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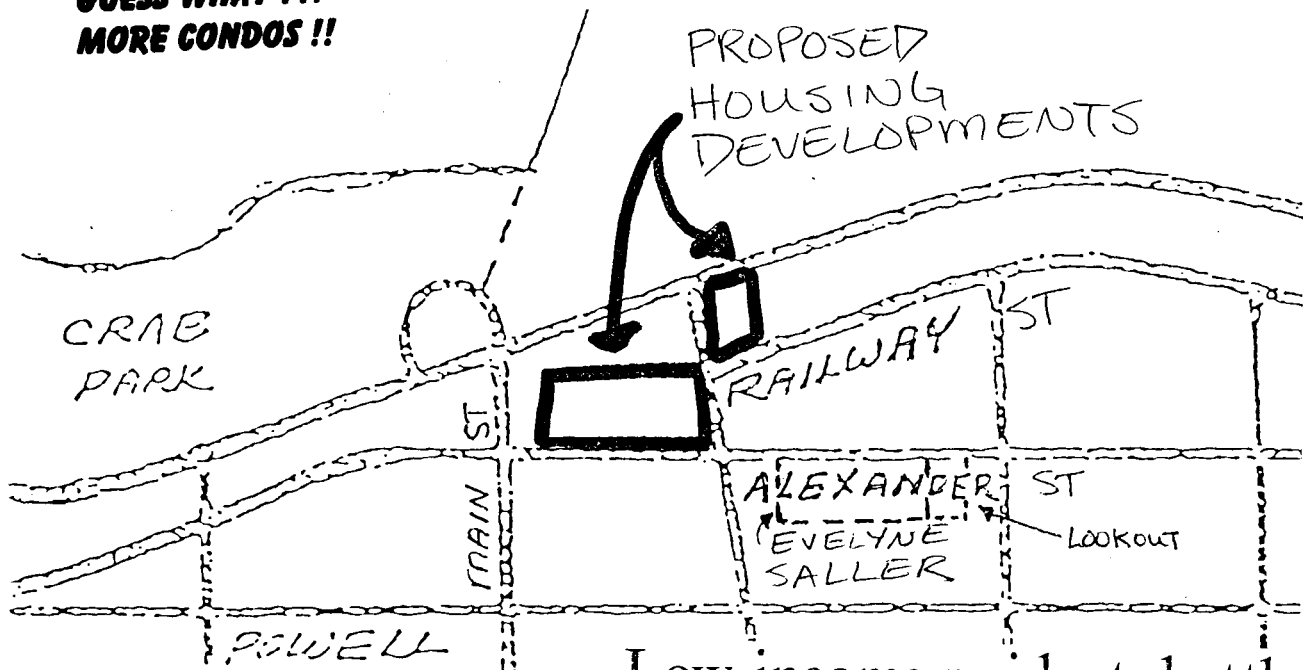
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Low-income residents battle upscale condos, glitzy shops

Just when you thought the condo development happening in Gastown would remain west of Main St., two new proposals are planned around Alexander St. and Gore St. (see map). Both developments need a rezoning before they can proceed because both exceed the allowable density for residential use on industrial land. On August 1, 7pm, at city hall, council will decide on both proposals at a Public Hearing (sorry for the lack of notice). While the Railway St. proposal is for 40 rental artist studios, the Alexander St. proposal will include 123 condos (euphemistically called artist live/work studios) plus 22 to 30 co-op artist studios. The addition of co-op units (less than 20% of the total) in the Alexander project is an attempt by the developers, Pemcor Development Corporation, to ease council's conscience over allowing the massive density increase needed to build the project (nearly 4 times what is allowed for residential use on the site right now).

Picture this:

After living in their swanky new condos for less than a year the new condo owners suddenly realize that Downtown Eastsiders are lining up for meals and services outside the Evelyne Saller Centre. As well, to their horror, next to the Evelyne Saller, is an emergency shelter (i.e. Lookout) which serves many people with mental health issues. So, the new condo owners decide to organize, complain to city hall, and pressure is placed to curtail, change, or even move the existing services and, lets not forget, rooming houses along Alexander St.

Does this sound familiar ?

For very strange reasons, city staff are in favour of the Alexander St. proposal and

against the Railway St. proposal. Carnegie's Community Action Project will be opposing both developments, especially the Alexander St. proposal, due to the gentrification (like the story above) that is associated with these developments. Lets not forget what is happening in Gastown.

Welfare - BC Benefits

The changes brought in at the beginning of this year are having an unprecedented impact on low income people. There is no healing happening

- ⇒ the \$46 cut to "employables" reduces support in terms of food, clothes, shelter, medical aid and access to education or training;
- ⇒ the residency requirement has people who've come here ending up destitute with no possibility of help. Agencies such as DERA and First United Church are swamped with people trying to access any support and advocates at each of these places can only say there's nothing that can be done;
- ⇒ relocators at DERA, whose job it is to help people find accommodation, are under enormous pressure and stress as their workload increases as the number of people they can help decreases
- ⇒ the loss of earned income (up to \$100 for singles and up to \$200 for families and the disabled) is making it impossible for single parents to cope; you now have to have a job to get 1/4 of what you earn acceptable to welfare!?
- ⇒ both End Legislated Poverty and DERA are under attack by residents who can't think clearly enough to realise that neither of these groups is to blame for government edicts or policies. Recent harangues have held DERA responsible for the \$46 cut and ELP for not having thousands of people marching in the street every day. Next will be Carnegie for not housing the homeless...

Rumour or speculation or informed hypothesis - that the Ministry of Social Services is being or will

be dissolved, that the NDP's promised review of 3. BC Benefits within 6 months is not happening, that youth under 25, no longer eligible, are now under the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour, that disabled people are going under the Ministry of Health, that children and families go under some Family Services department and that just leaves the "unemployables" with nowhere to go.

The thing now is to not get lost in trying to find scapegoats - trying to point fingers at people or groups we know because the real enemies behind this agenda of poor-bashing are unknown. Look to agendas and reasons why if someone starts blaming someone you "had no idea" was doing something so bad or nasty. It's this kind of intra-mural bashing that leaves us wide open to those dubious "market forces" hoping to bulldoze the entire Downtown Eastside.

By PAULR TAYLOR



CONGRATULATIONS!!! This is a new addition to the world - Akira Pedersen - born to Wendy and Dan Feeny about 10 days ago. He is obviously making his first statement on the condition of the world as he sees it!

Congratulations to June Rose on the birth of her son Lance!

To the Carnegie Newsletter:

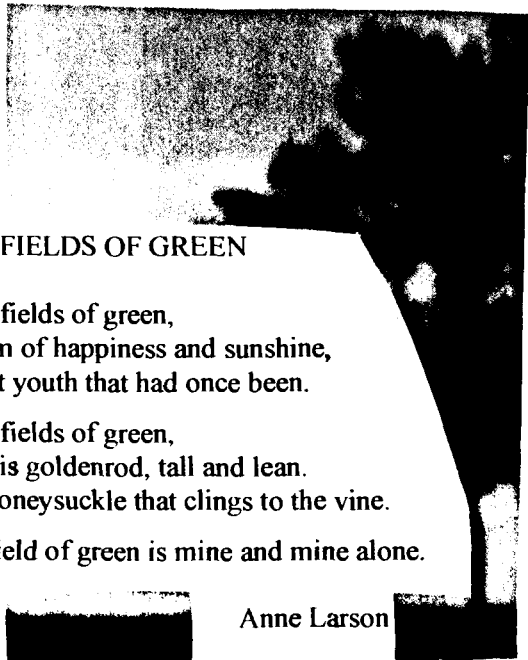
This letter is accompanied by a donation [\$200] to the Carnegie Centre from the employees at the Urban Canvasser Area office of the 1996 Census.

The employees at our office organized an End of Census Party to celebrate our work and we raised some money through ticket sales to be donated to a community organization as an expression of our appreciation of their assistance to us. While many helped, the Carnegie Centre won the draw for proceeds from the party.

Carnegie in particular was a great source for recruiting our employees. The *Carnegie Newsletter* published an article about the Census; board member Bud Osborn greeted a journalist from the *Globe & Mail* doing a story on the Downtown Eastside and the Census; and the Centre gave us a valuable testimonial which we used on a poster to publicize community support. We set up a Census Help Centre in the foyer.

Thank you for your help and please accept this as a small token of our gratitude.

From the employees at Census 1996,
Urban Canvasser Area.



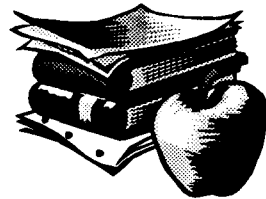
I SEE FIELDS OF GREEN

In my fields of green,
I dream of happiness and sunshine,
Of lost youth that had once been.

In my fields of green,
There is goldenrod, tall and lean.
And honeysuckle that clings to the vine.

This field of green is mine and mine alone.

Anne Larson



THE BIG SILVER DICTIONARY

Well, it's happened again. One of our most useful and pricey items has walked; an especially sad event because this was the generous gift of two of our most loyal supporters.

Yes, the Random House Dictionary, really an encyclopedia in one fat volume - easy to read and use..an indispensable title in any reference collection ..something that's very necessary to our patrons - has disappeared. This means we haul out the old edition, circa 1987, torn and dirty, and return it to our reference shelves. Lucky we kept it, just in case!

The loss of the silver dictionary points once again to the seriousness of the drug-related crime from the street, which is taking its toll on your library collection. Amounting from theft and loss of other kinds, we lose about 30% every year. In real terms, this means \$10,000 annually.

Most of our patrons are honest, return the books they find, give us great support, and don't want their library diminished in this way.

What can be done to stop those few? We've alerted the pawnshop police detail. Our staff is being as vigilant as they possibly can, especially during certain hours when there aren't enough people to go around. A security system would cost in the neighbourhood of \$25,000 and is too labour-intensive for our small staff to handle.

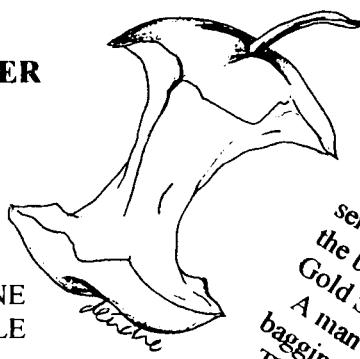
If you have any ideas, please come to the next Library Committee meeting on Monday, September 9th at 3pm in the Association Office - help us solve this frustrating neighbourhood problem.

Eleanor

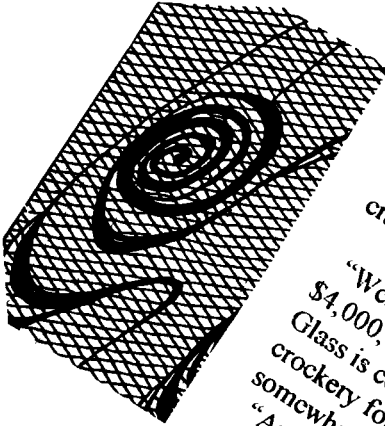
A HEALING PRAYER

MOTHER EARTH
FATHER SKY
SISTER WIND
BROTHER SEA

CRYSTAL OF STONE
FEATHER OF EAGLE
WAND OF LIGHT
HELP SET US FREE



Larry Mousseau



Rusty the cat playing in the Tiger lilies...

Some boys 'n girls were clamouring over asbestos trash, floating and laughing... A man pulls up in a boat, tosses a rope, and sends his boy to the playground while he tans on the bow...pulls up anchor and is off to explore the Gold Seal fishing fleet... A man with a shopping cart pulls up and starts bagging sand. He must be an avid gardener.. There's a stick with a nail through it.. Obstacles in the sand which may prove hazardous after dark - an empty chip bag, half a Styrofoam coffee cup, chunks of orange foam - a nice guy would fill a bag, adding a few gleaming cig butts and, later, dispose of the unbiodegradable wastes into the green bins that are beside the bike trail.

Tiger Lilies on the beach wood are a great contrast; makes it an authentic Hawaiian Jungle Paradise, but they die without water.

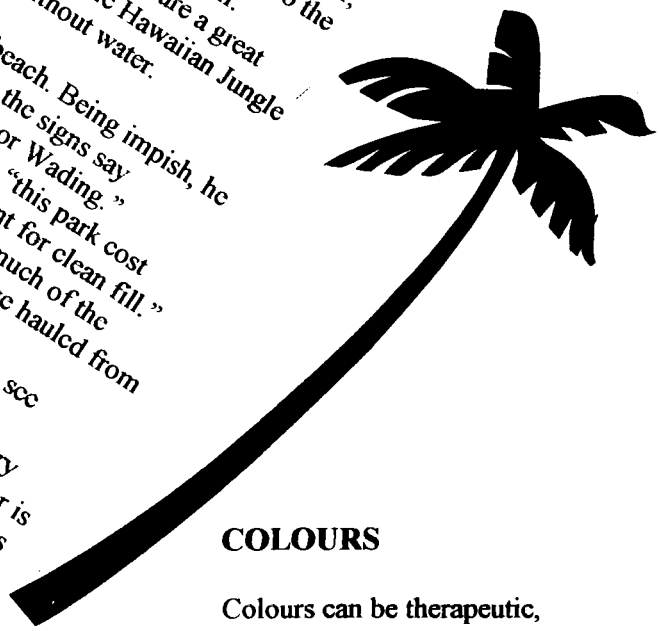
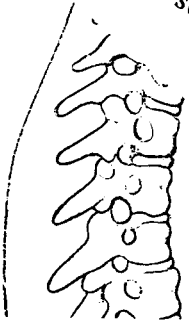
Duck shows up at the beach. Being impish, he craftily inquires as to why the signs say "Unfit for Swimming or Wading."

"Well, for one thing," I said, "this park cost \$4,000,000 and \$3,000,000 went for clean fill." Glass is considered "clean", and much of the crockery found at low tide is garbage hauled from somewhere else to anchor the park on.

"And the water is clean here. You can see straight down!" "Ah yah, but the kind of pollution we worry about can't be seen." At the moment the water is high and each wave brings in wood, wood chips and a few plastic bags.

He dives in, surfaces, turns around and stares at his clothes. I had hopped up on a log to watch and saw him worried. I shake my head: "Don't worry - they're safe." "At last I've swum here!"

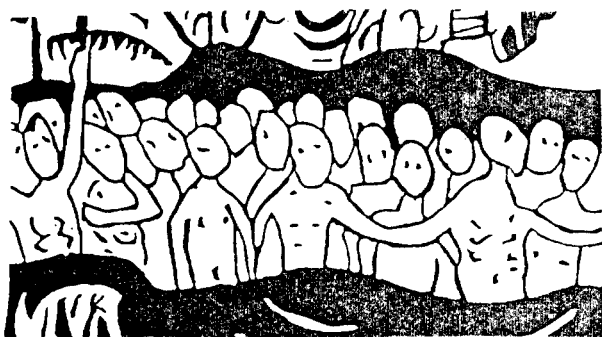
Taum (at CRAB Beach)



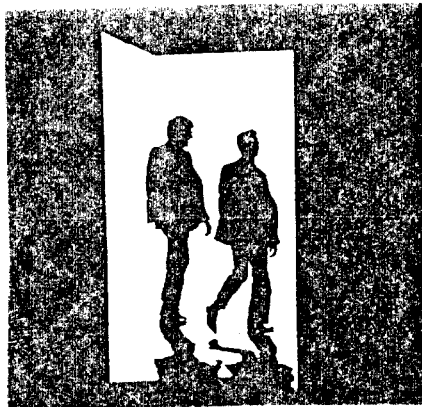
COLOURS

Colours can be therapeutic,
Colours can be healing
Colours can be secretive
But: colours are always revealing!

Larry Mousseau



HIV/AIDS



Hi! I'm Margreth Tolson, and I work for AIDS Vancouver. Some readers may remember me from my participation in a staff meeting earlier this year when I talked about HIV/AIDS and resources for support and treatment. I'm the Coordinator of Women's Outreach and my job includes the following:

- direct 1-1 outreach at different women's centres in the Downtown Eastside
- HIV education at BCCW (the prison for women) and
- workshops at alcohol and drug recovery houses, women's shelters, transition houses, etc..

I am at Powell Place on Monday mornings, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre on Monday afternoons, and the WISH drop-in on Monday nights.

If women have questions about HIV/AIDS, I can give them information about prevention, support and treatment. Some of the questions I can help with are:

- My doctor just told me I have HIV - how long do I have to live? (a LONG time)
- How do people catch HIV?(e.g. my child was bit by another child in the daycare...will she catch HIV?)
- How do I protect myself from HIV?
- Where can I get condoms, lubricant or other methods of reducing HIV risk?
- What about needle use and HIV? How do I protect myself from HIV then?
- I was sexually assaulted - what about HIV risk?
- I'm pregnant...will I infect my baby?
- My husband/boyfriend/date won't use condoms...what can I do? (there are many ways of reducing risk...)
- Where can I get tested? What do my test results mean?
- My sister (brother, niece, etc.) is HIV+ - what do I say to her?
- What's going to happen to my body when I start getting sick?
- What about counsellors who specialize in working with people with HIV/AIDS?
- What kind of medicines and services are available to HIV+ people?
- I need food/shelter/clothing/homecare - where is this available for HIV+ people?
- I need a new doctor - is there a good one here?

The Alcoholic / Addict's Letter

An open letter to my family and friends:

I am an alcoholic/addict. I need help. Don't allow me to lie to you and accept it for the truth, for in so doing, you encourage me to lie. The truth may be painful but get at it.

Don't let me outsmart you. This only teaches me to avoid responsibility and to lose respect for you at the same time.

Don't let me exploit you or take advantage of you. In so doing, you become an accomplice to my evasion of responsibility. Don't lecture, moralize, scold, praise, blame or argue with me when I'm drunk or sober. And don't pour out my liquor; you may feel better, but the situation will be worse.

Don't accept my promises. This is just my method of postponing pain. And don't keep switching agreements. If an agreement is made, stick to it.

Don't lose your temper with me. It will destroy you, and any possibility of you helping me.

Don't allow your anxiety for us to compel you to do what I must do for myself...

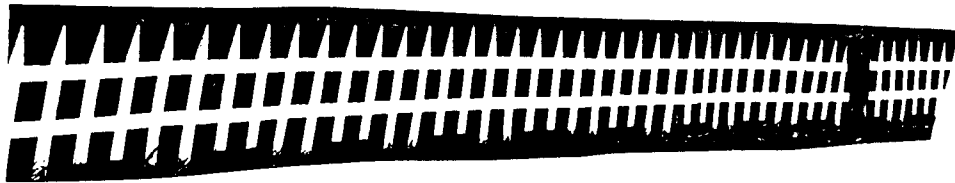
Don't cover up or abort the consequences of my drinking and using. It reduces the crisis but perpetuates the illness.

Above all, don't run away from reality as I do. Alcoholism, my illness, gets worse as my drinking continues. Start now to learn, to understand, and to plan for my recovery. I need help from a doctor, a counsellor, or a psychologist, a recovered alcoholic, from God. I cannot help myself.

I hate myself, but I love you. To do nothing is the worse choice you can make for me.

Please help me

Your Alcoholic / Addict



Are You an Alcoholic / Addict?

To answer this question ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can:

1. Do you lose time from work due to drinking or drug use?
2. Is drinking or drug use making your home life unhappy?
3. Do you drink or use drugs because you are shy with other people?
4. Is drinking or drug use affecting your reputation?
5. Have you gotten into financial difficulties due to drinking or drug use?
6. Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when drinking or using drugs?
7. Does your drinking or drug use make you careless of your family's welfare?
8. Has your ambition decreased since drinking or using drugs?
9. Do you crave a drink or drugs at a definite time daily?
10. Do you want a drink or drugs the next morning?
11. Does drinking or using drugs cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?

12. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking or using drugs?
 13. Is drinking or using drugs jeopardizing your job or business?
 14. Do you drink or use drugs to escape from worries or trouble?
 15. Do you drink or use drugs alone?

Have you ever had a complete loss of memory due to drinking or drug use?

16. Has your physician ever treated you for drinking or drug use?
 17. Do you drink or use drugs to build up your self-confidence?
 18. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking or drug use?

If you answered YES to any one of the questions, there is a definite warning that you may be an alcoholic/addict.

If you have answered YES to any two, the chances are that you are an alcoholic/addict.

If you have answered YES to three or more, you are definitely an alcoholic/addict.

From a talk given by Larry Campbell as part of the Alternative AIDS Conference, he gave stats on overdose deaths in the Lower Mainland:

- 1988 - 14 (*Without the drug Narcan, users' deaths would be much higher. The incidence of o.d.'s is growing and*
 1993 - 200 (*is a major medical issue.*)
 94 - 160
 95 - 114
 96 - 104 as of May 31st

As of May 16, 1996:

	Lower Mainland	All BC
Jan	16	18
Feb	25	29
Mar	17	22
Apr	27	34
May (to 16th)	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>
	99	124

The majority of deaths involved a mixture of both heroin & cocaine. It is estimated that, if the current rate continues, there will be over 300 overdose deaths in BC during 1996.



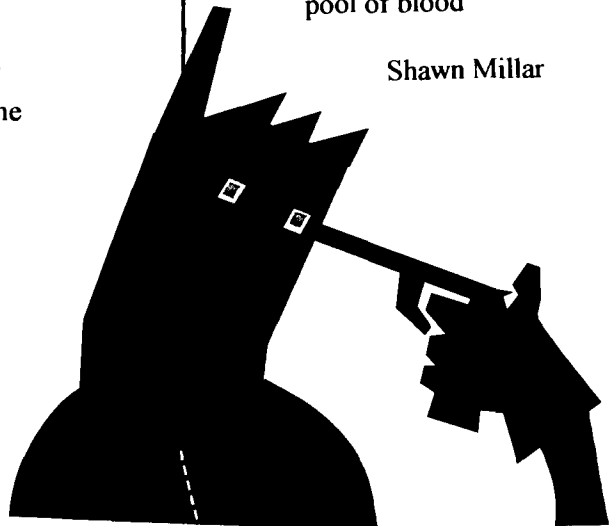
The Prognosis

body in the alley
 people all around
 a skid row hotel
 suicide jump

a paramedic explains to someone
 "rigor mortis is setting in quickly
 all on account
 of the humid heat"

as the body begins
 moving
 in its growing
 pool of blood

Shawn Millar





A POEM

In the silent stillness of the night with the fire burning bright
the candle's glow can only show the purity of your skin.

Breathy warm sighs, the musky smell of your thighs. Starlight
gleaming in your eyes. I crave the touching to begin.

My heart and thine beat in time. As our lips unite all through
the night.

The graceful swell of your breast grazes gently 'gainst my chest
causing waves of fire to course and flow from my head to my toe.

Your face all afflush. I see no need to rush. I've heard that this
loving's a sin. Yet I see no reason not to begin.

One gentle groan. A few little moans. One giant scream. This
is not just a dream.

Your hand twined in mine; our loving design.

In the silent stillness of the night, by the candle's flickering light,
our hearts divine. Our love, for all time.

- I'm moving back to Ontario (Red Deer, Lac La Hache, etc.): can anyone help me there?
- I have sex with other women - am I at risk? (YES!)

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..... AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

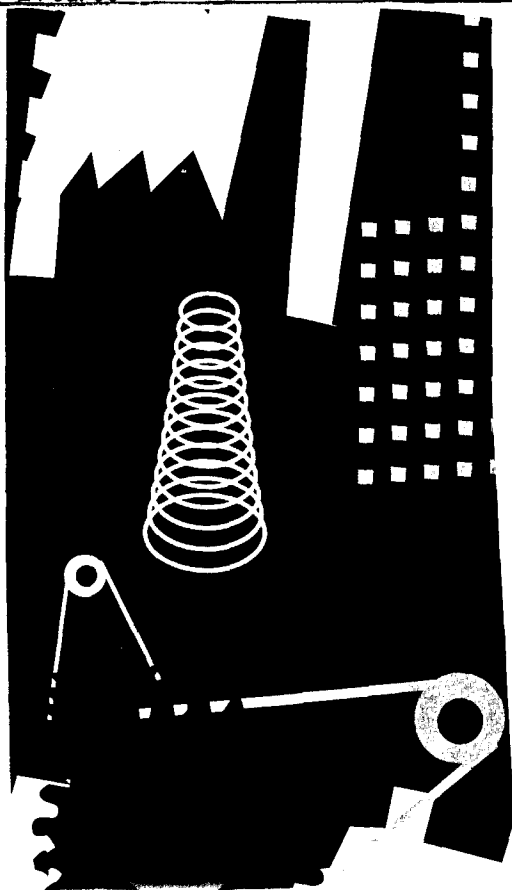
Also, I am happy to act as a resource to caregivers and friends of HIV positive people. Sometimes people are more comfortable talking to friends about these topics. If a friend or family member of yours wants information but is nervous about calling me, you can give me a call (681-2122, ext.229) with her questions (or your own!), and I'm happy to provide the information to you. It doesn't matter to me *how* women get the information, as long as they get the information.

I also have a large library with info. on herpes, hepatitis A-G, vaccines for HIV+ people...you name it, I probably have info. on it (or can find it quickly in the AIDS Vancouver library). Give me a call (681-2122, ext. 229) and I'll try to help, or track me down at the women's centres on Mondays.

AIDS VANCOUVER Women's Outreach

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DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?

On Saturday evening, July 20th, a working woman was picked up at Clarke and Hastings by at least two men driving a 1970s green Dodge Aspen.

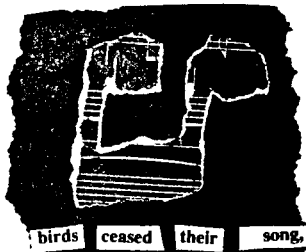
The woman was apparently stabbed, wrapped in a tarp and burned beyond recognition.

Police know very little about her. She was about 4'10" or 5' tall with a slim build. Her age is unknown. She was wearing a blouse or short dress, black or dark blue with small white dots. She was carrying a fairly small leather purse which may have had buttons pinned on it. Her purse contained two rigs and a strip of condoms.

Two men have been arrested in connection with this murder and the car has been recovered.

If you think you know who this woman is or if you have any information about her, please call Constable Dave Dickson or Deborah Mearns at the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Safety Office, 12 E.Hastings, 687-1772..or page Dave at 686-7523. Thank you for your help.

Stories... Never Ending!



I'm completely fed up with the stupidity of people. What irks me most is the gossip that purposely tries to make other people look bad and the originators look innocent. It's stupid because eventually the truth comes out.

Here's an example:

There is a man who has lived and worked in this neighbourhood for a number of years. He's just an ordinary person, with faults and attributes.

One day a woman, in need of some respite from an abusive partner, went to this man for help. He took her home and cooked her one meal while they discussed her situation. She left and he felt satisfied that he had given some help.

One of his neighbours saw the two enter his place and began to tell everyone she met that the man is

a pimp. There is nothing on record showing this 11. man to have ever been connected to pimping. The gossip is pure malice and has resulted in the neighbour being looked upon as a nasty person who can't be trusted.

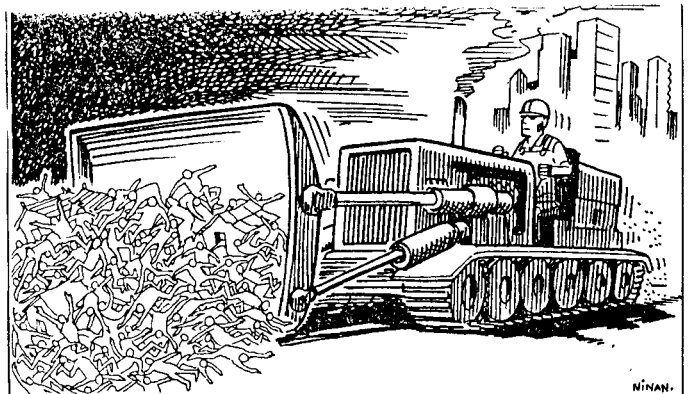
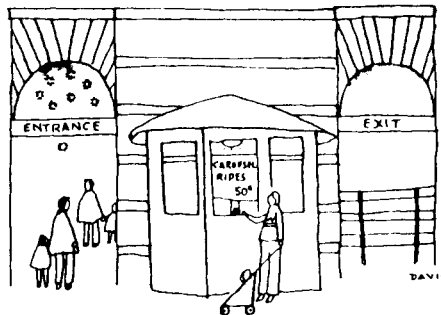
This is only one case, but I've heard so many in the last couple of years about DE people that it's resulted in me not believing anything anyone tells me about someone. I'm sick of it.

The purpose behind these stories is still a mystery to me. What possible benefit could someone get from making up lies about others? The only motivating factor I can think of is fear. Fear that people won't admire them or accept their sense of authority. It's this fear that ends up giving them the reputation they're trying to avoid.

Of late, I've been getting stories about *me*, which haven't a grain of truth. The people responsible for these stories will end up looking like idiots, as usual. The story-tellers either don't know me or they think I have something they don't.

The thing I have with gossip is that it never benefits anyone; I don't understand why people can't see this. Gossip is one of the things in this community that has got to go.

By ALISON CAMERON



He will never have true friends who is afraid of making enemies.

Joe Paul

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Garry
The Art and Science of Nature Gust

Whatever you perceive the collective intelligence of universal Nature to be, let it be given that human consciousness is an instrument of that superior intelligence.

Human consciousness has developed to a point of evolution that requires modified methods for carrying out the work we are intended to accomplish.

This calls for massive, but individual, experimentation.

Experiment 1: In this Information Age, we are instantly given communications of terrible occurrences from all corners of the world. The next time you hear of a hurricane traveling upon the ocean toward a body of inhabited land, take a few quiet minutes and find the area in question on an atlas map.

Contemplate on it for a few moments then, close your eyes and picture the hurricane spinning fiercely on the ocean. In a few seconds you'll see it spinning either clockwise or counter-clockwise. Silently command the spinning to stop. You may notice that the spinning stops for a fraction of a second, and then spin in the opposite direction.

Visualize with the power of the mind's eye a huge frost of cold air entering the spinning mass.

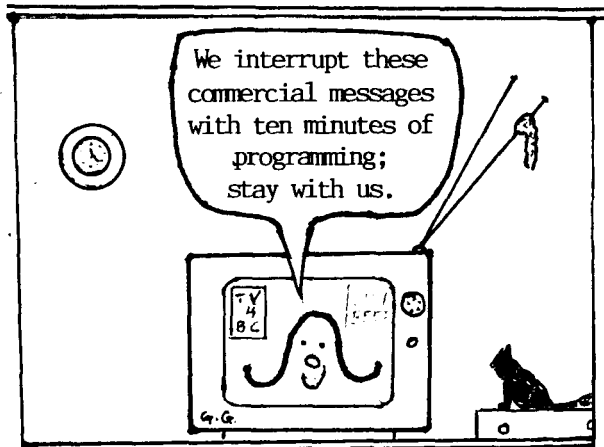
Give the command to stop again, and repeat this several times until you sense that the source of power in the hurricane has greatly weakened. Then give a soft command for the wind to come apart and scatter harmlessly to the four corners of the earth.

*** If after several hours or days, you learn that the hurricane in fact reached land and caused destruction, do not foster any guilt, but rather

be grateful that you **tried** to prevent the destruction that may have been far greater.

If you learn that the hurricane indeed died at sea, don't allow yourself to be amazed or overjoyed, but silently then give thanks to the unknown Host of the infinite universe, of which our consciousness is derived from.

This experiment won't take more than a few minutes. Don't worry, you won't go blind or mad, or any of the other superstitious dreads that hold back our advancement. You will in fact restimulate the Pineal, Pituitary, and other psychic glands that have atrophized over millenniums of disuse by our species.



Just An Old Sweet Song
Presenting Real Class.

Atlanta, Georgia went against the barbarian grain when, at their Olympic opening ceremonies, they flew kites in the shape of doves instead of capturing, imprisoning, and finally releasing live doves, as past Olympic ceremonies have been obligated to do.

These Atlantans seem to possess a respect for other species, and they deserve our deepest praise.

G.Gust

DERA

Who are we?



We're your
neighbours

You can help us fight homelessness and poverty

The Downtown Eastside Residents

Association (DERA), is a community-directed, charitable society formed in 1973 by residents of the Downtown Eastside.

Located in the poorest urban neighbourhood in the nation, **DERA** has fought for 23 years to focus the attention of government, industry and the public on the key components of poverty and homelessness. We work hard for decent, secure, affordable housing, jobs, livable incomes, community and recreational facilities, park space, safer streets and community-based neighbourhood planning.

The fight against homelessness



DERA Housing Society was established in 1979 to address the issue of scarce and inadequate housing in our neighbourhood where most

residents, including single mothers and seniors, live in substandard hotel rooms. Since its inception, **DERA Housing Society** has developed **562 non-market suites** in the Downtown Eastside. **DERA's** premise that homelessness and poverty are inextricably bound is keystone to our philosophy. **DERA** has persistently lobbied all levels of government and its agencies to alleviate the substandard conditions that are home to most of our residents, their children and grandparents.

Relocation Services



DERA relocators assist in finding housing, counselling and clothing for those in emergency situations resulting from:

- ♦ fire
- ♦ building closures for health and safety reasons
- ♦ evictions
- ♦ homelessness.

Advocacy

DERA advocates provide assistance, information and education to area residents on issues such as income assistance (GAIN), the Residential Tenancy Act, and income tax.

- ♦ Our free income tax service returns an annual average of \$250,000 to the community.
- ♦ Advocates and relocators work with City of Vancouver departments to clean up substandard housing.



DERA Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter contains articles and updates on issues of importance to the community.

Youth

The **DERA Devils** hockey team provides a positive outlet for young men and introduces them to other constructive possibilities and programs.

The **Community Action Program for Children** is a parent-directed program for children at risk in our community.

Chinese Seniors Club

The Chinese Seniors Club offers assistance and information on:

- ♦ advocacy on legal and housing matters
- ♦ referral to appropriate agencies when necessary
- ♦ social events and cultural festivals
- ♦ sponsorship of ESL classes
- ♦ translation/interpretation
- ♦ Old Age Pension and Canada Pension Plan
- ♦ immigration matters.



Downtown Deposit Project

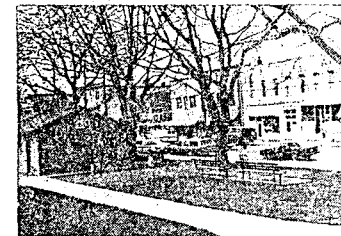
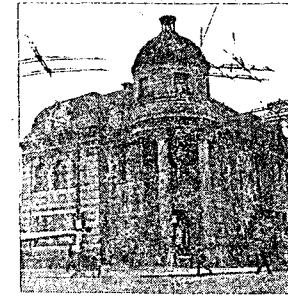
For those with insufficient identification to open a bank account or transact other official business, DERA provides:

- ♦ Applications for identification and staff assistance in filing them
- ♦ Temporary photo ID for use until official ID arrives. This often takes up to six months.
- ♦ An important opportunity for residents to manage their money safely and responsibly.

Look what we've done

Since its beginnings, DERA has made many contributions to the creation of a real neighbourhood in the Downtown Eastside. Without the hardwork of the residents of our community, none of these victories would have been possible. There is still much to be done. Look what we've done so far:

- ✓ helped secure the Carnegie Centre for use as a community centre, now one of the most widely used community centres in North America;



- ✓ lobbied for the rezoning of Oppenheimer Park to protect its park status as recreational use only; improved the lighting and security;



- ✓ won changes to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act resulting in the closure of a local liquor store which reduced the level of crime and disruption in the area.



- ✓ lobbied for changes to the Residential Tenancy Act which brought hotel residents under the protection of the Act, giving them, for the first time, the same rights as other renters in the province.

Our victories are impressive

- ♦ Legislative changes to the Residential Tenancy Act
- ♦ Legislative changes to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act
- ♦ Creation of a neighbourhood waterfront park
- ♦ Defeat of the Casino development
- ♦ Opening of a Neighbourhood Safety Office in partnership with the Vancouver City Police
- ♦ Development of 562 non-market housing suites
- ♦ Inclusion and acknowledgement by all levels of government and their agencies in matters pertaining to the Downtown Eastside.

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- Advocates and relocators work with City of Vancouver departments to clean up substandard housing.



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Our monthly newsletter contains articles and updates on issues of importance to the community.

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The Chinese Seniors Club offers assistance and information on:

- advocacy on legal and housing matters
- referral to appropriate agencies when necessary
- social events and cultural festivals
- sponsorship of ESL classes
- translation/interpretation
- Old Age Pension and Canada Pension Plan
- immigration matters.



Downtown Deposit Project

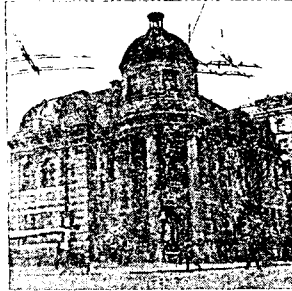
For those with insufficient identification to open a bank account or transact other official business, DERA provides:

- Applications for identification and staff assistance in filing them
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- An important opportunity for residents to manage their money safely and responsibly.

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Since its beginnings, DERA has made many contributions to the creation of a real neighbourhood in the Downtown Eastside. Without the hardwork of the residents of our community, none of these victories would have been possible. There is still much to be done. Look what we've done so far:

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✓ lobbied for the rezoning of Oppenheimer Park to protect its park status as recreational use only; improved the lighting and security;



✓ won changes to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act resulting in the closure of a local liquor store which reduced the level of crime and disruption in the area.

✓ lobbied for changes to the Residential Tenancy Act which brought hotel residents under the protection of the Act, giving them, for the first time, the same rights as other renters in the province.



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- Legislative changes to the Residential Tenancy Act
- Legislative changes to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act
- Creation of a neighbourhood waterfront park
- Defeat of the Casino development
- Opening of a Neighbourhood Safety Office in partnership with the Vancouver City Police
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NISGA'A TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

- 1887 Nisga'a chiefs travel to Victoria to demand recognition of title negotiation of treaties and provision of self government
- 1890 Nisga'a establish their first Land Commission; campaign for recognition on territorial rights
- 1913 Nisga'a send a petition to British Privy Council seeking to resolve the land question
- 1927 Parliament of Canada holds hearings on Aboriginal title and passes legislation to prohibit First Nations organizations from discussing or spending money on land claims.
- 1951 Parliament of Canada repeals legislation prohibiting organizing to pursue land claims.
- 1955 The Nisga'a Land Committee re-establishes as the Nisga'a Tribal Council.
- 1968 The Nisga'a Tribal Council initiates litigation in the BC supreme court on the land question, which later became known as the Calder case.
- 1973 In the Calder case, the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously recognizes the possible existence of Aboriginal rights to land and resources but splits on whether or not this title had been extinguished. This decision prompts the feds to develop a new policy to address land claims.
- 1976 Canada begins negotiating with Nisga'a Tribal Council.
- 1989 Canada and the Nisga'a Tribal Council sign a bilateral framework agreement which sets out the scope, process and topics for bilateral negotiation.
- 1990 The BC government, realizing that their involvement was necessary to resolve questions around lands and resources, formally joins Canada and the Nisga'a Tribal Council at the negotiating table.
- 1991 Canada, BC and the Nisga'a Tribal Council sign a tripartite framework agreement which sets out the scope, process and topics for negotiation.
- 91-95 Federal and provincial negotiators hold close to 200 consultation and public information meetings in northwestern BC
- 1992 The three parties sign an interim protection measures agreement regarding resources and land use.
- 1996 Canada, British Columbia and the Nisga'a Tribal Council initial an agreement-in-principle which will form the basis for the first modern-day treaty in BC

Cheslatta Carrier Nation: The fight against the proposed Huckleberry open pit copper mine continues to grow despite the federal government's recent decision to approve the project. Many people are upset that the federal and provincial governments allowed Japanese investors to call the shots on the environmental review, which was fast tracked and held behind closed doors. Cheslatta, which played the lead role in stopping Alcan's Kemano II Project, has plenty of experience in the ring with governments and industry, which continue to ship millions of dollars in resources from the Territory while leaving the impacts and destroyed land behind. Write to **Sergio Marchi**, Minister of the Environment; **Fred Mifflin**, Minister of Fisheries, **Ron Irwin**, Minister of Indian Affairs, **Jean Chretien**, Prime Minister and **Glen Clark**, Premier of BC.

Congratulates the cigarette pushers at the
Multinational Death & All that Jazz Fest Vancouver
Deadtown Jazz Toronto

COLLABORATORS AS SEEN BY de Murderer Ltd

Guerrilla Media says jazz events shouldn't
dance to du Maurier's tune

de Murderer

Vancouver's Guerrilla Media (GM) kicked off the West Coast portion of a national anti-du Maurier campaign early last month by altering many of the city's "Jazz As Seen by du Maurier Ltd" billboards to read "Cancer As Seen by de Murderer Ltd."

"This morning's actions were just the beginning of our efforts to again focus attention on the blood money that some arts organizations are taking from tobacco companies like du Maurier," says GM spokesperson Ann Ominous. This year, GM is taking its protest beyond Vancouver and is working with a group of Toronto activists to smoke out the tobacco industry's artful accomplices at both cities' du Maurier-sponsored jazz festivals.

The two bands of direct-action media critics have united to counter marketing giant du Maurier with **de Murderer** posters and parody jazz-fest brochures giving the facts behind cigarette-brand sponsorship of arts events such as The du Maurier International Jazz Festival and Downtown Jazz.

In Vancouver, GM's Dance Macabre Players led by The Grim Reaper were present at the Free Event in Gastown to hand out programs for the **de Murderer Ltd. Multinational Death and All That Jazz Festival**. As well, GM monkey-wrenchers plastered downtown Vancouver with the three-poster series "As Seen by de Murderer Ltd.", a satire off the tobacco multinational's in-house promotional campaign. One poster, "Children As Seen by de Murderer Ltd." depicted a youngster targeted in the crosshairs of a



rifle scope. The accompanying text explained that, based on market share, the du Maurier brand is responsible for annually addicting more than 28,000 kids under the age of 16.

"If the Vancouver Folk Music Festival and the Vancouver Children's Festival can run successful cultural events, then why can't Vancouver's jazz, theatre and film festivals kick their tobacco money addiction and stop aiding and abetting a deadly killer," says Ominous. Citing the ground-breaking study released in June by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, Ms. Ominous also notes that besides killing 45,000 people each year, Canadian taxpayers spend over \$9 billion annually on health care, productivity loss and preventative programs because of tobacco-related diseases.

GM has butted into two previous Vancouver du Maurier International Jazz Festivals to wrap programs and cover up posters with GM versions. Guerrilla Media is a group of direct-action media critics who, when they aren't subverting tobacco sponsorship, have taken the mainstream media to task over their reporting of social program slashing, "free" trade, and so-called welfare fraud.

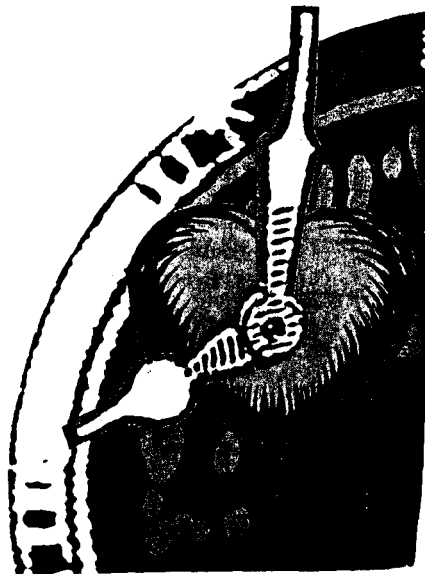
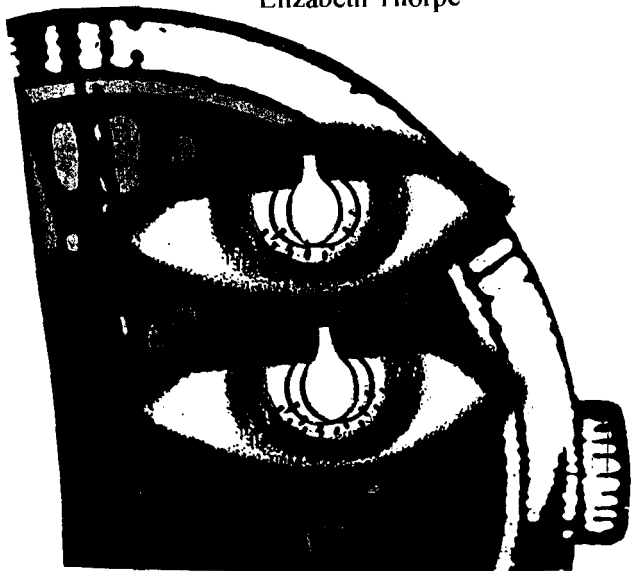
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Well I've tasted the best and I've tasted the worst
Lived with some blessings and died from some curse
I peeled off layers of money in my mind only
And shook the dust and lint from a mostly empty purse.
I've come across some good ones and I've come across some bad,
I've thought I'd have some good times but honey I've been had.

Oh-oh the Sad ness
Oh-oh the Sad You See
Is really really representational
Of the way I really Be
Oh-oh the Sadness
Oh-oh the Sad You See
I thought I was an up-and-comer
But it doesn't come for free.

Money don't move me
Honey just groove in me
Sunny is only the weather
Nunny doesn't suit me
Well I'm looking for you everywhere
And I don't really know
Hope to see you somewhere
But I won't really know
'Til I find you I find you
And honey I'll be kind to you
So come to me baby babe
Come to me right now.

Elizabeth Thorpe



Oh oh free me, free me from this hell it took an eon to make me make me live in hell it took an eon to remake me remake me am I good enough yet? Am I strong enough yet? I can't take the cruelty any more. It's as easy to hurt me as it is to shop in a corner grocery store. Will I ever be worthy of your love? What I need is a signal from above that I'm going to heaven heaven I'll never get there again. I don't see a lucky seven leading me to the top. All this stuff I've done to get there has been in vain. People pretending to be God. God in a human form. The Devil pretending to be on your side; humans caught in a web of doom. I looked to find a middle path and got lost on the ways. Sometimes all I see are witches and craft. Lord carry me to my better days. The whole truth is what everyone wants to hear. The whole truth is what nobody wants to hear. The whole truth leads to oceans of tears. The whole truth could make any brave man fear. ...the burning issues of the day ...there's a rip-tide, even in the Bay ...everyone jumps into the fray ...some things are black&white ...some things are gray...

Elizabeth Thorpe

In the Dumpster

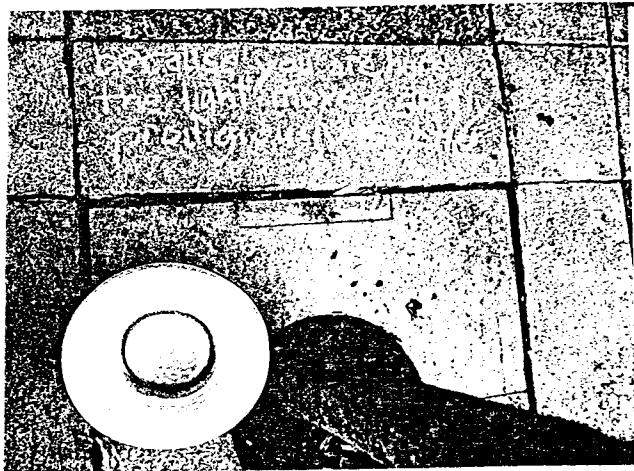
Mr. McBinner : doesn't understand why 2nd-Hand stores in Vancouver will not buy anything. I work my ass off to get things honestly. I am not a thief. We have 2 new 2nd-hand stores down here and they don't have any interest when an honest business person brings in articles for sale. If you don't have BC ID or a driver's llicence or some picture ID, you're screwed.

On the other hand, people who break into tourist cars are the real goofs in this scene. You now have to wait 30 days, instead of 15 days, to clear any item for sale if you're an owner of a 2nd-hand store. Stolen goods are making it a great market if you're a crook but if you're honest these new rules make it harder. All thanks to the dopers and fly-by-night operators dealing in dope and hot goods.

Last night I watched as a man almost died on a coke OD. It was such a waste.

Binning is ok, but I miss life as it was 20 years ago. To all of you, please don't buy anything if its container is unrecyclable. Watch the sun, carry lots of water, be safe and prosper.

By MR. McBINNER



To Bin or Not To Bin

That is the Question.

Whether it is Nobler to Sit on One's Ass upon the Chairs of the Dugout and Stare at the D.U.'s TV

OR to Gasp the Heady Aroma at The 44 whom I Hate for their Lack of Taste

OR do I get my Kicks

From the Dumpsters of Kits (and other Parts of Town)

...so I can come DownTown where City Hall

- don't care -

and Watch Unfortunates like me and you

- Where Are You Now Jenny Q?

call me dudette...

Carl MacDonald



Now for the Ken Report

United We Can has a record high in July. So far they have received 6-7 hundred thousand bottles and cans and about 50 thousand non-refundables.

There are two contests going on. The first involves guessing the number of pulltabs in the giant beer bottle - the prize being a blind date with Stevie Wonder; the second contest is building a bike or hand-cart. This contest is on the same day as the 2nd Annual Binners' Olympics - Aug. 19 - and prizes are \$100, \$50 & \$25.

May the winner be You.

"These ill-bred people have to be shot. In the end, they had to be shot ... The army is determined to crush anyone who disrupts stability."

— General Try Sutrisno, Commander of the Indonesian Armed Forces during the Dili massacre, now Vice-President of Indonesia

"The situation in East Timor is the most obscene abandonment of world moral order since the Holocaust."

— Prof. Noam Chomsky, US foreign policy critic and dissident intellectual



CANADA: ACCOMPLICE TO MASS MURDER

The hidden genocide



• East Timor, a small island nation located 650 km northwest of Australia, is home to a culturally and linguistically diverse indigenous population. For centuries the Timorese maintained their sustainable, satisfying cultures, largely untouched by outside influences.

- In December 1975, just nine days after declaring its independence from Portugal, East Timor was invaded by the armed forces of neighbouring Indonesia. **An estimated 100,000 Timorese were slaughtered within six weeks.**
- Since the invasion, human rights groups and UN agencies have documented massive human rights violations, including **rape, forced abortions and sterilizations, mass executions, torture and the napalm-bombing of whole villages.**
- By the 1980s, the death toll had reached more than 200,000. Indonesian military authorities concealed the genocide by closing the territory to foreign journalists.
- On Nov. 12, 1991, the mask slipped when **Indonesian troops massacred over 250 unarmed mourners** in Dili, capital of East Timor. Crucially, *a British camera man escapes with footage of the Dili massacre.* Several more massacres have been reported since then.
- Today, the occupation and genocide continue, all justified by the Indonesian regime in the name of "development."

Canada's complicity

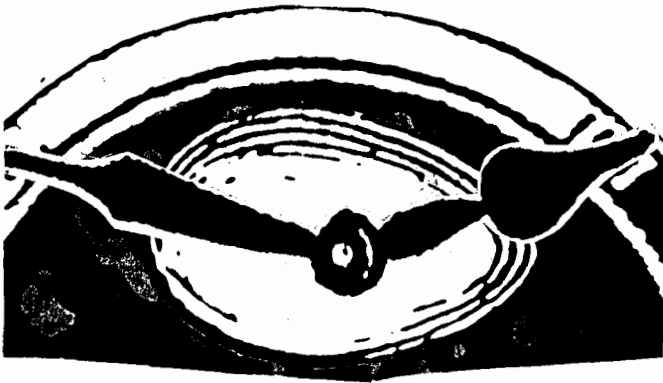
• **Canada has been one of Indonesia's most loyal supporters** since the invasion of East Timor. At the United Nations, our government abstained from the original resolution condemning the invasion of East Timor and has voted on Indonesia's side since 1980. Canadian representatives have actively lobbied to have the issue removed from the UN agenda. The position is a startling contrast to that taken when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

• Successive Canadian governments — from Trudeau through Mulroney to Chrétien — have sacrificed human rights for greater trade ties. **When the current government took office in 1993, Canadian investments in Indonesia stood at \$3 billion; they have now reached \$6 billion.** Indonesia is Canada's largest export market in Southeast Asia, and is consistently among the top recipients of Canadian bilateral aid.

• **In 1994, Canada resumed the sale of military equipment to Indonesia, which had ceased two years earlier.**

• The current government's silence on East Timor is all the more hypocritical considering the promises of Jean Chrétien and Lloyd Axworthy before the last election. "I fully support (the) strong condemnation of the Canadian government's policy towards Indonesia," Axworthy said in 1993. **In 1992, Chrétien promised to support UN resolutions on East Timor if elected.** Instead, the federal government (and the BC government) has preferred high-profile "Team Canada" trade jaunts, including one to Indonesia in January 1996.

E.C. 01/07



Burnout can happen. Burnout, as I know it, is like a vicious cycle of stress, a using-up of one's energies and an inability to improve one's situation. Sleep doesn't come to bring rest, waking only reveals inadequate reserves to deal with the day. Burnout occurs because more bad things or energy-taking things happen to a person than good, positive, relaxing or energy-giving things.

Trying too hard, not having or using supportive aspects, health draining habits like coffee, alcohol, drugs or cigarette use... Let go and let God is something helpful, yet one needs practical or social support when burnout is a possibility.

We come to see what is holding a life together when it starts coming apart.

Having control of your life comes from doing healthy things. Take time to really relax. Make sure your body is getting good nutrition in the right amounts and proper times. Plenty of clean water, non-linear activity like reading, talking out problems with others, focusing on helpful, nurturing points in your life. Know there are people out there who do care even if you are in a



Catch-22 situation that prevents you from finding them. If you smoke, try to reduce. Make sure your nutrients are good, and get vitamins and minerals from your food - vitamin C from oranges or apples and other stuff from green foods like celery and spinach will help too.

Removing oneself from stress-causing environments may not be easy, but again seeking support and helpful advice can improve your chances.

I've found money worries to be a kind of Catch-22 as it was important for me to have an income to pay for food and rent but stress over it gave me an unbreakable reason to take time off.

Tanis Helliwell has written a column in Shared Vision magazine (July 1996) about burnout, and includes a list of "Solutions for burnout sufferers"

- Set goals for what you really want to do with your life.
- Become aware of the way you talk to yourself, and substitute positive, healthy messages for the messages that generate the negative behaviors you wish to change.
- Discontinue relationships or situations which are causing your burnout.
- Associate with encouraging, positive people.
- Say "no" to things you don't want to do.
- Put your situation in perspective by observing others less fortunate than yourself.
- Simplify your life. Hire a house cleaner, a handyman; delegate responsibility.
- Keep strictly to a 5-day, 40-hour week
- Take courses and read books on meditation, progressive relaxation and nutrition and blend these principles into your daily life.
- Go for a walk every day and enjoy the beauty around you.

I would like to add that low income people may not have money as a defense but knowledge is also a defense. Reaching out or looking inward is always beneficial.

By MICHAEL BOHNERT

Poems from the Heart

Dear Daughter

I close my eyes and see you,
and wonder where you are.
What abuse are you suffering
while in a stranger's car?

If I fall asleep tonight,
so rare since you've been gone,
will police knock on my door
and say you died before the dawn?

I fear that you will never hear,
these words coming from my heart,
that you'll be gone and passed away,
before I have owned my part.

While you're still alive out there
please don't doubt the love I feel.
I want us both to have the chance,
to live, to love, to learn to heal.

My anger aims directly at the men
who rob you of your soul.
But I ask myself, what I have done
to leave you vulnerable not whole?

My soul is with yours on the streets
you wander every day and night,
And my soul will die with you
if you head towards God's light.

You are my special angel,
and I am always here for you.
And you must know as I do,
you don't deserve what you've been
through.

Love Mom

Dear Mom, Dear Dad

I know you sit and wonder,
If your little girl is dead,
And curse yourself so hatefully,
For the angry things you've said

I thought you'd want to know
Why I've ended up this way,
But the saddest thing of all is
I can't think of what to say.

I know this all seems crazy.
I know you can't understand.
You don't how to save me,
And I'm not sure you can.

I don't know why I'm out here,
Why I feel I can't come home
And have you make things better
Instead of facing this alone.

I need you to protect me
From the world and all my pain
And hold me so damn tightly,
That I won't do this again.

You see, what I'm really doing
Is screaming out for help
Because the future scares me,
I'm too young to be "adult."

This girl I met last night,
Said she never could go back.
Her family, she said, hates her,
'Cause she stands here on the "track."

Is that what you are thinking?
Do you hate me for this too?
If I begged for your forgiveness
Is there nothing you would do?

Well, today I nearly called you
To say I'll be home soon.
Dear mom, Dear dad, I love you.
Please say you love me too.

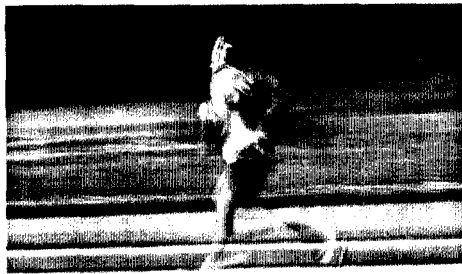
Dedicated with much love to my mom for
letting me come home. - Janine

Editor: Re - The Atlanta Olympic Games

There's a lot of promotion and advertising in Canada to "sell" the Summer Olympics! Daily on TV there's one or another broadcaster or famous athlete extolling the many fine virtues and ideals that the Games highlight.

We hear such accolades as 'The Atlanta Olympics are bringing these athletes together to show how dedicated they are.. who train so hard for so long!.. Of Course they're not doing it for the money.. for the "glory and honour" of it all.' (Note: please remember that phrase)

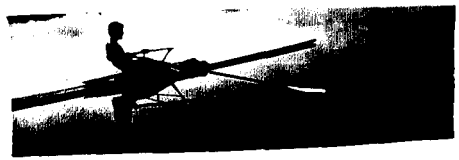
Though the large multi-nationals like Coca-Cola and McDonald's are using the Atlanta Summer Games for an all-out advertising barrage, it doesn't seem to matter. Because, as already noted, it's all about "Honour and Glory"..not about making large/huge/stupendous profits from seas of



soft drinks and mountains of meat and whatever else can be sold. Of course all these companies are not just opportunistic sharks hoping to cash in on the Olympics! No, not at all. What they are, as they repeat endlessly in their blurbs, are "Really Proud Sponsors of the Summer Olympics."

It's not even about running the poor people off the streets of Atlanta, or revoking their rights. But then the "patriotic fans" who are coming to Atlanta don't need to have their enjoyment jeopardized by the city's thoughtless, homeless people who really don't [can't afford to] care too much about "Honour and Glory" (or so it is thought, especially in the chambers of Atlanta's City Council).

More important and to the point, the



impoverished people of Atlanta aren't going to purchase many, if any, of the "Olympic Sponsor" consumer goods and services, or pay for expensive hotel rooms and pricey dinners at four star restaurants, or shop at all those other businesses in Atlanta that cater especially to all those big "Olympic fans" who just happen to have big wallets too.

Somehow (who knows how) the impoverished of Atlanta might just interfere with the Olympic athletes and what they're trying to accomplish - like running around a track so many times, or swimming up and down in a pool faster than someone else. I mean those kinds of things that rank right up there with finding a cure for cancer or cleaning up air pollution. I mean it's just really vital, vital stuff that the Olympics accomplish.

Who knows what dire consequences might prevail if some Olympic athlete was thrown off his or her game and that noble quest for Olympic "Honour and Glory" by the sight of (or that negative energy emanating from) those insensitive homeless bums of Atlanta! Wouldn't that be tragic. Wouldn't it bring shame to Atlanta too?!!

If you look at it like the promoters of the Olympics do, then it's very easy to see that certain 'negative' types - like the poor people of Atlanta - would ruin the essential "Spirit of the Games" for all the much better heeled multinationals, fans and athletes who are really only there to promote and experience the "Honour & Glory" of it all.

What it's really about was best summed up by a CBC Sports reporter, who said, "The Olympics are a great opportunity to encourage understanding among people and make this a much better world to live in."

This is not just empty rhetoric; those are proud words to live by. Aren't they (sports' fans)? And, as Tiny Tim said, "God Bless Us, Every One".

By KEN HAWLEY

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Community Organisations Be Careful!

In a small book called *“Love in a Cold World - The Voluntary Sector in an Age of Cuts”* Paul Browne warns non-profit organisations that they are in danger of losing their identity through the increasing prevalence of fee-for-service contracts (partnerships) offered by governments.

The book is published by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (1996) - telephone (613) 563-1341. It costs \$10.00.

The prevailing neoconservative ideology tells us we have to cut back on government spending and we have to reduce the size of government because of the deficit - even though the deficit is caused by high interest rates and tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest Canadians.

Browne calls contracting out services by government to non-profit groups the “contracting regime”. This regime supports neoconservative ideology because it appears to reduce the size of government by transferring services to the voluntary sector; it satisfies the rhetoric of community care; it allows for cuts to the civil service, and it does not diminish government power or control (p.50).

The contracting regime leads to lower pay rates, lower rates of unionisation, and an increased use of volunteers who aren't paid by definition. This is a cheap labour strategy.

Voluntary, charitable, community, non-profit organisations are very important. They are motivated by caring, not profit. They are closer to the community than either government or big business, which is global. They are aware of the needs of their special communities and voice these needs publicly so that they become objects of public debate and public policy (p.47). They recognise the importance of solidarity when they aren't fighting each other over desperately needed resources, and they create a “third sector” (the other two being the public and private sectors) where people, unemployed or employed, can find meaningful activities and social networks outside market society. They give us a way to recapture



and express our role as citizens in what is left of our democracy.

There are, however, serious problems with the contracting regime. Through too much dependency on government funding, and not enough diverse funding, non-profit groups can be pushed away from advocacy and community organising, and towards “subordinate status as service providers” (p.49).

A hierarchical, bureaucratic structure can develop in non-profit groups through government pressure to be “efficient” in the delivery of services.

The contracting regime can weaken the public service which is an important expression of the public will in a democracy. Think of how important our health, education, environmental and social programs are to us.

We need a healthy non-profit sector as we need healthy public and private sectors. Despite the impressive accomplishments of grassroots organisations, there is only so much that can be done without access to money, power, and knowledge (p.81).

Paul Browne closes his book by saying that government does have a role in preserving community. It must be responsive to community needs, and form a dike against the further penetration of (global) market forces.

At a time when governments are increasingly looking at volunteer organisations as vehicles for enhancing the “employability” of social assistance and unemployment insurance recipients (workfare), we would do well to study Paul Browne's book.

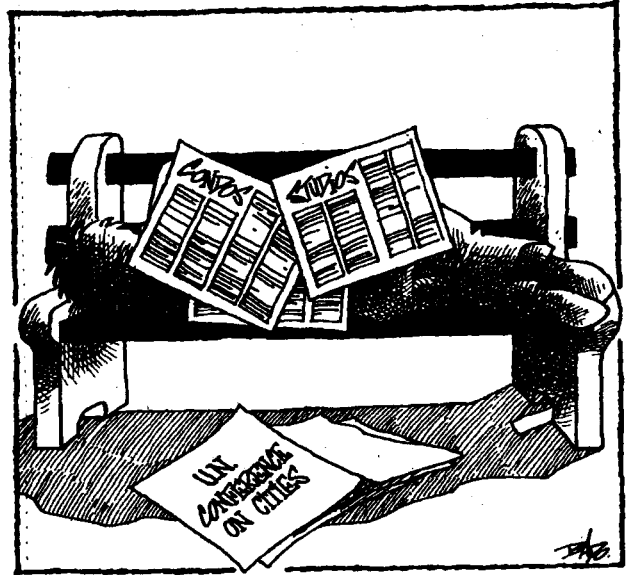
By SANDY CAMERON

On The Gastown Land Use Task Force

This is the group that was created through the magnanimity of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee (GHAPC), the body appointed by City Council that has gone right off the wall in the last year or so in choosing every aspect of life in the neighbourhood to find fault with.

As an objective piece of reporting, it behooves me to elaborate on such a crass statement:

- intense lobbying of City Councillors to approve all the extras demanded by Bad Homes/Brad Holme for Fort Cordova, including putting residential units at street level (no one else can), building seven stories with



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having a ghost-written piece in the Vancouver Sun (which was responded to quite well by - Elizabeth Aird) while the real pros like Jim Lchto and Jon Ellis work the system to get the gentrification and extension of Gastown going at full speed;

the Land Use Task Force..

is composed of 10 people, five of whom were made members because they already sat on GHAPC, and the other five were chosen as being representative of other interests - an agency, a resident, someone from social housing, someone from a mission... So the vote and direction is pre-determined to avoid any serious debate.

In the minutes of their meetings, members of this Task Force state that SRO hotels will be gone in 5 years, that no substance abuse facility is warranted in the neighbourhood, that the Dugout is causing a loss of business to stores (because of line-ups at 7:30 in the morning!), that community facilities like Carnegie Centre, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, DEYAS, Crabtree Corner DayCare etc. should be regulated just like sex shops - a minimum of 1000 feet between them, no new ones where any other 'help' facility is already

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increased density (against the height restrictions that everyone else has to abide by), and closing off a public right-of-way because of perceived "danger" from pedestrians;

- vehemently opposing the Bridge Housing project one block away for single women, saying it/they would attract "undesirables" to the area, that it was a SNRF (Special Needs Residential Facility) in disguise and should go outside the area for reasons of balance and safety, and that it was dangerous for people to live there (again, one block away from Fort Cordova which is perfectly safe for yuppies);
- opposes the re-opening of any kind of detox in the Downtown Eastside and applauds the touring van that picks up anyone not sober and just takes them out of the area.;
- puts an old urban pro (as opposed to a young one) out as a 'public' stooge who then tries to present himself and his friends as victims of the people who have lived here for decades, even

and so on... because they are a "blight" on the community.

When the subject of SNRFs came up recently, it got into the nitty-gritty of zoning specifics and the definition of what makes any building a "special needs" facility.

- People state that too many buildings are SNRFs in disguise, that neither Chinatown nor Gastown are required to take any more (more than the one each now there?)
- a statement that care facilities for substance abusers and ex-criminals are not appropriate in a 'historic area'
- a response that these people live in the area and should get treatment where they live

- that permitting more SNRFs would only lead to greater ghettoization
- a need to consult extensively with the Gastown business community on any SNRF applications
- most 'members' agree to consider SNRFs only if they are hospice-based or for seniors because of "safety" considerations
- and a general disagreement on where the 'boundaries' of Gastown are

The Following story is an indication of where these people on GHAPC and the majority on the Land Use thing are when it comes to agenda. It is from the latest DERA Newsletter:

RENT-A-COPS vs RESIDENTS

Gastown ain't big enough for the two of 'em

The Gastown Merchants recently hired four uniformed "greeters" from Concord Security Corporation to roam the streets of Gastown in search of panhandlers, undesirables and potential shoplifters. Their job is to intimidate, harass and bully the residents of this neighbourhood off the public streets when they don't measure up to Gastown's standards.

One of their victims is named Lloyd; he is an elderly man with crutches who often sits on the garbage can outside the Brad Holme loft store with his hand out.

He has been told by these people that he is breaking the law by panhandling and that he is not wanted by the Gastown Merchants. He is continuously badgered; told to "move along Lloyd; it's time to go Lloyd; better get going Lloyd; c'mon Lloyd let's go" etc.

For some time now, the Gastown Merchants have gotten a lot of political mileage out of supposed concern for the well-being of the poor downtrodden souls who need help in turning their lives around. This onslaught betrays their hidden intentions: get the vermin off the streets any way you have to; it's bad for business.

Perhaps the "fab four" would like to venture up to Pigeon Park or along the front of Army&Navy and harass the drug dealers into moving along. Not too likely.

Now that past laws seem to be the order of the day in Water Street Township, be careful where you sit and how long you stay, and be prepared to explain yourself if you don't meet the established dress code. And if you're enjoying a quiet cup of coffee nearby, get rid of that empty cup real quick - Concord, Gastown's "Class Police", never sleeps

For those of you who read this on August 1st, there is a hearing tonight, Thursday, at City Hall, on rezoning some land on Alexander Street. It is currently industrial and the developers want it to be rezoned into residential so they can build 120-130 condos and maybe 20 'low income' rooms. Members of Carnegie and DERA will be there to speak against this rezoning, as it becomes a finger of gentrification in the DEOD area. A recent request to have a total low income building there was rejected by the Board of Variance. That's a story in itself, when housing for residents is turned down but condos for well-to-do artists with a minimum of 'low rentals', which will likely be 'only' \$500+ per month, is being upheld as good for the neighbourhood???

