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NEWSLETTER



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## THE FIRST S.T.E.W. REVUE

STEW is another child in the growing family of people working to reduce & end poverty.

Sheila Baxter, who has just released her 3rd book, A CHILD IS NOT A TOY (published by New Star), has long experience with being economically poor. End Legislated Poverty, a coalition of about 30 Lower Mainland organisations, holds workshop-style meetings to educate people on the causes of poverty - showing people that it is not the fault of the poor.

Sheila arranged with Jean Swanson & Pam Fleming to have 4 weekly meetings here on The Corporate Agenda. Lo & behold, people kept coming, sharing experiences & seeing their collective energy grow.

"We have to DO something!"

What you want to do & what you can do are usually not quite the same thing. No sweat. The idea came up to have a "cultural" event. "Okay, but who are we?" We're people who are sick of being lied to and treated like 2nd-class and want economic wealth to benefit the majority of people, to be shared fairly."

"Share The Economic Wealth - S.T.E.W.!"

On Saturday night, April 17th, the 1st (fabled) STEW Revue happened in the theatre. Names of people who did all the organising, writing, making costumes, building props, acting, singing, reading their poetry, addressing issues, even blowing up balloons & cleaning up afterwards - I'm bound to miss or misspell most of them so figure over 20 individuals.

It appeared to be UNprofessional but no

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MAIN ST 300

scorecards were passed out; it was creative, funny, deep, a display of talent & vitality, and the message was clear. The elite capitalism that causes & perpetuates unfairness & injustice is being dragged out from behind its slick masks. The very act of waking up to the illusions & crap that we've been fed for centuries is like a breath of fresh air.

Stay tuned for the next STEW Revue!

P.S. People involved in blockades to stop logging of old-growth forests on the Island told us of an old tactic being used by the billion-dollar transnationals - it is lawsuits against students, street people, anyone saying clear-cutting is wrong. These corporate pirates hope to stifle any future protest with fear. Bill Louis, a long time activist, said the same thing had been done to the American Indian Movement in the States. They try to get you to put all your energy into finding money to pay lawyers. His advice: defy it. Don't get trapped in their system playing by their rules for their reasons. Empower the people!



### WITHOUT RENT CONTROLS A TENANCY ISN'T A HOME!

B.C. has been without rent controls for ten years now & tenants have been paying the price of private market re-development and speculation.

The latest publicized casualties in this onslaught against our homes are the tenants of Caroline Court in Vancouver. For 3 years the owners have milked this building for all it's worth. With the current 20-46% increases, rents will have risen over 100% in this period.

This could be YOU!

Rent controls are a necessity for BC's one million tenants. Without rent controls we have no protection from rent gouging &

The times, they are a-changin'...

Remember the census that happened in 1991? Seems that the numbers are used by various "Planning Groups" to help something. Sue, from a group called Watari, pulled out the numbers below taken as "Demographic characteristics/Highlights of the Downtown Eastside & Strathcona communities -

- \* Population: Has grown in the area from 14,797 to 16,605.
- \* Youth: The population has 1,005 males under the age of 19 and 875 females under 19...Almost 2,000 youth or children live in the community; this is 11.3% of the total population.
- \* Seniors: The population of males over 65 is 1,930; females - 1,780. Total population over 65 is 3,710. This is 22% of our total population.
- \* Youth & families: There are 2,040 never married sons & daughters living at home under the age of 25. There are 9,775 private households in the area. 7,305 of them are single households but 2,470 are considered families/census families. 25% of all households are considered family households.

retaliatory rent hikes - and BC loses affordable housing.

In Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Victoria and Vancouver rents have risen over 30% in the last 3 years, far outstripping inflation and our incomes.

Tenants elected the NDP on their promise to control excessive rent increases. It's time to let the Provincial Government know that they must deliver on this policy.

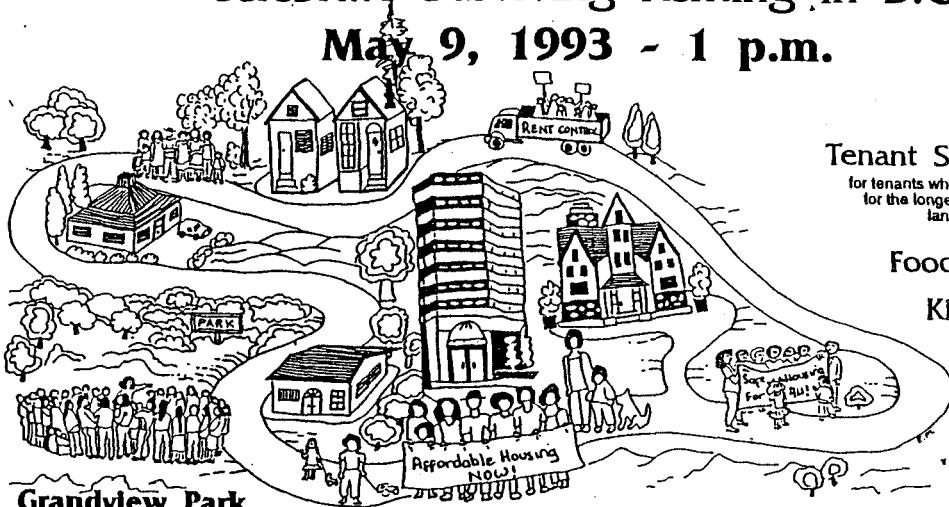
Show your support for rent controls by writing your local MLA and:

Hon. Moe Sihota,  
Minister of Labour & Consumer Services  
Room 109, Legislative Buildings  
VICTORIA, B.C. V8V 1X4

# 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.



## Tenant Survival Awards

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Editor,

As so many people jump on the Kim Campbell bandwagon I've stopped & thought about what exactly is her record. She served as Minister of Justice for almost 3 years. Was her tenure so wonderful that she can now be Canada's saviour for the last years of the 20th century? What exactly did she accomplish? Here's 10 points she failed in:

She did not ban the possession of child pornography. She did not lower the age-18 cut-off for the Young Offender's Act. She did not change the definition of "extortion" in the Criminal Code of Canada to reflect an extortion in the Asian cultural context to better fight Asian gang problems. She did not ban adults from being able to advertize for the sexual "services" of teenagers. She did not hold referenda on the difficult issues of abortion & capital punishment. She did not invoke the notwithstanding clause of the Charter of Rights to exempt Canada from the December 1992 ruling of the BC Court of Appeal that struck down a BC law preventing convicted sex offenders from loitering near school-

yards, playgrounds & public parks. She did not bring in effective gay rights legislation. She did not introduce regulations with teeth to the federal Health of Animals Act to ban the cruel treatment of animals. She did not introduce an anti-stalking law to help protect women & children. She did not bring in a national law to ban the sale of body parts to help curb the international trade in organs.

What did she accomplish? She supported stacking the Senate. Twice. She supported increasing the national debt to over \$450 billion. She supported the Meech Lake and Charlottetown Accords. She supported the GST. She supported so many things that are just the opposite of what Canadians wanted. Seems to me that the Kim Campbell bandwagon is a broken cart with no record of service. On Nov. 14, '92 she said, "We're all very excited that the prime minister (Mulroney) has made it very clear that he'll lead us into the next election & everybody is just feeling very good."

Too bad Canada is hurting so much.

Darren Lowe

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**We the undersigned residents of the Downtown Eastside do not support the "MARCH FOR JESUS," planned for June 12, 1993. From our experiences last year we believe the March for Jesus will be very disruptive to the neighbourhood.**

**The Downtown Eastside has almost no park space. We are very concerned about possible damage to CRAB Park from 8,000 - 10,000 people rallying in the park.**

**We request that the City of Vancouver not approve the permits for this event - at CRAB Park.**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

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(Copies of this petition are at the front desk in Carnegie.)

\_\_\_\_\_ If you want more blank copies, call or come to the Newsletter.) \_\_\_\_\_

Absolute Knowledge is great for those who know not to abuse it.

Absolute truth is not for giving away - I must earn it as do everyone.

Absolute forgiveness you can give when you have absolutely forgiven.

Absolute hate is not for you to create  
Absolute love is no joke.

Elizabeth Thrope

## FERSURE

### A TRAPPER'S CHRISTMAS RUSH

T'was a day before the Christmas roar of '59  
back in the lonesome pines of our trapline.  
My Pa did say to me, how'd you like to go to  
town an' spend the eve with your sweet Marie?  
And I with a sparkle in my eye and a grin  
from ear to ear did nod with much delight.  
We'll have to spring our traps he did say, and  
hang them on a limb near the trail.  
I never heard him finish what he had to say 'cause  
I was off down the trail with my dog team galloping  
full steam ahead springing my traps along the way.  
I got to the end of the line and did a doughnut  
spin, then off homeward bound again.  
About half way back I did pass my Pa in a  
whistling blast leaving him in a cloud of snow.  
I rounded a corner and just over a rise I saw  
a fox caught in my Pa's trap he forgot.  
I braked my sled and stopped the team, grabbed  
my axe an' gave that mangy fox one good whack.  
I flushed its hide and threw it in the sleigh  
then off for home in the setting sun.  
Back at the cabin, the fire a-roaring, coffee  
a-brewing, bannock a-baking, the full moon  
a-shining...I did wait.  
About midnight or so a crash and a bang  
The cabin shook and the door flew in.  
There it stood that god-forsaken sight, all  
covered with snow from head to toe.  
A snowman with eyes as big as flashlights,  
he was gasping and panting, stuttering and  
stammering...he told such a woeful tale.  
He said he came around a corner and just  
over a rise;  
He saw a bare naked fox caught in his trap  
shivering in the cold and blinking its eyes  
It gave him such a fright he jumped off his sleigh  
and jogged all the way leaving his dogs behind.  
"Can't you hear them all tangled up back there  
down at the slough?"

Wayne Millspaugh

Hi- THANKS FOR A GREAT  
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AND THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS  
LEADS WE ARE AGAIN LOOKING  
FORWARD TO PLANTING THE  
INFAMOUS CARIBOO POTATO!  
OUR CUSTOMERS AT THE  
FARMERS MKT IN KAMLOOPS  
LOVE THEM!

Love Paula R.  
(Where the hell is Savona B.C.?)

### Face In The Night

Sing sweetly stars tonight  
Stars everlasting bright  
Sing now tonight.

How I do yearn for thee  
Thou hast been good to me  
I yearn tonight.

Your voice comes whispering low  
From depths I do not know  
Deep in the night.

Memory brings you near  
Cross times of pain and fear  
So close tonight,

I see you move with grace  
Moonlight upon your face  
Face in the night.

Shadows in the moonlight move  
You in the dark I lose  
Lose in the night.

I call your name so soft  
Name in the wind now lost  
Lost in the night.

Naught where I saw you stand  
Naught in this empty land  
Naught here tonight.

Sandy Cameron

# CARNEGIE

## KITCHEN KORNER

Mary Brogan, Mary BRO GAN! At last, after all these years & all those samages, the old bat finally cops the big one: that's the VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR award, in case you missed it.

Even though the contention was deep & any one of many could have been chosen, we at the Korner feel that the choice was an excellent one. There was, as usual, some sour grapes over the selection, but judging from the warm reception accorded her from her peers, (the other volunteers) when it was announced she had won the honour, it was obvious that most everyone felt Mary was a deserving recipient.

Congratulations Mary!..now get back in the kitchen & whip us up a couple of hundred peanut butter & jam sammies.

On the same bill there was a 3-way tie for Volunteers of the Month: Mariah, George Nicholas & Don Baker were all honoured. For those who didn't get picked this time, remember that no one can win more than once in two years (and the kitchen staff can be bribed!).

Volunteer Appreciation Week went over wonderfully and, with all the free food, events & other stuff, without a hitch. It was capped off with a bunch of free pizzas on Saturday night. Incidentally, those pizzas & all the pizzas for the last few months are getting rave reviews & are constructed by Gary & a cast of several people, including Vickie, Brian & even Debbie occasionally. See, if you can keep the staff busy on other mundane things you'd always have great stuff available...

Some great news from the kitchen: friend & excellent volunteer Tom Lester (alias Tom my Salami), has gotten himself a real job & is now in charge of the buffet table at Uptown Charlie's on Renfrew across from the Coliseum. If you get a chance drop by & say hello, (or cause a scene, we'd like him back).

EXCUSE ME  
YOUR FLY  
IS OPEN

We are proud of the fact that many of our patrons who do volunteer work in the kitchen can use the experience to get a toe-hold in other jobs. It makes us all very happy to have helped in any small way to achieve this goal. Way to go Tom!

Speaking of experience, our Kitchen programmer, Catriona, is now on her leave of absence (approximately 6 months) as she is going to have a rotten teenager..I mean a beautiful baby!..very shortly. We wish her the best of luck & will keep you posted as to the birth date. (Bets are it's a boy..)

Not to fear tho', as our old friend and cohort Robert Begin is coming over from the Island to capably fill in for the bulging Catriona. He'll be working her Sunday through Wednesday shift.

While we're at it the 2nd floor has a new staff person. His name is Jim Biickert, he's an excellent cook (& dishwasher) so please be kind or at least fairly nice & maybe he'll stay.

Anyway, another year has passed & it was one of the best ever in the kitchen, mostly because of all the great help we get from our many volunteers. Thanks to everyone of you. Let's keep it going throughout 1993.

'Til next time...Happy eating!!!

**bingo** \$  
\$ **CASH**  
at  
**CARNEGIE**  
EVERY  
**Wed.**  
6:30

Thoughts by the Final Act at Waco

My mood is melancholy  
Yet I cannot refrain  
Draping above my spirit  
A soot lashed white velvet curtain of remorse; woe  
I have lost nothing though I feel I have lost  
With no connections; either by blood or by the holy spirit

I breathe at half mast  
Yet I cannot refrain  
To, with the full stretch of my lungs  
Release, then replenish them again with burning anger  
Exhaustion wrestles my common sense  
Time and time again - innocence, youth; life  
Humanity's sincere, agonizing pursuit for truth through religion  
Constantly taken hostage, butchered; fodder  
It has appeared, it seems, since the beginning of people  
Not one day goes unscathed; the conquest for everlasting life  
Bloodied by the conquest, consecration & anointment by death  
Compounding then combusting, their faith a homeless phoenix

Everyday  
Everyday

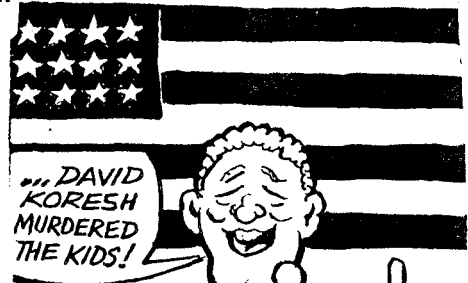
I wish to refrain

Steve Rose

When in times of doubt in the turmoil of  
a rout doomed go begging to the God who  
loves with many a doubt. The love I seek  
comes not from the meek but from a lion's  
gaze hush your cries the wicked lies are  
reeling in the trout. This macaroni is an  
errony waging war on treason I should know  
I've doubted you and you are doubting me.  
Code is blue the hospital knew and you and  
me assume to lie is best but not to rest  
I'll die like sniffing glue. I am not bet-  
ter than you only a minute part of the  
glory pageant of existence; I want to be  
important to the end all and be all but he  
loves me sometimes or not at all. I am  
writing about myself I think I'm so per-  
fect. Nothing is coming to me

God in his majesty  
loves all his creation

Elizabeth Thorpe



**ONE  
AMERICA**



# INCIDENT at OGLALA

THE LEONARD PELTIER STORY

LEONARD PELTIER  
NATIVE AMERICAN POLITICAL PRISONER



SATURDAY MAY 15TH  
7:30 PM

CARNEGIE CENTRE, 401 MAIN ST.  
(Main & Hastings)

Admission: Donation  
Benefit for OH-TOH-KIN Publications

This movie is a documentary based on the imprisonment of American Indian Movement member Leonard Peltier. This video showing will be a benefit to raise money for OH-TOH-KIN, Publications for/of Native People's Resistance.



Dear Tutor,

At the time I met you, I was a little apprehensive about taking a tutor. I was thinking of a previous experience I had, one which frightened me so badly I cut off our session, and did not want to have anyone after that.

So, when a friend suggested you should tutor me, I was a little leery of you.

We started talking about my problems, concerning verbs & nouns, and how important it was for me, because of my writing class; my doubts about tutors were gone.

I was glad you made this possible, because I was always at ease when you were talking.

Although you instructed for a brief period, it was very educational for me. I learned a great deal in that time span.

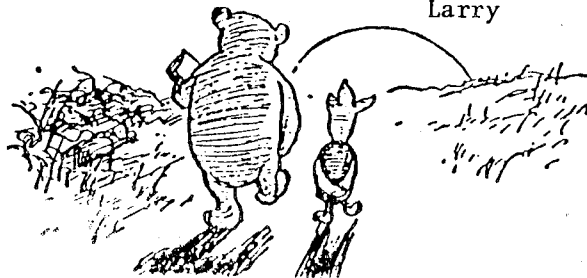
The way you taught..how you did it was so intense. I went to my English class so confident; I responded to my instructor's questions on verbs & nouns precisely, and without hesitation. I never had the opportunity of learning algebra or geometry in school. When you started teaching me how to do them, my afternoon sessions passed by so quickly that I couldn't wait for the next meeting.

My only regret is, I did not continue.

I was sorry to hear you were not staying, but the time you spent tutoring me was extremely appreciated. It seems like all good instructors, and tutors who are so effective in teaching adults, never stay.

I would like to thank you personally, and hope the goals you assign yourself conclude in happiness and success.

Sincerely,  
Larry



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### GOOD NEWS FROM THE READING ROOM

#### WE GOT IT !!!!!

After months of report writing, dicker-ing, meetings, etc etc., & being turned down at lower levels, our plea for \$22,000 for staffing in our library came before Council's budget appeal meeting.

Diane MacKenzie, on an 'inside tip' had warned people that we could be turned down ..so Muggs worked on a speech on behalf of the neighbourhood & our Literary Lion-ess (Eleanor Kelly, Carnegie's librarian) got out all her notes, put on her funeral dress & took City Hall by storm.

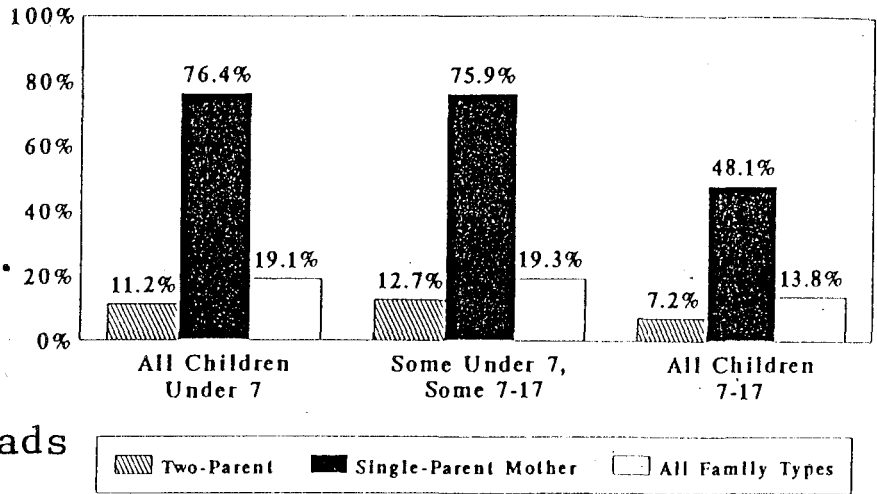
Chris Warren, of Social Planning, presented their report, then Muggs spoke, She did a great job of telling Council about the Downtown Eastside & the success of the Reading Room & Learning Centre in an area with 40% functional literacy. Then they all got st wait & wait & wait as all other appeals were also heard. In the end it was unanimous - Carnegie got the money.

What does this mean? It means books will get back on the shelves sooner after they have been returned, that we can unpack, sort & label all the gifts we get from all over the city & that we can continue to make used & excess paperbacks available to agencies such as the Lookout, whose patrons often cannot get over to Carnegie.

Most important of all, it shows that good co-operation between the Vancouver Public Library & Social Planning can help get better services in the Downtown Eastside.

To all who have their support over the last few months...Donald, Diane, Muggs and Bob, Joyce Preston (Social Planning) Patty Harding & Eleanor Kelly (VPL) many thanks.

## Poverty Rates by Family type and Ages of Children.



## Families with Heads Under 65.

"Because economic integration is based explicitly on women's exploitation in the-paid labour force, we women of Mexico, the US & Canada demand that our representative governments guarantee basic rights to adequate education, health care, food, nutrition, housing, stability of employment, living salaries & training, voluntary maternity and peace (that is the ability to live free from violence) within any tri-lateral agreement."

(Women's Plan of Action, from discussions at the First Trinational Working Women's Conference on Economic Integration & Free Trade (held in Mexico, February 1993)

### WOMEN and POVERTY



### THE WOMEN'S AGENDA - An Alternative Vision for Canada

The Women's Agenda is committed to increasing equality & democracy in our everyday life.

No woman should have to live in poverty in Canada. All women must have the right to income security & economic independence. This includes those who choose to stay at home to raise children or care for elders or other dependents.

Women will have control over their own bodies, their own reproductive capacities and their own health decisions.

Women have the right to live free of violence & without fear of abuse. Women of colour have the right to live free of racism.

Women contribute a disproportionate share of national revenue through all forms of taxation & unwaged labour. We expect tax monies to be allocated to advance our goals for equality. We believe in pay equity, affirmative action, including legislated mandatory employment equity, recognition of comparable credentials/skills from outside Canada, & accessible work.

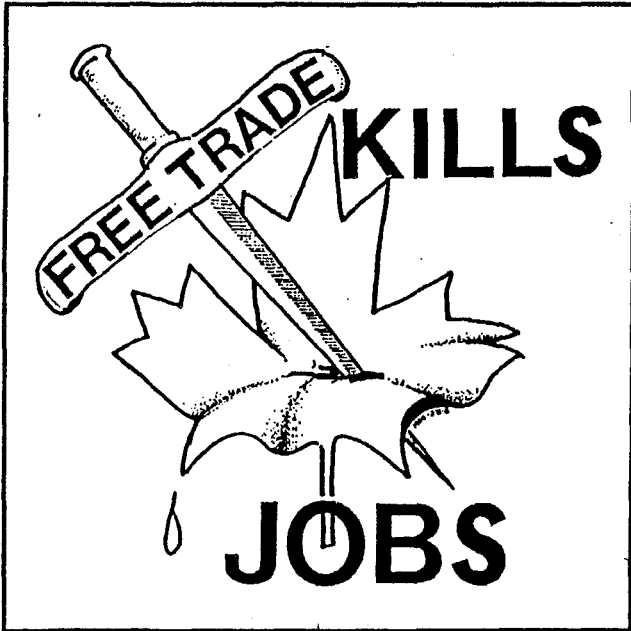
We want to ensure that Canada's political institutions are genuinely participatory & democratic. All barriers to the genuine & effective participation of women & racial minorities in public life must go.

The women's movement is diverse & shares goals with many other social movements.

Women want to be able to participate fully in the social, cultural & political life of our community. This means:

- full employment with job security
- equity for all, including immigrant & refugee women, women of colour, lesbians aboriginal women, women with disabilities, younger & older women.
- a national child care program
- maintenance & enhancement of medicare as a universal social program

But women's progress toward equality is undermined by a government agenda which sacrifices our needs while increasing the power of transnational corporations. This is the corporate agenda. The Canada-US Free Trade Agreement & the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) are part of the corporate agenda.



**TORIES ABUSE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**  
Pushing NAFTA Through 2nd Reading

Bill C-115, one of the most sweeping pieces of legislation in Canadian history, is being pushed through Parliament in a way that threatens the rights of ALL members of the House of Commons & people of Canada.

The federal Tory gov't has allocated two

days for debate on C-115 - the implementing legislation for the North American Free Trade Agreement - in the Second Reading (11) stage of the legislative process. Members of Parliament are being denied the right to thoroughly review this crucial bill.

According to Professor Robert Jackson, Political Science, Carleton University, the Mulroney gov't has a history of limiting debate in the House of Commons: "Since 1988 the Conservative gov't has stooped to use closure 17 times (as of February 13, 1993) - in other words, almost as many times as in the whole history of Parliament since 1913. To top it off, they also employed time allocation excessively - namely, 18 times - to cut off debate. In other words, the Tories have throttled debate by one means or another throughout this entire Parliament."

NAFTA is not just another piece of legislation. It is an international treaty that compromises our national sovereignty, our ability to manage & plan our economy, protect our environment, maintain our social programs & public services. It even overrides our constitution & the rights of provinces. Canadians, through their elected Members of Parliament, must have an opportunity to analyse & debate this bill in an open, public forum. This is what democracy is all about.

The Tory federal gov't has no mandate to continually force its agenda on the people of Canada. It is interesting to note that the content of NAFTA is highly undemocratic, expanding the power of corporate elites over elected governments. We are getting a taste of this by watching the Tories as they ignore Parliament - limiting debate on crucial legislation over & over again.

The Action Canada Network calls on Members of Parliament & the media to protest this cynical abuse of our democratic system of government. Canadians must have the right to understand & debate NAFTA.

(Closure, Clause 57 of the House of Commons Standing Orders, allows the gov't to terminate debate at the end of the sitting day. Time allocation, as in the case of NAFTA Bill C-115, limits debate to a certain number of days.)

"What a wonderful world it would be - if everything worked like a GMC."

"Gorgeous hair is the best Revenge."

CTV News Stat: "92% OF PEOPLE WHO INVEST IN THE STOCK MARKET LOSE. 7% BREAK EVEN. 1% MAKE MONEY."

"This race will be won or lost in the trenches." -CTV News announcer commenting on Tory leadership convention.

NONE OF THESE PEOPLE WERE INVITED

some pretty loathsome habits, like having tables piled with food for the staff out on the street...a week before cheque-day in a 5-week month, or whenever..never even considering that 95% of the residents in the area have to survive on incomes 50% below the poverty line & many of the pedestrians may be on their way to or from a soup line... They have used various sites to 'shoot' scenes which, from time to time seem to require huge amounts of garbage as part of the set; then just leave - leaving the garbage strewn everywhere.

Car crashes or high-speed chase scenes are usually 'shot' during the day, but have been done from 1am to 5 or 6am. Also peculiar to this time frame are explosions & screams.

Okay. Residents & community organisation reps have brought the various interests in these practices to task again & again. A little progress is made. A City employee was working as a true liaison between the film industry & these resident groups. It changed - meaning the good worker was replaced.. Throughout this scenario, police have played a role, as they are on site & paid for by the production company. There was & is a police person whose job entails listening to community concerns.

Since the 'new' city employee has been working, the police person has never been invited to any of these meetings, has not heard of any community concerns, didn't know that there even were any concerns.

He finally phoned Barb Daniel at DERA after he heard a rumour that Barb had not agreed to letting a film crew close off 2 blocks near Gastown for over a week. He heard this, of course, after the meeting where all concerned parties were supposed to have been. He & DERA are meeting to say hello...& to go over 4 years of film in our neighbourhood. The fun's just begun!

By PAULR TAYLOR



Isn't this interesting....

There have been meetings, demands & agreements over the past 4 years on filming in the Downtown Eastside. Our community has become a favoured "location" for film productions, mostly (all?) from California or the States. They come all the way here because cities in the US have a strange custom of charging fees for things like blocking off streets for car crashes, explosions, fake gunfire, or just making the street look older or grungier.

Not Vancouver! "You folks just come on up. It's free!"

Anyway, production crews have displayed

ARE YOU CRAZY??

Economic modifications. Taxes payable by what persons can afford to pay. Wages set by what a company or corporation can afford to pay employees, (not just a drop in the bucket of their profits). Four to six hour workdays, which will make room for more jobs, which will save the taxpayer money with less welfare payments. A tax incentive could be provided to motivate employers to comply.

We must face the fact that the rest of the world is catching up with us (the industrialized nations), such as Asia by harnessing relatively cheap labour, is able to compete more effectively on the world market.

Our corporations are important and hold much promise. If they can remain competitive by setting up shop in Mexico it would likely be to our advantage in the long run.

Here in Canada, for example, we should aspire to develop innovative industries such as high-tech. Why not produce audio-video telephones & have Can-Tel & BC Tel (for example) merge together to install such a fibre optic nervous system, which could also be used to transfer computer terminal information. Such a faculty of communication infrastructure in our system would be conducive to progress.

Why not electric cars & high-tech urban centres made beautiful & clean.

Why not?

The potential exists for our standard of living to improve immensely.

Guaranteed food, clothing & shelter for deadbeats too, but incentives provided to salvage them from their lax idle ways, where they have opportunity to fit in somewhere as useful citizens if they so choose.

- unsigned

#### Government Policy Creates Hunger

\* A hunger crisis exists in Canada. Over one million Canadians need food banks in order to survive. Forty percent of these people are children under the age of 18. Food banks are concrete evidence that our public safety net has collapsed, & both the federal & provincial gov't's have contributed to this collapse with policies that have made people poorer.

\* Social assistance benefits at 1/2 the poverty line are a major reason why 13. citizens are forced to suffer the humiliation of food banks. Not only has the Tory gov't in Ottawa refused to enforce the "adequate assistance" clause of the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP), it has threatened CAP itself in Bill C-69 by placing a limit of 5% per year on the increase of federal money for social service payments to Ontario, Alberta & BC. It has done this at a time of catastrophic unemployment that the Tory high interest policy & the Free Trade Agreement helped to cause.

\* Unemployment Insurance (UI) is an important part of Canada's public safety net. The Tory gov't in Ottawa has reduced UI benefits, has stiffened the eligibility requirements & has completely withdrawn federal money from the UI program. When the Tory gov't made it more difficult for Canadians to qualify for UI, the welfare rolls increased, increasing hunger as well.

\* Since 1984 the Tory gov't in Ottawa has steadily cut its funding for public housing & housing co-operatives. The result has been a critical lack of affordable housing. As rents have risen faster than minimum wage or welfare payments, citizens have been forced to pay rent out of money allotted for food.

\* Minimum wage has not kept pace with inflation. In BC, in 1975, a full-time worker earning minimum wage would make 122% of the poverty line for a single person. In 1992, this worker would only make 71% of the poverty line. A family of three with one member working full-time on minimum wage would have an income 58.6% below the poverty line. Such poverty increases the chances of family breakdown, malnutrition and sickness.

\* To promote food banks without striving to eliminate poverty at the same time is misguided, for the gov't policies that help create great poverty as well as great wealth are not addressed. Full employment, with adequate incomes for those in & out of the paid labour force, must be at the centre of democratic policy. It is justice citizens want, not charity.

On a summer day I visited some town in southern Ontario. I happened upon a lonely park &, rolling up tobacco as if it was my right, sat upon a bench. I looked on the river & she looked on me. I almost shivered. I was smoking! What could I do? I had been warned about this park it seemed. The geese eyed me suspiciously but I did not quiver. No, I looked to my jean jacket & scampered off the picnic table. Sitting on picnic tables is forbidden. Forbidden. Squirrels are exempted. Geese will be shot.

I once thought I saw the ghost of a goose flying down the back alley of a Vancouver downtown street. The goose made a nary a sound until it saw its mate, or its chance at its mate, & it flew out the alley like no geese could fly in flock or in flavour of wit.

The goose made its way to the home of Lord Stanley, knowing full well the challenge it faced, this goose, well or not, began to limp. Limping was something a Sault Ste. Marie goose would never stoop to. Not believing my eyes I turned away for a minute, screwed them back in & lo! the goose was gone. The goose was gone. In the Sault this would have been impossible.

Ron Carten

~~As a little boy being Metis I had no voice because I was in two worlds, white and Metis. I was lost..I didn't know where to belong. I did not know which god to believe in so I went with Indians god who is the Great Spirit.~~

~~great spirit give me many things. He give the gift called life. If you believe in Him you will get many things in life that you need.~~

~~coming from Terry Flamond  
god loves you and do do I.~~

## QUIPS & QUOTES

"Romance at short notice was her specialty."

"People will believe anything if you whisper it."

"A fool and his money are better than no date at all."

Dear Paul Taylor

I was looking at the latest issue of Carnegie news, viewing article after article of relevant content.

One can only postulate on the enormous sacrifices given by yourself.

I see many things are put forth in a general sense & I wish people would be more specific.

It makes me question the first article I wrote; whether I was trying to be a propagandist or not.

I believe you are in bondage before your time.

Wendy wjt

Preventative Prescription

Halidol is bad shit.

It puts you out of  
place.

It's like dope,  
but it hurts.

It's like torture.

It's for knocking you off...  
like

'Take a hike!

We don't want you around.'

Sometimes it might be  
a warning:

Someone says...  
like

'You've been stirring up some  
trouble

in the wrong neighbourhood.

Here brother -

Take this pill.

You may suffer,

But you won't trouble anyone.'

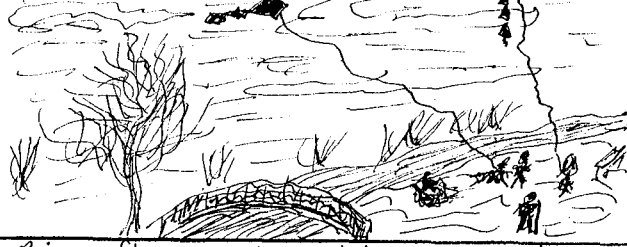
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P.S. Try Love

# OPEN SEASON: A POSSIBLE GRATITUDE

by Daniel Feeney  
Gumpton Head APRIL 93

The night we found some brightly colored kites in a garbage container on King St., & how we flew them half the night in Victoria Park. How we all went home crazy, beautiful. (Twenty-something.)



The last overnight field trip when we were still children; the cool, unfamiliar but familiar breeze, the dark, tree-glad night whispers. (My sisters, my brother's, forgive me if I was yet innocent, unbroken.)



Rainy afternoons in October, me alone by the large window, about 12 years old, lights off, damp shadows everywhere, & the row of poplars swaying (across the driveway, like sleeping fishermen, the willows). An old song on the radio only the surface of a deep, cool silence.



12 rooms of silence, 12 stones. (But this was a time of windows, not of doors.)

Also alone, sneaking out late at night into the woods nearby - 2 dark acres of that other, richer life. Even then, I knew any witches I would meet would be kind.



Degrees of darkness, not to hide in, practicing obsession or perversion or excessive self-reflection (narcissism), but to be in, safely, so as to hear the inside of silence, the melodic hush.



WHICH SIDE IS FREE?



WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

In the movie THE SACRIFICE by that great Russian director, Tarkovsky, a witch saves the world from nuclear holocaust. (A simplification. See his films. He shares a deep reverence for nature with Kurosawa.) The true garden is wild earth, & the expulsion, ownership, division, accumulation, destiny.



Much of what is referred to as culture seems a plan gone cynical, a framework of indifference raised to architectural stasis. After all, the really important stuff happens on a level institutions cannot possibly be relevant to except to curtail its occurrence. But, there have been good examples where that architecture has been molded to positive, relevant activities. Has this happened at Carnegie?



To kites, camping trips, rainy afternoons, to midnight & the witch, to the varying degrees of safety in darkness & in light, to the threads of non-institutional life, what ever's left of our small sharable truths,



The long column on the right is a list of what's in danger in Manitoba. All kinds of services are being cut & slashed. Even the gov't part in paying for beds for the homeless & detoxing people is being lowered.

Below is a struggle to keep one of the best services in the community. The Sisters Day Care is being closed by order of someone in New York.

dozens of letters, went to Sister Mary Harper in New York. The following reply was received by all:

"Dear

Thank you for your letter regarding the closing of our Day Care in Vancouver.

We are very gratified to know how much you appreciate the wonderful program that has been offered over the years & we do understand your concern.

Naturally, we are sorry to have to close the Day Care & the decision has not been made lightly. At this time, however, we find ourselves focusing our resources on the poor in the area in order to carry out our Congregation's Mission Statement. "we serve the poor as we strive to empower those who are neglected or oppressed & to implement our Congregation's Chapter Resolve in 1991..." to renew our solidarity with the poor..."

We do not know what the future years will bring, but we do want to fulfill God's purpose & to serve the Church. May we ask you to please pray with us for these intentions.

Thank you again for your letter & may God continue to bless you.

Sincerely in the Atonement,

Sister Mary Harper, S.A.  
Superior General.

Sarah Parry, mentioned in Sarti's piece, wrote the following letter to Adam Exner, the Archbishop of Vancouver.

Your Most Reverend Archbishop:

In late February the Vancouver convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement announced their decision to close their daycare permanently as of Aug. 6, 1993.

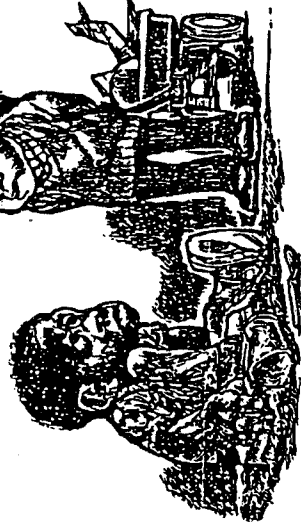
The parents of children who attend this daycare immediately launched a petition & letter-writing campaign hoping to convince Sister Mary Harper, Superior General, to reverse her decision. We feel we cannot afford to lose this exceptional daycare.

Not only is affordable & good quality daycare hard to come by, but we feel that this daycare is a particularly important resource in a neighbourhood that offers few safe & nurturing environments for young children.

Others responded to our plea for assistance with alacrity. The daycare is a well-known & respected part of our community. Organisations such as Carnegie Centre, DERA, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, the Chinatown Lion's Club, & Crabtree Corner (the YWCA's emergency daycare) responded with letters to Sister Harper. Individuals such as Mayor Gordon Campbell, Councillor Libby Davies, Member of Parliament Margaret Mitchell, City of Vancouver Childcare Co-ordinator Penny Coates & Children's Advocate Dr. Penny Parry also sent letters. Everyone from Grade 4 students to co-op radio programmers to public health nurses (& many others) joined in. Each had a personal connection with the daycare. Needless to say, all the parents sent letters as did one of the daycare staff. Nonetheless, Sister Harper has remained resolute in her decision to close it, sta-

IF YA GOT SOMETHIN'  
IT'S CAUSE YOU'RE GOOD  
IF YA GOT NOTHIN'  
IT'S CAUSE YOU'RE  
BAD...

ASK SANTA  
CLAUS



ting that the decision is in keeping with the congregation's mission statement: "We serve the poor as we strive to empower those who are neglected or oppressed." Apparently she is unaware that about half of the children who attend the daycare are from the neighbourhood, which statistically has the lowest per capita income in the country. These are parents who live far below the poverty level - they are either working poor or people who receive income assistance from the gov't while looking for work or retraining. It seems ironic that the Sister does not realize how providing good quality & affordable daycare is one of the elements that empowers poor families to break the cycle of poverty. Perhaps most importantly, the daycare's loving staff & gentle, positive philosophy also offers all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, the kind of attention which will pay dividends for the rest of their lives.

Half of the children who attend do not live in the immediate neighbourhood. Their parents, however, work nearby. The children come from a mix of economic & cultural backgrounds & the mix is a harmonious one. As parents we are all concerned with providing the best possible experience for our children. We respectfully ask you to intercede on their behalf.

No response or reply has come from the Bishop. Sarah & all parents/people wanting this daycare need our support. Sister Mary is in New York City; Vancouver is not New York North! If you have any connection to the Catholic church or St. James, please do what you can. contact who you know. Imagine if 'they' decided to close Carnegie & converted it to a huge, one-stop soupline or something. No nice words would relieve us or convince us it was "for the best we can do"!

Write and contact:

Most Reverend Adam Exner D.M.I.

Archbishop of Vancouver

150 Robson Street,

Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2A7

Also look for posters & notice in this newsletter on upcoming meetings on this.

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## 56 organizations hit by funding cuts

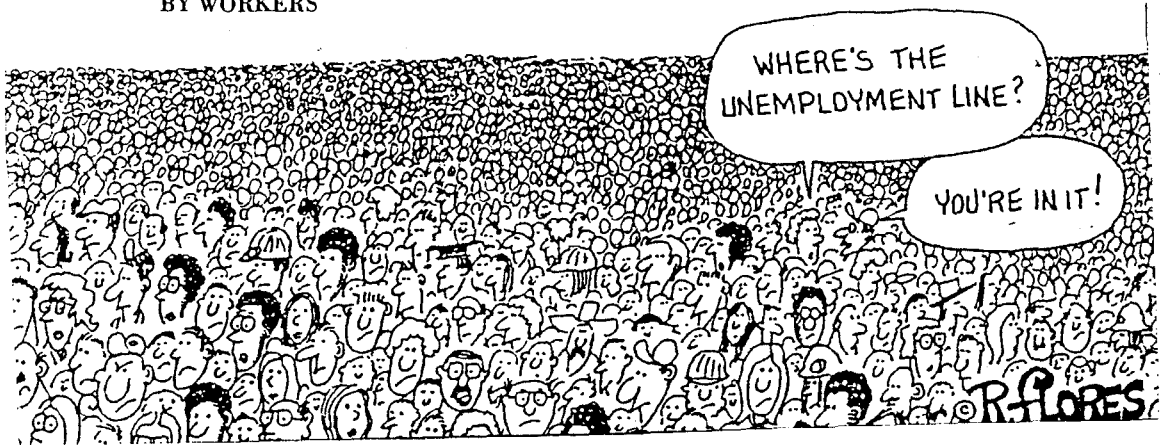
Here are the 56 organizations affected by provincial government cuts announced yesterday. The province refused to provide information concerning the size of the cuts and the anticipated impact on the organizations. Where available, amounts cut have been included.

- Abilities Network Inc.
- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs: \$325,000
- Association Canadienne D'Education Langue Francaise
- Association for Community Living: \$100,000
- Associated Manitoba Festivals
- Brandon Friendship Centre
- Canadian Bureau for International Education
- Canadian Council on Ecological Areas
- Committee on Unplanned Pregnancy
- Cultural Operating Grants, Canadian Conference of the Arts
- Cultural Operating Grants, Native Communications
- Dauphin Friendship Centre
- Educateurs et Educatrices Francophone du Manitoba
- Family Day Care Association of Manitoba: \$20,000
- Federal-Provincial Parks Council
- First Nations Confederacy
- Flin Flon/Creighton Crisis Centre Inc.: \$195,000
- Flin Flon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre
- Independent Living Resource Centre of Winnipeg, Home Care Self-Management Project: \$19,000
- Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Winnipeg
- International Council for Canadian Studies
- John Howard Society: \$41,800
- Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba
- Lynn Lake Friendship Centre
- Manitoba Anti-Poverty Organization: \$63,000
- Manitoba Association of Principals
- Manitoba Association of School Business Officials
- Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Manitoba Child Care Association: \$45,000
- Manitoba Drama Educators Association
- Manitoba Environment Council: \$50,000
- Manitoba Foster Family Association: \$300,000
- Manitoba Intercultural Council: \$20,000
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak: \$78,000
- Manitoba League of the Physically Handicapped: \$25,000
- Mental Health Research Foundation
- Manitoba Teachers Society
- National Public Health Inspectors Conference
- Pembina Valley Development Corp.
- Portage School Division's multi-sensory programs
- Royal Life Saving Society
- Girl Guides of Canada: \$4,500
- Boy Scouts of Canada
- Society for Self Help
- Southeast Resource Development Council
- University of Manitoba Continuing Education
- U of M Wild Rice Research
- Winnipeg International Children's Festival: \$2,500



# “FOR A JUST CAUSE”

A UI HANDBOOK  
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BY WORKERS



## STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

Those Canadians who are unemployed or underemployed, today we stand with you. You are our brothers and sisters, our sons and daughters, our fathers and mothers. You are our family and our community. We are appalled at the government's attempts to attack the unemployed when unemployment is at record levels, and when food banks are the only growth industry in Canada. We are outraged that women, already victims of this recession, will be forced to remain in jobs and face harassment in order to feed their families.

We are public sector workers who work in every community across this country. We are trying to provide services to Canadians despite cutbacks and abuse from the Tories in Ottawa. The Tories have just

announced that our wages will be frozen for a further two years and our collective bargaining rights have been removed. We, too, are victims of an uncaring and insensitive government.

The attack on public sector workers will not put one unemployed Canadian back to work. Freezing our wages will not reduce the need for food banks. Attacking the unemployed during a recession is not going to bring about a recovery. Forcing women to endure harassment and abuse will not help build a country, it will help destroy it.

Today, we stand together with the victims of Tory policies, programs and promises. In 1993, we will fight back, on the job, in the streets and at the ballot box. In 1993, we will remember.

# 'Gathering Place' on Seymour proposed

JEFF LEE

Vancouver Sun

Disadvantaged and low-income residents in Vancouver's new Downtown South neighborhood should have a place like the Downtown Eastside's Carnegie Centre, city manager Ken Dobell said Monday.

The neighborhood centre would be built at the city's new Continental Apartments on Seymour Street, which shoulders a red light district and is in an area destined for significant redevelopment.

The \$3.4-million centre would serve the more than 1,300 low- and fixed-income residents who live in many of the area's non-market housing, special needs residences and rooming hotels.

The project is at odds with a proposal by the city's engineering department, which wants to move its parking enforcement division into two floors of commercial space at the new Continental.

Both Dobell and Coun. Libby Davies say the parking-ticket issuers will likely have to stay in

their cramped Broadway offices a little longer.

"I'm sorry, but parking enforcement will have to go somewhere else," said Davies. "I know they need a new place, but there is no doubt in my mind that the Continental is an absolutely perfect place for the new gathering place in downtown south."

The city doesn't have a name for the new Carnegie-type facility, so it has simply called it "the Gathering Place."

It would provide amenities similar to the city-funded Carnegie Centre at Main and Hastings streets, including shower facilities, laundromat, learning centre, kitchen, reading room and social areas.

Unlike the Downtown Eastside, which has more than a dozen places for "the lonely wanderer," there are no such facilities in the Downtown South, social planning director Joyce Preston said in a report to

council.

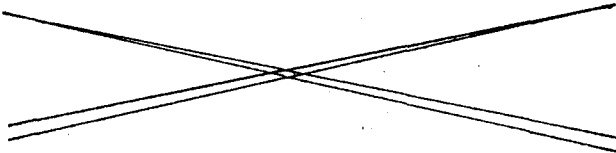
"For the Downtown South resident looking for a place to shower, collect messages, eat and socialize, the Gathering Place may be the only place," she said.

Bob Cole, a partner in a Granville Street bookstore, said the project may help solve some of the street youth problems along Granville.

Cole is a member of the new Theatre Row Business Association, which is concerned about the crime and street problems along the mall strip.

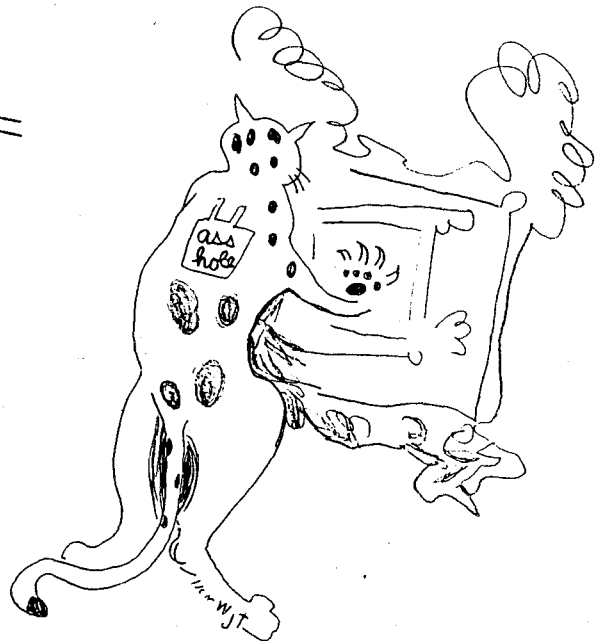
"I think the centre is a very positive step. I can only speak for myself, but I welcome any institutional aid for street kids," he said.

The 1,950-square metre facility would be located on the first two floors of the 110-unit senior citizens apartment complex. A medical clinic is also likely to be built in another part of the complex, offering a "one-stop shop," Jeff Brooks, a city downtown social planner, said.



Too tired to change my spots  
No point in absolutely everything  
The Reckoning, without feeling  
Substance, past advice or charity  
Riding with the Seven deadly sins  
Spectrum as counterbalance  
A lucky decapitation  
A short word would of covered it all  
but I am not an animal  
I borrowed spit  
Forever young and chained.

wjt



# "POETRY IN MOTION"

by

PATRICK FOLEY TORA  
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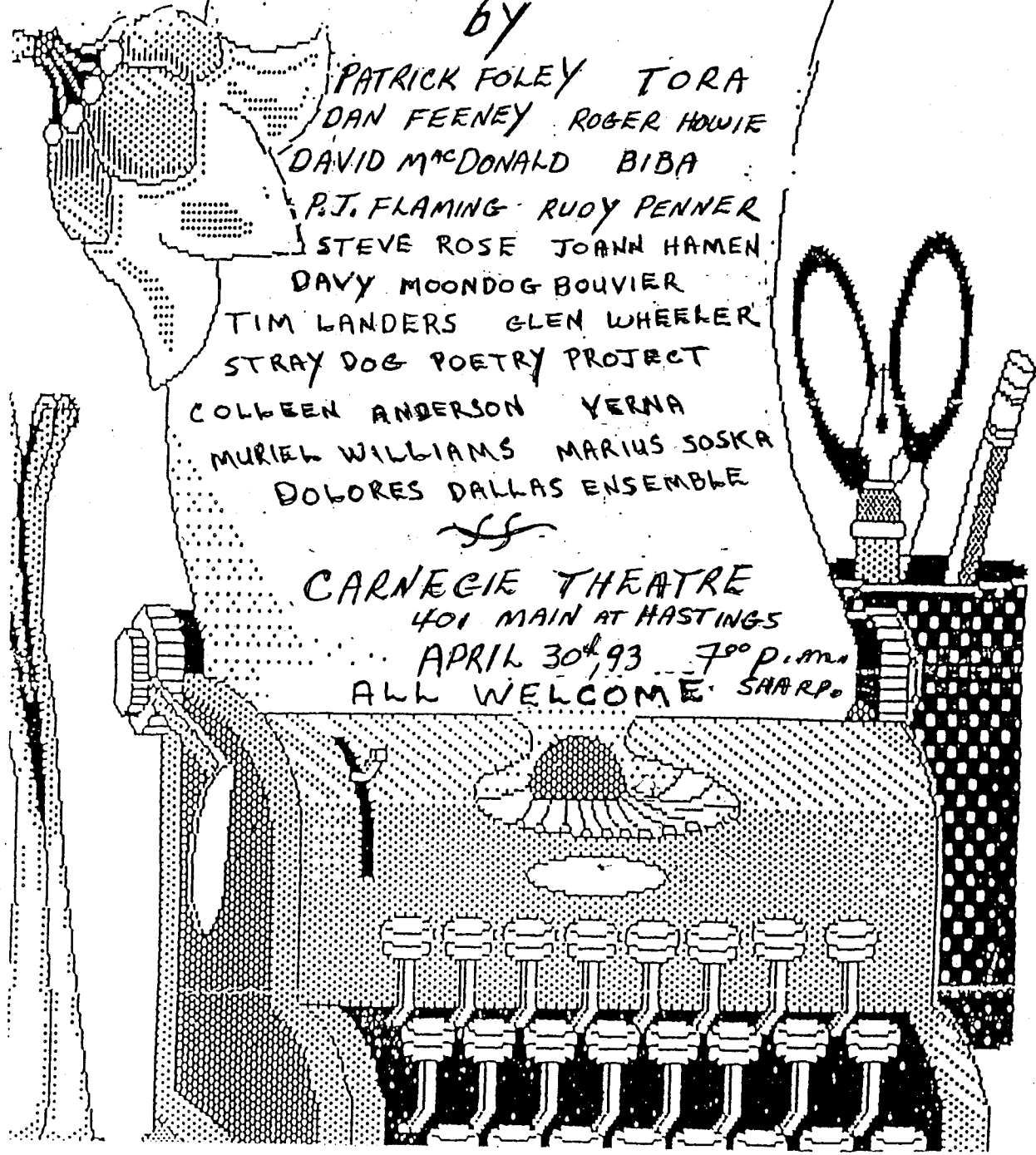


CARNEGIE THEATRE

401 MAIN AT HASTINGS

APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 93 7<sup>00</sup> P.M.

ALL WELCOME SAARP



As they grow older, many persons find they are having difficulties in remembering such things as names or dates or minor incidents. Modern psychologists tend to blame physical process, saying memory loss results from deterioration of the brain. There may be a better explanation, that offers the means to end such problems.

Psychologists have not yet understood that the person each one of us is, at any & every moment, continues to exist when the moment is over..but that existence is on the subconscious level. For illustration, let's create a man named Joe. Joe works in an office, has a wife, a family, a car & a home. He enjoys active sports & tries to stay healthy. The Joe who works in the office is not the same person who does all the other things. In the office his tension is higher, he is efficient & he is entirely concerned with reports, facts, files & figures and brisk, pithy exchanges with colleagues. When the business day is over he's glad to forget his work & go home. At home, he is glad to spend an hour with his family, of whom he's very fond.

The Office Joe continues to exist but it has withdrawn to wait for his next day at the office when it will again take over. Family Joe is on the job now, being his subconscious mind. Later, perhaps Joe will



go & bowl with his bowling league as he does every week. Family Joe will be retired then & Bowling Joe will be in command.

As we see, Joe lives an orderly sort of life with well-defined & regularly repeated periods of exclusive concern. It is these repeated periods of concentrated thoughts, feelings & actions that build up those different Joes on the subconscious level. There is one of them for every one of his repeated activities & each one stores the moods, thoughts & feelings of that particular activity. The ancient Chinese, who knew a great deal about such things, would have called this collection of subconscious forces Joe's "Family." Joe hob-nobs with this Family in dreams, where he sees them as human figures.

If Joe quit bowling & left the league,

"Bowling Joe" on the subconscious level would wait around for awhile to finally withdraw & become a "Well." In ancient China, when a village was moved to a new site, the well from which the villagers had drawn water was left at the old. The water well did not leave the village; instead, the village left the well. In just the same way, "Bowling Joe" did not leave Conscious-Mind Joe. Joe left the bowling force he had built up.

If Bowling Joe was a weak force it would soon go dormant & if Joe saw it at all in dreams it would be as a human figure sleeping in bed. If it were strong, it might bug him on a subconscious level to go back to bowling.

Because these "Family" members are nourished & built up by repetition of activity, mood, thought & feeling, they are in competition with one another. If Joe started staying late at the office, Office Joe would become stronger at the expense of other Family members.

Now, suppose one of Joe's children fell ill with a long-continued & life-threatening sickness. Joe would spend a lot of



time visiting the hospital, talking with his wife about the child, or simply sitting worrying about. A new Joe-force, which we will call Child-Concern-Joe, would come in to being & quickly become very strong. Even at the office, Joe would find his mind going worriedly to his sick child. Or when he was driving, mowing the lawn or bowling ... Thus, Child-Concern-Joe would get a foothold in every other subconscious Joe-force.

All of these subconscious forces want to become the only one so that they will get all of the nourishment & ensure their own continuation. So the Child-Concern-Joe, now with a foot in every other camp, will begin to dismantle its competition..the other members of the subconscious-level Family. Joe himself will begin to notice this as gaps in his memory, as temporary difficulties in remembering names, times, places, incidents..even appointments.

I was in Conscious-Mind-Joe's position in which a dominant subconscious force was

dismantling lesser members of my subconscious Family & my memory was failing, most noticeably where names of persons & scheduled events, both at Carnegie & the Strathcona Community Gardens, were concerned. The culprit was the major & very complex subconscious force I have built up in the course of my research into psychology & allied subjects, research which, for example, enables me to write this article you're reading. What did I do? When I understood what was going on, then at times when I knew the "Research-Eric" was in command, I spoke sharply to it & told it to stop its mischief. It did. No more forgetting!

This whole process may be the cause of Alzheimer's Disease. If Joe's child made a complete recovery, Joe might later have a series of dreams in which he'd re-live his grief & worry over his sick child as Child-Concern-Joe was integrated into his subconscious & have to get up & go check on her. But



if the child died, the whole thing might be too painful to integrate. This rejected, pushed away Child-Concern-Joe (subconscious force) would remain a Well. Awake & aware but without input & nothing to do but still with a foothold in all other members of the Family, it might continue its work of demolishing their abilities to remember. Young people would be proof against Alzheimer's Disease because their Families are always changing as their interests, activities and circumstances change.

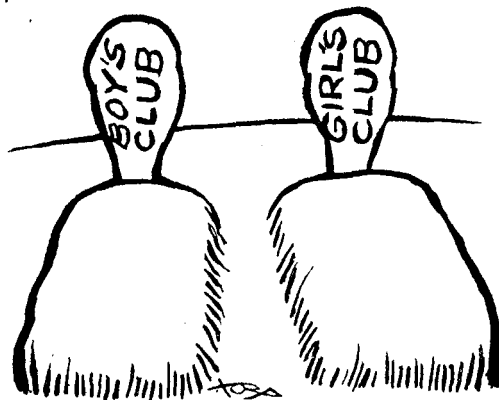
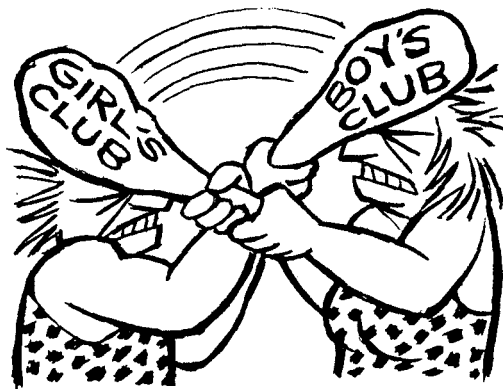
Some may object to this by saying advanced cases of Alzheimer's show brain damage. True; but maybe such a force strikes at memory in exactly that way, by attacking brain cells. I've proven that subconscious forces cause physical effects such as cold, flu & arthritis. Why shouldn't they also be able to destroy brain cells?

I had a wonky pancreas which, especially after a cup of well-sugared coffee, would dump a big load of insulin into my blood stream. (This is called hyperinsulism & is often a precursor to diabetes.) I'd know this had taken place because it'd give me an attack of asthma. I took to scolding a part of my subconscious that controls the

pancreas. "See?" I'd say, "You've done it again. You're not to dump your whole load of insulin into my blood every time my blood sugar goes up. Just let a tiny bit out, a wee trickle, not the whole load." The attacks got farther & farther apart & about 2 years ago they quit altogether.

Subconscious forces Do control one's physical well being. Probably my research has only scratched the surface.

By ERIC ERICKSON



CRAB-WATER FOR LIFE Society - AGM

The annual meeting, ay First United Church on April 20, was attended by over 30 local people. It lasted about 3/4 hour with the name being changed from CRAB to CRAB-WATER FOR LIFE Society. Its mandate "THAT Crab-Water for Life Society's purpose is the creation, protection & enhancement of parks & recreation & the support of ecological, Peace & native Indian issues" was reaffirmed unanimously.

A financial statement was read with info on the Crab "Kids' Xmas Boat Cruise". The Environment Canada grant for Environment Week has been cancelled across the country & an appeal for \$1200 to City Council to feed children wasn't successful.

Questions were taken from the floor, including comments that ranged from concern about the heliport near the park, cleaning up Burrard Inlet, toxic chemicals and further industrialization & building there.

Free bannock, oranges & coffee were served to those present.

Tora (Richard Pooley), local artist, & Fred Arrance (West Coast Aboriginal Network for People with Disabilities) were thanked for their active work over the years on behalf of CRAB.

Seven people were acclaimed as the Board of Directors.

Don Larson

CAPILANO CAMP

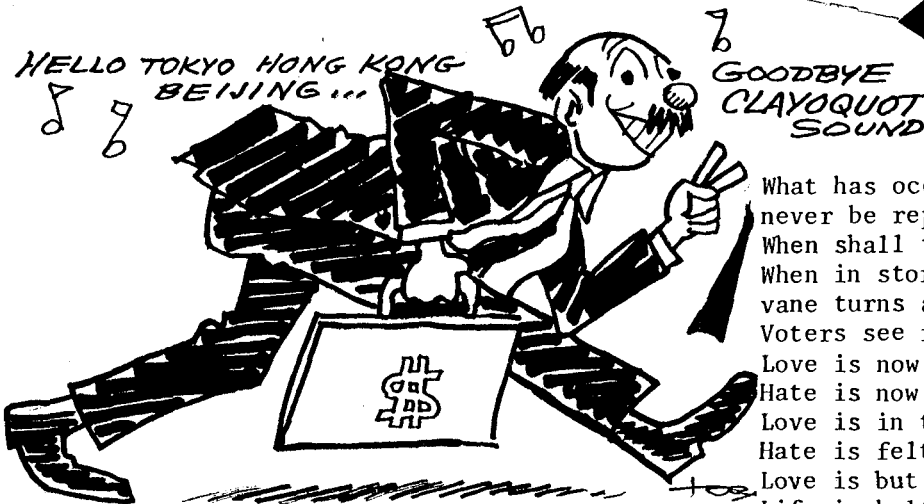
Today I went for a walk with my friend Harold. I showed him the Cleveland Dam and the Giant Fir on those hiking trails - one of the biggest trees seen by a two-legged man in our time.

This year the water is higher than usual so we don't have to conserve water like we did last year. Of course we have to water the lawns with careful rationing.

Al, Don & others are taking in the scene and, for a change, the sky is blue & a few birds are chirping away. Tonight will be our last of 3 nights here, for tomorrow we go back to the last frontier, Hastings & Main.

On the front page of The Province, dated April 14, I see the fat face of the so-called "Forest Tzar" Jack Monroe. We all know he has the NDP under his thumb. Harcourt & his cronies will rule for another day, but like all the rest of his kind they will fall flat on their lying asses. Mear's Island, Clayoquot...the Natives will be here long after Monroe & Harcourt have rotted away.

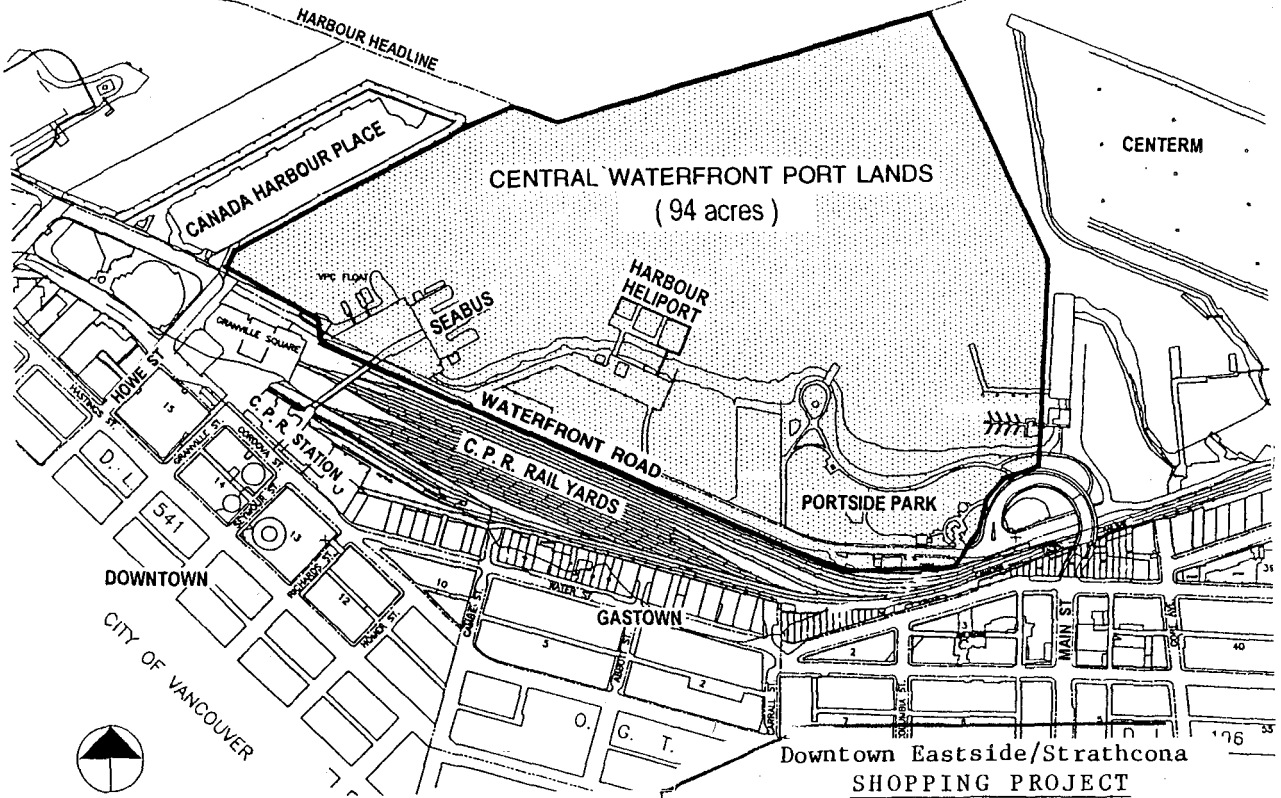
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What has occurred shall never be repeated  
When shall the truth be known  
When in stormy times the weather vane turns and sees the enemy  
Voters see red and see their friend  
Love is now the summer of it  
Hate is now the wether of it  
Love is in the pansies purple  
Hate is felt but seldom heard  
Love is but a mile away  
Life is half-way there

E.T.

# BURRARD INLET



## "Central Waterfront Planning"

From here, looking out over the water from Crab Park gives a picture of grass & water & the north shore. 'You're blind!' There's possibilities here!!

What there is (see map) is another planning process being started to look at the "shaping of development" of the central waterfront area. The City of Vancouver and Ports Canada will be holding workshops to get community input in this planning.

There are TWO: Wed., May 5, at SFU Harbour Centre, 555 W. Hastings in room 1420.

Thurs., May 6, at Tellier Tower, 16 W. Hastings Street.

Both meetings will be from 7pm-9pm.

We need to say what we do want, not just what we don't want.

The Second Mile Society received a small grant through the City's Ready or Not program to organise different interests around the concept of developing a local shopping centre, for the Downtown Eastside & Strathcona neighbourhoods.

The "Shopping Project" will be administered by the Seniors' Services Team and Neighbourhood Helpers program.

The goal of the "Shopping Project" is to set up partnerships between community, business & gov't in order to facilitate the development of a shopping centre that will serve the community. We need your support to make this project a success.

For more information you can contact the project organiser by pager or by mail.

### SHOPPING PROJECT

c/o 509 E. Hastings  
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1P9

Attention - John Norton, Organiser.

Pager #: 893-9340 (leave a message)

Fax #: 253-9734.

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.

# What are human rights?

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."

November 25 - December 10, 1992, women's groups in every part of the world organised events & actions as part of the 2nd international campaign of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. Nov.25 is the International Day Against Violence Against Women, declared by the first feminist Enceuntro for Latin America & the Caribbean in Bogota, Columbia, in 1981. Dec.10 celebrates the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed in 1948. This period also includes Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, & Dec. 6, the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre when a man gunned down 14 women engineering students for being "feminists".

One action which emerged during the 16 Days Campaign in 1991 was a world-wide petition drive calling upon the United Nations, as it organises its first World Conference on Human Rights in 25 years (Vienna, June 1993), to comprehensively address women's human rights and gender violence as central concerns.

The 1981 Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was ratified by 102 nations as of 1990. The CEDAW Committee in 1992 gave the following definition of "gender" violence - "Gender-based violence is a form of discrimination which seriously inhibits women's ability to enjoy rights & freedoms on a basis of equality with men." Gender-based violence is that "which is directed against a woman because she is a woman or which affects women disproportionately. It includes acts which inflict physical, mental or sexual harm or suffering, threats of such acts, coercion & other deprivations of liberty."

In spite of the statements in articles 3 & 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), everywhere women & girls are systematically subjected to violence, torture, coercion, sexual abuse, starvation, & economic deprivation because they are female. For example, in Canada, 62% of female homicides are the result of women-battering; in India, girls aged 2-4 die at twice the rate of boys because of systematic malnutrition & neglect; currently, 84 million women around the world have been subjected to genital mutilation. Such violence is a pervasive form of human rights abuse, cutting across social, ethnic & national boundaries & still it is often excluded from the international human rights agenda.

To date, the petition has been translated into 12 languages & over 100,000 signatures have been gathered from more than 80 countries.

We will continue to gather signatures right up to June 1993. Please feel free to make extra copies & circulate widely - so that women's voices & perspectives may be heard at the 1993 Woeld Conference on Human Rights

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PETITION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

**"Violence Against Women Violates Human Rights"**

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights protects everyone "without distinction of any kind such as race, colour, sex, language...or other status" (art.2) Furthermore, "everyone has the right to life, liberty & security of person" (art.3) & "no one shall be subject to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" (art.5). Therefore, we, the undersigned, call upon the 1993 United Nations World Conference on Human Rights to comprehensively address women's human rights at every level of its proceedings. We demand that gender violence, a universal phenomenon which takes many forms across culture, race and class, be recognized as a violation of human rights requiring immediate action.

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It's become an annual event. Rich people get together once a year, pay \$85 a plate, dine on fancy dishes with a private label wine, and enthusiastically write a cheque to buy a refrigerated van to come to their events, conferences, etc. & pick up uneaten scraps - leftovers - to take to food banks...to the "needy". It happened this year at the Hotel Vancouver.

Strangely enough, we "ungrateful wretches" had a rally right across the street on the steps of the Art Gallery. It was organised by End Legislated Poverty. It was "Hunger Awareness Week".

Protesting against an entire system of laws, policies, trade deals, the corporate agenda...awareness is the first step.

Check out the contrast & pick a side:

Rich: - show their awareness of hunger in schools by trying to turn hot lunch programs into 'twinkie & pop' meals & demanding that poor kids be identified;  
- keep minimum wage & welfare rates low so people will have to take any work at any wage in any conditions;  
- keep demanding cuts in social programs (health, education, UI) so people will have to use their energy to survive, rather than protest for change

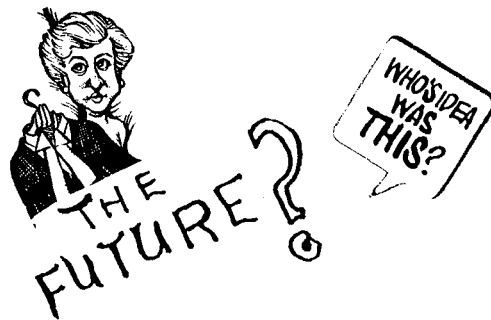
**HMMM...  
IT'S DELICIOUS!**

Poor: - face the following realities...

- No jobs
- Low minimum wage
- Low welfare rates
- The increasing need for charity
- U.I. cuts
- North American Free Trade Deal
- Federal cuts to social services, health and education, childcare, seniors, etc
- High taxes for low & middle income people, low taxes for the rich
- Federal cuts to housing
- other manifestations of the corporate agenda.

The rich feel they've 'done their bit' by admitting the reality of hunger & deprivation. They righteously deny that it is their fault.

Sandy Cameron, one-time prospector & an



acknowledged writer & poet, fasted for the entire week. He spoke at the rally, saying that for the rich to proclaim "awareness" without doing anything to change the causes just makes what's wrong worse. He said he was finding it more difficult to focus, to concentrate. "I understand now how a child going to school hungry will do poorly. It is hard to be all you can be when you don't eat."

Jim Sinclair talked about NAFTA, the deal that will make the first "free" trade deal seem like a picnic. The rich & their multinational corporations are hoping to remove the power of any governments to pass laws that will restrict profit in any way. They scream that taxes are too high, even though the burden has shifted in the last 4 decades from being roughly 50/50 between individuals & business to being now 89/11. The rich demand that gov't spending be reduced, that more cuts be made, as though the communities, workers & resources of this country, the US & Mexico are just so much collateral to be bargained over.

Those present then picked up some signs and walked once around the Hotel Vancouver handing out fact sheets & an ELP pamphlet entitled "Charity is a bandaid, not a solution." We got to the driveway just as several of the people attending the 'Taste of the Nation' arrived. It would be nice to imagine that the looks on their faces were guilt, but mostly it was fear; fear that something has gone wrong perhaps... fear that the "poor" are no longer the unwashed, bedraggled masses fit only for workhouses or prisons...fear that we are right after all(!)

By PAULR TAYLOR

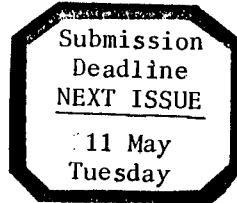
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## WHY IS HEMP ILLEGAL?

As early as 1901 & continuing to 1937, the US Dept. of Agricultural repeatedly predicted that, once machinery capable of harvesting, stripping & separating the fibre from the pulp was invented & engineered, hemp would once again be America's number one farm crop.

The technology needed to produce such machines was developed in the mid-1930s. In response to this, Mechanical Engineering ran an article about hemp titled "The Most Profitable & Desirable Crop that Can Be Grown". Popular Mechanics also ran an article on this subject, titled "The Billion Dollar Crop". Here are some quotes: "...farmers are promised a new cash crop with an annual value of several hundred million dollars, all because a machine has been invented which solves a problem over 6000 years old.

"Hemp is the standard fibre of the world. It has great tensile strength & durability. It is used to produce more than 5000 textile products, ranging from rope to fine laces, & the woody 'hurds' remaining after the fibre has been removed contain more than 77% cellulose & can be used to produce more than 75,000 products ranging from dynamite to cellophane."

When mechanical hemp fibre stripping machines finally became available in the mid-1930s, the enormous timber acreage & businesses of the Hearst Paper Manufacturing Division, Kimberly Clark, St. Regis - & virtually all other timber, paper and large newspaper manufacturing companies stood to lose billions of dollars & perhaps go bankrupt.

Coincidentally, DuPont had just patented processes to make plastics from coal & oil, as well as new sulphate processes to make paper from wood pulp. If hemp hadn't been made illegal, 80% of DuPont's business would have never come to be; nor would the great majority of the pollution which has been inflicted upon our rivers & oceans.

In the 1920s & 30s, Hearst's newspaper chain led a deliberate campaign of yellow journalism to have hemp outlawed. Hearst

& other sensational tabloids ran hysterical headlines atop stories portraying Blacks & Mexicans as frenzied beasts under the influence of marijuana.

In secret Treasury Dept. meetings conducted between 1935 & 1937 prohibitive tax laws were drafted & plotted. Marijuana was not banned outright; instead an "Occupational Excise Tax" was placed upon marijuana dealers.

Testimony before Congress in 1937, for



the purpose of effectively outlawing hemp through extremely prohibitive taxation, consisted almost entirely of Hearst's and other sensational newspaper articles being read aloud by Harry Anslinger, director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

Dr. James Woodward, both physician and attorney, testified on behalf of the American Medical Association. He said, in effect, that the whole of the federal testimony was tabloid sensationalism. This law

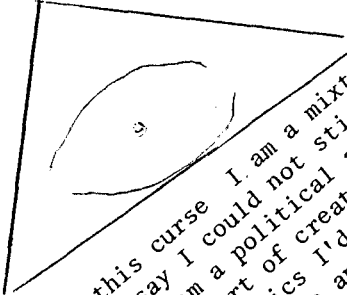
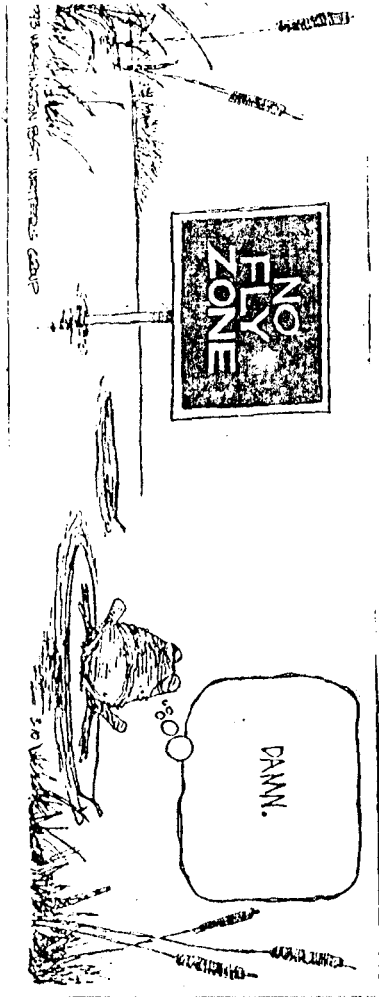
could deny the world a potential medicine whose therapeutic value was just beginning to be discovered.

Virtually no one other than a handful of rich industrialists knew that their chief potential competitor - hemp - was outlawed under the name marijuana.

That's right. Marijuana was most likely just a pretext for hemp prohibition and economic compression.

It's not too late for us to rectify this mistake. We can still change from a petroleum-based economy to a renewable & environmentally sound hemp-based economy. But we must not delay. We must act while we can still make a difference.

(This information - SFU LEAD -  
(SFU League for Ethical Action on Drugs)



Reverse this curse I am a mixture I  
am sorry to say I could not stick to one  
philosophy I am a political animal My  
beats for the heart of creation If I  
Ghandi he also was an anti-imperialist  
even my God says Do not believe me if  
you have no reason to. Your truth is in  
my veins.

Elizabeth Thorpe

### My Name is Cocaine

My name is cocaine - call me coke for short.  
I entered this country without a passport.  
Ever since then I've made lots of scum rich.  
Some have been murdered & found in a ditch.  
I've been more valued than diamonds,  
more treasured than gold,  
Use me just once & you too will be sold.  
I'll make a schoolboy forget his books,  
I'll make a beauty queen forget her looks.  
I'll take a renowned speaker & make him a bore,  
I'll take your mother & make her a whore.  
I'll make a schoolteacher forget how to teach,  
I'll make a preacher not want to preach.  
I'll take all your rent money & you'll be evicted.  
I'll murder your babies or they'll be born addicted.  
I'll make yiu rob and steal and kill,  
When you're under my power, you have no will.  
Remember, my friend, my name is "Big C,"  
If you try me one time you may never be free.  
I've destroyed actors, politicians & many a hero.  
I've decreased bank accounts from millions to zero.  
I make shooting & stabbing a common affair.  
Once I take charge, you won't have a prayer.  
Now that you know me, what will you do?  
You'll have to decide, it's all up to you.  
The day you agree to sit in my saddle  
The decision is one that no one can straddle.  
Listen to me and please listen well  
When you ride with cocaine you are headed for hell!

# The fun's in the fight

Even when you can't kick the bad

guys where it hurts, you can still

have a real gas trying.

& Toni. We love you!



AUSTIN, TEXAS—I'VE BEEN TALKIN' TO A BUNCH OF THE FUN-LOVIN' freedom-fighters of Texas lately, and we all agree that there's one thing we need to pass on to all of y'all from the few of us before I take a leave from these pages. (I'm takin' a leave of absence on account of I have to write a book, and time has become both scant and precious.) The thing is this: You got to have fun while you're fightin' for freedom, 'cause you don't always win.

Joe Rauh, the lawyer who defended so many folks during the McCarthy Era and the civil rights movement (note that the rightness of those stands is always easier to see in retrospect). Rauh was sick in the hospital at the time and asked a friend of his to go down and collect the award for him. His friend went to see him in the hospital and said, "Joe, what you want me to

tell these folks?"

So there was Rauh lyin' there sick as a dog, thinking back on all those bad, ugly, angry times—the destroyed careers, the wrecked lives—and he said, "Tell 'em how much fun it was. Tell 'em how much fun it was."

So keep fightin' for freedom and justice, beloveds, but don't you forget to have fun doin' it. Lord, let your laughter ring forth. Be outrageous, ridicule the fraidy-cats, rejoice in all the oddities that freedom can produce. And when you get through kickin' ass and celebratin' the sheer joy of a good fight, be sure to tell those who come after how much fun it was.



GRANVILLE BRIDGE EXPLAINS VANCOUVER CITY PLAN TO TRAFFIC.. (Dan Feeney)



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