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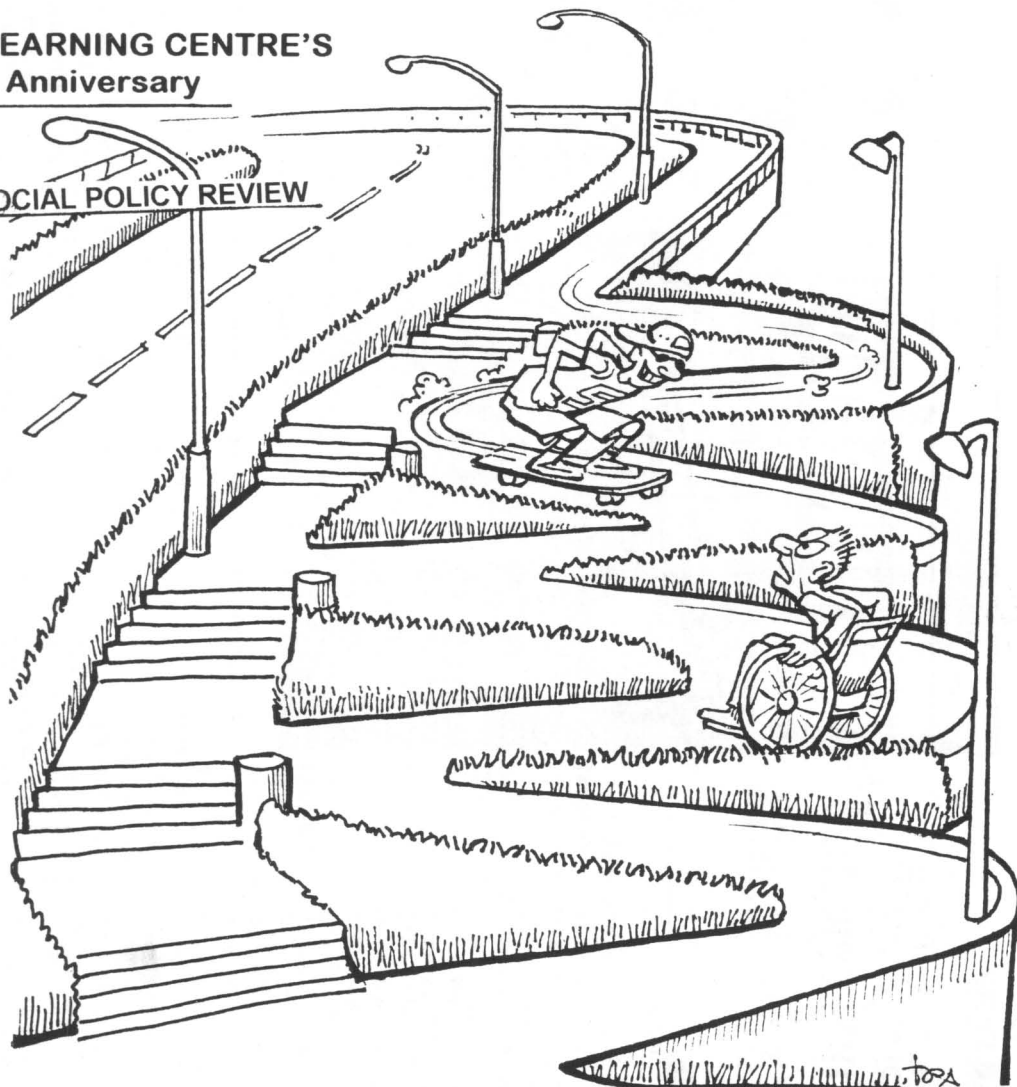
NEWSLETTER

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CARNEGIE LEARNING CENTRE'S 11th Anniversary

FEDERAL SOCIAL POLICY REVIEW



—"you won't get to THE-RICH-WATERFRONT THIS WAY, PAL."

CRAB PARK

Zig-zagging ramps rejected for wheelchairs

ROBERT SARTI
Vancouver Sun

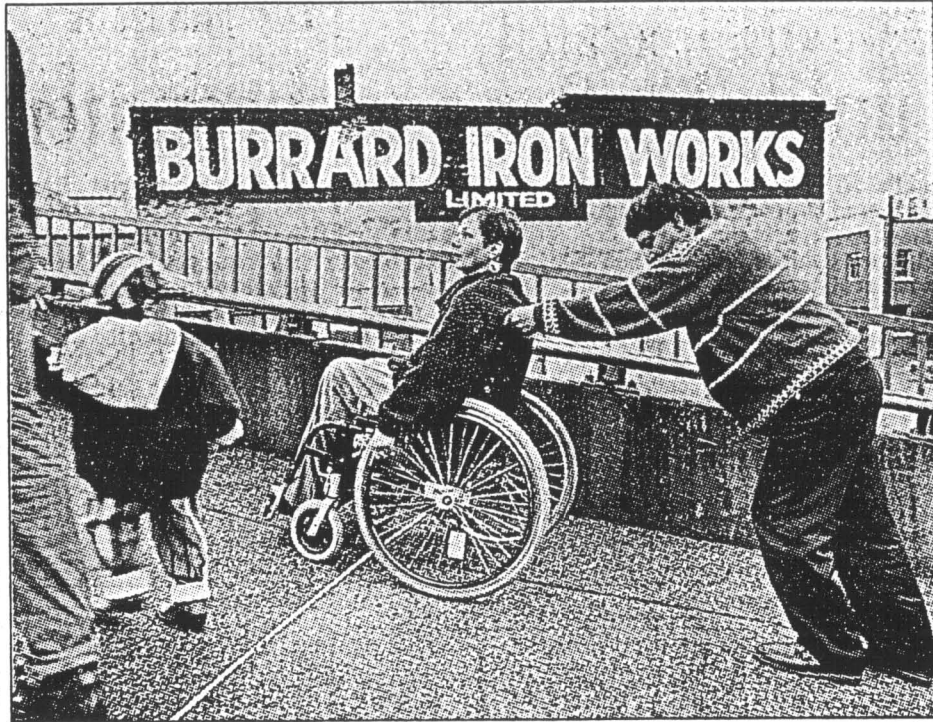
After seven years of an uphill battle against an obstinate federal agency, Joan Meister knows what it's like to roll into a brick wall.

Meister is the woman who launched a human rights complaint in 1987 against the Port of Vancouver when she discovered she couldn't push herself in her wheelchair up and over the four-storey-high overpass to Crab Park on the waterfront.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission agreed within a few months that the lack of access for the disabled and the elderly to the park at the north foot of Main violates federal law, but after all this time Meister still can't get there under her own steam.

"My wheels grind slowly, but the wheels of justice grind even more slowly," a disgusted Meister said in an interview Thursday.

Now the port has come up with a new plan to modify the sidewalk with a series of slalom-like ramps that will reduce the grade over the top of the railway tracks, but will add the equivalent of an extra block of uphill travel facing disabled people who want to get to the park.



PUSH: Joan Meister gets helping hand from Vancouver Taxi driver Hamid Ullah

STUART DAVIS/Vancouver Sun

The plan was roundly denounced at a meeting Thursday of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association.

The series of zig-zagging ramps was described as everything from a shooting gallery for drug addicts to a torture track to the world's greatest skateboard facility.

"I hope you're going to give people seasick pills before they start zigging up that hill," said resident Irene Schmidt.

Meister, 43, who uses a wheelchair because of multiple sclerosis, said the community has long been pushing for an elevator and stair overpass a block west at Columbia.

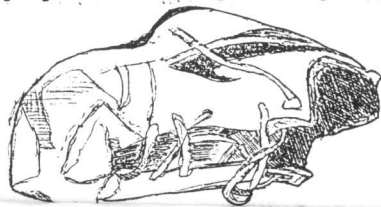
But the city rejected the plan earlier this year after hearing opposition from Gastown business interests and condo owners.

"The new yuppies that are moving to the warehouses in the area don't want interference with their view corridors," said Meister.

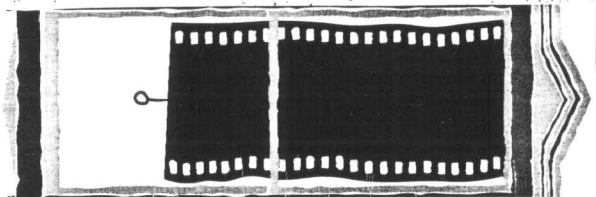
"People will be totally exhausted before they get to the top."

Even port planner Jim Crandles had to admit the ramps were a formidable obstacle for the disabled, but he said there was no other practical way to modify the overpass.

"I'm not going to pretend it will be a piece of cake (to get over the top)," he said. "But you have to get to the height."



In this issue,
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are by DEAN KO.



CARNEGIE LEARNING CENTRE FORUM AND OPEN HOUSE

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11th Anniversary

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1994

Opening Ceremonies

Carnegie Theatre

Open Forum

9:30am

11:30am

Refreshments and muffins served.

Forum chaired by Muggs Sigurgeirson

**WHERE IS THE CARNEGIE LEARNING CENTRE HEADING?
WHAT IS IN STORE FOR LEARNING CENTRE USERS IN '95?**

Have you any questions?

Attend the Forum, take part, offer suggestions.

OPEN HOUSE

LEARNING CENTRE, 3RD FLOOR 11:30AM - 4:00PM

Enjoy displays, videos, demonstrations, art work...

followed by Bluegrass music, Readings

Stories from **Off The Wall** - a student publication.

***REFRESHMENTS SERVED
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!***

CARNEGIE'S TOP FLOOR COMMUNITY SPACE
A CELEBRATION OF 11 YEARS OF EDUCATION
and
COMMUNITY CENTRE SHARING

**NOVEMBER
2ND**

Carnegie's third floor is always busy. The middle areas on 3 contain a community Art Gallery, a foyer overlooking the gym and a comfortable space in between. Early in 1995 when there are renovations, this area will change very little. There will be no changes to the antique, spiral marble staircase, the 'space between' by the elevator, or to the gallery.

The Gallery

This is between Classrooms #1 & #2, two of Carnegie Centre's offices and three Learning Centre offices. People use it for its own sake or in crossing amongst the computer room, 2 washrooms, storage cupboards, vault and the photocopier cubby.

The Gallery is used to exhibit various art shows, photography collections, posters and other offerings. Overhead is a circular window that rises as it slants, coming to a point 6 feet above the roof. This window adds much to the architecture of both the room and the building itself.

There's a long display cabinet that was likely here when this place was still a museum! It's used by people to show off their remarkable achievements - pottery created in the

Pottery Room in Carnegie's basement and Aboriginals' beadwork and other art that is part of their daily lives. The Library also uses the space to proudly advertise local writers' books.

On November 2 the Learning Centre is celebrating its 11th anniversary. The cabinet will display works by students from both classrooms and also writings of English as a Second Language(ESL) learners

Learning Centre volunteer tutors and staff share the community gallery with people writing reports, reading newspapers, playing games like checkers and chess, reading, or participating in ESL sessions. Other visitors wait in the Gallery as computer volunteers type letters, resumes and reports (for the illiterate, foreign or non-typists). It is a warm, friendly place, like a home away from home.

On each Anniversary, during workshops, Learning Centre conferences and special events the Gallery is very busy. Finger food, beverages and sometimes meals are often served at these times. Right now, from Monday to Friday at 7 pm, people come from all floors and the surrounding community to hear and tell stories around the (imitation) fireplace. If this interests you (hopefully to tell a story), phone ahead to have a poster made and let others know.

Off The Wall is a Learning Centre publication with writing, poetry, adventures and art by learners. Readings from it take place after each is complete and the number of visitors to these readings is more than enough to fill the Gallery. The latest edition has gone to the printers, and by the time you read this it should be out, with readings from it happening for the Learning Centre's anniversary celebration on November 2nd.

Renovations and the Future

Classroom #1: - It's presently the intake office with a couple of desks and file cabinets separating that part from the rest of the room. It's often noisy and crowded. The Carnegie Centre Program office and administration will use this space after renovations, with the present computer room becoming a meeting /reception space for the City staff.

Classroom #2: - This is also partly divided with low, ad hoc 'walls' (to make a bit of space for the Learning Centre staff) but is currently a windowless, dead-air space. It is extremely noisy as every sound echoes. The classroom and the present Carnegie Centre offices (both Program & Administration) will be turned into a larger classroom, with more space for students and tutors. There will be a larger drop-in area, a seminar room, some computers, interior glass walls, windows and better ventilation! Intake, where new people are interviewed, will be in a separate space.

The 'Space Between': - This is around the elevator, where people get haircuts, play board games and talk to legal students. Tutors hold small sessions here as well as French, Chinese and Spanish classes.

The Foyer: - This area is used for small workshops, classes, and meetings, as well as having the washrooms, storage cabinets & cupboards, the vault room and the photocopier cubby. This space will, after changes, be the location of the computers.

Please come to Carnegie's third floor on
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 2
and help celebrate the Learning Centre's
11th anniversary!!!

By DORA SANDERS

On Mushrooms

Projected Deficit Targets? UIC Abuse? Large Corporations using UI to keep a workforce at hand and waiting? Welfare Cheats? Healthcare Studies, Reverse Discrimination, Quotas?

Just topics from tonight's news (Oct. 19) that really get me 'a-wonderin'... Yeah, I was wonderin' 'bout my life as a mushroom --- you know - keep me in the dark and feed me bullshit.....

I guess by that definition we're all mush-rooms now aren't we. So my little fungi friends, how stand you in the world of "Pro-jected Deficit Targets"? Me? Well I seem to have adapted well to being a target for any old shit-to-ship-and-slip-the-chute! So all it will mean to me is a reason or two more to be thankful I have nothing tangible or monetary to lose. Only a small smattering of kings and the rest of us skid row types remain the same from century to century anyway. Yeah, that middle-class thing is a relatively new phen-omenon. So I guess it needs relatively new obfuscatory language to aid the financial prescription of leeches I'm almost certain is about to set the nation's molars grinding in the night.

This would probably be a great time to be a dentist.... "Let's see now...they want to cut the deficit to nothing in 2 years? Pack the bags, Martha, we can afford that Club Med after all." Yup, great time to be a dentist.

Projected Deficit Targets. Projected Deficit Targets? Reminds me of a story I read somewhere about a guy who invents an anti-bafflegab machine. It worked sort of like a fax except it would translate legalese and Newspeak into plain English. If memory serves correctly, this made the inventor a dangerous man.

Projected Deficit Targets. Projected Deficit Targets....**Translation:** "It's skeet shootin' season and for stikin' with the company for lo these 25 years we present you with a clay wallet."



Maybe it's the Welsh, Irish, Saxon, Gypsy, Pirate blood I have, but I get a feelin' there's "weather" a-comin'.

As for the rest of the News? As they say on *The X Files*: "The truth is out there."

By MARK OAKLEY



"I believe the world is beautiful and that poetry, like bread, is for everyone."

Roque Dalton

A bit of ourstory...

The first **Carnegie Centre Newsletter** appeared on May 26, 1980. Leslie Dyson was the editor, and it was a program of events happening in the infant Centre,

Carnegie itself opened on January 20, 1980.

It announced a prize of \$15 for the person who could sign up the most members in the next 2 weeks, and told of a series of "Gold Rush Fever" films being shown.

The first appearance of the **Carnegie Crescent** was in November of the same year, with a front-page story on Japantown.

Dear Paul,

My kids [students] (who were reading the Newsletter) have all graduated. I, however, still read every issue & I don't want to lose the subscription. Our school [Smithers Secondary School], like all schools these days, has no money so I'm sending you my own.

Let's do this: - just send me 1 copy of each
- don't cash my cheque until the first of Nov; I don't have \$ 'til then!

Thanks.

Lorne

(Lorne is a teacher in Smithers who connected with the Downtown Eastside Poets a few years ago and has kept the Carnegie Newsletter coming there ever since.)

JOIN CARNEGIE'S

DROP-IN

RECREATION

MON 6-8 Floor Hockey
8-10 Basketball
TUES 7-10 Women's Volleyball*
*All women are welcome.
WED 6-8 Volleyball
8-10 Basketball
THUR 2-4 Ping Pong
7-10 Floor Hockey
FRI 2-4 Ping Pong
6-8 Floor Hockey
8-10 Basketball
SAT 2-4 Ping Pong
SUN 6-8 Volleyball
8-10 Basketball

Now to DEC. 20



Cash or Charge? Mo Dixon

Rosa and Richard were in direct competition the only food vendors at the corner of Sumpin and Else, Rosa'd yell "Get your Beans & Bobbits" over at Richard's stand mashing her hornrimmed glasses up near her eyebrows.

"Get your Dickie Dog and leave the Tacos behind," he'd scream, "Hey Butch, workin' up your next electrolysis treatment, is that it, eh?"

Cars would roll by, rolling their eyes as pizza slices flew through the air, cans of pop bouncing off the roofs of Hondas, ketchup all over.

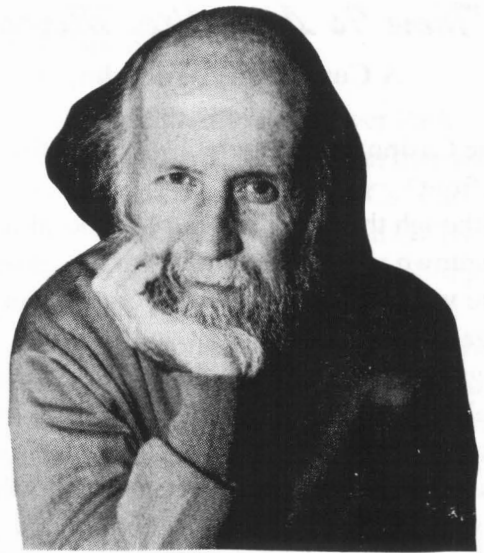
"We're better, do anything better than you"
"Yeah, you're about as macho as I could ever be"
"Up yours, oh I forgot it's sewed shut"
"Up yours, pencilneck bum blaster"

And so it went, they were so obnoxious no one ever bought anything, by noon they'd each have eaten all their own food pushing their carts back to the shop muttering, 'tomorrow I'll fix that turkey's goose'
'I'll fry that pig's bacon'

Carnegie Community Action Project

It was almost too good to believe, but the news of BC's decision on casinos brought cheers here. A local paper carried the story as well, and mentioned there was this Community Action Project. Excellent work!

Gerry Moore
Vice-President for Development,
Multi-Media Software, Calgary, Alberta.



To the people at Carnegie,

Congrats on your victory re: Casino development! That is truly a victory for your neighbourhood and area as well as all of Vancouver. I am glad and relieved. Vancouverites owe the Downtown Eastside a huge THANKS!!!

Lisa Enquist

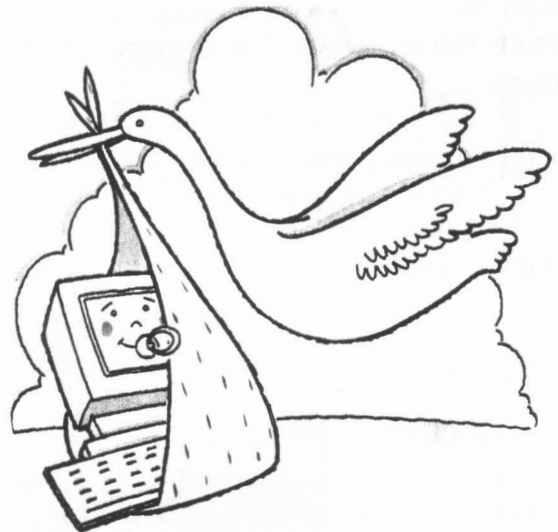
Dear Editor of the Newsletter,

I would like to personally say thank you to the Carnegie seniors, organisers, volunteers and cooks for the many out-trips this summer. I especially enjoyed taking part in the Elders Gathering at Fort Rupert and the Medicine Wheel at Mission.

At these gatherings I met many old friends, new friends and relations. Every trip provided a great experience and also good memories to carry away.

I am looking forward to our next trip to Stave Lake.

Sincerely,
Basile Deneau



"There Is Life After Mirage"

A Community Workshop

The Casino is dead but what is next for the waterfront?

Although the Seaport Centre proposal for the downtown waterfront appears to be a no-go, there will be great pressure to create another mega-development project on this site.

A group of planning students from U.B.C. would like to work with the community in putting forward a design for this waterfront location. We have held meetings with John Shayler from Carnegie and a community architect in order to plan a workshop for local residents. Our aim is to spend an afternoon listening to the ideas and visions you may have for this piece of land. There will be artists/architects present at the workshop and they will draw the ideas that come forward.

It is our hope that the workshop may lead to the creation of a community-based design proposal for this waterfront land. The community design could then be presented to the general public as an alternative to the mega-projects that are surrounding the Downtown Eastside.

Please come and have some fun and refreshments with us at the workshop.

DATE: Sunday, November 20

TIME: 1:00 - 4:00

LOCATION: Carnegie Centre, 3rd floor.



Community Workshops

Over the past few weeks residents around the neighbourhood have gotten together to talk about what they would like to see on the Central Waterfront, just west of CRAB Park. Community meetings at the Metropole and Pender Hotels, Carnegie Centre, Mavis McMullen Place and Ray-Cam Community Centre have come up with some creative and exciting ideas for the waterfront, from food markets to museums and from community facilities (swimming pool) to child care.

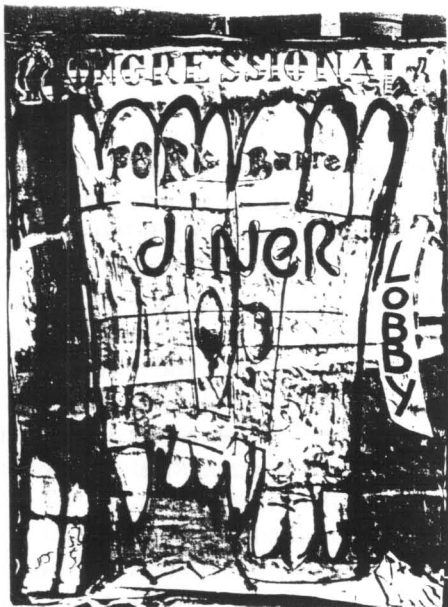
Now that the Mirage casino is dead it is important that we get together and talk about out ideas, plans and alternatives for the central waterfront. How can we make it a 'people place' that will strengthen our community and benefit the entire city? If you are interested in being involved in a community workshop, or know of any groups or organisations who'd like to have one, please call **John Shayler at 689-0397** or just drop by the Association Office on the 2nd floor of Carnegie Centre.

By the way, on Tuesday, October 25, people clapped their hands and tapped their feet to celebrate the sinking of the Seaport Centre and Mirage Casino. A good crowd came together at Carnegie to appreciate good music, fine food and a sweet, community victory. The defeat of the Casino shows once again what is possible and what people in the Downtown Eastside can do when we work together.

It was nice to savour our success even though we realise there is still a lot that needs to be done. So, three cheers for the people with the hope that we can continue to work together and that there is more to celebrate in the near future. Cheers!

By JOHN SHAYLER

Victory at Park Board



“NO REFUNDS”

“No budget?”

“No budget.”

There was a difference in perception. ‘No budget’ usually means no money spent/no money to spend, but Mike McCormack has a new slant - you and friends and supporters get together and Do It on a shoestring, even on a wing and a prayer.

“Movies cost a few million dollars to make, When you can do it for \$7000, it is nothing.”

“It” in this case is a 90-minute film being produced from start to finish on virtually nothing. The parent company is called T’ien Kong Film Co.Ltd. and the local reps are Don Jackson and Mike. Mike has the script, described by one reviewer as “mad, wonderful ... you definitely won’t ask for a refund.” It’s illustrated and there are several works of art that have been created especially for some scenes (like the photo above).

Mike can be reached through the Learning Centre for more information and for people interested in getting involved.

On September 26th, the Vancouver Park Board unanimously passed a motion that will help put Leisure Access Cards (LACs) into the hands of Vancouver residents on GAIN. The LACs provide free access to swimming, skating and skate rentals.

Right now people on GAIN and other low income people have a right to this card. The problem is that only a few people know about the policy, The Park Board doesn’t advertise it.

At the meeting, Park Commissioners Tim Louis and Donna Morgan called for the Board to make people aware of their eligibility for LACs and to extend FREE ADMISSION to people on welfare to all facilities and services offered by the Park Board.

The Park Board voted to put notices into welfare cheques to inform people that they are entitled to the cards. This is a victory for low income people, but it is only the first step toward our goal of making Park Board facilities and services accessible regardless of a person’s ability to pay.

The Park Board put off voting on increased leisure access for low income people. It wants to hear from the presidents of the community centre associations throughout the city first.

Let’s make the voices of low income people heard at the next meeting of the community centre presidents on November 14th. If you or your group want to make leisure access the people’s choice--not the presidents’ choice--call Michelle at 879-1209 to get your name on the list of delegates to the meeting and come to a briefing meeting on Monday, November 14th at 3pm in the End Legislated Poverty (ELP) office: 211-456 W.Broadway.

Federal Social Policy Review

(Cheap Labour Strategy)

There is an incredible secret being kept by the wealthy people and corporations they own - a vast majority of Canadians want our social programs improved and are overwhelmingly opposed to the Liberal spin-doctors telling us that cutting, slashing and burning these programs are the three sole alternatives.

The strategy to keep this quiet is:

- 1) All major media are to give minimal coverage to any events, conferences, protests, rallies, demonstrations, etc. that attempt to speak on this Review. This includes the CBC, the CTV network, virtually all daily papers (owned by either Thompson or Southam (i.e. Conrad Black) and major magazines.
- 2) All major media will give full coverage to the theme, propagated by members of the Business Council on National Issues (who own and control said media), that this is best for Canada; that the poor are really not poor, that seniors are well off and getting a free & golden ride from the taxpayers, that Canada can no longer afford social programs and that social programs are the cause of the deficit and the debt.

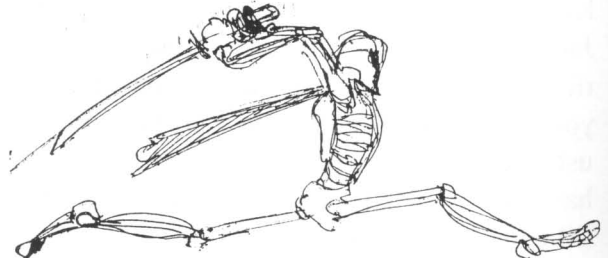
(Blatant truth, like Stats Canada showing 50% of the debt is caused by high interest rates, 44% by tax breaks (deferred = unpaid) and loopholes for the wealthy and corporate elite, 4% by general government spending and **TWO PERCENT** by social programs... or that, **besides the interest now being paid to private banks, Canada has made a profit every year for the last 6 years... well, such blatant truths are just not mentioned.**)

- 3) Saturate media with interviews, stories, articles, etc. that support the government on cuts, highlighting those that demand more. Run copious quantities of ads/statements from corporations such as MacBlo (forests forever = tree farms forever) and GM/Chrysler/Alcan/ Irving/the grainfood giant telling how great they are and what they do ("We don't just build cars we build Canada...")

- 4) Keep the other half, of the numerous half-truths told, out of any debate...things like "There have been 327,000 jobs created" BUT 300,000 of them are part-time, low-wage, no benefits, replacing 100,000 full-time, decent paying-with-benefits jobs while the numbers of unemployed are really twice as high as the official "rate" and the numbers of those seeking work went up by over 450,000 in the last 6 months alone..." The other half of a half-truth can be a real pain when a political hack gets rolling with the REASON WHY!

Okay. This is known, this strategy, due to experience in the last 6 months. On May 25th a confidential document was leaked, called Social Security Reform Communications, that states clearly the federal government's plan. They know it will be extremely difficult to get support for all the planned social policy changes, so taxpayers' money will be spent lavishly on polls, ads, media programs, focus groups and workbooks to change people's opinions.

As well, there is a Standing Committee touring the country that is 'seeking input.' It was only by accident that it was learned about - someone faxed the application form to End Legislated Poverty on Tuesday the 19th, ELP faxed it to several other groups, and it was copied and hand-delivered to still other groups - all of whom had to apply to speak, with the mandate of their group, its size, its activities, the groups served and the main issues



they would address before this vaunted Committee no later than Monday the 24th.

No application = No opportunity to speak.

Even if you do get an application there are at least two more hoops to jump through, like your "record" as an organisation or an individual must be submitted, then a written version of what you intend to say must be in Ottawa by the 7th of November, then you are informed, either verbally or maybe by just showing up on one of the two days this circus/ Committee's in Vancouver (1 day in Victoria) to see if your name is on the "approved" list, whether who you are and what you will talk about is of interest to the erudite ears of this touring troupe. Their purpose is to provide the mirage of "caring for ordinary Canadian's ideas and input" - for the 6:00 News.

Which Programs Will Be Under Review?

Unemployment Insurance (UI) - This program provides benefits for workers who are unemployed, sick or on parental leave.

Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) - The federal government shares the cost with provinces for welfare, vocational rehabilitation, and alcohol & drug rehabilitation. CAP also sets out the rights of people on welfare.

Child Tax Benefit Program - This program gives tax credits to single parents, a tax deduction for child care expenses, and an income supplement to families based on their net income level.

Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP) - This program gives loans and interest subsidies to post-secondary school students who need financial help.

Employment and Training Programs - These limited programs are supposed to help unemployed workers find jobs. Many private companies are cashing in on "Training" by giving courses in *Advanced Resume Writing* and *How to Present the BEST IMAGE at The Job Interview*. (Bus fare is extra.) The cynicism is based on another blatant truth - at least 15% (in places as high as 80%) of the employable population is unemployed. There are no jobs - people don't need incentives to work - there simply aren't enough jobs.



Established Program Financing - Education

Support (EBF) - The federal government transfers money to the provinces to support post-secondary education.

Social Development - Many programs for equality-seeking groups are included in this category, such as the Women's Program, the National Strategy for Integration of Persons with Disabilities, the Disabled Persons Participation Program, the National Literacy Secretariat, National Welfare Grants, the Child Development Initiative of the Brighter Futures Program, the Child Care Initiatives Fund, etc.

What Else Is Being Reviewed?

National Forum on Health - Chaired by the Prime Minister, with 20 people, \$3 million & 3 years to take flack while cuts go ahead.

Review on Pensions - Details haven't been made public, but slips give voice to rants about "income levels of mature generation".

Consultation on Immigration - No mention of funding for groups to participate in process, yet those who do "make submissions" (verbal or otherwise) will supposedly decide what the priorities are.

What are the Real Reasons for this Review?

Social Policy and NAFTA

In 1986 the Liberal's MacDonald Commission produced an 1800-page report which supported Canada-US free trade. It also argued for a Guaranteed Annual Income (GAI) that would destroy existing social programs

- keep the GAI low
- prohibit raising minimum wage and make pay equity ineffective
- allow the GAI to be used as a wage top-up

"Free" Trade and NAFTA are also the forces behind the hysteria to cut the deficit, contract out public services regardless of real costs, to deregulate and privatise all manner of service and social goods (health care, transportation, education, training, counseling, housing, etc.).

What's Going On?

The Liberals have taken up where the Conservatives left off. The debt, now standing at over \$500 billion, results from high interest rates that are set by the government's own bank (50% of debt), tax breaks and loopholes for the wealthy and their corporations (44% of debt), government spending (4% of debt) and social programs (2% of debt). These numbers are directly from Stats Canada.

From this the Liberals & their bosses come to the "common sense conclusion" that social programs must be cut to the bone. They insist we believe it's a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

It's like saying that because of poor finances Canadians who have them will get to keep their mansions, yachts, real estate, and all un-taxed profits from corporations while the rest of the people do without health care, advanced education, unemployment insurance, adequate childcare/housing/incomes and maybe even food.

The objective, as hyped by all levels of government (federal, provincial & municipal) is to reduce the deficit and the only way, (the way dictated by the wealthy) is to cut social programs. Following is a partial list of what's been done and in process right now:

Ending Federal Funding for Medicare

Bills C69 & C20 end all federal funding for health care by around the end of this decade. Bill C91, under the pressure of a few trans-national drug corporations, killed Canada's generic drug industry by guaranteeing a 20-year monopoly on all products of these trans-nationals. This alone added \$500 million to drug costs, reflected in Pharmacare changes.

Pension "Clawback"

By imposing a limit on who can and cannot get Old Age Security, seniors now see retirement as insecure. The income limit, above which the pension is disallowed, opens it to differing governments or policies to lower the limit, thereby extending the clawback to more and more lower income Canadians.

Cuts in Unemployment Insurance

As permanent, decent-paying jobs with benefits are scrapped in favour of temporary, part-time, low wage/no benefit, contract work, more and more people have to rely on UI between jobs. At the same

time at least 25% of Canada's manufacturing base has been lost, relocated to the southern States and Mexico to exploit the cheap labour there. To ensure that Canada is "competitive", the cuts to UI are designed to build a large labour pool that will have to do anything, anywhere in any conditions for the least possible pay. Mexican wages are currently \$5 a day.

Pension "Reform" and Pensions at 70

Axworthy recently publicly questioned if we could afford the level of income for Canada's "mature generation." Another signal to senior citizens of the

rending of their old age is the idea to withhold pensions until the age of 70.

Canada Assistance Plan (CAP)

CAP guarantees poor people some basic rights including the right to an income that meets basic needs, the right not to have to work or train for welfare, and the right to appeal unfair decisions. CAP is the program under which the federal government shares costs of social services with the provinces. Abolishing CAP could end such cost-sharing, doubling the cost to provinces for welfare and all related childcare, counseling, drug & alcohol, sexual abuse and other service programs. As the population spirals down into greater poverty, it will be virtually impossible to access any programs remaining without the money up front. Also, if CAP is abolished, single parents could be forced to work for their welfare even if they are needed at home by their families. Childcare will be a luxury. People being forced to work will have to take the most demeaning jobs and will displace those currently working at minimum wage. The outcome is to increase the profits of employers at the direct expense of employees

Guaranteed Annual Income

In theory this may sound good but in practice it may be something else entirely..

- ⇒ Where will the money come from? (Other programs like UI, welfare, pensions?)
- ⇒ Will it be above the poverty line?
- ⇒ Is it aimed at spreading poverty more evenly rather than improving living standards?
- ⇒ Is it just another way to cut the total cost of social programs?

In Newfoundland they started a local GAI with \$3000 for everyone, for a year. If you don't or can't make more..too bad.

"\$800 million for Social Policy Experiments"

Axworthy is proud of this. Provincial governments and some national programs have started to "experiment" with people's lives while the poverty grinds on -

- * New Brunswick Works gives some people on welfare two to three years of training, but does not guarantee them a job afterwards.

- * Ontario is giving incentives to employers to train people who are on welfare. Again there is no guarantee of jobs after the training. **13.**
- * Alberta is cutting welfare rates and has forced 37,000 people off welfare.
- * The Self-Sufficiency Project in B.C. and New Brunswick can pay over \$10,000 a year in wage supplement to single mothers who are on the program if they find a full-time or two part-time jobs. This supplement is available for only 3 years and rests entirely on finding any job at any wage anywhere.
- * Thousands of fishers in Atlantic Canada will be forced to sign a contract requiring them to take training, upgrading or do community service before they can receive benefits.
- * The National Youth Job Corps program will put youth to work for six to nine months. Then they will receive a \$3,000 voucher which can be used for education, as collateral on a loan to start a business or as wage subsidy for future employers.

According to leaked reports, the Liberal government is considering making it illegal for youths under 25 years of age to go on UI or welfare. Those who are working poor will certainly lose their jobs to youth who have to work or starve.

This alone will breed violence and endemic crime as youth will see right away that the "fix" is in for cheap labour.

The feds are also considering taking unemployment insurance premiums off employers and making employees pay the entire amount. A shining example of who this benefits is the Royal Bank, which made over \$25,000 per employee in 1991, paid about \$1000 in premiums per employee, profited over \$950 million and then laid staff off. In 1992 they changed the way they do their accounting, posted a profit of \$63,000,000, and got a tax rebate of \$68,000,000. It's fun!



Consequences?

Of course the people most affected by the little that's happened so far are women and children. If/when the Liberals go ahead with their plan to cut, slash and burn virtually all social programs, those most vulnerable, most affected will be women and children and the poor and seniors and students and people of colour and immigrants and the unemployed.

If the Liberals follow the steps of the Conservatives in destroying our social safety net, the poor will become poorer. The stress and poverty will contribute to more family violence. Women and children will be further victimised.

The statement "*Everybody has to suffer*", made by the Chief Executive Officer of a transnational corporation (Lee Iacocca, CEO for Chrysler), is simply not true. The wealthy, owners of these transnationals, owners of the media and dictating to politicians from banks and international financial institutions, do not lose or suffer. It's brainwashing.

Some of the consequences are:

- ⇒ Low income people will lose rights
- ⇒ Mothers could be forced to take training or work and leave their children
- ⇒ Lack of support for students will make getting a post-secondary education an exclusive luxury for the children of wealthy parents, not those with the brains and intellectual acumen
- ⇒ New Canadians will not have access to language and citizenship training unless already affluent
- ⇒ Valuable skills are being and will be wasted
- ⇒ Unemployment and cheap labour programs are increasing racial tension
- ⇒ Immigrant single mothers will get virtually no support

"Capitalism makes humans beggars; Communism makes the beggar a beast."

The task force on this is doing a Mulroney-type "consultation" with the public - taking 5 weeks to tour the nation and then hightailing it back to Ottawa. It does not represent the views of any majority; only the small minority of the wealthy and

elite who stand to profit enormously from the beggaring of the vast majority of the people of not only Canada but the entire populations of North and South America. Stand with the majority and say No to this heinous attack on our very lives. Say Yes to a whole future.

By PAULR TAYLOR

(Extracts from writings of Jean Swanson, the Conference on Social Programs report, and the Council of Canadians.)



Princess Diana

Do you remember the 2000 year-old Egyptian mummy that was in the Vancouver Museum when it was at Carnegie?

The mummy was known as Princess Diana until 1951. In that year she was X-rayed and found to be a young boy, apparently a young murder victim.

The mummy is now in storage at the museum beside the planetarium.

(Editorial speculation: Does this have anything to do with Michael Campbell, brother of Gordon Campbell, presiding over the museum when a vast amount of its funds disappeared, or is this just another mummy in the Campbell family's closet?)

ALL ABOARD

It is almost 2:40 pm as I'm sitting here in the train car, while we're docked at the train station in Jasper.

As I sit here I notice a great deal of amazing beauty that I never knew existed.

Jasper is a quaint little town, with an enchanting and rustic air of brilliance about it.

It seems to me that Jasper is like a little hot tub, cut from the mountains. The people seem friendly, as the mountains and scenery are beautiful.

The mountains rise majestically around us, further than the eye can see; and the glorious caps of snow are like medals of honour on the chest of a great war hero.

When I look out the window, I see a dinosaur of sorts.

It is a relic in the days of transportation by train but still; it is stern, standing fast and very proud. People pass it without a thought, yet that great iron-horse of yester-year is like the mountains all around me, forever proud and majestic.

We will all leave this place, forgetting these things, but the great steam engine will stand fast, knowing that it is the backbone of the mighty Via Rail.

Unlike the passengers who have forgotten it, the great engine will remember each and every one of us.

Grab your bags everyone, it's almost time to go, and so ladies and gentlemen; I say to you
ALL ABOARD!

By BARRY SCHNARE

The Save Our Social Program message

Make these points in your letters, faxes and calls to politicians:

Make corporations pay their fair share of tax. Canadian corporations owe about \$36 billion in deferred taxes. For a 34-page list of corporations that deferred taxes or paid a lower rate of corporate tax than the average working person, give ELP a call at 879-1209.

The review should not be a cost-cutting exercise.

Job creation and decent wages are a priority.

Stop using language that blames poor and unemployed people for the mess that corporations and governments have created.

Workfare should continue to be illegal. It forces unemployed people to take jobs that should be paid decently in order to get a miserly benefit.

All people should have the right to an adequate income in Canada. All the rights for poor people in the Canada Assistance Plan Act should be kept and strengthened.

Most poor children are not orphans. You can't end child poverty without ending parent poverty.

Working poverty is not fun. People should not be forced into poverty jobs. Minimum wage should be raised to \$9 or \$10 an hour.

Build on these points with your own thoughts.

Thanks to the Council of Canadians for the idea and the first three points.

The Last Maple Leaf To Fall

The tree was almost bare except for one lonely leaf, hanging onto life as long as possible. The strong, cold wind was making life difficult for the leaf; it was swinging and swaying at the end of the branch. The wind was tugging, pulling as hard as it could, until the leaf finally broke free.

It floated upward, higher and higher through the air as the wind slowly calmed to a breeze. Then the last maple leaf of fall came to rest on the ground. But ha - you think it is the end for the fallen leaf but it's like a second wind to a jogger...all of a sudden a strong breeze picked the leaf up and away it goes floating through the air like a gliding plane heading who knows where, ha there! - there it goes right in the back of a passing truck.

All over town they drove that day, until the truck was parked for the night. A little wind picked up the leaf and one more time it blew through the air and down to the ground, this time on one of the many quiet back streets of the city. It lay there all night.

In the early morning a squirrel put a paw on it, picked it up and took it for the nest that she was building. In the Spring the squirrels will abandon the nest and it will gradually fall apart. It'll fall to the ground, where it and the leaf will decay to become food for the tree it fell out of.

The leaves on the tree will be new, growing life while the lonely leaf will have come the full circle of life.

**You are born, you live for a short time,
then you die. And, in death, you make
room for new life.**

By HARVEY DUCEDRE



Volunteers

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for Volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairman
No group leaders or car pools,
No eager team that needs a coach
No bazaar and no bake sale
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail,
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, who'll serve this privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,
And NOT ONCE volunteered on earth.

Al Sangster



(after hearing one too many preachers
haranguing about hell-fire on granville street)

brothers and sisters	fellow low-life	listen	we are in luck
one guy at least	came just for us	a tremendous low-life	jesus
he didn't come down here	to this blood-stew	for no limousine riders	
no bible thumpers	no hotshot angle-shooters	no	came down here
I believe it's the truth	for me and you	I mean	junkies
winos	hookers	cripples	crazies
and homeless freaks	lowest of the low	least of all	thieves
do your parents hate you?	your teachers hate you?	po-lice hate you?	welfare bums
your friends hate you?	you hate you?	you're really in luck	
everybody hated jesus too	you got nowhere to live?	nowhere to go?	
nowhere to hang your hat?	jesus said to a cat	'even the foxes of the field	
and the birds of the air	got somewhere	to lay their weary ass down	
but not me	oh no'		

do people scorn you?	put you down?	tell stories about what a problem
you are?	a judge told me	I was of no use to society
of a university	told me I was trash and obscene	the president
god bless her	told me I was	my own mother
just makes me eligible	to hook up with jesus	the world's biggest asshole
bleeding	sweating	balls-naked
all that bad bullshit	off my back	to a wooden cross
		but all that
		who got nailed up
		to take

jesus tells you	not to hate your own self	which is easy to do
out here	running around like a fool	but just ask jesus
he'll help you with that	'love yourself' he says	'so you can
love somebody as	unloved	and unlovable
		as you been'

I mean	jesus didn't come all this way	go through all that	trouble
to send you and me to hell	no	maybe these other	soft successful
types	I don't know	but not you and me	bona fide losers
you and I know	this world	is all the hell	we're going to see
jesus came to cool us out	from this hell	right here	right now
for real	with love	not handcuffs	editorials
do you slash-up?	overdose?	drink lysol or some shit?	stick rigs
in your arms?	or pull a knife on somebody else?	well	jesus is
just for you	he was the world's	all-time	biggest
			loser

the straight people the priests and judges hated him because
he said lowlife scum would get to heaven before they did

and at the end when jesus needed his friends they all took off on him
except for a hooker named magdalen but all his close friends split
said 'no way I don't know him' except for his friend judas who
turned jesus in to crimestoppers his friends made him take the rap
all alone you know how that feels and jesus kept his mouth shut
when pontius pilate the chief of police wanted jesus to cop-out
with a plea



so if you feel misunderstood nobody know how you feel or what you
talking about that's jesus too he know about you he been
through it and don't you allow these puffed-up self-righteous
chumps sell you no goody-goody jesus shit no
jesus got pissed off plenty times

when jesus was wandering around no bus fare all his buddies
kept saying 'what should we do? what should we do? we're scared'
jesus told them 'lay down your life for your friends and if
your enemy rip-off your coat give him your shoes too give up this
money-grubbing power-tripping fantasy-acting ego bullshit
give it up and you won't be scared no more'

but jesus got nailed-up between two thieves just another criminal
and everybody thought so little of jesus was down on him so bad
they let a mad terrorist bomber go free instead of him
but jesus told that thief hanging on the cross next door like he
telling you and me right now today this very hour man
'I take you with me to paradise' jesus told a death-row thief he was
going to take him to paradise

jesus didn't tell a stockbroker didn't tell a rock promoter
he told the brokers and promoters 'you can't get to paradise
the way you going' a young banker came up to jesus said
'I dig your rap what I gotta do?' and jesus told him 'give it up
brother' said 'give all your money to the poor the punks
the drunks the bums give it up' and that banker did to jesus
what most people do to you when you got your hand out he just
walked away 'anything but my sports car'

in his own home-town		they called jesus		a crazy motherfucker
I been called crazy	lots of time			in my home-town
nuthouse	to prove it			locked up in the
	don't go pullin	no fuckin miracles	and jesus	they told him 'we know you boy
to grab his ass	but he ran	fast		and tried
what that's like)				damn
				but you know

and if you think	you got trouble			just keeping your name straight
jesus	confused many fools		with that	'are you god or what?' they
were always asking him	he said		'who do you say	that I am?'
a smart-ass	jesus was always being told			'you can't do that
it's against the rules	it's against the law'			but jesus talking about
the spirit	body and soul		the whole deal	real real life
not just	social insurance numbers			and fingerprints

and jesus believed	in having a good time			told those tight-ass bastards
his kingdom	was like a wedding reception			and first thing jesus did
was turn water into wine	so they wouldn't run out			and the authorities
called him	a drunkard		but jesus just kept saying	'help each other
love each other	no matter what		it's the only thing	you can count on'

so	fellow lowlife	just know		jesus loves you	if nobody else
does	I know he loves me			especially when I don't	love myself
or anybody else	it's hard to believe in love			in this cruel city	
in this	nightmare time	that everybody else		pretends	
is just fine	but remember	no matter what kind		of nasty shit you pull	
jesus loves you	in fact	you can't make	jesus	not love you	

but when you been	kicked around			since you were born	love is like
an insult	'oh we love you so much			we want to hurt you some more'	
but not with jesus	when you suffering			real bad	just reach a hand
out of your	heart	and he'll help you make it		jesus has already	
helped you make it	you just didn't			know it	

and the gospel tell you	the gospel just			the highlights of a lowlife	
jesus believed	in the devil too			the devil that runs around	
in him	and her	and me	and you	and all over	everyplace else
seems like	jesus knew the devil	personally		but jesus didn't	
go on and on	about some	therapy-self-help-socialworker-shrink-headed-			
victim-disease-shit	jesus knew	we couldn't be		this crazy	
this miserable	this goddamned mean and vicious			without a lot of help	

from the devil so jesus kick-boxed the devil right out of people
jesus knows we're weak and easily possessed by all the crap
in this world jesus knows all this stuff

so the devil came to see jesus one on one when jesus was
strung-out from not eating and hanging-out in the desert
near kamloops and the devil said to jesus 'if you're such a bigshot
turn this stone into a loaf of bread and feed yourself'
and jesus said 'forget you I'd rather be hungry than do
what you tell me to do' did you ever do that? refuse
and have people say 'you don't know what's good for you?'



then the devil said to jesus 'look here I show you
all the world cars drugs power sex beer in the
whole world I'll give you all that just say you're mine'
but jesus could not be bought and the devil kept working on him
the devil said 'okay you so stupid jump off this cliff
and see if your big daddy save you like you always talking about'
jesus just laughed he knew better

I haven't always known better though those deals the devil offered jesus
sound pretty good to me but I have been mostly fucked-up
in my life so I ain't the best expert on my own life I do need help
so all you nuts junkies freaks jesus is always
by your side like a kind of no bullshit truth-talking guide
always with you but not so close by he'll get on your nerves

I mean a lot of times you think he's not there at all cause he
ain't doing what you think he ought to be doing for you
but he's there knowing what you need better than you do
knowing you better than you do just like the devil do



but that's good because everything I know how to do
and everything you know how to do has got us both right here
probably broke maybe on dope no real hope listening to a lunatic
like me because neither of us has figured out anything
better to do with the mountain-moving love jesus
has made us all to be

Housing is a Right

Is the payment of rent to be thought of as suffering for a system we did not make? People today have a difficult time getting housing that is in keeping with their human rights.

We have a right to shelter ourselves. With so much "development" where are the rights of people going? Some people believe it to be a requirement to pay for a roof over their heads. This is understandable being as how, culturally, most of us were handicapped with this system from birth. It is hard to imagine living on the land as people do and have done for tens of thousands of years. What is the reason for bunching people up in cities by the millions?

I remember thinking in school that it's because we like each other's company, thus cities came about because we want to live close to one another. It is for our own good and betterment, right?

Homelessness is quite often the absence of shelter, but shelter is not a home. Overcoming societal pressures is a continuous struggle for the homeless. It should be apparent when a person is homeless that we consider what is being lost in terms of our rights. Many people are aware that something is wrong when handing over the rent every month.

What can we really do; it is an ancient problem. Personal awareness is the place to begin. There is such a contrast to being comfortable to being out on the street; some are unable to bridge the gap. We could live a little closer to our human rights and help support those, on a global level.

There are many ways whereby personal growth may reflect the peace and harmony we truly need on this planet. May your way be fruitful.

By MICHAEL BOHNERT

NO CASINO

New gambling

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ELIZABETH AIRD

The government, through the B.C. Lottery Corporation, is now in the business of one of the most addictive forms of gambling.

It's called "VLT," which stands for "video lottery terminals." It's the current hot button in gaming.

As it's been described to me, VLT's are like a computer game. "It's like Nintendo for gamblers," says Hart Molthagen, chair of Vancouver's No Casino Committee. Whatever game you want to play — blackjack, say — shows up on the screen, and you play against the computer.

The government argues there are already 10,000 illegal machines in the province, which they'll seize and replace with 4,600 of their own. Better to legalize and control than to prohibit, and put the proceeds — \$120 million — says the government, into the social welfare kitty.

The real reason? I quote from the B.C. Lottery Corporation's 1992/93 annual report: "To sustain revenue growth, electronic gaming in age-controlled environments will be a top priority."



Dear Chairman Halsey-Brandt:

On Thursday, August 18th, 1994, I came home from physiotherapy between 3 & 4pm. As soon as I walked in my door I smelled the diesel fuel exhaust. I looked out my window into the Patricia Hotel parking lot to see vehicles from the movie being filmed in the area. The problem was from a diesel generator truck. My windows had been left open and the fumes had filled my house. I became very upset as I am a severe asthmatic and seriously react to fumes from diesel fuel.

I told Mike from Ramm Productions that the fumes had filled my home and were making me ill. In the end I was assured that the truck would be gone later and they would not come back on August 22nd and August 23rd. They would move to another site. I closed my windows and suffered inside a fume filled house until later that night when the trucks were gone and I could again open my windows I didn't want to cause problems for these people so I took them at their word and left it a that.

However, on Monday August 22nd the generator truck was back on the lot. At this point the manager of our building called Ramm Productions to discuss some of this with them and was told that they were informed that to move the truck to Heatly Street would only cause more problems for people in hotels over there. Ramm had nothing nice to say about me even though I'd not reported them on the Thursday incident. I was just looked at like a troublemaker. like I had no right to complain to them. I contacted the G.V.R.D. Air Quality and Source Control Department and was assured by Verna that someone would look into this. Well, Mr. Alex Clifford looked into it and when I phoned him on August 25th he said, "G.V.R.D. controls are decided upon for the normal population. There is a certain level of emission which is acceptable to the general public. The standard is set for the average person. As long as they do not exceed what is normally acceptable there is no problem."

Alex Clifford looked into it, saw no problem with the fumes being funneled into my home and advised Ramm Productions that it was okay for the generator truck to be kept where it was.

Because Mike from Ramm Productions stated he had to talk with Vancouver licensing department to see if the generator truck could be moved, I decided to call on August 25th to find out why they would not allow the truck to be moved to Heatly street. I was informed by Lindsay Moffat in the film office that if his department had been informed about this problem they would have had to move the generator truck within thirty minutes.

Me/ Alex Clifford did something to me on August 22nd that I really never expected. The very things that I addressed in the letter to the Minister of the Environment were being done by someone I'd called for help in the G.V.R.D. If your department feels that only the average person should get protection, only the norm should be followed, then you do not take into consideration the needs of a great many people with poor health. The fact that the Vancouver City employee Lindsay Moffat would have made that generator truck move within thirty minutes shows a large difference in what is acceptable and what is not.

Lindsay also made note of my address to ensure that no further diesel generator permits would be allowed. I'm very thankful that someone out there cared even if I didn't get to speak with him until after the filming was done and the truck was gone. My mistake was I phoned the G.V.R.D. Air Quality and Source Control Dept.'s complaint department, instead of the Film Licensing Dept. of Vancouver City Hall.

Dale Flexman from the G.V.R.D. has assured me that in the future anyone phoning G.V.R.D. with the same type of complaint will be referred to Film Licensing to address the problem.

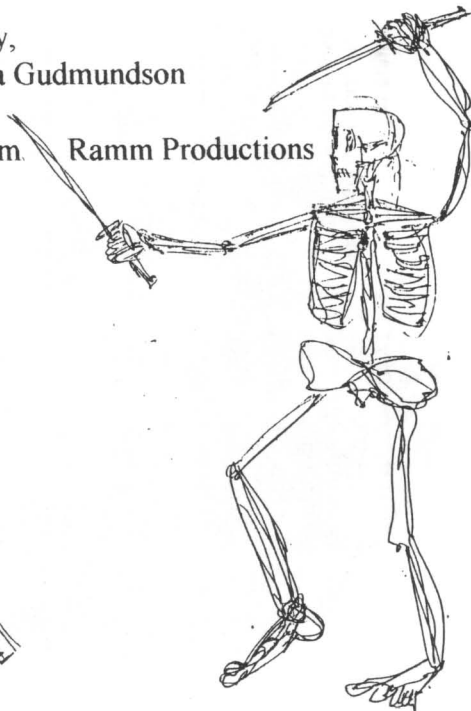
The only problem I have left with this issue now is the manner in which Alex Clifford addressed the problem I was experiencing. When he made the comment, "There is a certain level of emission which is acceptable to the general public. The Standard is set for the average person," - he touched on a very important thing here: If the average is what the standard is based on, how do we protect the ever-increasing number of asthmatic citizens from experiencing things that are detrimental to their health. Who has the right to set standards at a level which we know can lead to severe lung and heart disabilities?

The pink smog in the air we breath is not something we as a society can ignore. The mental perspective of how we address the issue of air pollution has got to change. Alex Clifford's reaction to public complaints regarding air pollution has got to change.

People with lung problems have a right to protection from pollutants causing them harm as much as the average person has a right to protection,. I am hoping you will help correct some of the problems I've addressed in this letter., Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Bharbara Gudmundson

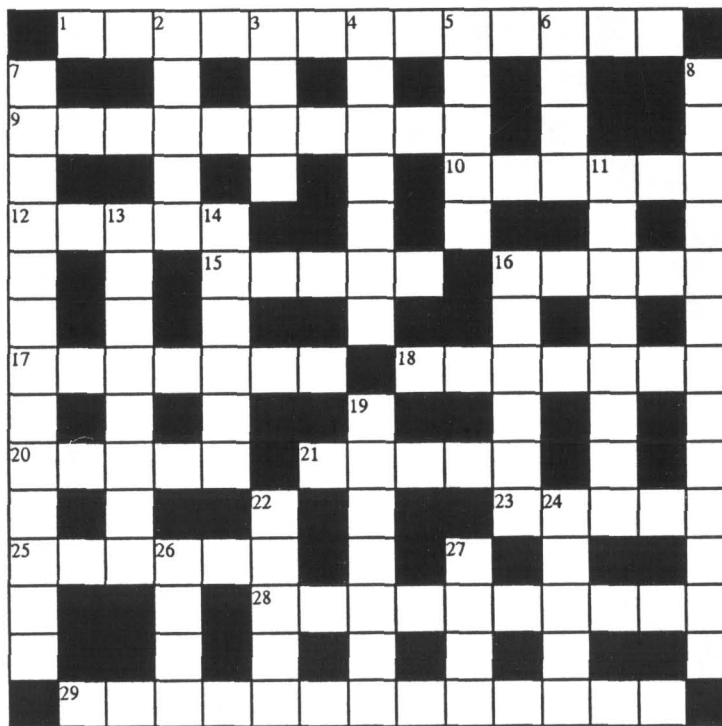
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ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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When Will It All End?

Well my friends, the heroin has taken a good friend of mine. He was found a few days later in a downtown room. When will it all end? My feelings are of deep loss and anger. I've been reflecting on it, as I'm a non-practicing addict I consider myself one of the lucky ones.

I recently had a story published called *A Day in the Life of an Addict* that was put in the Carnegie paper. I talked about the disease aspect of it. Today I want to address feelings when using and when not using.

In my using days, my entire life was centred around drugs. I didn't know how to make the hurting stop inside and felt so alone.

I had no family to turn to and ran with the users on the street. When I didn't have drugs I felt like the loneliest S.O.B. in the world; I didn't have friends..only associates who used.

There were short periods when I didn't use because I knew I had a problem--but I thought the problem was drugs and it wasn't until later that I

realised that the problem was me. So when the pain came I used.

My entire life was pain & drugs, and eventually I spent 17 years in jail on the revolving door syndrome..it was my only sanctuary. I was always thinking, watching others fix, that if I didn't fix too the pain would be too much.

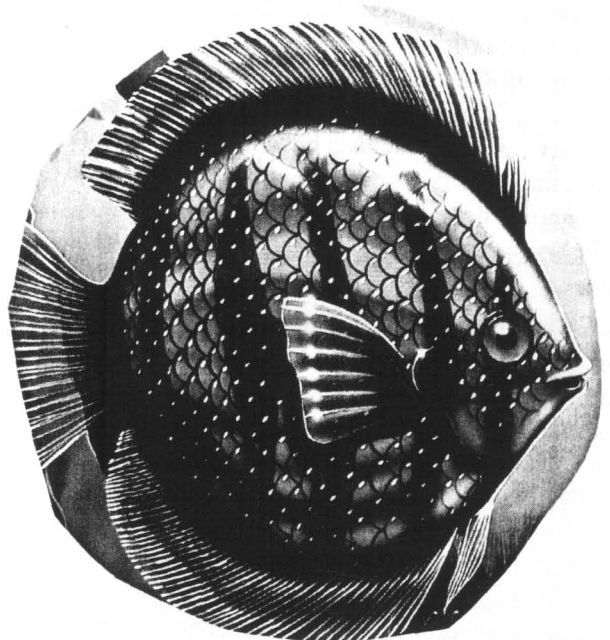
The last time I came out of jail I had every intention of staying clean but that was not to be. I'd finished a 3-year sentence for bank robbery and thought I had it all together - I wasn't going to go back. My disease was only dormant as two hours after being released I had a needle in my arm. Two or three days later I had a fridge full of empty, a packet full of nothing, and then there was the shame and the pain, that pain that enveloped my entire soul.

I had 3 options at that time: one was suicide, two was do a bank, and three was treatment. The pain was so great that I cried for the first time in 20 years. I prayed for the answer to my addiction.

Living on Columbia Street in those 5 days, I often passed the Detox but the sign had always said Full House. I went over, the sign was still there, but I hit the buzzer anyway. A man came to the door and said they were full. I thanked him anyway and as I turned to go he asked if I'd like a coffee. As I slowly sipped that coffee I thought of how I could end my life; I couldn't take jail or the pain any more.

I went to put my cup in the sink and leave when the man who'd let me in said that someone was checking out - did I still want a bed? I checked in that day 3 1/2 years ago and it's been getting easier every day.

By BILL



THE PERSONAL TIME-MACHINE

One of the “Founding Fathers” of psychiatric medicine, Carl Gustav Jung, during his re-search into mental illness, developed the theory that each individual carries within them not only a personal unconscious memory bank, but a universal memory bank, which he called the “collective unconscious”.

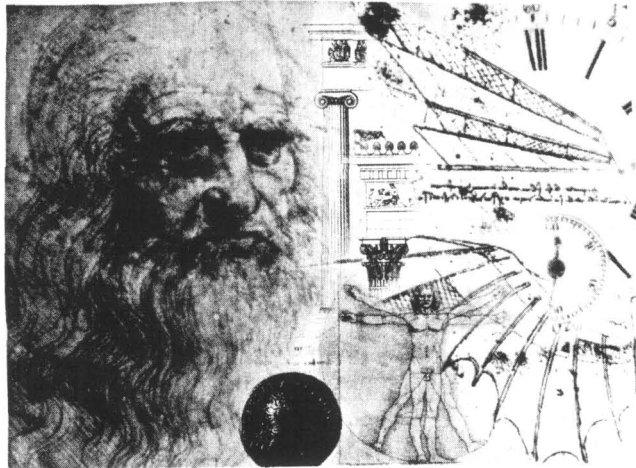
In the course of his work, Jung discovered that this “collective” storehouse of ‘memories’ consisted of intellectually and emotionally charged images, which he believed represented the presence in humans of what “primitive” cultures called spirits, angels, demons, gods, extraterrestrials, or, simply the forces of nature in the form of cosmic laws.

This is, even today, an extremely radical idea, & one that has been largely neglected in educational circles even though it is widely accepted as the most reasonable theory yet developed to account for the changes human identity undergoes during the course of a “breakdown” or “breakthrough”, depending on the expectations of those involved.

The “collective unconscious,” located deeper in the brainstem than the memories humans identify as their own, is, according to Jung’s theory, the doorway into our present life, through which ancestral spirits - those long dead - have access to our minds & emotions. So, it is theorized that Shamans’ trances, seances, mediums, ouija boards, etc. are just ways humans have invented to work with the collective unconscious, or, as it is more commonly described, to “contact the dead.”

In North America, these concerns have been imaged by marketplace media as jokes...that is to say, we have been encouraged by our business community & government leaders to “laugh off any attempt to explore such things” and, as America advertised during the 2nd World War, “Humour is our greatest weapon.”

It’s only natural that advertisers, paid by the producers of products, should want to keep mass consciousness tightly restricted to materially-oriented ideas, & to steer the minds of the young away from any forms of speculation that might



interfere with the mindset of a single, solid, 20th century identity that consumes what it pays for. In fact, any distraction whatever from “consumer consciousness” is nipped in the bud by the status quo, which has, quite naturally, a vested interest in human ignorance & lack of imagination. The more ignorant people are, the greater the opportunity to sell them “knowledge” - the less imagination they have the easier it is to sell them imagination, under the guise of ‘entertainment’, whether it be of the Walt Disney, Hollywood or Las Vegas variety.

On the other hand, the wide distribution of books & the availability of published information makes it possible to escape from media circles most people are trapped in. It’s as if the wizards of our age, wowing through their great power of technology, have drawn a magic circle around human consciousness that restricts it to a conventionally solid, material point of view. But behind these wizards of high finance lurk the shadowy figures of unbought academics, librarians & distributors of alternative information, who are connected (through the “collective unconscious?”) to an ancient tradition of scribes whose chosen work throughout most of human history has been to open up fields of thought usually restricted to “specialists.”

To return to the idea that "resurrection of the dead" could be a code word for the opening of the collective unconscious, we might by-pass the conventional Christian Resurrection Day scenario of "The End of the World," & go directly to a much more ancient source, the Kahunas, or spiritual healers of Hawaii, who were the psychiatrists in that part of the world for countless ages prior to Western European contact. In the Hawaiian system of psychology which has now all but disappeared, it was generally believed that "spirits of the dead" often obsess the living, beginning by stealing vital force & ending by taking over the body itself - thus accomplishing a form of "rising from the dead" for themselves. This was the Hawaiian explanation for what we call "madness" or "insanity."

Up until the advent of Freudian & Jungian theorys, the idea of "possession" by angelic or demonic entities was the common explanation for mental disorders that encompassed everything from the lowliest obsessive-compulsive manic-depressive or schizophrenic states of multiple personality to the most sublime mystical visions & superior cosmic knowledge manifested by holy visionaries & saints. The line between madness & enlightenment has always been a very fine one, & in Tibetan traditions at least initiates were always provided with "a sword of discriminating wisdom" to tell one from the other.

Over the years so many different types of personalities involve themselves in mystical pursuits that it's inevitable some of them should create "Jonestown's" or "Waco's" or end-of-the-world suicide pacts, but this is certainly not the purpose of these explorations, & no matter how much the media try to make us think that such things are typical of alternative lifestyles, these are just the few who pushed themselves out on a limb destined to be chopped off.

The Tree of Life consists of many such branches, but those who continue to climb the main stem remain in contact with the simple facts of existence, because the topmost branch is connected to the deepest root.

TORA

ONE LAW FOR THE RICH...

VICTORIA

Charge dropped for mayor's son

Canadian Press

VICTORIA — A drug charge against David Cross was dismissed Wednesday because the police violated his rights when they searched him and found one ounce of marijuana.

Cross, son of Mayor Bob Cross, was arrested Dec. 28, 1993, by Victoria police who testified they saw him in two areas known for drug trafficking.

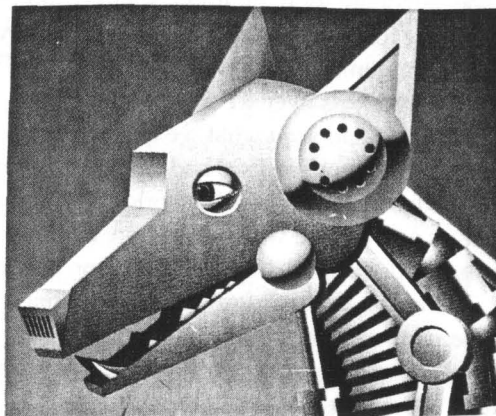
In one instance he exchanged something with a woman, an action police said gave them reasonable and probable grounds to strip-search him.

Cross testified that when he exchanged something with the woman, it was \$15 he owed her.

Defence lawyer Leandre Rupert-Bailey argued police did not have reasonable and probable grounds to search Cross, who she said had the misfortune of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Provincial Court Judge Patricia Maughan agreed.

... ANOTHER LAW FOR THE POOR



THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY - Part 6

The Carnegie Building - 1940's to 1970's

The Second World War ended the Great Depression. The First Canadian Division was made up of men who went directly from ~~un-~~employment to the front lines. Vancouver became a ship building centre, and thousands of new workers built over two hundred ships in Vancouver dry docks in four years.

In 1942 the federal government took over Exhibition Park as part of the shameful forced removal of Greater Vancouver's Japanese-Canadian population of nine thousand men, women and children. Not one single case of treason was reported from this community during the war.

After war broke out, Canada achieved full employment. Every citizen was needed and the suicide rate dropped. Taxes were high but no one complained because the dream of a better society united the country.

Forty-three thousand Canadians were killed in the Second World War, and many thousands of others were wounded either physically or mentally. These tragedies, along with the bitterness of the Great Depression, caused ordinary citizens to think seriously about the kind of Canada they wanted to live in. Their dreams were not so different from the dreams of many other peoples in the world, and were expressed in the United Nations Charter of Human Rights - the right to decent work, decent income, adequate food, clothing, shelter, and the opportunity for each person to participate fully in a healthy community.

After the war was over we were proud of ourselves. We had seen what we could do in a national emergency, and we had become the fourth largest industrial power in the world. We thought of ourselves as a people with a common, democratic purpose, and we even dreamed of having our own flag. The national debt as relative to national income was twice as high as it is today, but no one worried about it because employment was high, interest rates were low, and corporations and



wealthy individuals didn't have as many tax loopholes as they have now. That debt was paid off within ten years.

In 1957 the main library of the Vancouver Public Library system moved west from the Carnegie building to the northeast corner of Burrard and Robson streets. In 1958 the Vancouver Museum took over the entire Carnegie building. The most popular exhibit was the mummified body of an Egyptian child, but the fourteenth century suit of Japanese armour, the thirty-five foot cedar dug-out canoe, the stuffed bear, and the five hundred item collection of B.C. birds were also popular.

In 1967 the museum was relocated at Vanier Park on the west side as part of the McMillan Museum/Planetarium Complex, and in 1968 the Carnegie building was boarded up. It remained empty from 1968 to 1980, serving as a sanctuary for pigeons and the odd home-less traveller.

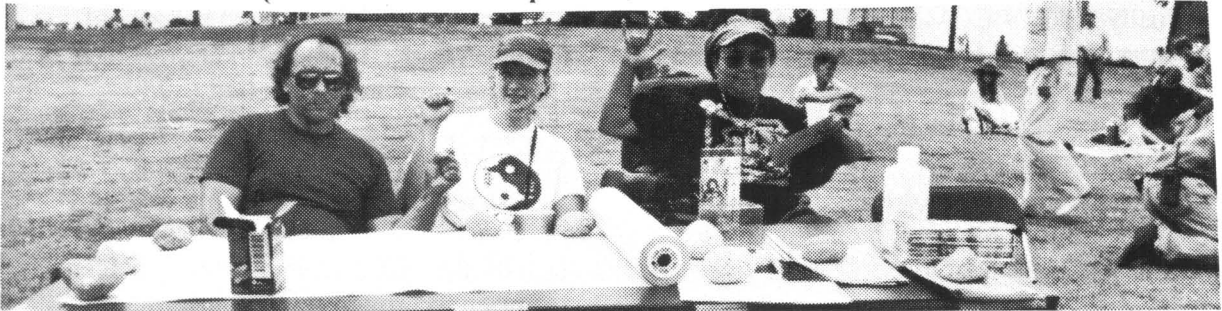
The democratic spirit of the building was alive, though, in spite of neglect and the plans of some politicians to destroy the building's public purpose. Andrew Carnegie had always intended that his buildings be used for the cultural benefit of all citizens in a society in which, to quote his maternal grandfather, "Every man (was) a lord, every woman a lady, and every child an heir."

In the 1970's, citizens in the Downtown Eastside fought to turn the Carnegie building into a community centre for the residents of Vancouver's oldest neighbourhood. It was an inspirational fight, and the result was an inspirational community centre.

The following articles will describe this struggle.

By SANDY CAMERON

Trade Trivia & Fast Facts - GLOBALDYGOOK - Trade Trivia & Fast Facts (From *Canadian Perspectives*, the Council of Canadians)



If the federal Liberals have their way, Canada's health care system will be more rapidly harmonized with the US system. The American health care system costs 40% more per person (paid privately) than the Canadian system (paid publicly), which covers everyone. Still 30 million Americans have no health insurance. 100,000 die every year because they aren't covered by a health plan.

Even pregnant women, in the US, have no access to publicly funded medical coverage.

(**Linda McQuaig**, "Back to the Future", *Briarpatch*, June 1994)

Less than one in three Canadians earned more than \$30,000 last year. The percentage of the Canadian workforce currently employed in full-time jobs is continually dropping. The current level is only 58%.

Almost 20% of Canadians between 18 and 24 are unemployed.

In some parts of the country, including most large cities, the figure is closer to 40%.

(**Ed Finn**, "The War on Jobs", *Canadian Forum*, May 1994)

Free Trade was supposed to give Canada better access to the US market. There continues to be a lack of reciprocity under the trade deals. In the last five years, Canadian companies seeking to enter the US market have been shut out 80% of the time while US corporations, trying to enter Canada,

have had a 100% success rate.

(*Business Quarterly*, Spring 1994)

While the federal government is fueling deficit hysteria to justify cutbacks, it ran a "primary surplus" from 1987 to 1992. This means it generated more in revenue than it spent on federal programs, with one exception - interest payments on the debt. This latter problem is the result of misguided economy policy.

(**Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives**, *CCPA Monitor*, May 1994)

Just over 40% of Canada and Brazil are covered by forest. About 10% and 12%, respectively, of the countries clearcuts will never grow back. 9.4% of Brazil's forests are officially protected, while Canada has only protected 2.6%.

(**Canada's Future Forest Alliance**, *Brazil of the North*, 1993)

As most Canadians pay successively more, thousands of profitable corporations pay little or no tax. In 1992 the Royal Bank of Canada made over \$63,000,000 and paid no tax. A Royal Bank teller from British Columbia earned \$25,000 that same year and paid \$5,732 in tax.

In 1990, Finance Minister Paul Martin's company, the CSL Group Inc., made a pre-tax profit of \$19,700,000, paid no income tax and got tax credits equaling \$400,000.

(The Action Canada Network, *Where's The Wealth*, 1994)

⇒ The vast majority of federal government workers - more than 70 percent - work outside the National Capital Region in virtually EVERY COMMUNITY in the country.

⇒ FEWER PEOPLE work for the federal government today than in 1973, despite the fact there are four million more Canadians, many more government programs and higher public demand for services.

⇒ Over the past decade, the federal government's personnel costs have DECREASED from 14 percent of total expenditures to less than 12 percent

⇒ Excluding Ottawa, less than EIGHT CENTS of every dollar spent ~~by~~ Ottawa goes to personnel costs. Attacking the salaries, benefits and job security of federal government workers will have next to no impact on the deficit.



⇒ Total federal public sector employment represents a modest four per cent of Canada's workforce. This total DROPS DRAMATICALLY to only 1.7 percent when the armed forces, uniformed RCMP and employees of Crown corporations and government enterprises are excluded.

(From *In The Public Interest*, (PSAC)
- Public Service Alliance of Canada)

Calendar of Events

- November 1 - Older Women's Drop-in** at 509 E.Hastings at 3pm. We will be showing the video *Life is a Treasure* and *Little Mountain If Only They Would Listen*. Refreshments.
- Program Committee meets in the Association Office at 4pm.
- November 2 - 11th Anniversary of the Carnegie Learning Centre.** Open forum in Carnegie's Theatre from 9:30-11:30 and an Open House on the 3rd floor until 4pm.
- Finance Committee meets in the Association Office at 4pm.
- November 3 - Gay and Lesbian Drop-in** (1st & 3rd Thursday) from 3-5pm in Carnegie's Pottery Room. The video will be *Curious George*.
- Board of Directors meets in the theatre at 7pm.
- November 5 - Mexican Day of the Dead Celebration**, starting at 6:30pm in Carnegie's Theatre. Music, dancing, singing and pinatas.
Seniors Conference on the Federal Social Policy Review, at 411 Dunsmuir from 10am-3pm. Registration is \$5 and lunch is \$3.50
- November 9 - ELP strategy meeting on Social Policy Review** at Unitarian Church, 49th & Oak, 9am-4pm.
- November 16 -** The touring committee touting Axworthy's Cut/Slash/Burn Review will be in on the 16th & 17th. No one knows where yet, but there will be a demonstration outside it at 12:00 noon, sponsored by the **Action Canada Network**.

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EASTSIDE
YOUTH
ACTIVITIES
SOCIETY**

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Little Sister's Brother Sez...

I used to be married you know. I used to be married to a woman who ran her own book store. Independent. The Book Store and her, sort of reflections of each other, and I'll tell you this, There's this strange *deja vu* I get every time I hear of Little Sisters Bookstore taking on Canada Customs and, by extension, the government of Canada.

Why just today I heard on a radio program that Little Sisters had spent close to \$100,000 just to get this far!..and that a guesstimate of the final legal bill would be between \$75,000 and \$125,000 more. Well, unless Little Sisters gets some financial help in this legal wrestl-ing match with Judeo-Christian morality, they could be bankrupted by something which, for all intents & purposes, is not illegal.

What happens, and I have this on expert authority, is that the laws regarding obscenity (a subjective term, that) are sufficiently vague as to leave the decision (and the shipping bill, which has to be paid anyway, as well as the cost of the materials) up to the discretion of the customs official doing the inspection. In other words, if the customs dude is a bit of a prude, he or she has the power to put the screws to small businesses like Little Sisters.

Let us try to remember that putting on a uni-form and going to work does not magically separate the person from the rest of their life. That matters or concerns other than the up-holding of Canadian laws which are, in this instance and others, debatable and require a legal degree to interpret.....(aren't most of these MPs lawyers? I digress....)

Anyway, matters other than what is mandat-ed by law come into play - like the customs officials' prejudices, biases, religious affilia-tions and (Yes! Last but definitely not Least) politics.

And that , my friends, is where all the catch-22's and paradoxes all leap on board the bandwagon!

Me? I've no legal degree but screw that; one doesn't need a degree to see conflict and cross-purposes.



If the Laws are too vague, if they don't have specific depictions of what the lawmakers, those MP dudes, find objectionable or "obscene," then it's up to the sometimes questionable judgment of another.

My 'ex' regaled me with stories of the completely arbitrary nature of some of the seiz-ures of materials ordered, prepaid by the way. "Tough luck this week, eh?" Yet other weeks the very same material passes muster... Needless to say, it made business a pain in the neck and a small business balance sheet.

The paradox, or paradoxes of writing down the specifics of what is to be deemed obscene are legion, but the most obvious one is that by writing it down you make the law itself obs-cene. For example, if the law said something like "Under no circumstances can the word M _____ ucker appear in print or other media, etc." Well by writing it

down the lawmaker has broken his/her own law. Is he or she put in jail before or after the final appeals have, along with other nonsense laws, bankrupted the economy with needless court cases?

No, dear gentle reader, what you're left with is a serpentine skin of a law which lets a few people dictate what the rest of us are allowed to see. And their judgments, in many cases, are not based upon so-called societal stand-ards but on their own biased views, and those same pea-brained ideas are costing the economy millions.

No exaggeration - millions.

They're costing the buyers. They're costing the suppliers and the sellers. They're costing the taxpayers in government time. Ya gotta pay judges, bailiffs, lawyers, stenographers, court fees... and if anyone is brave enough to challenge this unstable Good Ship SS Stupid Law, they also end up paying through the nose

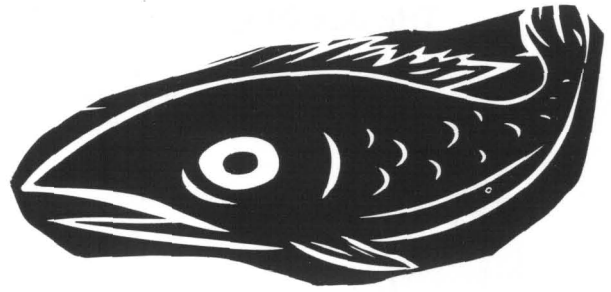
Little Sisters will end up with a legal bill in excess of a quarter million dollars, just to defend the right to sell a book that helps some confused kids come to terms with their mothers' or fathers' sexual preferences.

And Why?

Because that, my friend, is what happens when you try to legislate morality in a democracy.

Go figure!

By MARK OAKLEY



DIALECTICS

Hegelian dialectics is an approach to problem-solving that someone named Georg Hegel invented. This involves taking a problem (*thesis*), imagining its opposite (*antithesis*), and putting the original two elements together to form a compromise (*synthesis*).

An example of recent note was the problem of a possible casino ((*thesis*), the ideal of no casino (*antithesis*), and now the compromising *synthesis* of the Video Lottery Terminals - the computer equivalent of slot machines.

The true dialectician would dialecticize the element of dialectics itself.

Dialectics teaches resolution through resolving paradox. Yet there is no compromise between a good choice and a bad choice. Suppose someone came up to you using the dialectic argument to get you to be a pot smoker. They'd say "I smoke pot all the time - you smoke pot none of the time. What say from now on you smoke pot only some of the time?"

Q: So do I now take up only sometimes?

A: Not if you don't want to!

Dialectics is limited because it only sees three approaches to any problem, discounting the algebraic principle or density.

In density there is an infinite amount of fractions between any two numbers. In fact, there are an infinite amount of fractions between any two fractions!

Ultimately let's imagine 5 billion fractions hovering between the numbers 1 and 2, and that each of these fractions represents a human on this planet. Dichotomov's method!

Can you dig it?

By DEAN KO

THE JUSTICE AND INJUSTICES OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

a crime has been committed,
justice must be served,
you go to court,
you go to jail,
you get what you deserve

by whose standards?
you may be only 18 years old
or you may be 88.
you might not have been able

to pay a fine,
or you may have committed a most horrible crime.
no matter what your story is
justice must be served.

you find yourself in a sheriff's van
with other women and also men
once you've been convicted
and until your time is done
that's your form of transportation.

thirty days or thirty years
it makes no difference any more
the federal government has to tighten its belt
and everyone does time together

IS THIS JUSTICE SERVED?

this new hi-tech prison called
burnaby correctional centre for women
is a prison within a prison.

let me tell you a little about it.

we have young mothers here doing a short bit of time
simply because they could not pay a fine.
living next door to them in the next cell
we have a woman straight out of hell.
whether you're doing three days or three decades,
it doesn't matter,

you'll do it here at BCCW.
There is no justice served.

So, now you're in here, now what?

the dehumanization program begins.
structuring as they like to call it.
they tell you when to get up
when to eat
when to work
when to play
and when to sleep.

the power of suggestion is so strong here that
you actually begin to think that
what you're doing is your own idea.

so now, the structuring program is over
and it's time for you to leave.
now what?

this is probably one of the biggest injustices of our system.
everything is different out there.
It feels like everybody knows
you've just gotten out of prison.
maybe the style of clothes has changed
where do you go for help?

OK. Social Services will help with money
for a place and maybe - maybe - you'll be lucky
and get a few bucks for clothes.

but there's still a big void in your life.
it's called that human touch.
that's where people getting out of prison
need the most help.
re-entering into society isn't easy.
it's hard to stay away from the lifestyle
and the people you knew before,
when
you're
so lonely.



Exploring New Westminster

On October 1 a group of us went on one of Bob and Marina's famous walks. Going along Kingsway Bob was pointing out the history of the area, including the stagecoach stop.

We toured the old BC Penitentiary, often referred to as a medieval castle. I'd been there shortly after the jail closed and saw the demolition; it just shows when people are angry enough they are able to break through walls no matter how thick they are.

We had a choice of the Pen Coffee Shop or the Cell Block Hair Design but passed both up...while joking of seeing 'bread & water' on the menu, or getting brushcuts...

After lunch we toured the streets, seeing the heritage buildings, their descriptive plaques and cats everywhere. Bob called it Kitty City.

We then walked down the hill to the Irving House and were let in early. This place has exactly the same furniture as it had during the early days, and a recent reunion brought the house's occupants over the years back together.

It was great to have Rika and Wendy along. Wendy was born in St. Mary's, which is close to the museum.

Going back up the hill to the van reminded me of trying to get up the Main Street Overpass to CRAB Park.

On our way home we stopped at the Jewish Cemetery near 22nd Street. There is a monument dedicated to the people who died in the holocaust. It was extremely sad to see entire families wiped out, including small children. No one was spared and these barbaric gestures leave a terrible blight on our history.

By IRENE SCHMIDT

MEXICAN DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

SINGING

DANCING

CRAFTS

PIÑATAS



*For our altar, please bring photos of friends who have died. Flowers and food offerings are also appreciated.

Saturday, Nov. 5 at 6:30pm

Carnegie Centre Theatre

All are Welcome!

From the lips of Winston Churchill

"Yes I am. And you're ugly. But tomorrow I'll be sober." ---to a person complaining that Churchill was drunk.

"...if I was your spouse I'd eat it." ---to a person saying that if Churchill was married to them they'd poison his food.