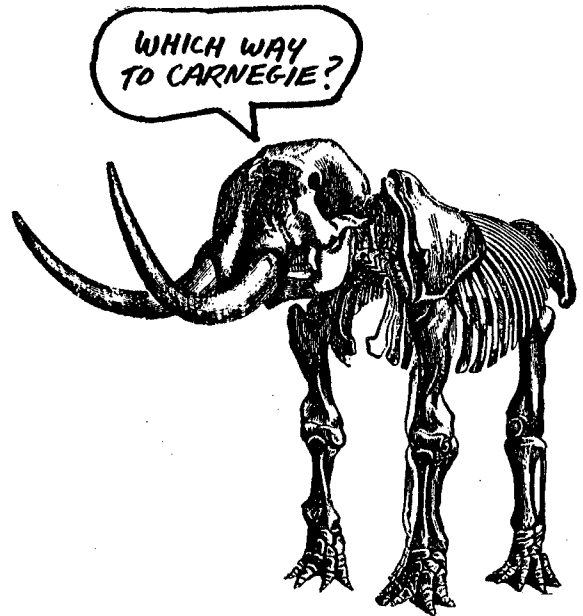
Last time I promised to talk about the events that would take place during Volunteer Appreciation Week, but since Marty & Nat are putting out a special brochure with all the news, we'll see you on Sunday the 18th at the volunteer party from 2-4 on the 2nd floor.

'Til then, happy eating!!!



In the modern vernacular, it is politically correct to say the elderly are EXISTENCE CHALLENGED.

Dora Sanders



FORTY-PLUS (Seniors Support Group)

APRIL 1993: As most of you know our basement beverage bar continues to sell coffee, "The best in town", as well as teas, hot chocolate & most juices. Naturally we want you & your friends to continue your patronage (we need the business!) to fund work in support of "our seniors".

We also could use your help. If you or anyone you know is interested in working to improve our sales by buying, selling or assisting, please drop by or, more to the point, come to our next general meeting (APRIL 20, 2 pm in the Seniors Lounge) and see for yourself what we are doing & why & how you can be a part of it.

R. Bates,
Secretary, Seniors.

P.S.: So we know your thoughts & suggestions, we have placed a suggestion box on the concession counter in the seniors lounge. If you'd rather, write down your ideas & place them in this box. We want & need feedback from our members and our customers.

SOME OF THE WOMEN KILLED IN THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

Cheryl Ann Joe
Bernadine Standingready
Lorna Carpenter
Sandra Flamond

Sadie Chartrand
Marth Garvin
Trish Waddams
Wendy Poole

Rose Peters
Barbara Larocque
Christine (Chrissie)
Terry Lynn

Vernonica Harry
Patricia Andrew
Patricia Thomas
Mary Johns

Barbara Paul
Mary Johnson
Lois Mackie
Nancy Jane Bob

Margaret Vedan
Donna Rose Kiss
Karn Ann Baker
Darlinda Ritchey

Julie Mai Smith
Pauline Johnson
Chantal Venne
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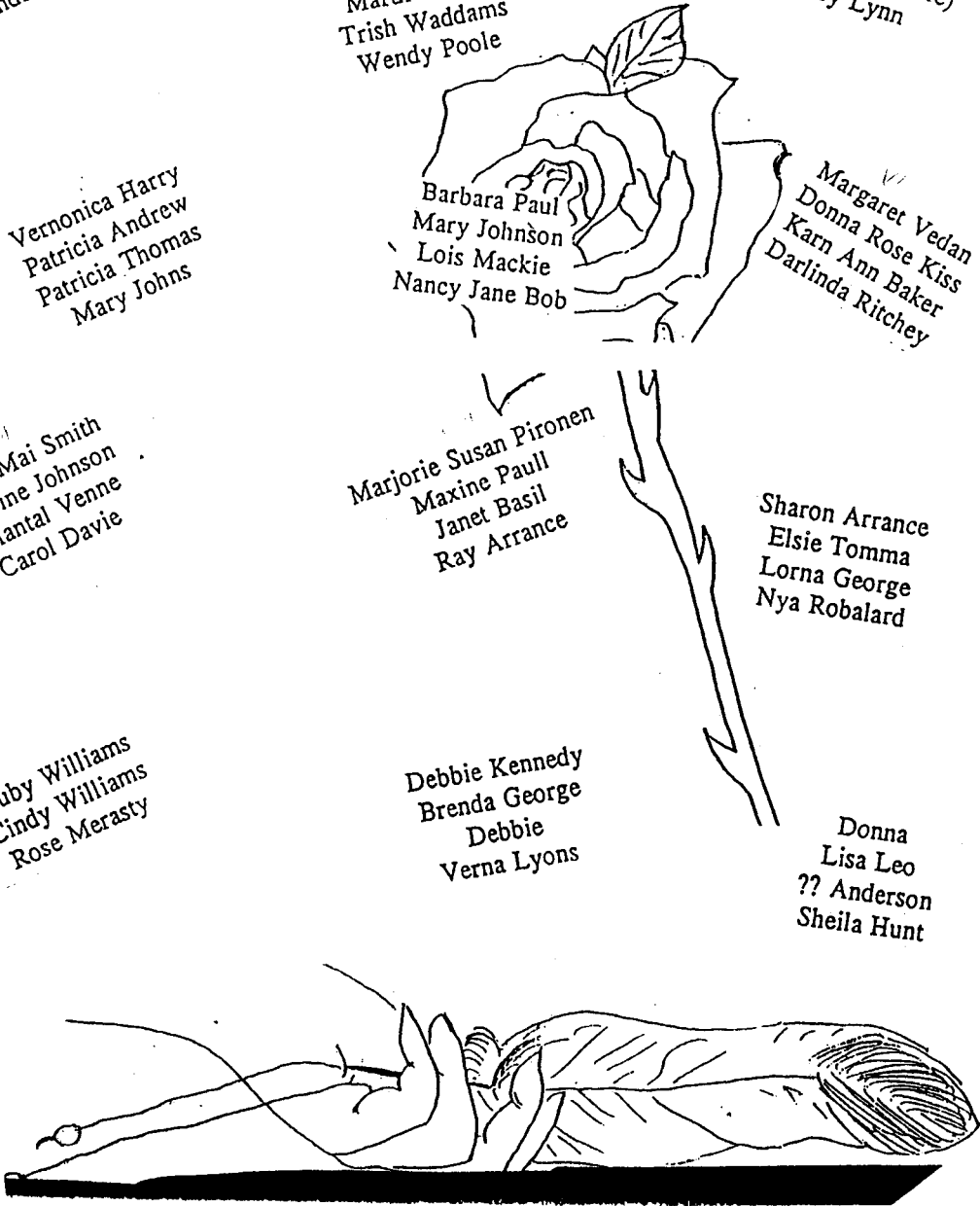
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Maxine Paull
Janet Basil
Ray Arrance

Sharon Arrance
Elsie Tomma
Lorna George
Nya Robalard

Ruby Williams
Cindy Williams
Rose Merasty

Debbie Kennedy
Brenda George
Debbie
Verna Lyons

Donna
Lisa Leo
?? Anderson
Sheila Hunt



(Editor's note: An issue has been right in front of everyone in Carnegie for years; the people whom it affects, who feel the weight of it, are women. In this issue are several articles bringing attention & focus ...time to wake up & smell the coffee!)

CARNEGIE

My View of Carnegie

Carnegie is a great place for men. It is a boy's club. In theory, it is a community centre for everyone, with no favouritism shown to any race or gender. The hard reality is that racism & sexism are rampant. It is male dominated.

To get into the front door I have to use the side steps because the main central steps are blocked by men standing about. Then I have to navigate my way around men crowded around the information desk if I have a question to ask of the person - also a guy - behind the desk. The library tables are taken up by men. The path to the elevator is another gauntlet of men. And in an environment where lewd suggestions are commonplace, taking the elevator alone with men is not comfortable. That leaves using the stairs, which is a problem for me with my feet if I do it regularly. I get to the other floors & find that they too are male-dominated. Women are discounted as a so-called "minority" who should go elsewhere. Women are considered as sex objects or as curious creatures to be discounted & pushed aside. Carnegie is a boy's club.

In theory, everyone is treated fairly; no racism or sexism is allowed. For example no exclusive group activities are allowed in Carnegie. In reality, this inclusiveness rule is another mask of racism & sexism. It keeps the so-called "minority" groups in what's thought of as "their place." A subtle divide & conquer strategy is evident. The message behind the mask is that supposedly "minority" groups are unvalued & unwelcome in Carnegie. They are told to go do their thing at the women's centre,

aboriginal centre, etc.

Underlying the Carnegie situation is the fact that people feel powerless, oppressed, unvalued, angry & inwardly hungry. The need of men to dominate reflects their own inner sense of powerlessness. Power over, rather than power to. And there is the conflict between the poor people of the downtown eastside & the rich. Here we are going at each other instead of addressing the real problems.

It is mind boggling to see the challenges faced in trying to get a native women's sharing circle set up. Its need is self-evident. A circle is a very sacred and spiritual thing. It is based on trust and common ground. It involves each woman honouring a Higher Being, themselves & each other & as the group as a whole. Native women have slightly different issues and need their space. Although a half breed I look very caucasian. I would not dream of intruding on a native woman's sharing circle as it would be a disrespectful & dishonouring thing to do, all the way around. The theory is that the inclusiveness rule is anti-racist. In reality, this rule promotes racial tension.

The fiddiculties in getting the weight training & Wenlido (women's self-defense) set up are just as mind boggling. Women need their own groups for these things. I am considering checking out the Wenlido. I would never consider going near either group if men were going to be part of it.

It would be very easy to glibly discount what I am saying on the basis that I am "one of those radical man-haters." But I don't hate men; I don't see them as "the enemy." I am simply against the oppression racism & sexism so evident in Carnegie and the downtown eastside. I want to do whatever I can towards diminishing this crap & towards encouraging women to come here.

I am very aware of each of the members of the women's group as being a powerful person. And I am a powerful woman. The women's issues discussion group has the potential to effectively do something. I would not invest time or energy in it otherwise.

Kathrine

Truck's turn kills woman

Staff Reporter

A 44-year-old woman yesterday became the sixth pedestrian killed this year on Vancouver streets.

Yvonne Snow was crushed under the back wheels of a tractor-trailer as it rounded a corner at Main and Hastings at about 6:30 a.m.

Police spokesman Reg Harris said witnesses chased after the driver of the truck, who was

apparently unaware of the accident.

"It is quite possible he didn't know he had run over the woman," Harris said.

He said pedestrians should be warned that the trucks have to swing wide to make turns and may occasionally go up over the curb.

He said no decision had been made concerning charges.

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ANOTHER VICTIM - MAIN/HASTINGS

APRIL 1st, fool's day for many people. On this day of many practical jokes & hidden surprises, even I played a joke on a friend & regretted it after. I heard the panic in my friend's voice after I told her what I was going to do. In the end I asked her what the date was.

Well it was no April Fool's joke when Yvonne Snow was killed outside our community centre at 401 Main.

In the Province newspaper (2/4/93), Reg Harris of the police department said it was possible that the driver didn't know that he had run over this 44 year-old woman. This is not the only corner that is a danger to many of our people in the Downtown Eastside. Just to name a few: Cordova & Main - people don't stop when turning right, even bus drivers..people have told me they have a schedule to keep; Pender & Main - all 4 corners are a danger to pedestrians; Columbia & Alexander - a big problem with even police going through the stop sign.

Things that could be changed to make it safer for those of who walk:

- #1. No more truck turning at Main/Hastings - this is one of the busiest intersections in the city. We need to let the public know this.
- #2. Police need to start monitoring all corners in our neighbourhood.
- they can ticket anyone & everyone who breaks the law.

A driver's license is not a license to kill. My heart goes out to the Snow family.

Who is to blame?



Ian Bateson

A LAKOTA PRAYER

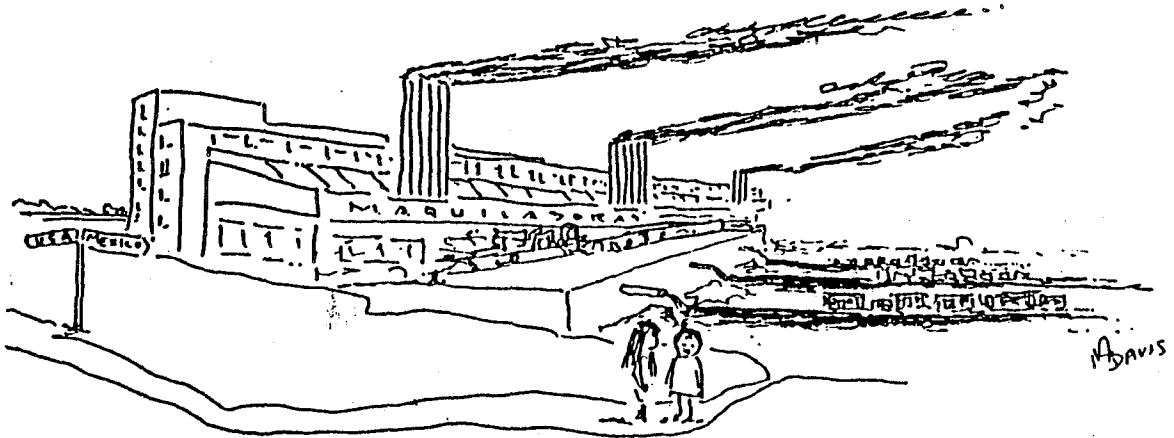
Great Spirit, you are everything,
and yet above everything.

You are first and always have been.

Through you our children will have strong
hearts and they will walk the straight
path in a sacred manner...

Help me to walk the sacred path of life
without difficulty, with my mind & heart
continually fixed on you! Amen

Submitted by someone



We live near the purple sludge. Where's your house ?

WELFARE BUCKS SOAR

Welfare costs in B.C. continue to spiral.

With spending in just about every other ministry kept to a five-per-cent increase or less, welfare payments by the social services ministry are going up more than 18 per cent.

Finance ministry officials put the blame for the whopping hike on the federal government. "There's been a lot more federal off-loading through unemployment insurance policies," said one government expert.

Everything from Ottawa's elimination of payments for those who quit their jobs to administrative delays in processing UI claims combined to put more people on welfare, she said.

And economic problems mean the number of people on welfare continues to grow.

Increases in health spending are estimated at four per cent, and education at 3.4 per cent.

Several ministries will actually be given less to spend this year — especially environment, down 3.1 per cent.

The government is also cutting back its budgets for consultants and advertising.

And it's eliminating several boards and councils, including the Plain Language Institute and B.C. Youth Council.

MLAs' salaries will be frozen, as will those of senior managers and deputies earning more than \$100,000 a year.

But life isn't all tough for MLAs: The subsidy for the legislative dining room has gone up by 67 per cent — from \$105,000 to \$175,000.

It's sad/funny/frustrating/a good reason to shake your head at how our minds - yours & mine - can be influenced by half-truths & outright lies.

The headline above is a prime example. Media, be it TV, radio, newspapers, billboards or pictures/words on hand-outs, is a subject that has been studied and analyzed for years. The way information is both selected & presented can give a good idea of what the powers behind want us to think, not just think about.

Okay. The numbers show that "most" people have short attention spans, take the 5 or 10 or 15 seconds spent on many issues on TV news as the whole story, read the headline or large print parts of stories, & go on. Prejudice against people on welfare is everywhere. "WELFARE BUCKS SOAR" (in capital letters, white-on-black, in a box,..), printed at the same time the NDP is being roasted for the budget & the Young Soeds have radio ads & paid ads in papers about a big meeting on the "State of BC's Society" or some such crud ...saying how much of a rip-off the NDP is committing by "drawing huge numbers of do-nothings from all over Canada to our province" (Word of honour - I heard this on the radio.)

Conrad Black, a multi-millionaire or billionaire, owns about 1/2 of all newspapers in Canada. He's one of the true-blue elite capitalists. When the NDP won in Ontario he took it as a personal slap in the face; he launched a media-crusade to make any NDP program, decision or change to his idea of "the way things are" look & sound like decayed shit served up by malicious idiots who'd stolen the government from its rightful owners. Black, of course, is one of them.

You can almost hear the "yes to this" or "no to that" when a candidate for president or prime minister has one sentence picked

Smallwood speaks out against NAFTA

A public forum was held on the North American Free Trade Agreement. Joan Smallwood (Minister of Social Services) was the moderator for the evening. Since the Canada/US deal has been signed, 500,000 jobs have been permanently lost in Canada. Joan stated that globalization of our economy is "truly affecting the level of poverty in BC"

What we see in the globalization of our economy is the globalization of our poverty. When the Tories start talking about a "jobless economic recovery" we can see right here in Canada a developing third world. We need to start considering the reality of a permanent "underclass" in Canada like they have in the U.S. and Mexico.

Free Trade has not been the answer to Mexico's troubled economy either. Mexico has a low wage industrial area hugging the US border called the maquiladoras. Maude Barlow, of the Council of Canadians, told us that you can walk in the streets through puddles of green, pink & purple sludge. You see 20th century technology with early 19th century political structures - Charles Dickens' world with toxic waste.

Joan Smallwood made most of her comments about the effect free trade is having on Canada's social programs. Joan spoke about the harmonization of our social programs with the U.S. One example she used was the universal baby bonus that the Tories eliminated & replaced with the Child Benefit. The Child Benefit is very similar to a US program called Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

from all they say & that sentence gets 3 seconds on prime-time news. Back to the headline & story: facts about federal cuts & changes to U.I. rules & plant closures (to say nothing of "free" trade) are presented as an NDP minister's opinion. Facts about transnational owners just moving to the US South or Mexico, leaving all their former employees & their families jobless aren't even mentioned. These facts are the direct result of years of abuse of power by Conservatives, Liberals & Socreds. Now any attempt to deal with this mess is and must remain wrong to get the NDP out & the snake oil salesmen back in. I ask ya!

By PAULR TAYLOR

The attacks we see on Canada's social programs have more to do with "harmonizing" Canadian & American social spending than it does with cutting the deficit. Social spending is an investment in the well-being of the economy; the US gov't doesn't make it.

Joan said the province was not involved with the signing of the NAFTA. She spoke about the province's 3-point strategy to work against NAFTA. Most of this is about sharing information:

- * The province will share information with the people of BC to "empower citizens to make choices."
- * The province is encouraging other provinces to undertake the same "empowerment" with the voters in other provinces.
- * The province recognizes that there is a shift of power from democratic decision-making to even more corporate control. So there is an increased importance to support communities internationally against attack & work toward an international standard for social programs.

There was no talk from Smallwood of passing legislation that would directly confront NAFTA. Maude quoted Martin Luther King, saying: "Legislation cannot change the heart, but it can restrain the heartless." Legislative action is something we should all contact our local MLAs about. Confronting NAFTA with legislation would be a very useful strategy for the provincial government to follow.

By PETER GREENWELL

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 Workin potatoes
 peppers
 cucumbers;
 workin
 any damn thing.

Cold
 Nothin
 but cold;
 cold that blows
 your knee up
 like a headache;
 cold that swells
 your bones with
 misery,
 and you ache
 more than clouds.
 Kemp Robinson Camp

Oppal Commission on Policing in B.C.
 is coming to Carnegie

Justice Walter Oppal is bringing the Oppal Commission to the Carnegie Centre on May 13, 2-5 pm and 7-10 pm. also on May 14, 10am-12 noon and 2-5 pm - to hear presentations from Downtown Eastside organization and residents about Policing in the Downtown Eastside.

If you wish to address the commission about any concerns or issues that are relevant to Police work in the community or the province, please contact Donald MacPherson at 665-3301, or Dan Tetrault at 665-3315, to book a time for your presentation. There will also be a time for people who attend to speak without booking a time. Presentations are limited to thirty minutes or less.

This is one chance to let the gov't know how we think the Police could do a better job.

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CASH
 at
CARNEGIE
 6:30 **EVERY Wed.**

I know you know me well
 You know I've known your hell
 I hope someday we have some time
 not this time around
 Wait until we have some common ground
 You will not be found
 I'll captivate you like a hunted man
 I am haunted with your care
 I will love you if I dare
 Elizabeth Thorpe



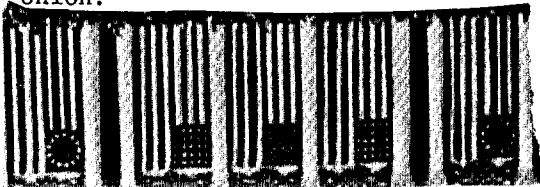
Woke up to the sound of the glue-sniffer in the next room retching. As he continued this practice-run at death, I watched the sky pale to gray. Like a damp quilt, it lay over the city, the most uncomfortable security blanket imaginable.

At every place where the 2 dangerous men & the other guy were going to be, a blanket of security, in the form of armed RCMP & Vancouver City police, was the only visible sign that something was up. Then, as I walked around, I noticed an ominous presence of expensive cameras, still and video. These guys must be pretty dangerous to have such a barrier of bullet-wielding cops between them & us & so many people ready to record their merest transgressions!

Protest against the New World Order (same as the old world order) was small but feisty. Someone pulled flags off their stands at Canada Place & one was set on fire, an American flag.

NBC took a close-up of my face. At the Plaza of Nations, (4/4/93); City police asked for my I.D. & asked what I was taking so many pictures of, "Someone saw you taking pictures yesterday." I told the truth. He said thanks & recited a list of 10-12 year-old charges against me (back when I was really weird) but no outstanding charges. "Have a nice day."

Someone who saw the TV news called yesterday's protest a "communist demonstration". There were some Trotskyists & some Marxist-Leninists, but the 120 or so people were from various groups, including Greenpeace, an anti-NAFTA group, some gay activists, etc. Some, like me, just went to be there, showing visible displeasure with the hype surrounding these 2 dangerous guys, with their secret diplomacy & with the great swing to the right among leaders & political parties everywhere since Gorby self-destructed the Soviet Union.



It reminds me of India after Ghandi - 15. the Indian ruling class learned so well from the British model that they now colonise their own people. The same thing is happening in Russia, the US & in Canada.

Jeez, I'm in a bad mood right now. Someone at yesterday's protest tried to explain to me how to avoid cynicism while still maintaining a progressive stand. Sometimes I can do it & sometimes I can't.

I got the best photos of the flag burning (sans faces) but who the hell wants them?

Am I ever happy I can play volleyball in a relaxed atmosphere at the Carnegie tonight (where one volunteer got to joke with Pres. Clinton that she'd "love to frisk him" as he entered a security area).

Crowds lined the public places where these guys would appear momentarily. Almost as hard to see them as it is to see light in this darkening world.

Daniel Feeney



Protestors burn U.S. flag taken from Canada Place
Russia-US Summit,



**The United Nations Public Information
Center defines human rights in this way:**

What are human rights?



Women...Rape...War...Rights

We are women of the south
Women of the east
Women of the north
Women of the west
We are witness to rape & war & the desecration of human rights.

We are together in Mother Courage.
We are here to bear witness.
We are here to speak out.

We are here to speak out
On rape & the violated sovereignty of our body politic.
We are here to speak out
For the fundamental dignity of each human life.
We are here to speak out
For women's rights are human rights.
We are here to speak out
On our international responsibility
For the safety of women
In their homes
In their communities
In our time.

Human rights can generally be defined as those rights inherent to our nature and without which we cannot live as human beings. Human rights and fundamental freedoms allow us to fully develop and use our human qualities, our intelligence, our talents and conscience, satisfying our spiritual and other needs. They are based on humankind's increasing demand for a life in which the inherent dignity and worth of each human being will receive respect and protection.

The denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms is not only an individual and personal tragedy but also creates conditions of social and political unrest, which sow the seeds of violence within and between societies and nations. As the first sentence of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, respect for human rights and human dignity is "the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world."

We are here to tell the present & the history of the violence against women,
the rape of women specific & particular, which fundamentally violate the
foundations for freedom justice and peace In our world.

We are here demanding
The recognition of women's rights as human rights.
We are here demanding
The recognition of rape as a crime of war.
We are here demanding
That women's bodies no longer be a battlefield.
We are here demanding
A recognition of both a present
And a history of rape and war
We are here demanding that it end.

We are here in Mother Courage
We are here within & embracing & developing a worldwide voice
Witness to War
Witness to Rape
Witness to the continual violations of individual and community and
national sovereignty
We are here to speak
We are here to remember to recognize to reclaim.

We are women of the south
Women of the east
Women of the north
Women of the west
We are women of Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, the United States, Bangladesh,
Granada, Haiti, Nicaragua, Palestine, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and
South Africa

Calling on the international community
And its representation in the U.N.
To recognize the humanity of women.
To recognize rape as a war crime.
To begin
In this terrible recognition
To call for an end.

We are here demanding
That the rape of women and communities and nations
End.

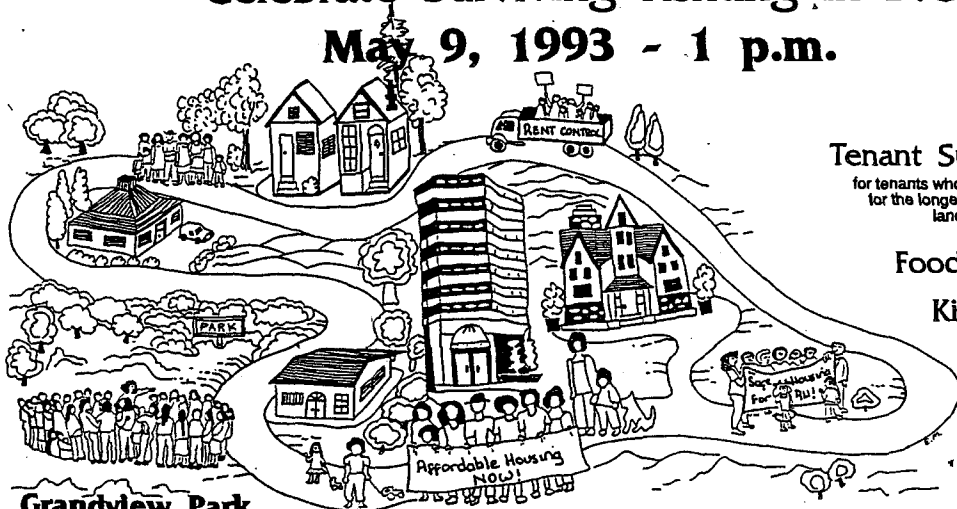
- Lilliana Cortes and Gale Jackson



TENANT SURVIVAL DAY!

Celebrate Surviving Renting in B.C.

May 9, 1993 - 1 p.m.



Tenant Survival Awards

for tenants who have put up with the most for the longest, under Canada's worst landlord-tenant law.

Food Music

Kids' stuff

**Grandview Park
Charles Street & Commercial Drive**

Contact Tenants' Rights Action Coalition: 255-3099



For too many years now, tenants in B.C. have had to put up with too much in rental housing. In BC, your rent may include:

- * Pests: cockroaches, mice rats & other vermin (also called shared accomodation).
- * Lack of Security: you too can try to find an affordable place to live, when your landlord gives you an eviction notice because he/she wants to demolish or sell your home, wants to build a condo, or wants you out to raise the rent.
- * No Repairs: not only do you have a roof over your head, but do you really expect to have heat, working appliances, water and electricity too?
- * Harrassment: your landlord enters your place when you're not home, tells you your friends can't visit & you can't have overnight guests, threatens to kick you out/raise your rent/take your stuff...
- * No Rent Controls: your landlord can hike your rent as much as he/she wants to.
- * The Right to Move: if you don't like any of the above you do have the right to move.

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Native ancestry claimed by 1 million

BOB COX
Canadian Press

OTTAWA — They're a million strong and proud of their native heritage.

Results from the 1991 census released Tuesday show 1,002,675 people claimed aboriginal ancestry in Canada, a 41 per cent jump over the last national population count in 1986.

The native population didn't grow that much, despite a high birth rate and lower death rate.

Instead, more native awareness and pride — especially in Quebec — fueled a huge increase in the number of people who recognize and

admit to having aboriginal roots along with other ethnic origins, Statistics Canada said.

"Clearly significant numbers of people who had not previously reported an aboriginal origin did so in 1991, most likely due to heightened awareness of aboriginal issues arising from the extensive public discussion of these matters in the period leading up to the 1991 census," the federal agency said.

The census was taken less than a year after the tense summer standoff between Mohawks and police at Oka, Que., following a botched raid in which a police officer was killed.

The proportion of Canada's population reporting aboriginal origins rose to 3.7 per cent in 1991 from 2.8 per cent five years earlier.

There were increases in every province and territory with the biggest jump in Quebec — 70 per cent to 137,615 from 80,945.

There were also large increases in most cities.

Aboriginal leaders welcomed the figures. They have long claimed official statistics underestimate the number of natives, especially in urban areas.

"I'm glad that the census figures are finally reflecting reality," said Ron George, head of the Native Council of Canada which represents natives who don't live on reserves.

"It lends credence to what we have been saying all along."

George attributed the increase to "more and more people finding it acceptable to admit who they are" as

well as the absence of a concerted native effort to boycott the census, as occurred in 1986.

Statistics Canada estimates it missed about 38,000 natives on 78 reserves, but said that wasn't enough to make much difference to the national figures.

Of the million people who claimed native ancestry, about 626,000 said they were registered Indians or they identified with a single aboriginal group.

Aboriginal origins

| Total population reporting aboriginal origins | 1986 | 1991 | % change |
|---|---------|-----------|----------|
| Canada | 711,720 | 1,002,675 | 41 % |
| Newfoundland | 9,555 | 13,110 | 37 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1,290 | 1,880 | 46 |
| Nova Scotia | 14,225 | 21,885 | 54 |
| New Brunswick | 9,375 | 12,815 | 37 |
| Quebec | 80,945 | 137,615 | 70 |
| Ontario | 167,375 | 243,550 | 46 |
| Manitoba | 85,235 | 116,200 | 36 |
| Saskatchewan | 77,650 | 96,580 | 24 |
| Alberta | 103,925 | 148,220 | 43 |
| British Columbia | 126,625 | 169,036 | 33 |
| Yukon | 4,995 | 6,390 | 28 |
| Northwest Territories | 30,530 | 35,390 | 16 |

Source: Statistics Canada

The rest were more likely to think of themselves as non-native, despite

having an aboriginal ancestor.

"Most people who have a dual ancestry have a tendency not to identify with their aboriginal ancestry," said Adele Furrie, a Statistics Canada official.

Have a nice day!



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL NETWORK ON DISABILITY

This is a network that I have recently gotten involved with. There was a meeting in Calgary which I attended on behalf of the Vancouver Native Health Society. At this meeting I was able to use my knowledge about finances & other matters. I'm happy to report that I was elected to the Executive Board & am now the Secretary for this organization.

Let me fill you in on N.A.N.D. This organization focuses specifically on Native persons with disabilities. We're going to try & help our Native persons get off the streets & away from drinking & using drugs. We need to get our people back into the workforce, -by using our skills as well as



focusing on our culture.

Keep in mind this is only part of the solution of many problems. We have a long way to go in order for us to be recognized back into our communities & society in general. To be accepted back into society has been & is going to be a long process. The public needs to be aware of the damages that were put upon our people when they were introduced to alcohol in the early 1800's.

Recently I have been reading many books available to me at the Carnegie Centre. If they don't have what I need they send

information off to the main library to get the books I need. Since reading this material, I've got the notion that a story originates from one person. You, me or an elder has heard the story from his father (or grandfather), & so our legend continues.

Many of us have been led to believe that our culture has become the past. Hey, that's not so. We can keep it alive by talking about it. Before the sewing machine what did your mother do to provide you with clothes? Better yet, how did your father get food to provide for the family? What did they offer to Mother Earth when they had to cut a tree to build a canoe. This is where the real stories are.

We need to stop hurting mother earth. Many things can happen. Are we really prepared for disaster? Look at the many earthquakes that have happened in the US, plus the many erupting volcanoes in the Philippines & Hawaii - the list goes on.

Mother Earth needs to be healed by the many who have harmed her. If we don't start now, we're not going to have the luxury of vegetables, fruit & other food she provides, because of the many environmental wrongdoings by the big companies of this country & others.

A friend of mine, Ida John, is going to be doing a run for mother earth in August. She & 14 other women are going to run from Prince George to Capilano, stopping at every Indian reservation to recognize the aboriginal community, otherwise forgotten, & give an offering of a smudge & exchange an eagle feather.

We can blame countless people for the separation of the Native persons' difficulties. But only we can make a difference by choosing to help one another around the problems we each encounter, such as conquering this disease called alcoholism, one of the many diseases given to us by the white man in the early 1800's.

My father used to call this alcohol.. medicine, because it used to help in getting over a hangover. I'm still trying to understand why my family has been affected by this disease. From my understanding

my grandparents never drank & neither did their parents before them. It's time for this bad cycle to end, throughout all of our Native population. It took one to get this goofy feeling, then many followed. So the story begins, with you. Thanks!!

By MARGARET PREVOST

DOCTORS ARE BIGOTS

WHY DON'T DOCTORS THINK before they speak? God doesn't hate fat people but doctors do. They lord it over them in the consulting room. "It's your weight."

That's their crude, bigoted opinion and it colours their judgement; a careless mistaken analysis which can cause havoc to more than just one person. Up to twenty or more people connected to that one fat, well-loved person can be affected by an untrue analysis, unwisely or stupidly given. "Oh, she's going to die," he said, "from kidney infection, unless she checks into hospital."

His mouth flapped in the breeze because he thinks fat people are stupid. Husband is frantic, the child goes into hysterics, one almost suffers a heart attack as the mother checks into hospital scared out of her wits. The mother's boss loses some customers & the mother loses her job. The husband misses a critical day at his workplace. There has to be a shuffling of schedules because he works on a television show & there is a deadline.

The tests for kidney infection come in negative. It was just the flu & didn't even resemble a kidney infection.

Yes indeed: doctors have to stop being considered gods. God is not bigoted & God does not consider his time more important than his patients.

By DORA SANDERS

(The following editorial appears in End Legislated Poverty's Action Line - ed.)

Smallwood Attacked Unfairly

While ELP would be the last group to say that Joan Smallwood or the NDP gov't is perfect, the recent attacks on Social Services Minister Joan Smallwood are unfair. Smallwood announced that the number of people on welfare is increasing dramatically. This is because free trade is sending jobs south, because the feds have cut back UI, because technology is replacing jobs, because of their interest-rate policy that causes massive unemployment.

And, after the feds introduce so many policies that throw people onto welfare, they have the gall to cut back on the amount of money that they pay to provinces for welfare.

How is the media responding to this? Many of them are blaming Smallwood, saying that getting welfare is too easy. In fact, getting welfare is never easy. Surviving on welfare, at half the poverty line, is never easy either.

As anti-poverty activists, we have been asking Smallwood to make many of the changes she has made: increasing the asset level, increasing earnings exemptions, expanding the Community Volunteer Program, making training & university available for more people, stopping forced employment for single parents, funding groups to do advocacy & work for change. We have asked for a lot more too - increasing welfare to the poverty line & minimum wage to \$9.05/hr, more energy in fighting against the free trade deals. But when Smallwood is criticized for doing what we have asked her to do, we must defend her. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't keep working for welfare at the poverty line. We definitely should. But we must also defend the smaller gains we've made through Smallwood's actions.

If your local paper is attacking Smallwood, write to the editor & defend the small gains we have made. Blame the feds for the increase in welfare caseloads. They are responsible.

CARNEGIE

WHY ARE SEPARATE SPACES IMPORTANT?

The board's decision also alludes to looking at how power relations are played out in society. As a woman & as a lesbian, I understand the need to have separate spaces. I live in a society that privileges patriarchy, racism & heterosexism. Everyday I am confronted with a culture that denies, erases & exploits my identity. I need space to heal, to celebrate my identity. I find these spaces mostly in women only & lesbian only groups. It is in these separated groups that I am able to open up, expose my fears & share my collective experiences with other women & other lesbians. I don't have to worry about someone hating me for what I say about these experiences; afraid that if I say the "wrong thing" & hurt someone's feelings about how their

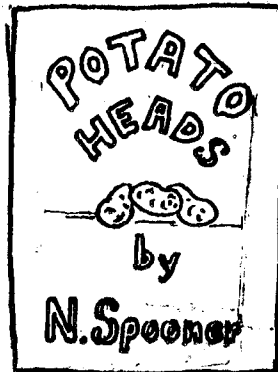
actions oppress me, that I'll be hit, or yelled at, or silenced.

So the board's policy effectively eliminates this opportunity for me at the Carnegie Centre. And I have to go elsewhere, to find this space. Or I don't get this space, because others do not want me to have it. And so do many others.

What we are asking for is for you to acknowledge that there are times when we need to "get away" from outsiders' voices, so that we can be clear about our decisions for our lives. Functioning as a board of directors, the equivalent for you could be "in-camera" sessions, when you exclude members of the Carnegie community to make decisions 'about your business'.

We, as members of the Carnegie community centre, are asking for the same. We want some space where we can gather as specifically interested groups...where we can have some breathing space from the institutions & people who are always letting us know what they would like us to do.

Betty



YOU CAN WATCH
ME ON
PRIME TIME!

A soldier's game

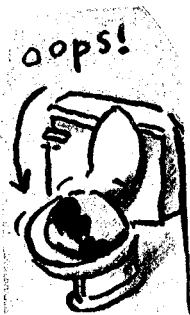
I was trained to fight and war
It is no game to me
To end the thing you have to sing
Hurrah for Victory.

The problem of a soldier
is letting go of skills
that make it hard
to clear conscience
and master with a will.

The games can be a-fearful
one's always choosing sides
and stuck on left
you can't move right
'til someone else decides.

My thought is overlooking
laziness and a queer
your strangeness ain't too hard
for me to make you disappear.

Ron Carten



Time, momentary;
Occupies no space.
Events happenstance
Are all a construct
An uncontrolled universe
A carousel in
God's Amusement Park
Tickets a dime a dozen
Given hereditarily
unasked..perhaps unwanted
We are all lost
Wandering in the cosmos
A voyage round & round
With retrograde motion.

T. Lewis

Three Students Speak Out
SAFETY IN THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

CHARLENE J. DAY:

I am writing to tell you how I feel about
the Downtown Eastside area where I live.

The crime here is very high. There are a
lot of break-ins & robberies. I've experi-
enced this myself. My home was broken into
& damaged badly. Luckily things were put
back together & nothing was stolen. Next
time, I might not get so lucky!

Everyday when I walk down Hastings St.,
there are prostitutes that my 19-month-old
son has to see selling themselves.

If not that, people ask me if I want to
buy drugs.

When I go home at night from school,
there are drunk people who try to talk to
me or ask me for change. There isn't much
lighting & I feel nervous that someone
might follow me home.

A lot of bars are crammed together. Peo-
ple get drunk, hang around & get into
fights or fall all over others. These kinds
of people make a mess of our city or make
it unsafe.

The suggestions I would like to make in-
clude more lighting on the streets to pre-
vent so many break-ins or accidents; more
police on patrol on the streets so people
would feel safer & ensure people who need
help will get that help, such as detox or
a home.

I also notice a lot of condos are being
built around here. They're really expens-
ive & a lot of people here will never live
in them. Soon there won't be any low rises
for people with low incomes.

I hope you think about my letter and
understand how I feel.

LEE MARTIN:

The underlying degeneration or urban de-
cay of this area is an indirect & direct
result of drug & alcohol abuse & the eff-
ects thereof. What can the City do?

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Here are some suggestions: Open up gov't detoxification centres. Present gov't detoxes in the area is 0. Some people have died because they were turned away from the present full-up detoxes (50 beds).

Since Riverview is being phased out (3000 beds are down to 800) there is an influx into the area of people with mental illnesses. The present halfway houses such as Triage, Lookout & Victory House are an inadequate resource.

A practice that was effective in Toronto to curb drug dealing was the use of uniformed police patrols walking the beat on every block. I'd like to see a cop in Pigeon Park at all times.

A lot of the anti-social activity around here is funded by prostitution. Let's incorporate a "shame the Johns" program, like the one that was successful in cleaning up Davie Street.

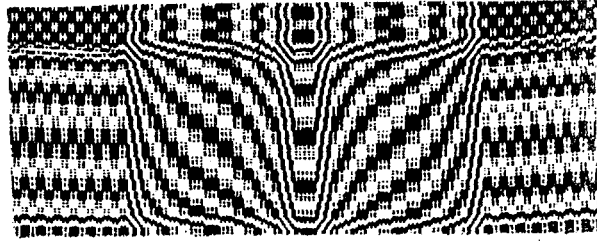
A gentrification of the area is taking place as the upper income classes move into the Downtown Eastside. All these changes are inevitable so let's get busy City Hall!

MATT THOMPSON:

The safety of the downtown eastside has grown steadily worse & will continue to do so unless we take steps now to ensure a brighter future. Anyone who has spent any time at all in the area sees the degree to which crime & vice have run rampant. This area obviously requires a development plan of some kind to create a safer environment.

To improve some of these problems I suggest the following: The City must ensure adequate, safe housing is available for the elderly & released mental patients; increase police patrols in the area, with more bicycle police to ensure the safety of everyone.

It should also be said here that the police, acting alone, will have a very difficult time in dealing with the escalating crime situation. In order to ensure success every citizen must get involved, together with the police. If we work together we stand a much greater chance of establishing a safe & healthy community.



Renovation & gentrification also play a primary role with respect to health & safety in a future Downtown Eastside.

Development & growth in the future depend greatly on a renewed interest & serious investment in this area. Without an investment plan, this neighbourhood, like many others, is doomed to stagnation.

There are good examples in this area that lead us to believe there is hope for the future. Four Sisters & Columbia House are two fine examples & must be kept in mind.

TERRY MONROE:

In the Downtown Eastside, the elderly live at subsistence level. With eastside streets teeming with dope dealers & hookers, punk teenagers learning about substance abuse & evicted mental patients, our seniors have no truly safe place here. Downtown Eastside streets bustle during the day but at night are taken over by criminals & idlers waiting for an easy opportunity or augmented thrill. All too often a senior citizen is a victim.

Improvements to the overall environment of the Downtown Eastside are needed. It's time for City Hall to act firmly & reclaim this area from the element that rules the night. Much better lighting on all commercial streets is paramount. A more visible police presence & increased patrolling of alleys is needed. Community members could volunteer as escorts for those most likely to become targets. For years Vancouverites have chosen to ignore the problem in the Downtown Eastside; now, when the criminals are getting braver & the population of innocent & honest people grows, is the time to act. Let's not wait for the tide of violence to become epidemic. We should reclaim the most historic part of Vancouver.

(Carnegie Learning Centre - Social Studies II class; Constance Brissenden, Instructor)



Cash & Carry

It's too bad the politicians of the best country in the world will not listen to the common folk. As far as I and see every damn one of them wants to live the life of the rich & famous.

They are always looking for more & better ways to defeat the deficit when the answer is right on the tip of their nose.

If every blessed one of them would take \$500 a month & throw it in the kitty then they'd say to us "Look what we've done for you!"

James Roadknight

P.S. If B.S. was put to music they could have 10 brass bands on parade.

IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 1,000 PEOPLE

If the world were a village of 1,000 people, it would include:

- 584 Asians
- 124 Africans
- 95 East and West Europeans
- 84 Latin Americans
- 55 Soviets (including for the moment Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, and other national groups)
- 52 North Americans
- 6 Australians & New Zealanders

The people of the village have considerable difficulty in communicating:

- 165 people speak Mandarin
- 86 English
- 83 Hindu/Urdu
- 64 Spanish
- 58 Russian
- 37 Arabic

That list accounts for the mother tongues of only half the villagers. The other half speak (in descending order of frequency) Bengali, Portugese, Indonesian, Japanese, German, French & 200 other languages.

- In this village of 1,000 there are:
- 329 Christians (among them 187 Catholics, 84 Protestants, 31 Orthodox)
 - 178 Moslems
 - 167 "Nonreligious"
 - 132 Hindus
 - 60 Buddhists
 - 45 Atheists
 - 3 Jews
 - 86 all other religions

One third (330) of the 1,000 people in the world village are children & only 60 are over the age of 65. Half the children are immunized against preventable infectious diseases such as measles & polio.

Just under half of the married women in the village have access to & use modern contraceptives.

The first year 28 babies are born. That year 10 people die, 3 of them for lack of food, 1 from cancer; 2 of the deaths are of babies born within the year. One person of the 1,000 in the village is infected with the HIV virus; that person most likely has not yet developed a full-blown case of AIDS.

With the 28 births & 10 deaths, village population in the 2nd year is 1,018.

In this thousand-person community, 200 people receive 75% of the income; another 200 receive only 2% of the income.

Only 70 people of the 1,000 own an automobile (although some of the 70 own more than one automobile).

About one-third have access to clean, safe drinking water.

Of the 670 adults in the village, half are illiterate.

The village has 6 acres of land per person, 6,000 acres in all, of which:

700 acres are cropland
1,400 acres pasture
1,900 acres woodland
2,000 acres desert, tundra, pavement and other wasteland

The woodland is declining rapidly; the wasteland increasing. The other land categories are roughly stable.

The village allocates 83% of its fertilizer to 40% of its cropland - that owned by the richest & best-fed 270 people. Excess fertilizer running off this land causes pollution in lakes & wells. The remaining 60% of the land, with 17% of the fertilizer, produces 28% of the foodgrains & feeds 73% of the people. The average

grain yield on that land is one third the harvest achieved by the richer villagers.

In the village of 1,000 people there are:

5 soldiers
7 teachers
1 doctor
3 refugees driven from their homes by war or drought

The village has a total budget each year, public & private, of over \$3 million - \$3,000 per person if it is distributed evenly (which, we have already seen, it isn't).

Of the total \$3 million:

\$181,000 goes to weapons & warfare
\$159,000 for education
\$132,000 for health care

The village has buried beneath it enough explosive power in nuclear weapons to blow itself to smithereens many times over. These weapons are under the control of just 100 of the people. The other 900 people are watching them with great anxiety, wondering if they can learn to get along together; & if they do, whether they might set off the weapons accidentally through inattention or technical bungling; & if they ever decide to dismantle the weapons, where in the world village they would dispose of the dangerous radioactive materials of which the weapons are made.

By DONELLA H. MEADOWS
(Value Earth)

THE BATTLEAXES Garry Gust

Mothers Day, Fathers Day,
International Womens Day!
There should be
A Bachelors Day.

There is.
It's celebrated
on April First.

..Hey, wait a
minute, that's
April Fools Day.

There
you
go.

CARTOON CANADA:

Turning the old Earth's weathered head,
I am alone on this beach with you.

You try to fill in government forms
while the little boxes keep changing.

As the child in the eagle's nest
touches your heart with invisible fingers
you try to get funded & obey the
polite sit-com laws of social existence.

Gathering stones together to assist
your elected politicians in their
attempts to create Canadian cartoons
out of this endless mystery.

The Board of Education constructs your
mask of mental progress

Throwing your life away like your mom &
dad you joke about it afterwards
& absent-mindedly examine a
cartoon brain that was yours once.

Before mom & dad made you into
Canadian cartoons there was the
old woman who raised this garden
& the old man who conceived it.

Together they painted a perfect line
- the spiral from a single hand no
human artist could improve upon.
They dropped these crystal worlds
into this cradle of solid rock.

Before mom & dad made you be
Canadian cartoons there was a
mystery. Your government achieves
progress by destroying it.

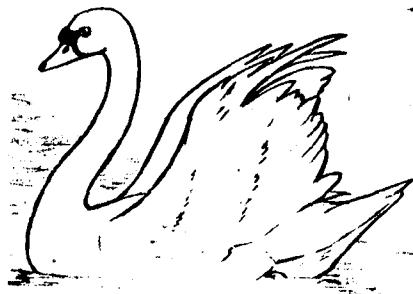
You laugh at them & put an end
to this stupidity.

TORA

TWENTY PLACES AT ONCE

If I could be all there
These days I realize in
The middle of an action
I want to think about it.
a pause
And jump over all the things
That ever were before
reflect
one is never young forever

wjt



Dear Nicky,

You don't mind if I call you Nicky one
last time, do you? No, I know you won't
mind. After all, we were so close for such
a long time. I thought I was finished with
you Nicky, but I need to tell you how I've
felt about you over the past few years: even
though I haven't been with you for awhile.
I've got some unfinished business with you

I can't believe that I'm sitting here
crying as I write this letter. I'd thought
I'd be over you by now. I'm not. Sometimes,
I still want you. I know when you're in the
same room with me; I can smell you close
by. There are times, thank God not often
anymore, when I remember our good times to-
gether. When I see you with someone else..
I remember.

I was so young when I met you - only twelve
years old. We were good friends then. I
could be with you whenever I wanted but I
didn't have to be with you. You helped me
feel grown up. We weren't together very of-
ten back then, but I always knew you'd be
there for me when I needed you.

I tried to live without you for a few
years. Yes, we met again when I worked for
my aunt at the insurance company, remember?
She reintroduced you to me. We didn't tell
her we'd met before.

A WARNING OF WORDS Garry Gust

You can see it uptown and down here in the DEside, neatly printed on skyscraper walls and post boxes: "GO HOME".

It makes you laugh inside trying to figure out what the phrase implies (should I turn around & go back to my apartment!)

It brings to memory the "Jesus saves" graffiti of a few years ago, or the fifties when "Yankee Go Home" was a popular slogan in the old countries.

But it seems likely, especially after watching the "Hongcouver" segment of the CBS Sixty Minutes show last month, that some fruitcake(s) is aiming his venom at the people of Hong Kong who are choosing Vancouver as a place to escape the communist take over of their homeland in 1997.

If this is the case, the only comforting thing I could say to the author(s) of the Go Home campaign is - now you know how the Indians felt.

I've been fortunate enough to have made friends with individuals from Hong Kong, and I still marvel at their sense of hospitality, their pragmatic work ethic, and their depth of understanding the worldwide human condition.

Between now and 1997 there will be great waves of these people searching for a new home in the Americas and Great Britain. Most of those who come to BC will be in traditional family units and will have the financial means to be self-sustaining.

For certain, there will be a cultural shock, for them and us, but I feel in my bones that our American societies need a fresh influence to put us back on the track that leads to the human quality of achieving the ultimate utopia.

WELL, FLOYD, I'M
RUNNING UNOPPOSED
FOR MAYOR
AGAIN...



YOU KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS,
DON'T YOU?



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IT MEANS NOBODY
THINKS THEY CAN
BEAT ME.



EITHER THAT, OR
NOBODY WANTS
THE JOB



10-5

Editor (Vancouver Sun),

It was great to see Robert Sarti's article on Eleanor Kelly, the Librarian at the Carnegie Branch, Main & Hastings. She is an incredible person; she doesn't pass judgement or turn her nose up, making our library one of the best-used in the city. Almost all other librarians, faced with a high incidence of unreturned material, would grumble, complain, demand fines or just write the loss off to the "bums." Not Eleanor. She simply takes it in stride, looks beneath the surface, gets an understanding of 'why' & goes out to talk to people. So simple & so effective.

I hope someone will put the article & maybe this letter in front of the Vancouver Public Library brass & the union representing their staff. If Eleanor's name comes up for some kind of mandatory transfer there's gonna be a war!

PaulR Taylor, Editor,
Carnegie Newsletter.

DARKNESS

Turn off all the lights, blow out all the candles
Where is the centre of darkness, come out!
You are evil and peace when in solitude
Darkness is where we sleep, where we're buried
There's an ominous relaxing sensation; we usually make love here
Stretch thoughts of philosophical destiny and eternity riddle
Darkness
Conception - the miracle exists in realistic Darkness
Microscopes and telescopes magnify Darkness
Humanity infatuated with the unknown
Leaving the greatest minds in Darkness
In the darkest forests or the deepest darkest waters
We stare, straining to see, always searching
To hunt for the source, secure, understand, co-ordinate
Mystery, illusion, magic, suspense, depth,
Soar in multi-geometric shapes and patterns invisibly
We grow from youth to fear Darkness
That its gentleness is terror, depression, gloom dread
Blood, evil, murder, intense horror, trembling
Satan whiteman's witchcraft, the macabre, goat's head
Cockroach infested conceptions, misconceptions, poor Darkness
It is taught that ghosts and zombies enjoy Darkness
That the insane are drowning pitifully in Darkness
Yet there is no energy that stimulates all corners of emotion
Imagination, sensitivity, alertness and awareness
Than pitch black Darkness - sweet like black licorice
These days Darkness is my chum, my comrade in arms
Helps me grow, learn to accept the best and the worst
Anarchy, music, poetry, my existence in Darkness
I feel it rub against me, as a breeze or a blanket
Hiding and being myself in Darkness
I'm enlightened

Steve Rose

Sexual Harassment is a term that you often hear these days. Here at Carnegie with so many people coming into the building, we sometimes deal with allegations of sexual harassment.

To help us better understand this issue Susan O'Donnell, from the BC Human Rights Coalition, will be giving a workshop for any interested patrons, volunteers or staff

The Sexual Harassment workshop will take place on May 6th from 2-4 pm in the second floor lounge. Please note that, to make the workshop more effective, we'll be limiting registration to a maximum of 25 people. If we need to we'll put on another workshop to accommodate anyone who cannot attend this one.



Below is a survey that appears in a publication called MADRE.
The call is to have governments guarantee the rights of women.

Please rate your agreement with the following statements (circle one):
'1' Strongly Agree. '2' Agree. '3' Don't know/Not sure. '4' Disagree.
'5' Strongly Disagree.

- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to comprehensive health care coverage including pregnancy and abortion services.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to effective protection against sexual harassment in the workplace, schools and street.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to federal funding for research on women and to equal protection in programs that test new therapies and drugs.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to equality in the workplace including hiring, promotion, wage and benefit decisions.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women, and men who are fulltime caretakers of children, are entitled to earn social insurance benefits for the unpaid work they do in raising children and maintaining households.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to have all proposed legislation reviewed to assure that it will not operate in a gender-biased way.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to have schools that stress equality between men and women, including the message that physical violence in the family is unacceptable.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to non-sexist educational job-training and development programs.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to affordable daycare programs in their workplace and communities.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to equal representation at all levels of government.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to sex education programs which validate the diversity of women's sexuality and teach respect for women's sexual integrity and health.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Lesbian and gay partners should be entitled to all spouse & family benefits and to adopt children.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to an equal voice in environmental policy decisions.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to an equal voice in foreign policy decisions.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to federal protection against attacks of facilities that provide abortions.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are entitled to a federal campaign against gender-biased violence, comparable to the campaign against smoking.

DOWNTOWN STD Clinic - Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm.
 EASTSIDE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC - Mon, Wed, Friday: 5:30-7:30pm.
 YOUTH NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; every day 9am - 5pm.
 ACTIVITIES Needle Exchange Van - on the street Mon-Sat evenings.
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Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets daily at 59 Powell, 10-2:30.

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NEED HELP ?

The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association
 can help you with:



- * any welfare problem
- * information on legal rights
- * disputes with landlords
- * unsafe living conditions
- * income tax
- * UIC problems
- * finding housing
- * opening a bank account

Come into the DERA office at 9 East Hastings St
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DERA's General Membership meeting is on the last Friday
of every month in Carnegie Theatre, starting at 10:30am.

DERA HAS BEEN SERVING THE
 DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE FOR 19 YEARS

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

WOMEN'S GROUP at CARNEGIE

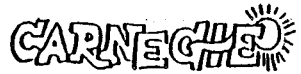
- Every Wednesday, 11-12, 3rd fl, Rm #2
Women only; All women welcome.

SELF-DEFENSE for WOMEN

- Every Wednesday, 1-3, in the gym.
With Filis. Free. Open to all women
of all ages & levels of fitness.

WOMEN'S WEIGHT TRAINING

- Saturday mornings, 10-12, in the
weight room on the lane level.



Some More Myths about Carnegie, Women & Women's Projects in the Downtown Eastside

- 1) The Carnegie does not have to make women part of its mandate because effective organizations for women in the Downtown Eastside already exist.

To me, this argument provides a virtual map of discrimination against women. The men's meeting place occupies a regal position on the corner of Hastings & Main, at the central crosswalk of the Downtown Eastside; the women's space is "down the street & around the corner." The male community hall is in a safe place on a well-lit and busy street; the women's space can be found on a dark & lonely, not to mention dangerous, street. The boy's club is big & has a big budget; the girl's club is overcrowded, underfunded & resource-limited. The Women's Centre can be compared with the Carnegie in terms of what it does not have: no cafeteria, no library, no games room, no weight room, no seniors lounge, no pottery room, no darkroom, no gym, no theatre, no room, no money.

- 2) Any event that we want to offer for women only can be made accessible to men with little or no negative effect.

To me, it seems obvious that some programs should be run for non-inclusive groups. The issues surrounding women's self-defense, for instance, are quite simply different from those which are a part of men's self-defense. Women are attacked for different reasons than men; the situations in which women are attacked are different from the situations in which men face violence; women & men have been differently conditioned with regard to the use of their bodies. Most importantly: women are socialized to respond differently to violence than men. We have to unlearn internalized concepts about ourselves, our bodies, our roles, our relations to others, our social position, acceptable behaviour, etc. This process requires a certain amount of visible vulnerability which would be impossible in a mixed group.

Quite simply, without the assurance of a safe, women-only space, many women will never come to the Carnegie. This is the one, overwhelmingly negative, consequence of the blanket enforcement of an all-inclusive rule.

- 3) Women's projects in the Downtown Eastside always fail.

I am told that women's groups & women's projects attempted at the Carnegie in the past have never quite gotten off the ground, & have eventually had to be abandoned. I have spoken with several women who have had this same disappointing experience. Because of this, somehow, a sense of futility has come to surround women's projects in the Downtown Eastside, & new efforts seem to be greeted with cynicism. Sometimes I feel as if the Carnegie Board is waiting until we too figure out the naivete of our vision.

But embedded in this critical attitude is the failure to understand the problems which are part of any endeavour to set up a women's project at the Carnegie. If women's projects at the Carnegie are sometimes short-lived, it is, at least in part, because of the myths & misinformation just presented. Since there are so few women at Carnegie, then any group or project offered for women only risks being poorly atten-

ded; but if this low rate of participation is taken as a sign of lack of interest, & if the group or project is consequently cancelled, then the Carnegie gives up on the one course of action that could move us towards increasing women's participation. Women are caught in a Cath-22 situation: we cannot justify programs if we haven't the requisite number of attenders, but we cannot drag in the crowds unless we offer interesting programs for women. By refusing to address this problem in the context of the need for a women-only space, the Carnegie people give out the message that they have given up on women.

Sometimes one or a few women will decide to untangle this conundrum single-handedly by organizing & advertising a course which might appeal to the women of this community. In our case, we came up with the idea of offering Wenlido. It then falls on us to outreach to all the women's centres, organizations & hang-outs of the Downtown Eastside in order to convince them that our project is not just another lemon, as well as to reassure them that we can offer them a safe space at the Carnegie. It is not an easy task; we have to meet precisely those women who avoid us & this place as much as possible. It seems to me that it is at this point that most projects collapse; it is simply too much for one person or one small group to lay out all the groundwork for an entire community.

4) Humanism

When faced with requests, such as ours, for a separate space, many people protest that they espouse neither a woman-centred nor a male-centred point of view; they prefer to call themselves liberals or humanists. We too are humanists; we aspire towards a more egalitarian & humane society. But our experience tells us quite emphatically that an egalitarian & humane society is not yet here; those who insist on an all-inclusive rule are pretending that their ideal society is already a reality; they are acting as if the world were a fair & good place; in this case, they are ignoring the racism & sexism which are acted out every day at Carnegie.

With all the best intentions, these liberal, humanistic, idealistic people end up re-enforcing inequality and - yes! - discrimination.

WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?

5) A separate space isn't a separatist space.

While requesting a separate space, we do not deny the reality of men's experience. Men as well as women suffer in our current social conditions; patriarchy is faceless and genderless.

We do not ignore the role of men in any transformative vision: if our society is to be improved, everyone will have to help.

We only ask that we respect & appreciate each other enough to allow everyone & every group a room of their own.

6) First Nations' Women & Women of Colour

It is possible to be at once a feminist & a humanist; to want a separate space without being a separatist. First Nations Women & Women of Colour tread the fine line of this paradox every day by seeking solidarity, as feminists, with White Women while still maintaining ties with First Nations men & men of colour in their struggle against white domination.

"The resurgence of anti-feminist backlash exposes the extent to which antifeminism is pushed as an appropriate response to a feminist movement that is perceived as anti-male." (bell hooks)

7) The Backlash that we expect (& that is happening out there already).

While insisting on our rights to our own space, we understand that the presence of a non-inclusive group can exacerbate existing tensions, making a situation more polarized, rather than improving relations between groups. It seems valid to anticipate that the presence of a non-inclusive women's group at Carnegie will anger a lot of men, & perhaps some women, & could ultimately lead to a backlash against our group.

Sarah

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