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# Carnegie

## NEWSLETTER



JULY 15, 1993.

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### Adventure Walks

Something new & exciting has been added to the Carnegie scene. Marty Hunter & Bob Sarti have organized nature walks throughout the Lower Mainland during July & August.

Come & learn the history of our local areas as well as having fun. Bob is the commentator while Marty packs nutritious & tasty lunches. Whenever fighting the bureaucrats becomes too much for me I think of all the wonderful nature walks I've had the good fortune to be part of.

On July 8 we discovered a wealth of history out on the Musqueam Lands. We walked along a path by the Fraser River. Bob showed us where there was an old Japanese fishing village which was confiscated by the government during World War II.

We wandered along the trails where there were many trees & a variety of wildflowers. There are salmon in Musqueam Creek but the chlorine from the sub-division above is killing some of them out. This hazard to nature comes from swimming pools.

The Southlands expedition was very interesting as a great number of horses are kept on the small farms. We certainly developers don't destroy this area too.

It was wonderful to hear the sweet singing of birds instead of the roar of traffic. In closing I would like to say come & learn a great deal of history one cannot learn from books.

By IRENE SCHMIDT

**ON THE**



**EDGE**

## VOLUNTEER TRIPS

Summer, 1993

### JULY

- Sun. July 18: BLOEDEL FLORAL CONSERVATORY  
Queen Elizabeth Park - 1 pm.
- Mon. July 19: CLAM CHOWDER CONTEST  
Waterfront Park, North Van.
- Fri. July 23: SPLASHDOWN PARK WATERSLIDES  
Tsawwassen - 10 am.
- Mon. July 26: CARIBBEAN DAY FESTIVAL  
Waterfront Park, N.Van. - 11am

HELP



### LEARNERS CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meets Every Other Monday

JULY 26

AUGUST 9

AUGUST 23

SEPTEMBER 7 (Tues)

SEPTEMBER 20

at 1:00 pm

We need help PLANNING - Food, Workshops,  
Decorations, Publicity.

All Learners and Students  
from the Downtown Eastside Welcome



### In memory of AL ANDERSON

Al (John Alvin) passed away on July 2nd in Vancouver. He would have been 54 on the 8th of August.

He was known by many people as the first person to say hello at the DERA office at 9 E.Hastings. Al could listen with equal ease to someone wanting to apply for housing as he could to someone screaming about their landlord, welfare runarounds, being robbed or even threatening to kill someone ...like 'calm down & I'll see what we can do'. I didn't know Al personally, but he had a way about him that co-workers said

made them just feel safer when he was on the front desk.

He just knew where people should go or who they should talk to about almost any problem they had...he kind of inspired hope & let you agree that there was a way to beat the bastards.

The funny times & the sad times & all the little special times in between are the treasured property of those who did know him well. At services in Langley a longtime friend & co-worker said that he isn't gone...that the life & memory of Al will be something that anyone who knew him would keep with them until their grave.

## *Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society*

Alcohol & Drug Programs has provided the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society with an adult drug & alcohol counsellor. The following services are now available to adults through DEYAS:

1. Education and consultation.
2. One-to-one counselling & treatment to Downtown Eastside residents & families with alcohol and drug issues.
3. Assessments & referrals to other agencies and treatment programs.

For more information call

Patricia Townsley (Mo)  
685-7300

(604) 685-4488  
223 Main Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

# CARNEGIE

6:30 Wed.

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The Annual General Meeting on June 20 was lively, to say the least, with about 25 people nominated for positions as members of the Board of Directors. Fully 21 people stood for election & the above list is the result. Reports from all aspects of the Association were given. Some are here..reproducing everything would be a book in itself.

The meeting ended with free stew/soup/ juice/coffee (not all mixed together) and a chocolate cake.

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The Education Committee Report never made it into the AGM book with all the annual reports from other committees. Not to miss it, a synopsis follows:

This has been an exceptionally busy year in the Learning Centre with many new students & tutors. English as a Second Language (ESL) is one of the main topics requiring classes, as well as small groups & one-to-one tutoring. Some of the points for making our ESL help improve include:

- finding out needs of individual students
- loneliness of seniors is a major factor; scope for social contacts necessary
- a need to share information
- a need for consistency & intermixing of age groups to counteract isolation

The Committee offers what assistance it can in the face of complicated ESL funding requirements, but feels that the approach we take here is more human than the more structured (& expensive) classes.

Literacy in reading, writing & arithmetic bring many people here, with hands-on work also being done in the computer room.

An ongoing item of discussion at meetings has been "space-use" on the 3rd floor. The growing numbers of both learners & tutors has led to our having sessions in the art gallery, on the landing near the elevator & almost anywhere a table & a chair or two can go. It's hard sometimes to keep the idea of balance in mind, trying to get adequate space while not excluding others from the 3rd floor.

Classes in creative writing, current events/social studies & other subjects happen with regular courses that can lead to getting a Grade 12 equivalency diploma.

Naming names of staff, tutors & students will always leave someone out. Almost every part of the Learning Centre is, however, involved in making our dynamic publication - Off The Wall. The 3rd one (or is it the 4th) is being put together now & funding sources are out there somewhere. The work & completed copies seem to be extremely popular, giving learners a great deal of encouragement with writing. Students are very proud to see their work in print.

(Original report by Irene Schmidt.)

# LETTERS

Dear Carnegie Centre,

The organising committee of the June 5 "Building Stronger Neighbourhoods" conference wish to thank the members of Carnegie Centre for the wonderful food that you provided. Being able to provide lunch contributed greatly to the success of this community event. The quality & quantity of the bread & chili was wonderful & we appreciate having had you there to serve up.

Yours truly,

Irene Wotton

Carnegie Community Centre Association  
Dear Paul Taylor, Editor,

The Board of B.C. PLURA is pleased to let you know that we have approved a grant of \$1,000 for your Newsletter.

We are happy to fund your good endeavor. Good luck to you all.

Sincerely,

Joyce Freeman, Treasurer

Dear Carnegie Centre Gang,

Last night's event would not have been complete without your dedication and hard work in preparing & serving the Chili.

The evening was very successful & our brothers & sisters in the neighbourhood enjoyed it very much. Thanks again.

Yours truly,

Larry Scafe, President,  
Downtown Granville Tenants' Association

Dear Paul Taylor,

RE: Help in the Downtown Eastside

Thank you for your latest supply of the above leaflets. I have distributed copies to our supervisors & specialty liaisons.

I have found the information to be extremely useful. Thank you again.

Yours truly,

Staff Sergeant R. Taylor, Vancouver P.D.

Carnegie Community Centre Association  
Dear Paul Taylor:

The Society has completed its assessment program for the 1993 funding year & we've found your application to meet our funding criteria. Unfortunately, the Society is facing a deficit situation this year & the Board of Directors has yet to conclude its own budget process. Until that time, I'm not in the position to make a final determination with respect to your application.

I hope to be able to get back to you by the middle of July.

Yours truly,

LEGAL SERVICES SOCIETY (BC). (Legal Aid)  
(The application is for \$990 for the  
Help in the Downtown Eastside booklets)

Editor,

Today, out of the goodness of my heart, I opened the concession. It's a job that I'm really not fond of but I didn't want Carnegie patrons to have no coffee or food.

The first person I encountered was shouting that it was 9 o'clock & why weren't we open. I told him that it'd be open soon but that didn't make him happy & he left.

The day went along quite pleasantly until near the end of my shift.

A volunteer in the computer room, was the last customer. A man, whom I didn't know was a friend of his, came & I stated curtly that I was closed. Since it's very noisy in the concession area & they spoke softly, I didn't hear him say he wasn't a customer. An altercation occurred & some very rude comments were made by both parties. I later challenged him to try his hand at working the concession but he wouldn't accept.

My point in all this is that if it were not for a few dedicated volunteers like June Rose, Mary Brogan, myself & a few new faces (I don't know their names yet), there might not be a concession for you to come to. So next time you go up to the concession, keep in mind that are volunteers & human beings like yourselves & be a little pleasant & say hi instead of throwing money at the cashier & grumbling.

Vickie Dutcher



We at CEEDS have a very different view of the cow than the article published in Carnegie Newsletter May 15'93 "How much does a Fast Food Hamburger Really Cost?" (written by Canada Earthsave). The cow has been no less than our foster mother for centuries; we're dependent on one another.

One of the reasons the article gives for cutting the cow's population by 50% is because of the terrible conditions that domestic animals are kept under today, including poultry. For a moment, imagine the caged hens in the battery house. What would they say to us if they could talk? We believe they'd say, "Don't stop eating eggs, because that means we're toast, but instead get us out of these cages & into a natural environment." The same applies to cattle in feedlots & pigs in cement cells.

The article blames cows for the destruction of life on the earth rather than putting the blame where it belongs - on the profit-driven system.

Cattle, like people & all other domestic animals are exploited, terrorised & abused by the system. We need an alternative society, one that shares the land with all animals including the domestic ones. People reading that article who have never met a cow would be prejudiced against her & lose out on an important aspect of nature. We believe in developing a closer, more intimate knowledge of nature, a loving relationship is a good way of doing this. We think the world's #1 problem is people's alienation from nature, the line being put forward by "Canada Earthsave" contributes to this problem. They advocate keeping the system & exterminating 50% of the cattle, so they can get their "vegie burgers" on the menu at McDonald's. We say get rid of the system & liberate the cows.

We're beefeaters but it's not a steady diet. We also eat pork, mutton, goat, turkey, goose, chicken, duck, salmon, Cariboo potatoes & beans.

Ceeds



## PEGGY THE PIGEON

Garry  
Gust

I got kidnapped by some Gypsies and they took me for a ride to the wedding of their nephew who then make me kiss the bride.

So I gave up my best ransom as her tongue slipped thru my lips but I stayed true just by thinking of your boogie-woogie hips.

Now I'm lost on Seymour mountain try'n to get back to the hood where the Pigeon Parkers shield me coz they know I've kicked for good.

If I get back there by morning without further flashback trips I'll just sit there till I'm looking at your boogie-woogie hips.

## ODE TO B.D. & J.B.

In the painter's house in Woodstock  
Joan's voice split the silent air,  
And captivated every ear  
Which happened to be there.

The world outside just disappeared  
While smoke in circles rose,  
And a ramblin' boy named Bob was there  
In his ragamuffin's clothes.

He sat transfixed, upon a rug  
Cross-legged in a trance,  
Then suddenly....he spoke to Joan  
With nothing but his glance

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## We Remember...JAMES LEONARD RYAN

Jamie was born January 6, 1956 at Prince Rupert, BC & died on June 22, 1993 in Vancouver. He was 37 years old.

Jamie was a strong, healthy baby with long, lanky limbs. Right from the start he was mischievous, very affectionate and fun loving. When he was small he was always into something, like blowing up the neighbours cabbages in the garden, or putting firecrackers in key-holes & knocking on the door! Halloween meant being able to play tricks on everyone, which he loved to do.

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Jamie spent the first 11 years of his life growing up in Prince Rupert. Even when he was 10 or 11 years old he was on the hustle - selling newspapers, yelling "Extra! Extra!" as well as shining shoes. If he was caught downtown & chased home he would just go to the next street.

In 1966 he and some of the family went to the Residential school in Alert Bay until 1969. In 1969 the family was reunited in Vancouver. The next year Jamie hitchhiked across Canada to Montreal. He would call home collect because he was lost in the subways. When he came back he told everyone he was at Woodstock.

The years that followed Jamie spent "searching for himself" - he was an "A" student in school & promoted himself two grades. He was a fisherman and a logger. He loved poetry, music & art. He had a passion for the outdoors, going on barbeques & picnics. One of Jamie's favourite sayings was "life's a beach!". He took his role of uncle very seriously; he loved all his nieces and nephews.

Jamie had many obstacles in his life; one of the hardest heartaches to overcome was the untimely death of his oldest brother, Ricky, because they were very close growing up together. But even during his



hard times Jamie kept in touch with his family, always touching their lives in a very special way. Who could ever forget his sense of humour, expressed in his own unique way?

Jamie spent the last few years of his life battling with his dependencies. He wasn't happy with the lifestyle he led. He was trying to give up the drugs & alcohol. Many of his friends and family tried to help. But for reasons, none of us really know why, Jamie lost his personal battle with drugs. Actually we all lost. This world is a poorer place without you Jamie. We miss you and will never forget you.

Jamie is survived by parents Leonard and Marie Ryan, sisters Leona, Gwen & Teresa, brothers Robert, Gary, Gregory & Clifford, his nieces & nephews, and stepmother Joyce Vickers.

Greed...

It is people who have enough & want more, What they have isn't enough; it may be money or properties, but in the end people with greed will suffer like anybody else. Greed is a sickness of life whether money or life itself.

The bottom line of life itself is moderation in everything. You make or break it one way or the other.

You can't take it with you when you leave this earth. You can only use it for a time & then you pass on, & pass on money or property too...

Barry Saunders



### What's In A Harmless Drink?

It's a sin  
To drink too much gin  
And when it comes to rum  
You can act mighty dumb  
The same goes for rye  
'Cause you can get awful high  
Did you know that beer  
Can make you sneer?  
And too much ale  
Can make you pale  
Don't offer me scotch  
Because I could lose my watch  
Have you ever tried Saki?  
It can sure make you wacky  
Do you think liquor  
Is a real cure?  
I suppose any drink is harmless  
'Til you run to the sink  
Guess that's the time to taper & quit  
Before you get into big trouble!

Verna Johnston

### Legislated Illness

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I am a person with a mild but debilitating form of mental illness. It has in effect, up to this point, ruined my life. I have a limited but acceptable education & an above-average I.Q. & should have been successful in life at least by my own terms.

I am not.

My mental affliction, by trick of fate, is such that I require the assistance of a psychoanalyst & ongoing behaviour modification therapy to even attempt to alleviate the symptoms that prevent me from being able to acquire & maintain a steady job in the face of the everyday world we all live in.

Unfortunately it is outside the mandate of social services to provide this assistance. So I find myself in a Catch-22 situation.

I wind up feeling as if I have in effect been thrown away by the society I live in.

I can't work to be able to pay for my own potential rehabilitation & the local governing body refuses to help.

Is this right? Is this fair? Is this even morally acceptable?

No, it's not. In my opinion it's criminal & should be addressed to & for all of the others in this province who are in the same predicament or similar ones themselves.

We are condemned to live out our lives on a miserable pittance, given to us each month by Social Services. It is like being punished for being with a handicap which is not our fault & which is beyond the average individual's capability to deal with.

We are being robbed of our lives & any expectation of happiness & sense of worth or self-esteem which should be an inalienable right for any person living in today's society.

Social Services should be paying for the appropriate therapy that I need or find another way to help me & others with this situation.

RSN, a member of the  
Victoria Street Community Association



How much more low-rent housing will be built in the Downtown Eastside. And where will it go? These are just a couple of the issues that came up at the Housing Forum at Carnegie in June.

The Tories have axed the social housing program. This means that beginning in 1994 there will be only 600 new units of social housing available each year across B.C. instead of 1800 a year. Unless the province commits to putting a good chunk of that housing here, the amount of new social housing will go way down.

At the same time, Gastown is going up-scale. Close to 200 condos have already been built there, or are being planned. By the end of the year there will be at least seven trendy art galleries there.

This kind of development pushes up land values, making it more expensive to build social housing. While there are already some low-rentals in Gastown like the Four Sisters, Alexander Place, the Europe and Columbia House, the trend is now toward building housing for people with middle & high incomes.

In a recent Vancouver Sun article, Larry Beazley, a senior planner with the City, noted that special zoning in one part of the Downtown Eastside keeps land prices lower there than in the rest of the neighbourhood.

This is the area the City calls the Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District or DEOD. This is a special zoning area that includes the 2 blocks of Hastings between Carrall & Main and the 13 block area northeast of Main & Hastings.

The DEOD was created in 1982 as a way to encourage the preservation of hotels & the construction of new low rent housing & it worked well. Over half of all the social & co-op housing built since the 1970s has been put up in the small area northeast of Main & Hastings. Half of all this housing is seniors only & so-called special needs housing.

But the Downtown Eastside community is far larger than this 13 block area. If so much social housing - especially seniors &



'special needs' housing - is concentrated in one small area, what will happen to the rest of the neighbourhood? A small area like this can only handle so many people, and so many services.

Unfortunately, when this question was raised at the housing forum, many people treated it as an attack on people with mental health problems, instead of looking at what this concentration of social housing means for the larger Downtown Eastside neighbourhood.

What's now happening in Gastown is one possible future for a good part of the Downtown Eastside. And as condos for people who can afford to pay 150-250 thousand (\$) take over the rest of the neighbourhood, the services & businesses here will inevitably be the ones those people need & want..

Unless we begin pushing for an overall housing plan & greater community control over the allocation of housing, the Downtown Eastside will eventually be squeezed into the DEOD. As right-wing governments cut social housing funding, it will become more important to develop innovative ways to build low-rent housing for everybody in the community.

By JEFF SOMMERS

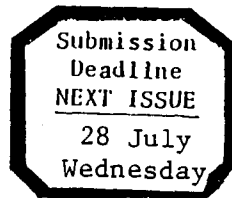


DOWNTOWN STD Clinic - Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm.  
 EASTSIDE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC - Mon, Wed, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm  
 YOUTH NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; everyday, 9am-5pm.  
 ACTIVITIES Needle Exchange Van - on the street evenings, Mon-Sat  
 SOCIETY N.A. meets every Monday night at 223 Main St.

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Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets daily at 59 Powell, 10am - 2:30.

1993 DONATIONS Eleanor K. -\$25  
 Stuart M. -\$50 Adbusters -\$50  
 Kettle F.S. -\$16 Wayne H. -\$2.50  
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 Help in the Downtown Eastside (runds)  
 Social Services - \$1,000  
 Vancouver Health Dept. -\$11  
 Employment & Immigration -\$800  
 PLURA -\$1000



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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  
 or phone us at 682-0931.

DERA's General Membership meeting is on the last Friday  
of every month in Carnegie Theatre, starting at 10:30 am.

DERA HAS BEEN SERVING THE  
 DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE FOR 20 YEARS.

# TIRED OF YOUR JOB?

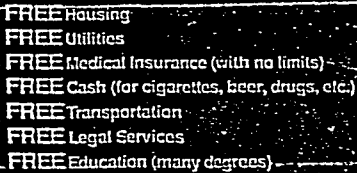
Sick of working 40 hours or more each week to feed your family?

Would you like to relax all day and still have all the benefits of a full time job?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, THEN YOU SHOULD CONSIDER MOVING TO ONTARIO

## "THE WELFARE STATE"

IF YOU QUALIFY (and only working people do not) YOU CAN RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:



- FREE Housing
- FREE Utilities
- FREE Medical Insurance (with no limits)
- FREE Cash (for cigarettes, beer, drugs, etc.)
- FREE Transportation
- FREE Legal Services
- FREE Education (many degrees)

These benefits are not limited to 3 or 6 months like in other jurisdictions. In Ontario you can collect for life. Some of our families collect them for 2 or 3 generations.

So if you would like to receive all this without working for a living, just call the "Province of Ontario" Department of Social Services at:

**1-800-FRELOAD**

EVEN THE CALL IS FREE

This hate poster against people on welfare showed up in Ontario.

The Human Rights Coalition & other groups twice asked the BC gov't to include source of income as a protected category along with race, sex, sexual orientation & physical disability. The gov't failed to do so, according to Susan O'Donnell of the HRC. Three other provinces (Manitoba, Ontario & Quebec) do include source of income as a protected category against discrimination under the Human Rights Code.

Bill 33, now being considered, not yet passed, is designed to prevent hate literature. Source of income is again excluded as a protected category, leaving welfare recipients targets for attack.

The welfare fraud allegations in the media lately are an example of attack against welfare recipients. Welfare fraud was singled out, even though other types of fraud, such as GST or income tax, are much higher.

## Tired of Your Job?

Sick of working 40 hours or more each week just to feed you family?

Would you like to relax all day and still have all the benefits of a full time job?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you should consider moving to:

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**THE LATEST NDP**

**"WELFARE PROVINCE"**

If you qualify (and only working people don't), you can receive the following:

Free housing

Free Utilities

Free medical insurance

Free cash for cigarettes, beer, drugs, etc

Free transportation

Free legal services

This program is not limited to 3 or 6 months like other Provinces. In BC, under an NDP government, you can collect for LIFE! Some of our families have received benefits for two or three generations.

If you would like to receive all of this without working for a living, just call BC SOCIAL SERVICES

**1-800-FRELOAD**

(Even the call is free)

Courtesy SFU Young Socreds. Please Recycle.

Imagine accusing an ethnic minority or gender group of being more inclined to commit fraud. The media wouldn't get away with it, Yet, according to the Ministry's statistics, the media grossly exaggerated the amount of welfare fraud that exists.

The extensive fraud that some are doing through computers & other technology (duplicating cheques, setting up numerous false accounts, etc.) may be defrauding the welfare system, but they are not typical welfare recipients...they are not in poverty. Criminals who tap into the welfare system with such sophistication have probably never stood in a welfare line-up in their lives. There is no reason for anyone to describe such fraud in the context of welfare clients.

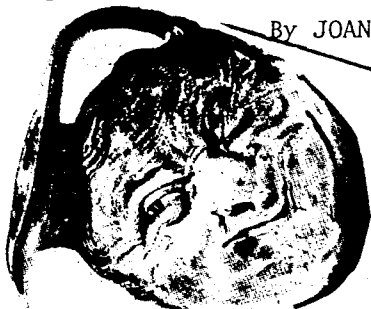
The media made all welfare recipients fraud suspects..vulnerable to intimidation, harassment & further attack. The media ad-

ded to a myth that welfare recipients already suffer from: that it is fraudulent simply to be on welfare.

Welfare-bashing helps to keep welfare recipients at a survival level, ensuring competition for low-waged jobs & benefitting corporations with cheap labour. Mainstream media, primarily owned by corporations, ignores the true fraud: the fact that corporations, along with the very wealthy, pay virtually no tax, yet maintain their wealth by other's poverty.

Attacks against welfare recipients blame the poor for their financial circumstances and relieve corporations & the gov't of responsibility for poverty.

By JOANNE SHAW



The latest round of welfare-bashing has died down a little..to the point of it not being on the front page everyday. It's a sad sort of relief. The stereotype of the "welfare bum" is right up there in neon & can be easily reinforced ...in the minds of almost anyone who has never been poor or who has learned to manipulate the system, being poor is the result of the victim not capitalizing on their opportunities, not being willing to work.

It's so easy to say & then keep repeating the story you've heard or been told or make up on the spot...or keep seeing every person on assistance anywhere as being the same as the one person you know was doing something you consider wrong - & you may be 100% correct for that one person - but immediately colour everyone on welfare as criminal.

If you are still one of us/those with an open mind - ask yourself "Why does this happen?" We fear what we don't understand & we fear change. In the last 2 years, but especially in the last year, there has been a growing awareness among the general

population of the causes of poverty, of the closeness of hard times for more & all. more people as businesses fail or are just shut down here to be reopened in the US or Mexico, of the inability to find work at the rate of pay you feel entitled to, at the financial nightmare waiting no farther away than one missed paycheque. The very wealthy are extremely hard to focus on as causing the kinds of grief & hard times more of us are facing - but the facts are pretty clear. In order to increase profits transnational corporations have been manipulating & coercing political change for years - the infamous corporate agenda. Free Trade & North American free trade are the current highlights. The rhetoric keeps harping on "competitiveness", "economic growth" & "level playing fields"; resulting costs to human dignity, lives & future plans are secondary to the sacred hype. Over 500,000 jobs in Canada have been permanently lost, thousands of businesses are bankrupt, thousands more have just closed down plants & gone south, the migration into the maquiladora zone in northern Mexico is draining the jobs described here - & with them goes the ability of people to contribute to the tax base where they live..the tax base that pays for social programs like education, health care and welfare.

While this erosion has been encouraged & written off as a 'necessary by-product of restructuring' (by the penultimate re-constructers who own corporations), the effects are two-fold: those who are getting richer because of all this will have the ongoing benefits of first-rate health care, all opportunities in education & life will remain within easy grasp for themselves & their children; those who are getting poorer, whose future is made uncertain because of this economic terrorism, are reacting wildly, trying to cling to half-memories of meaningful work, of hopeful futures, of just plain hope, by scapegoating those who have already been bashed by these slimy economic bombs.

Almost everyone can say to themselves, "I'm okay." If you refuse to see what the results of corporate piracy are, blind yourself to the use of media & deficit hy-

steria to divide people & promote finger-pointing to find 'those responsible', then you'll have your attention directed for you. Again, if "I'm okay", then whose fault are all these economic miseries? The people on welfare! The immigrants/blacks/gays/lesbians/religious nuts/anyone who is not the same as me... & having no answer or refusing to see the truth in front of your face you pick the most vulnerable group to bear the brunt of your desire to blame somebody. Most everyone has legal protections against discrimination, after years of struggle, but poor people are still fair game.

UTV in Vancouver aired one of the most biased, exaggerated pieces of bullshit that has ever been seen; other media started their own versions of poornography, hold-over socrd bureaucrats in the Ministry of Social Services released draft reports before they had been checked for either truth or accuracy & dug 2, maybe 3 cases out of the 320,000 currently receiving assistance &, with the help of their cohorts in the press, made each sound like it was the Minister's personal fault or at least policy that such obvious fraud was condoned or even encouraged...that, of course, by inference, every person on welfare is a "crook/thief/bum/etc....."

Those who were quickest to make a mountain out of this molehill were the same who used the same media sources to try convincing everybody there was a "TAX REVOLT!" when the NDP had the novel idea of taxing wealthier people more. Despite front pages & TV spots it was never more than the rich pissed off that they'd have to take a few more bucks out of petty cash.

What's both enlightening & discouraging in this welfare bashing is that all stories/articles/TV go before editorial committees that supposedly have the best interests of the public as their mandate. They approved all this garbage.

By PAULR TAYLOR



### SOME facts about COCKROACHES:

Latin name: ORTHOPTERA Blattidae

Cockroaches have been around for about 200 million years, first appearing during the Carboniferous Era, or the age of coal when the Earth was covered with the swamps that would later decompose into today's petroleum, coal & diamond supply.

There are 55 species of cockroaches in the world. However there are 2 main indoor species in Canada: the German cockroach (*blattela Germanica*) & the Oriental cockroach (*Blattelidae Orientalis*).

(Roaches are zoosaprophagous: Eating desiccated animal matter, & phytosaprophagous: Eating dessicated plant matter.)

Roaches have remained basically unchanged from their Carboniferous counterparts. Among their senses are primitive, light sensitive eyes called OCELLI, & an ability to distinguish & differentiate good & shitty-tasting foods. Cockroaches are negatively phototropic - they tend to avoid bright light.

A cockroach's diet consists of small particles of dead, dried & decaying matter of plant & animal origin...including other dead roaches you have squished!

Pregnant roaches (female) tow around a small, orange capsule-like sac called an OOTHECA. After towing this egg pod for about 4 weeks, she then detaches it from her body, being careful to stash her ootheca in a ~~dark~~ & secretive place (away from you!). About one or two months later, the roach babies hatch & emerge from the egg sac. An egg sac carries 15 to 40 eggs, & a female typically lays & drops from 7 to 9 of these things during her life.

A cockroach's lifespan is anywhere from 4 to 9 months.

By DEAN KO

P.S.: Roaches have many names internationally. The Romans called them *Blatta*, hence the term *Blattidae*. In Chinese it's *gak jak* & the Spanish people call them *la cucaracha*.



## The Frank Series #1

### One Shot Out

He sat silently. A light glaze of sweat rested on Frank's weathered forehead. The day was muggier than usual & Frank's room doesn't offer reasonable ventilation any day of the year; just the underscent of hallway carpets that haven't been cleaned in a decade. Frank was feeling because his NA meeting was cancelled. Normally he can go a couple of weeks clean as long as he goes to his group sessions. He had been tempted a couple of times but fought off the urge because tonight was his meeting & he was looking forward to talking proud of how much he was focusing.

Frank then broke his silence with an awakening sigh & headed out to check the scene.. He got in the compact elevator & this tall dude in a faded jean jacket was standing in the corner. Frank recognized him..he'd bought junk from him before. "You lookin'?" this dude rumbled from under his throat. "No man...I ah, I can't do it," whispered Frank as the elevator stopped at the next floor down. It sat there for a second, then opened. No one was there, as Frank impatiently pressed the 'close door' button. "Hey man, this new stuff j

just in is killer & you only need a bit at a time. I've got to get rid of it so I'll give you a deal..you got 20 bucks?" "Yeah I've got it but I...did you say a small <sup>13</sup> hit will do?" Frank asked with interest. "Yeah man it's strong shit now you want it or what?"

Something immediately clicked inside and he gave the guy a twenty. The two then went separate ways, Frank heading to the Balmoreal where a van from the Needle Exchange usually hangs out giving people clean rigs and condoms. He picked up 2 rigs & split westward. He bumped into a friend of his who was sporting a fresh-looking bruise on her left cheek. She was strung out. She told Frank her boyfriend just took everything from her room because she owed him money. Abruptly, she stopped on the street in front of him & asked if he had anything. "It would really help me out if you did. I'm totally broke & I don't want to work the street...you got some Frank?" "Yeah, I've got this shit that's supposed to be pretty strong. You're supposed to do small doses..at least that's what this guy Burner said." She became agitated, almost pushy, for Frank to give her a hit. They sat down in an alley. Frank took out his junk & his friend immediately grabbed it from him & took off. He ran after her but was tripped up by some garbage so she got away.

Frank just sat silently, the early evening breeze resting the knotted tension pulling at his insides. Confused, he shook his head & started home, not being able to figure out why Serena would do that to him. About a half hour later he got to his place & ambulance cherries were dancing around the buildings as usual. Frank gave it little notice but checked it out, only to see Serena out cold on the street. He quickly asked the ambulance attendant if she was ok. "No. She's gone." Frank swallowed. Staring at the cracks in the sidewalk he could feel nothing but guilt..then frustration...then revenge, but at who? Himself? Burner? The cops? Feeling as if he'd had enough for today he turned his back on the tragic scene, day dreaming that it never happened.

By STEVE ROSE

## GHETTO

ghetto: get-to, n:

A SMALL PORTION OR SECTION OF A CITY, GENERALLY LIMITED TO WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF MINORITY PEOPLE LIVE.

THIS TERM BECAME DEROGATORY, STARTING WITH THE WARSAW GHETTOS OF GERMANY, WHERE JEWS WERE SEGREGATED INTO A VERY SMALL, WALLED AREA. UNTIL TODAY IT IS NOW AN ACCEPTED TERM FOR A POOR, SQUALID, POPULATED AREA OF ANY LARGE CITY.

THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF GHETTO WAS A SMALL ENCLAVE OR COMMUNITY AREA, RATHER NOT AS WE HAVE COME TO KNOW IT. B.G.

THE SUBURBS ARE FOR WHITE PEOPLE  
ME, I LIVE IN THE GHETTO  
WHERE BLACK AND BROWN ISN'T THE ONLY THING  
HAPPENING  
AND WHITEY GOT TURNED AROUND AT THE RED LIGHT

THE WESTERN PONY SLAMS ITSELF AGAINST  
THE WALLS, VIBRATING  
AT THE BASE LINE  
AND THE BOUNCER MAKES NO DISTINCTION  
AT 2:00 A.M.  
EVERYBODY HITS THE PAVEMENT THEN

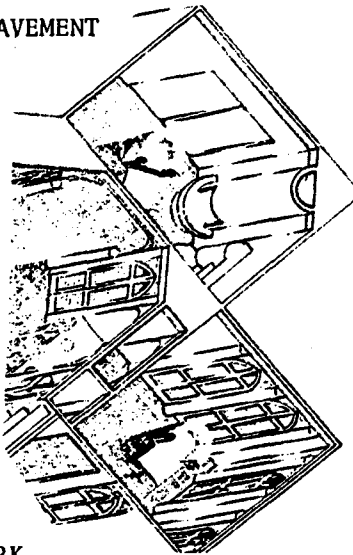
FAY BOY ON THE CORNER, WANTS TOO MUCH FOR HIS PACKET  
IN THE END, THE TIPS WE GET IS ALL THE SAME SHIT

TOM TOMS THUNDER OUT THE MONDAY BLUES  
AND WACKY WEDNESDAY STARTS THE LONG WEEK-END TO  
OBLIVION

HOT CHILI PEPITAS WALK IN DISDAIN  
TO THE RHYTHMIC NEON,  
FLASHING OFF THE SPIT-SHINY PAVEMENT

THE ONLY TRASH DOWN HERE  
IS THE YAHOO  
HOLLERIN, FROM HIS TRUCK  
'HOW MUCH FOR A FUCK?'

THE MUCKY-MUCK LADY,  
PASSING THROUGH,  
SHAKES HER HEAD, THINKING  
OF HER OWN SATIN-LINED  
BED,  
OF ROSES  
AND HER MUCKY-MUCK MATE  
CAN'T WAIT  
TO CREEP DOWN HERE  
ON BENDED KNEE, TO SEE  
FROM BEHIND THE BUSHES,  
LITTLE GIRLS,  
DOING SOMMER-SAULTS IN THE PARK.



DOWN AT THE PAWN SHOP,  
TRADING GUITARS, BIKES  
AND FAMILY JEWELS,  
NOT HAVING THE TOOLS  
OF THE TRADE  
BUT NEEDING THAT 5 OR 10 BUCKS  
JUST TO GET THROUGH TO NEXT WEEK  
WHEN THE CHEQUE ROLLS IN,  
AND YOU STAND IN LINE AGAIN,

MEN AND WOMEN  
THEY FIGHT AND FIGHT  
FOR THE RIGHT  
OF A CHEAP MEAL  
AT THE 44

THEN THERE AIN'T NO MORE  
ROOM, AT THE INN  
AT 666

THE CORNER PIG  
COULDN'T CARE LESS  
IF YOUR 'RIG'  
IS CONDEMNED

AND YOUR LAST DAYS AND NIGHTS  
ARE SPENT  
IN THE HOLE  
IN YOUR ARM

SO WHAT'S THE HARM,  
THE POLITICAL PIMPS  
PASS THE BUCK  
OVER

TO THE HIGH TOWER SLUMS  
AND THEY HAVE THE NERVE  
TO CALL US BUMS

YEAH, THE SUBURBS ARE FOR WHITEY  
ME, I LIVE IN THE GHETTO

WHERE THE CULTURAL FLAVOURS  
BLEND  
WITH A CHEAP COFFEE AND  
CIGARETTE BUTTS  
HEADS  
WITH, MILTON, SHAKESPEARE, AND BURNS  
LOOKING DOWN  
ON DRUNKEN CROWNS  
AND COCKROACHES, DANCING OFF THE TURF  
WITH YOUR LAST PIECE OF CAKE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
LOOKING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER  
AS SENTINELS  
ON THE CORNER  
'SPOTTING' FOR THE GERM  
THAT CRUISES BY,  
ON HIGH

PREACHERS AND PERVERTS  
MINGLE  
AT THE SALLY-ANN  
SHARIN GOD  
AND A PAN  
OF TUNA STEW  
AND YOU  
WONDER WHAT THE HELL WENT WRONG

SILENT VOICES SCREAMING  
TO BE HEARD  
OR SEEN  
OR RECOGNIZED

RECOGNIZED, AS A HUMAN  
LOVING  
WORKING  
SHARING  
SHARING SPACE

BABIES PLAYING  
UNDER WATCHFUL HEARTS  
AND EYES  
OF MOTHERS  
IN THE CO-OP PLAYGROUND



THESE ARE PEOPLE TOO  
WITH FLESH AND BLOOD  
LIKE ME AND YOU

YEAH, THE SUBURBS ARE FOR WHITEY  
ME, I  
BREATHE  
AND TASTE,  
AND SMELL,  
AND LIVE  
...IN THE GHETTO.

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From a work in progress entitled  
"In The Autumn Of Her Moon"

Read to the 'Opal Commission on Policing in BC'  
Carnegie Community Centre, Vancouver.  
May, 1993.

# SUMMERS WITHOUT HOPE BECOME AUTUMNS OF NUANCE <sup>[1993]</sup> by the Gumption Head Fan Decey

Where was all this coloratura coming from, these inflorescences of harmony?



## PRIME FACTORS

AFS factor: Availability for Sex

AFIS factor: Availability for Intellectual Stimulation

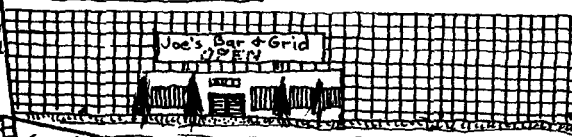
MB factor: Money Borrowability

P factor: presence



I forgot to mention the other prime factor, which is the OM factor: Oracular Mischeivousness (ie The Debt, "you'll come to a bad end" (who doesn't?), reincarnation (for those who wish to turn a life lived like graduate school into an eternity of academia), "common sense", lotteries and corrections (all senses). Also enlightenment or nirvana. (Thanks Dean Ko.)

It began to appear on the penultimate day of June, 1993, and thereafter was as regular a visual phenomenon as, say, sandals, "We Are Relocating" signs or paperback editions of Romeo and Juliet in small used book stores.



See, it's not at all what one hoped it would reveal itself to be. It's always a little less dramatic, a little more mundane than we are trained to expect of ourselves. The "soul" is a lie matched perfectly to the superstructure. "It will be called rationalised heroism and will be regarded as very beautiful." (Robert Musil) "...it is the same, merely an empty, in visible space with reality standing in the middle of it like a little toy brick town, abandoned by the imagination." (Robert Musil, from The Man Without Qualities, trans. From the German, Wilkins & Kaiser)

If musculature is a tone-contour language, are our bodies texts?

Sorry, Gumption, but subtlety in literature just isn't my thing.

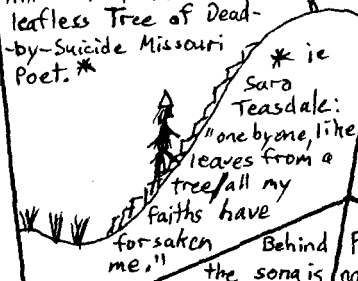
this text needs more definition

Maybe we see, but accidentally, & know falteringly our vanishing potential. (Until we are pure disbelief in the end?)



Gumption is Glum

Gumption Head proceeds up the stone steps of Moderately Sloping Hill toward the leafless Tree of Dead-by-Suicide Missouri Poet.\*

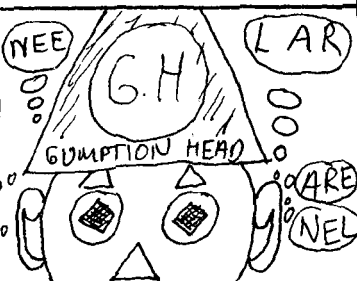


\* ie Sara Teasdale: "one by one, like leaves from a tree, all my faiths have forsaken me." Behind the song is a path, but you must leave the path to find the witch. (end of grids, by god, & the opening of cacaphony becoming big harmony)

Weather note: Summer is, in fact, here, but it is veiled. The eroticism of the veil, I think, becomes just a veil. (Any where; most apparently under-foot, in the dirt.) In this cartoon, however, autumn's begun in earnest.

Fanthy nomenclatures be damned! We can speak other/wise. Behind the song is a path, but you must leave the path to find the witch. Next time, we will investigate the coming of autumn as a psychological neo-event. It will be called LOVING THE WITCH. Yes.

VOICE OF THE ANONYMOUS EDITOR: So, what's her name?



LEE 000  
RAN 000

ARE 000  
NEL 000

In March the Ministry of Social Services said that there were 669 claims of welfare fraud & that half of them were valid. With over 323,090 people on welfare & 194,000 cases (families or individuals living alone), this works out to a fraud rate of .0017, or less than 2 cases per thousand.

In nearly 20 years of working with low income community groups, two cases of alleged welfare fraud stick in my mind. Probably they are similar to the less than 2 fraud cases per thousand that happened in March. I think they show the kind of real choices that people on welfare have.

I encountered my first case of alleged fraud years ago. The person on welfare had been cut off because the Ministry suspected that, because his rent took up almost all of his cheque, he was probably engaging in the evil practice of - collecting pop bottles. It turned out that he was collecting pop bottles. And making a little money from them. Not much. The man paid a high rent because he couldn't stand living in a roach-filled room in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, his only option on the amount of money that welfare allowed.

What was this man guilty of? Wanting to live in a half decent apartment? Wanting to eat? I think he was also guilty of wanting to both pay rent & eat without committing a crime. And the way he saw to do this was to collect a few bottles on the side.

Fortunately there is a clause in the GAIN Act that says that GAIN is for the purpose of "relieving poverty, neglect & suffering." The welfare appeal tribunal, as I remember it, invoked this clause to demand that the Ministry reinstate the man on welfare, & he wasn't cut off after all & he wasn't guilty of fraud. Who is the most guilty in this case? A gov't that didn't provide enough to live on or a man trying his best to eke out an existence without hurting anyone?

The second example was more recent. An advocate told me of a woman who was forced to sign a repayment agreement with the Ministry because she hadn't been declaring maintenance payments.

Why didn't she declare the payments? Her ex-partner was supposed to pay \$100/month.

Sometimes he paid nothing & then made up for it 2 or 3 months later by paying \$200 or \$300. But, Ministry rules say that women can only keep \$100 a month. So the Ministry would take the money that was supposed to be paid to her in the previous months when she declared the income. What was this woman guilty of? Wanting to feed her children? Wanting to buy them running shoes for school? Should her strongest loyalty be to her children--getting them the things they need--or to the Ministry? These are questions that people on welfare live with every day.

Welfare rates are less than half the poverty line for single people on welfare. For others welfare payments barely reach half the poverty line. Given this situation, I think it's amazing that so few people violate the rules.

What can anyone possibly gain by "cracking down" on people like these--people trying to eke out an existence without hurting others in the best way they know how?

Surely its time for politicians & the media to turn its attention away from hysterical claims of welfare fraud & toward creating decent jobs, decent housing, and social programs so we won't have poverty.

By JEAN SWANSON

## LOW PRICES

### LADIES WEAR

blouses - \$1.00  
sweaters - \$1.00  
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pants - \$1.50  
dresses - \$2.00  
jackets - \$2.00  
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jackets & pants - \$2.00  
sweat shirts - \$1.50  
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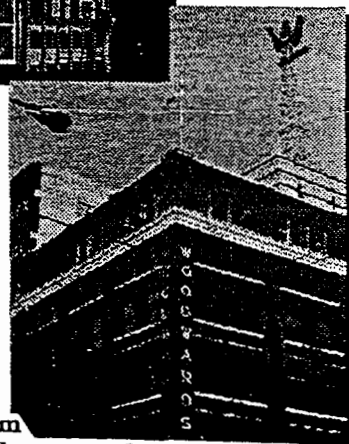
# BECAUSE

housing is a right but property is theft & developers are only in it for the money \* because rents are spiralling & evictions are rampant & demolitions scar the landscape \* because if we depend on the gov't we're homeless & if we take it into our own hands we're criminals \* because paying the landlord means giving up more than half our paycheques \* because the idea of owning a home isn't a concept we can even imagine \* because we refuse to be pushed out of our communities quietly \* because we're tired of being victims & tired of complaining \* because we're tired of lobbying for something that is a right & tired of depending on governments that have nothing to offer us but words \* because capitalism sees housing as a commodity & the (ill) logic of the marketplace says developers can only profit by tearing down affordable housing & building condominiums \* because condos aren't built for us & for every yuppie that moves in, two poor people move out \* because paying rent means giving in to the slavery of 9 to 5 \* because 9 to 5 leaves no time to create & no time to resist \* because in living & working together we reject the isolation and wastefulness of consumer society \* because in living & working together we create life amidst urban decay & assert the beauty of community \* for these & many other reasons we are

## What is the Future of the Victory Square Area?

*Now that we've been meeting for two months, it's time to share our hopes for the future of the Victory Square area. We want to seek an agreement on a shared vision for the future with all those*

*individuals who are involved in the planning initiative.*



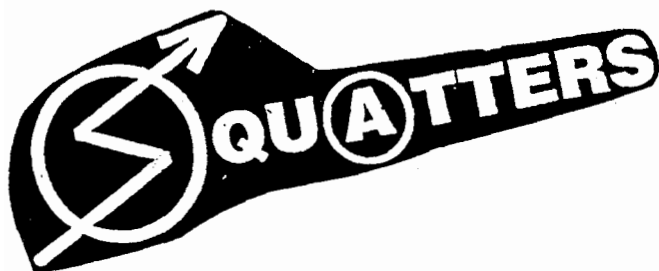
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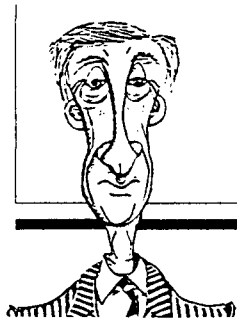
**Place:** Room 240, Vancouver Community College, 250 West Pender Street

**Date:** Tuesday, July 20, 1993

**Please do some thinking about these questions:**

1. Who will our "input" be taken to?
2. What will be done with our ideas?
3. What weight will our concerns have in the making of decisions made?
4. Why has the demand for a local area planning body always been rejected?





Satan calls the tune:

There is a Mysterious Unknown that puzzles us & a Mysterious Unknown that serves us.

The dictator, the politician on the rostrum, & the priest before the altar practice a spellbinding magic whose power over crowds is well-known to them.

The sorcerer, who was once called "mathematician", had his magic circle which, modernized by rationalistic science, has become the concentric waves of radio & TV.

Like Caligula, Nero & other ancient Roman emperors, gov't leaders use incantation, the magic of the Word, hypnotic images & various subterfuges to bewitch the citizens of their countries.

The television screen is the old magic mirror of sorcerers, showing events that are happening, or have happened, at the other end of the world. It is a fantastic magic, a black magic, with human sacrifice: a Japanese prime minister is assassinated & we see the knife gleaming in the assassin's hand; a President of the USA is murdered & we see his murderer killed before our eyes.

We could make those images disappear with a simple gesture, but we do not make that gesture because after those murders we need the spectacle of other murders, mounds of corpses, riots in America, men struggling against storms, floods, fire...

What magic! What diabolical magic it is to see known & unknown dead people resuscitated, laughing & joking after they have been buried!

This is a time of sorcery. Man rules the earth, its animals & the sky. He tames & channels storms, sets off lightning, rain, snow & earthquakes. He brings eruptions out of the earth that are more terrible than those of Mount Peleë, Vesuvius & Etna. Flying carpets have been transmuted into

rockets, invisible curses into speeding bullets. Doors open magically before us without our even having to say OpenSesame!

And everything is materialized from an idea. A powerful sorcerer thinks, and from his thoughts come prodigious machines made of steel, tungsten or zirconium, for making other machines. Everything is done by enchantment &, as in the past at a witches' sabbath, the adepts, the "enlightened masses" of our century, quiver ecstatically & are transfigured when on the magic mirror they see modern demons, succubi & incubi: stars of the theatre & screen & especially the "idols" of the young.

All this, which is satanic magic in the strictest sense of the term, is made possible by a close collaboration, a spiritual communion that goes from the scientist to the garage mechanic or butcher's helper who has become an "idol".

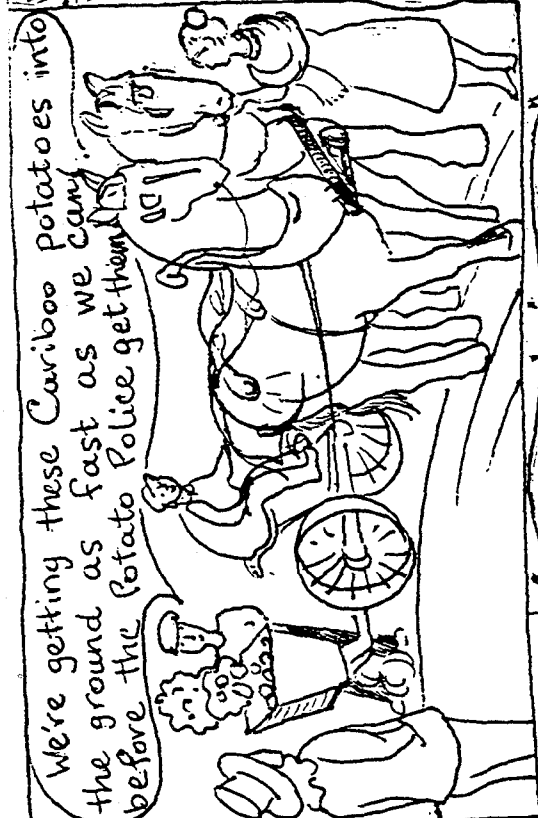
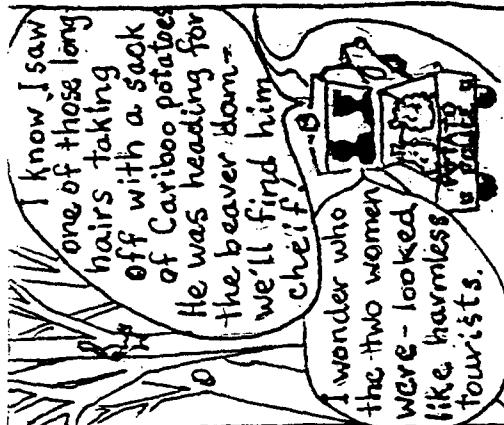
The most surprising part of it is that the laboratory scientist & his counterpart in the magic circle, the "idolworshipper", stoutly maintain that they do not believe in magic, the devil, and demons.

Scientific activity is entirely directed toward black magic, with its flying carpet, hypnotism, curses & transmutations. The world's greatest scientists work on guided missiles, supersonic bombers, atomic fission & hydrogen bombs, but none of them directly uses their intellectual abilities to lighten the work of peasants, improve medical care in rural areas or give industrial workers greater safety.

There are certain parallels that show an obvious correlation: like the "mathematician" at a diabolical gathering, the scientist maintains a stiff, dignified attitude; like witches at a sabbath, modern "idol-worshippers" pull up their skirts or dress like men, dance barefoot & utter incoherent cries & hysterical shrieks.

In our modern world, devoted to Satanism, black magic has taken on an acute, endemic form: its only new feature is that it now denies its nature. In the past, in the time of obscurantism, it was the opposite: there was no sorcery & everyone thought they were going to a witches' sabbath!

(Excerpt from "Legacy of the Gods"  
by Robert Charroux)



Words/Nuisance

- Friends
- Lovers
- Family
- Strangers
- What
- Trust
- Desire
- Together
- Apart
- What
- Dream
- Fantasy
- Reality
- Fact
- What
- Destiny
- Fate
- Daydream
- Nightmare
- What
- Win
- Lose
- Future
- Memory
- What
- Control
- Manipulate
- Freedom
- Independence
- What
- Promise
- Commitment
- Cancelled
- Delayed
- What
- Share
- Experience
- Use
- Abuse
- What
- Love
- Trust
- Reality
- Life
- Answered

a dream/fantasy???)

A.Richard Debney

POTATO  
PEAS  
by  
N. SPOONER

June 15 1950

The Volunteer Committee annual report contains some impressive information.

1992 was a dynamic year for the volunteer program here at Carnegie. An active force of 307 volunteers, working in 15 different program areas, donated an astounding 45,350 hours of their valuable & essential labour to the people of the Downtown Eastside.

The Learning Centre was nearly busting at the seams with 107 volunteers tutoring for 9,247.5 hours. A hard-working core of 75 kitchen volunteers churned out the legendary menus for a record 17,549.5 hours.

The 45,350 hours of volunteer labour, if calculated even at the minimum wage (\$6/hr), would have cost the City of Vancouver \$272,100. Clearly the community has been well served by its residents & all of the vital programs operating here would be non-existent without them.

With the provincial government's introduction of the Community Volunteer Program in January, over 100 of our people are now receiving an additional \$100. per month & we've been swamped with requests to join the Carnegie team (120 new people) Luckily most of these new people are busy putting out more food because the community now has a few more dollars to spend.

In April during Volunteer Recognition week, seven days of riotous activities culminated with the crowning of "Mrs. Queen", Mary Brogan, as a well-deserved Volunteer of the Year; a million sandwiches later.

Marty Hunter, (who escaped from the kitchen) and Nathaniel Carter wore themselves out organising events to express the Centre's gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers who "make it all happen down here" at Main & Hastings.

In addition to the \$31,745 in volunteer tickets distributed, the Association's grant money for outtrips was stretched to accomodate 13 excursions last summer. Locations included Movie Magic at BC Place, The Game Farm, Greek & Caribbean Days Festivals, Tsawwassen Waterslides, Vancouver Museum, Science World, Golfing at Central & Stanley parks, as well as nine other recreational day-trips from the

Centre's budget.

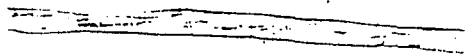
Courses in survival first aid, CPR and food-safe techniques were we;; attended by volunteers during the year as well.

On a sadder note 1992 saw the passing of two well loved & dedicated members of our volunteer force - Dorothy Watanabe & Alain Mansoor. They'll be sorely missed.

With the summer upon us, our volunteers are looking forward to getting out of Carnegie & the downtown core, headed for sunny beaches, gorgeous lakes & cool forests; a well deserved rest.

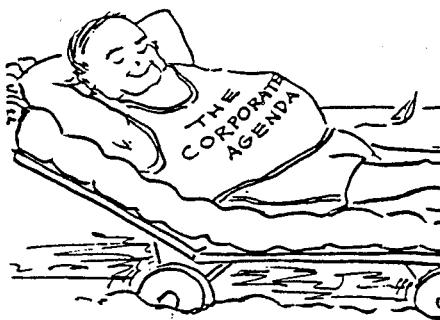
We thank you, one and all.

Atiba Saunders & Nat Carter



### VOLUNTEERS 1992

Learning Centre -----	107
Kitchen -----	75
Second Floor -----	24
First Floor -----	16
Pool Room -----	30
Newsletter -----	20
Ballroom Dance -----	5
Theatre -----	7
Bingo -----	8
Cultural Sharing -----	5
Artwork -----	4
Library -----	2
Haircuts -----	1
Videos/Films -----	2
Plants -----	1



## Uncle Corp

Uncle Corp, the genial little balding guy you see in cartoons here, is a symbol for the corporate agenda. He is depicted as a fairly affluent, smiling, comfortable uncle & business executive. His expensive suits don't look so terrific on him because he is fat & getting fatter: the corpulent corporate, the well-heeled fat cat of clever business deals.

Like some fat people, he blames it on his genes - the nature of the corporate agenda. Gobbling up wealth is a normal part of the corporate agenda diet. Healthy, too, as in "Our year-end financial statement looks very healthy." The only exercise Uncle Corp does routinely is to exercise the option of paying little or no income tax. (A rather non-taxing exercise, one might say. Excuse the pun)

Uncle Corp does not look evil. His moral code takes him far beyond the usual concepts of good & evil. The good he believes in is whatever is "good for bu\$ine\$\$". If anyone gets crushed as the corporate agenda steamrolls along, well, that is an unfortunate side effect and regrettable, but that's just how it is.

Affable Uncle Corp reflects the attractive facade of corporate structure: gracious reception area, quiet, deep carpeting, top quality stationery. His warmth, friendliness & confidence can be disarming & sometimes seductive. But watch his eyes. They're shifty.

Bu MAUREEN DAVIS

# "Greenwashing" the Continent

William Reilly says that NAFTA is "the most environmentally sensitive, the greenest free-trade agreement ever negotiated anywhere." Although he may be right, this statement by the Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency is only true by default. Other trade agreements have made virtually no reference to the environment. On top of this, NAFTA's unprecedented scope can only be compared to a continental constitution, reducing Reilly's political rhetoric to a greenwash of global proportions.

While the Preamble commits Parties to "sustainable development," "enforcement of environmental laws" & "environmental protection & conservation," it is not legally binding. The legally-binding text continues along the unsustainable course charted by the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA) & further undermines environmental goals.

### LOSS OF RESOURCE CONTROL

In times of shortage, Canada is obligated under NAFTA Articles 316 & 605 to permanently supply the US market with natural resources based on export proportions of the previous 3 years. This means that during a drought, the Canadian prairies could not be irrigated with Canadian water which is being diverted south of the 49th. Nor in a time of scarcity, could Canada supply its own oil & gas needs. These non-renewable resources would be sent to the oil-guzzling manufacturing sector in the U.S.

Mexico managed to maintain its sovereignty over oil & gas development. Salinas gained exemption from these articles for the oil & gas sector & the right

to control foreign investment in this industry. Canada lost this capacity in the FTA. US corporations have since acquired majority ownership in Canada's oil & gas development. Under NAFTA oil & gas development has special subsidy protection, meaning that Canada will continue to supply the US with these resources below the cost of extraction courtesy of Canadian taxpayers. US Trade Representative Clayton Yeuter said the FTA met an essential priority - "secure supplies of energy at stable & reasonable prices" & restrictions on "government interference in energy trade".

#### CONSERVATION PROGRAMS SACRIFICED

Article 106 puts conservation programs in permanent limbo, as they could be considered "disguised restrictions on trade". Based on the same article under the FTA, a binational panel agreed that a rule requiring all salmon & herring caught in Canadian waters land in BC before export



"was to make exports more amenable to data collection." However, because this practice was also trade restricting, the rule was struck down. The panel found that a program must be established "for conservation reasons alone & that no other means were available to accomplish these objectives."

Limiting local processing of resources & deregulation of the energy industry has also forced Canada to increase its emphasis on primary resource extraction - the only industrialised country to do so. The environmental implications are compounded as corporate lobby fronts like the US Non-Ferrous Metals Producers Committee have launched cases against the Canadian gov't for subsidising reforestation & pollution control programs.

#### ECONOMICS vs ECOLOGY

While Article 111 allows certain international environmental agreements to be enforced, such measures must "be the least trade-necessary for securing the protection required." Chapter 12 restricts establishing health & environmental standards to those supported by "scientific evidence" & which do not serve as disguised trade barriers. Michael Swenarchuk of the Canadian Environment Lawyers Association says, "Given that scientific certainty does not exist in standard setting & given that the least trade-restrictive standard may not be the environmentally preferred" the odds are against environmental protection measures.

Under Article 757 Canada's "safety-based" approach to environmental standards will likely be replaced by the U.S. "risk/benefit" approach. Under this method the US permits broad usage of a herbicide like Lasso because its economic benefits to agriculture & forestry outweigh its costs to health. Lasso was banned by Health & Welfare Canada because of its cancer-causing properties. The manufacturer has argued that Canada should also base its licensing criteria on "risk/benefit" analysis enabling Lasso to be used in Canada. The US allows 7 times as many pesticide products & 20%

more active ingredients. Canada's standards are being pulled down to conform to these inferior rules. Ultimately this is what is meant by a level playing field.



#### HARMONIZATION

However, the harmonisation of regulations is more than a US-led, one-way path to an ecological disaster zone. It is a free-for-all for transnational corporations & their government brokers to keep pulling environmental standards down to the lowest common denominator. The result is that respectable corporate citizens like the Ontario Chamber of Commerce argue for a "relaxation" of air pollution standards to enable business to compete.

In Quebec, the asbestos industry forced the Canadian gov't to launch a challenge against a US ban on asbestos, a ban which would have saved 1900 lives by the end of the decade. The US Court of Appeals ruled in Quebec's favour; the ban was a trade distorting barrier & there were alternatives "less burdensome to industry."

Ironically, much of the harmonisation is being outlined & regulated by the corporations themselves. "Codex", an obscure body which establishes standards in food products, is dominated by food and agri-chemical companies. Sixteen of the 28 US delegates on this board represent corporations like Nestlé, Coca-Cola, Pep-

si, Hershey, Ralston-Purina & Kraft. According to Kristin Dawkin of the Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Nestlé has so many delegates it has better representation than most countries. This committee is empowered by NAFTA & GATT to establish plant, animal & health standards - illustrating a much broader and dangerous trend towards international harmonisation.

#### CORPORATE DEMOCRACY

The supranational bodies that will be interpreting NAFTA, says Michael Swenarchuk, are "so remote from the public that they are virtually impervious to democratic pressure for environmental reforms." The total abandonment of democracy is the golden rule of free-traders & free-marketeers in the political arena.

Environmental disputes under NAFTA will be considered by a panel without any environmental experts. This contrasts sharply with other dispute panels where a roster of experts will be called. Hearings, reports & communications will be confidential. Citizen groups & environmental organisations are not given status to offer submissions or testimonies. To activate the panel a dispute must be launched by a national government. Unfortunately all 3 governments have poor



*"The Smith family celebrates by bunny hopping around the kitchen the fact that they are no longer considered poor by a Commons report."*

environmental track records, & are much more likely to launch cases in an effort to reduce environmental standards which act as "trade barriers."

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## POLLUTION HAVENS

It is highly unlikely that Mexico - whose economic growth is in part the result of undermining its environmental regulations - will attempt to improve environmental conditions through the North American Trade Commission. In fact, allowing corporations like General Motors to discharge toxic waste without penalty is part of NAFTA's foundation. Xylene readings outside GM's plants in Ramiro, Mexico, are 6000 times the US standard, & hundreds of barrels of toxic waste linked to GM have been unlawfully dumped less than 2 miles from a popular beach in Matamoros.

Article 1114 cites law enforcement of environmental regulations as an "inappropriate" way to encourage investment. Many environmental groups are urging further that such practices be considered a

reprehensible form of subsidy & should be subject to the same economic sanction & dispute settlement process as other "unfair" subsidies. Between NAFTA & GATT, however, countries cannot use trade sanctions to enforce environmental standards nor regulate such imports as tropical timber. Current efforts to strike side deals on the environment, even as grand as a North American Commission on the Environment, cannot adequately reform a deal which is so fundamentally prehistoric vis a vis the environment.

While transnational corporations are responsible for the greater environmental crimes from Valdez to Juarez, they are sentenced with less stringent regulations on top of privileged positions to monitor their own behaviour. The emerging global economy has major environmental conflicts which necessitate much tougher conservation, regulation & enforcement. And these must be democratically shaped by all people on all sides of all borders.

By ALEX BOSTON  
Community Organiser



## The Assault On Equality In Canada

You know those Canadians who say, "I don't know what's happening to this country - so many people out of work, all that crime, young people going nowhere, & long food bank lines and welfare rolls."

Well, in her book The Wealthy Banker's Wife (Penguin Books, 1993) the famous, intelligent writer, Linda McQuaig, tells us in clear English what is happening to our country. This is not along, academic book, but "The Wealthy Banker's Wife" is must reading for everyone who cares about Canada & Canadians. I hope study groups form all over Canada to discuss it, especially in this federal election year.

We have to understand in a straightforward way how the Tory government in Ottawa has stomped on Canadians (except for the very wealthy & large corporations), is stomping on Canadians & will continue to stomp on Canadians regardless of who the new leader is. Please go out & buy, beg or borrow this important paperback book & talk about it with your friends - before it is too late.

We've been so brainwashed by big business & the corporate media that we have to cut health, education & social spending because of the deficit & global competitiveness that we can't see any alternative. Linda McQuaig blows the neoconservative arguments out of the water. You really must read this book!

Using the countries of northern Europe as her guide, McQuaig shows that social spending, fair taxation & strong unions are not a deterrent to economic growth. They are, in fact, important parts of a healthy, equitable & democratic society.

McQuaig shows that the deficit is less

of a problem than the neoconservative propaganda tanks would have us believe. Quoting Thomas Walkom on The Toronto Star, she notes that when all levels of gov't are taken into consideration, Canada's debt-servicing costs as a percentage of tax revenue are roughly similar to Japan's - "and yet Japan continues to prance proudly on the stage of international competition."

In a chapter called "Canada Triumphant: Just Don't Read The Fine Print", McQuaig demonstrates how the federal Tories have sneakily undermined the social policies Canadians have fought hard to implement. The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) & North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) are part of the strategy of undermining democracy by giving more power to transnational corporations.

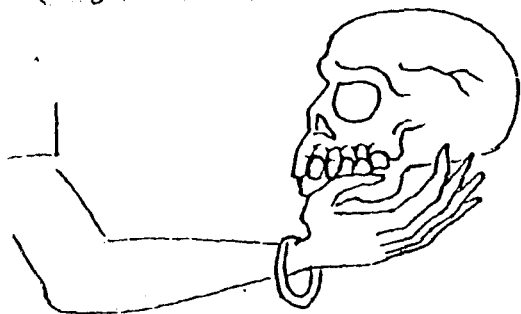
McQuaig's main theme is that the federal Tories are following the American neo-conservative model of society instead of the European social model, & the results are a disaster for all Canadians except the very rich. After all, the US ranks 22nd in the world in its infant mortality record, 19th in the world in the ratio of children to teachers in its schools, & the US poverty rate for children in single parent families is about ten times higher than in Sweden.

At the end of her book, McQuaig makes a strong case for a universal social welfare system, universal day-care, gender equality, full employment & fair tax reform. She shows that a strong, democratic Canada is good for all Canadians, including those in business.

We need this book, folks. McQuaig quotes from the Statistical Journal of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, indicating that by the year 2036, if federal Conservative policies are left unchecked, "there will be an increase in the number of rich families, particularly those in the top income group. At the same time, there will be a significant decline in the middle class. And, most disturbingly, there will be a doubling of the poor."

Is that the Canada you want?

By SANDY CAMERON





Great News! A U.S. Federal Judge has derailed the NAFTA.

District Judge Charles Richey ruled that the agreement negotiated violated the US National Environmental Policy Act. The judge said that NAFTA will have significant environmental effects. He said it may worsen the environmental problems that already exist along the Mexican border. Richey has issued an order that forbids the Clinton administration from submitting the proposed pact to Congress until it prepares a formal statement on its environmental impact. That process could take several months or even years.

Following is a listing of materials on free trade, NAFTA & the corporate agenda. (If a phone number appears, call first to get prices. All donations help.)

- 51 Alternatives to NAFTA Ecumenical Coalition for Social Justice, 11 Madison Ave., Toronto, Ontario. M5R 2S2

- The Deficit "Facts" by Larry Brown OPSEU, 100 Lemill Rd., North York M3B 3P8

- "The Deficit Made Me Do It" CCPA, 804-251 Laurier Ave.W, Ottawa. K1P 5J6 (613)563-1341 Fax (613)233-1458.

- Defining Social Security, Defining Ourselves: Why We Need To Change Our Thinking Before It's Too Late by Armine Yainizyan of the CCPA (see above address)

- The NAFTA, Democracy & Social Development: Continental Economic Integration as if Democracy Mattered by Ian Robinson of the CCPA (see above address)

- "Bleeding the Patient" The Debt/Deficit Hoax Exposed Nine eminent political economists explain why public sector cut-backs will depress the economy & raise deficits. Then they outline workable alternatives for promoting economic recovery & healthy gov't finances. By Fred Bienefeld, Duncan Cameron, Harold Chorney, Bob Dale, Andrew Jackson, Tom Naylor, Mario Seccareccia, Monica Townson, Mel Watkins. Available at CCPA (see above address)

- Free Trade in Perspective c/o NSPIRG, 6136 University Ave., Halifax, B3H 4J2 (series of articles from different sector)

- The NAC (National Action Committee on the Status of Women) Voter's Guide by Huguette & Judy Rebeck, Voyageur Publishing, 82 Frontenac St., Hull, PQ J8X 1Z5 (819)778-2946. (Available at local bookstores or for you to sell at a profit.)

- NAFTA & The Public Sector - ACN with the assistance of PSAC & the NUPGE - ACN, 904-251 Laurier Ave W, Ottawa. K1P 5J6

- NAFTA ON TRIAL The Evidence Is In On Agriculture, Energy, Social Programs, Resources, Corporate Power & Investment, Water, etc. - ACN (see address above)

- The NAFTA: WHY YOU SHOULD SAY NO! CUPE

- Not A Farmers Trade Agreement National Farmers Union, 250c-2nd Ave.S, Saskatoon, s&k 2M1 (301)652-9465 Fax(301)664-6226.

- NAFTA and Education by Canadian Teachers Federation, Canadian Federation of Students and National Union of Public and General Employees.

- NAFTA - Teaching Module by the B.C. Teachers Federation

- NAFTA:Playing With A Volatile Substance Video available from CineFocus Canada, 72 Stafford St.(4th fl), Toronto. M6J 2R9

If you know of other material, let ACN (Action Canada Network (BC)) know - 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver. 736-7678 (F7369646)

The Lower Mainland ACN is preparing a BC Election Brochure that will be available & will be at the ACN booth at the PNE.

By ELLEN WOODSWORTH  
Co-Chair.

## Five Rules For Living

Although these rules have not been published before now, I think the lives of individuals, nations & the world could be transformed, changed beyond belief if they were adopted and followed.

- (1) You lose strength each time you do those things you like to do & want to do for the pleasure in them.
- (2) You gain strength each time you make yourself do those things you don't like & don't want to do, but should do.
- (3) After choosing the highest possible goal you could dream of reaching, go for it wholeheartedly & with all your resources.
- (4) Always choose the path with heart. To do otherwise will call forth forces that will end your path or turn it awry.
- (5) Turn toward & support those who are on a path with heart. Turn away from those whose path is without it.

Looking back at my own life in the light cast by these five rules, I saw that, all

along, I had only been following one of them. I showed them to someone else, someone I admire, but they too had to confess they had only been following one rule.

In explanation of the term "path with heart," I might offer examples. In this century Hitler led Germany onto a "path without heart." That path ended with millions of Germans dead & the defeated survivors huddled, starving, in the ruins of their smashed cities.

The person who sets out to get rich so he will have power over others or so that he can surround himself with possessions and luxury is on a path without heart. The one who sets out to get rich because having money will make him better able to improve the world & help others is on a path with heart. Those who support settling international problems by peaceful means are on a path with heart. Those who call for more guns & bigger bombs are not. Environmentalists are on a path with heart. So are Carnegie volunteers and such as them.

By ERIC ERICKSON

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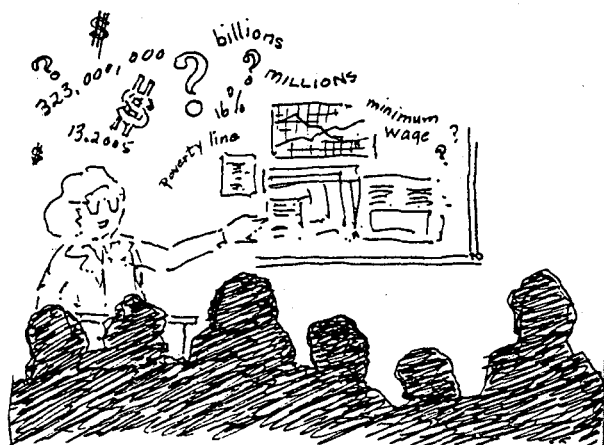
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