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Finally, the question clearly indicates that council will accept a significant "no" vote against the current election system as insufficient to establish a commission "to do the necessary work to implement a change." This is regardless of how many people vote for wards or any other alternative. It is critical to point out that the ballot question approved by council in no way prevents any citizen from voting for a ward system. The choice will be there in black and white.

PHILIP W. OWEN, MAYOR



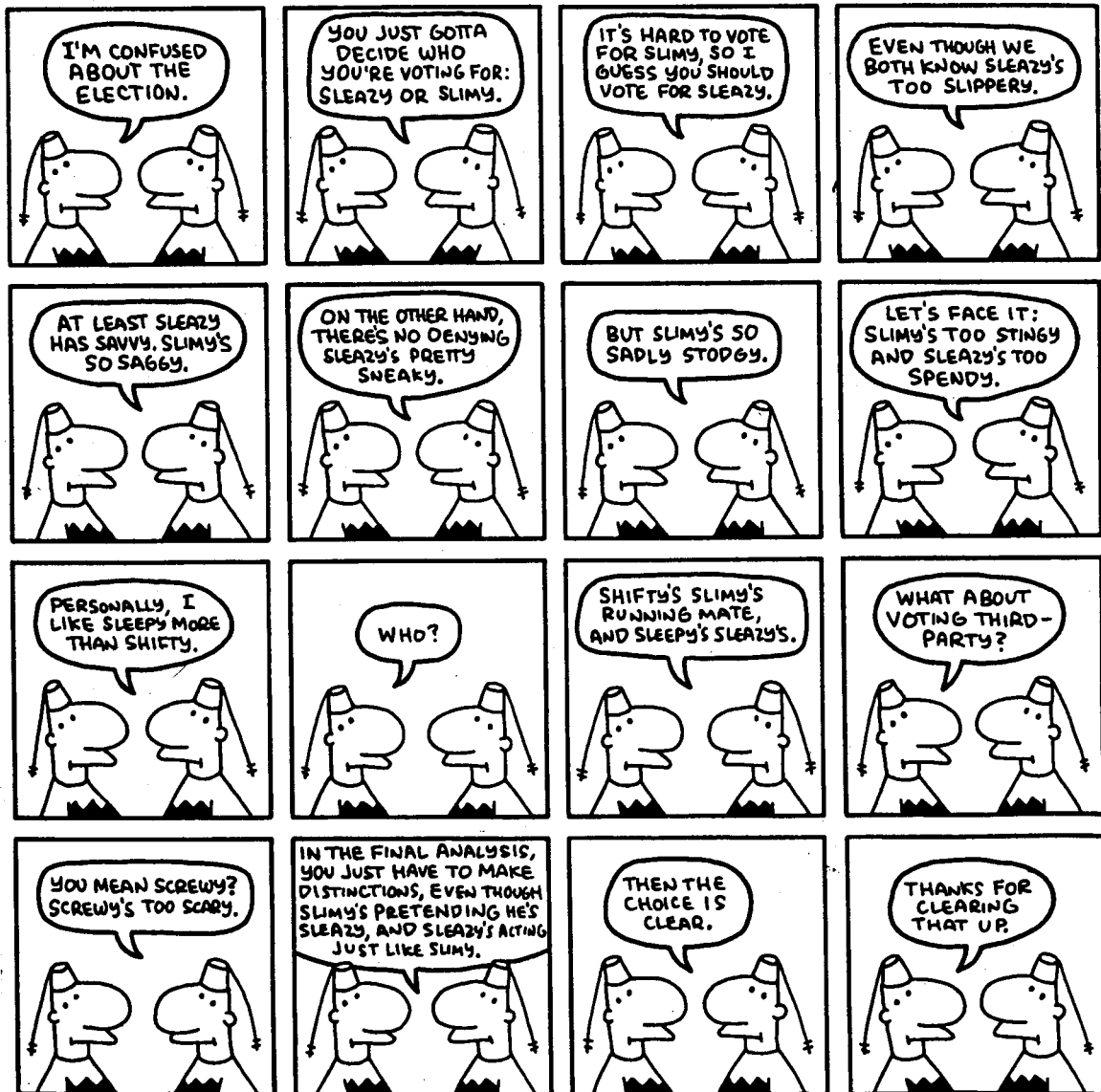
This was printed in the WestEnder. Not a word has been changed. Mayor Owen says, in "black & white", that any amount of people voting against the present system will be insufficient to make his Council act. It doesn't matter how people vote, what we want, what's stated in any way. The NPA Council doesn't care that Owen puts his foot in his mouth!

Never retract, never explain, never apologize - get the thing done and let them howl.

Nellie McClung (1875-1951)

LIFE IN HELL

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GREENING



Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good.
Luckily, this is not difficult.

Charlotte Whitton (1896-1975)

For fun, Refreshments, Conversation

Come to the Women's Group
3rd floor at Carnegie Centre

Wednesdays, 12-2

若您嚮往帶有趣味性的茶聚、閑談，

請快來參加婦女小組聚會。

逢星期三中午十二時至下午二時

于加麗基社區中心三樓舉行。

All Women Welcome

歡迎所有女仕們參加！



* look for our upcoming special workshops

* 請留意我們即將舉辦的多項特別工作研討室。

October is Women's Herstory Month. ^{3.}

Share your stories, write your thoughts with the Carnegie Women's group, which meets every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. Other future activities planned are an assertiveness training workshop, getting on the Free Net and quilt making. Refreshments are served!

1. What woman disguised herself as a man in order to train and practice as a physician, headed the British Army's medical service and, in 1857, became Inspector-General of Hospitals in Upper and Lower Canada?

- (a) Miranda Barry (b) Kate Aitken
(c) Irene Parlby (d) Alice Chown

2. Who said, "I submit to the House, that no one has ever objected to women working. The only thing they have ever objected to is paying women for working"?

- (a) Agnes Macphail (b) Ellen Fairclough
(c) Violet McNaughton (d) Gladys Sirum

3. Who worked to establish Canada's first minimum wage act in British Columbia in 1915? This woman was also responsible for having equal pay written into the constitution of the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council.

- (a) Hazel Wigdor (b) Charlotte Whitton
(c) Helena Gutteridge (d) June Beacock

4. In what year was women's equality first guaranteed under the Canadian Constitution?

- (a) 1954 (b) 1975
(c) 1985 (d) 1991

5. In 1983, it was estimated that three-quarters of the women in the Canadian labour force earned less than \$12,000 per year.

- (a) True (b) False

6. What Canadian woman artist won a Grammy Award for producer of the year, album of the year and songwriter of the year in 1993? She was the Female Artist of the Decade in Canada (1991).

- (a) Buffy Saint Marie (b) Anne Murray
(c) Sass Jordan (d) kd lang

7. She is an artist, 1982 Order of Canada recipient and a tireless volunteer worker for the rights of persons with disabilities. Who is she?

- (a) Pat Israel (b) Jean Ethel MacLachlan
(c) Elizabeth Semkiw (d) Georgiana Belanger

8. In which Canadian province did white women first win the right to vote in 1916?

- (a) Manitoba (b) Ontario
(c) Alberta (d) British Columbia

9. Emily Pauline Johnson was...

- (a) Canada's first woman lawyer
(b) the first woman to win an Olympic medal for Canada
(c) an Aboriginal poet and entertainer
(d) the first woman on the Canadian Wheat Board

10. In what year did the first equal pay for equal work legislation come into effect in Canada?

- (a) 1899 (b) 1935
(c) 1952 (d) 1967

11. This woman founded the Anti-Slavery Society in Toronto in 1851, and is widely credited as North America's first black newspaperwoman.

- (a) Susanna Moodie (b) Charlotte Whitton
(c) Mary Ann Shadd Cary (d) Nellie Cournoyea

12. Sharon Wood, a Canadian, was the first woman in North America to...

- (a) vote in a federal election
(b) reach the summit of Mt. Everest
(c) become a member of the Carpenter's Union
(d) manage a national theatre company

13. Olivia Poole, a British Columbian, invented...

- (a) liquid paper (b) the coffee filter
(c) the bullet-proof vest (d) the jolly jumper

14. Who said, "Young women must never forget their history, because once you forget your history, you no longer know where you're going"?

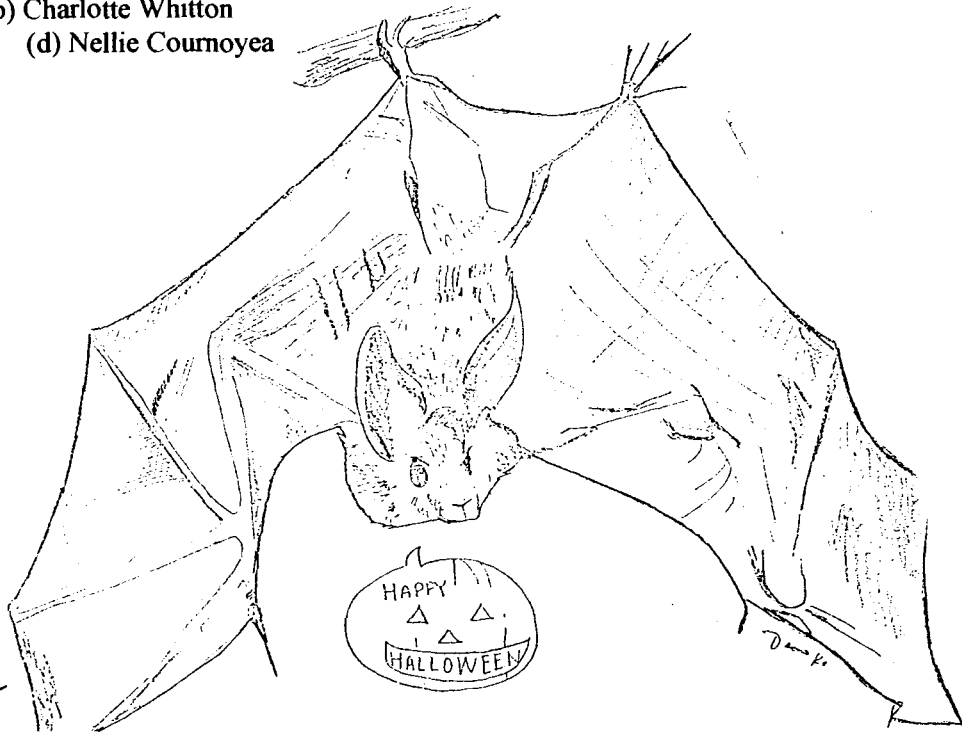
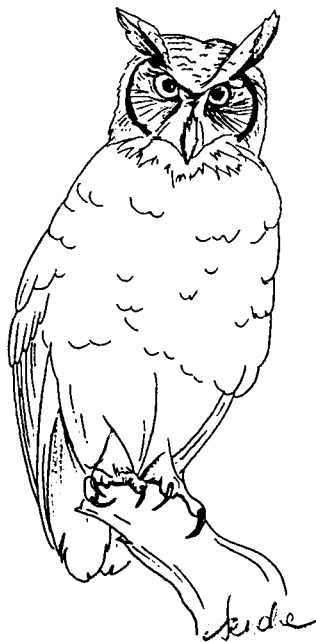
- (a) Emily Howard Stowe (b) Margaret Atwood
(c) Nellie McClung (d) Glenda Simms

15. In what year did white women receive the right to vote in BC elections?

- (a) 1917 (b) 1932
(c) 1898 (d) 1927

16. As of which date were women recognised as "persons" under Canada's Constitution?

- (a) October 18, 1929 (b) July 1, 1967
(c) April 17, 1903 (d) December 11, 1931

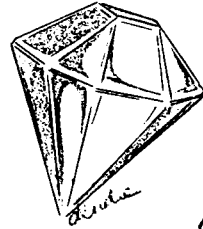


In 1965, when I was about to come to Canada, I didn't know much about this country. By asking others, I found out that, in Canada, they speak English and French.

Now that I am in Canada,, I see what goes on between the French and the English. It makes me feel sad and insecure for Canada's future because I like this country and believe we can all live together.. if we can put aside our ethnic backgrounds and think as Canadians. (By saying this, I don't mean to forget who you are.)

By the way, we must not forget that there were others living here before us!

Hosrof



racists

staring at me
eyes full of contempt
you send your
demons of racism
descending upon me
an insidious cloud
blinding us both
blunt pointless anger
rises in me
'til now you are ugly
and I could smash you
I break the silent tension
surprising us both
with a pseudo kind word
"how's it going?" I force
"it's raining" you say
and haughtily scramble
out of the room
avoiding confronting
ourselves
I don't want this
ugly emotion
in my heart
no more
no more
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how to react
without reacting
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how to smile
at the face of disgust
when I was six
I said "chink"
and my daddy made sure
I wouldn't sit in comfort
for a week
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he was really helping me

Your Smile

Your smile
like the only
thing in life
that really matters
is for me.

through the warm rain
that streams out of your hair
and down your nose
into your smile
like the only
thing in life
that really matters

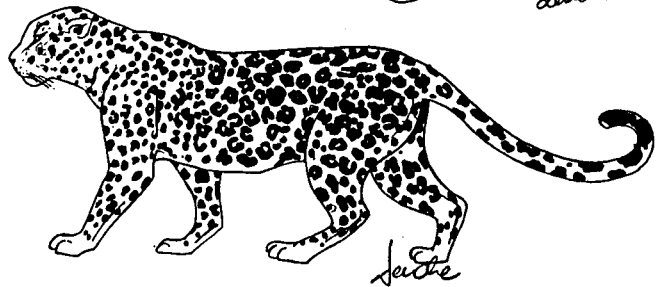
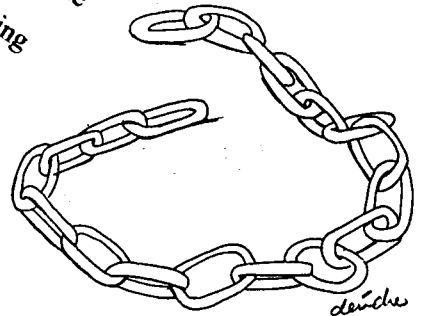


Goblin



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Don't be afraid to be vulnerable. If you don't open the door, how can anyone come in?

Joe Paul

JULIANNA'S STORY



Except for the sounds of construction going on nearby, which I try to ignore, I am sitting amidst tranquillity.

It is here in the Chinese Gardens where I eventually find myself, sitting to the side of the central pagoda which overhangs the large pond with jumping goldfish that have fins as long as their bodies. Beneath the pagoda, resting on rocks at the water's edge, are four small turtles, basking, like me, in the afternoon sun. I am overdressed today, but it is a comfortable warmth that my body enjoys. To the right of the pagoda, a short path leads to a clump of quarry rock; it is this particular place I head straight for. The rock has been placed so there are tables to the left and right, one higher than the other with steps leading to the water, and just to the right of these a place to sit with an arm rest and support to lean on. Across the pond is a larger pagoda and weeping willow trees, heavily laden but kissing the water, gently, creating a ripple. Crows nest in the pine trees; people cross the wooden bridge, approaching but never encroaching on my space.

I've come here today, as before, in need of some peace, some saneness. I only found out yesterday - Julianna died.

She died two weeks ago, the same day I took an ambulance ride to the same hospital. I had gone to see her just before that, but I decided I must take care of my own health. That month was particularly stressful and the pain in my chest became so frightening...

There were so many people involved. Russ, who



works out of St. Paul's Hospital as well as in our neighbourhood; I asked for his help because we couldn't find Julianna's family (even her worker didn't have that information... strange, but true.)

Gail, a young woman who works at the D.E. Women's Centre, offered to help. We hadn't seen Julianna for several days and wanted to make sure she was eating. We went looking for her, entering that tomb called a hotel - the Balmoral - only to be told that she'd been taken to the hospital early that morning. That would have been the second time. I had hoped Julianna would stay, or that they would be able to persuade her to the first time, but it was not to be. Another week had gone by, during which she collapsed outside Carnegie, and this became her final journey there. And mine with her

The 'round the clock' nurses were very helpful and informed me from the beginning about her condition. When I asked about all the machines and contraptions that were hooked up to her, they were truthful and told me what I already suspected - if she were not hooked up she would die.

Our favourite cop in the 'hood, D.D., would find an old notepad with some names and numbers thought to be family members. I was with Julianna in Intensive Care when he came to visit. I didn't recognize him at first; he was in his 'civvies'. He held her hand and talked to her about entering a rehab program. She had told me of this before, but it was so hard for her to give up the heroin she was now too used to.

The next day her Mother was contacted in San Francisco and would arrive that evening. I decided to stay away for a few days, and although I would again visit with Julianna, somehow I never met her mother.

At one visit, there were less tubes, thingamajigs and machines. Julianna opened her eyes, although

I knew she really could not see, and responded or gestured when I talked to her. I knew I was fooling myself, that perhaps she was getting better, when in fact it was that old adage of 'quiet before the storm'.. the looking and feeling better before --- before what? --- before we are no more.

And that is what would be.

Another human being, another young person, another woman who, for whatever reasons or through whatever circumstances came here to spend her time, her life, in our community. I don't know what brought her here. It doesn't matter that she was HIV+ and in the final stages of AIDS. What does matter is that I got to know Julianna more this past year. She would come to the Women's Centre for lunch most every day, then bum a cigarette and sit and talk with me. She had asked me to teach her beadwork. She would laugh and tell me she wasn't a "coconut" (cocaine user) and we'd talk about her getting clean and straight long enough to start methadone treatment.

It did matter that she had suffered a broken jaw and broken ribs as the result of a terrible beating just two weeks before she entered the hospital this last time. She could hardly walk or breathe. So many of us tried to convince her that she needed medical treatment. She knew it but said she couldn't stand the pain while waiting for conventional medicine to work. In reality there

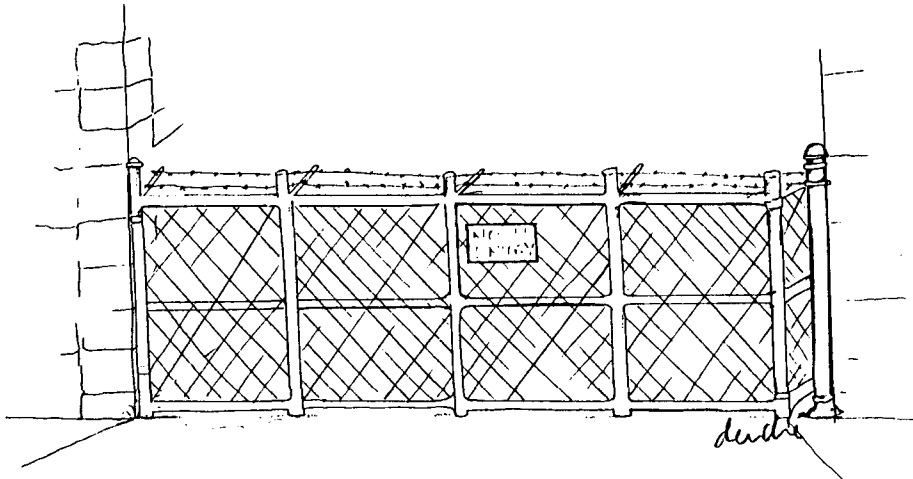


was nothing that could take that pain away, except the heroin.

I know there were others who played roles in Julianna's life. Jim would give her a loonie so she could buy a Pepsi just about every day (her 'crazy craving' as she called it). Others I'd hear about but never meet (and probably won't) but this is my way of saying good-bye to Julianna. To share a story, a life, no matter how short; her story, her life these last few months.. something to share with another young person in our community. And just to say that it counted, it meant something. It really did. Julianna will not be forgotten.

Time has passed and the sun has moved more to the West; there are few people roaming the paths of the Gardens now. I've somehow found some peace and tranquillity sitting here, writing and sharing a small part of one person's life. I like to think that Julianna has also found her peace and tranquillity.

By BARBARA GRAY



CARNEGIE - A NEUTRAL ZONE!

On Saturday, October 12, I was at Carnegie Centre at 12:30 p.m. First I was in the Association Office doing an article for the Newsletter. When I finished I was on my way out when I saw Bonnie and another friend, Ray. We were having a calm conversation when we were interrupted by a rather rude Alison Cameron. When I was leaving the building Alison again started yelling at me. "\$500 Margaret. Couldn't you have spent the money on food?" (This was about stickers that someone had gotten made.)

First Paul Taylor is subjected to attempted character assassination with a scummy letter that no one would take responsibility for, then I'm harassed with the same false accusation. I have no access to anyone's financial documents, other than my own, nor have I ever called the Ministry to turn anyone in. People have enough problems making it through each day, without having to go to the W.O. to provide info on finances.

No, I did nothing to provoke Alison's reactions.

No, this was not an isolated incident. On Friday, Oct. 11, I was going down to the Neighbourhood Safety Office when a person whom I had never seen before jumped in front of my wheelchair and yelled, "How does it feel to be a welfare fink and a liar?!" I tried to ask this person his name but he refused to talk!

Does this not bother people that it's somehow okay for such people to roam in and around our Centre, taunting, harassing and verbally abusing members? If it happens again, I will not be as civil as I was on Saturday. I am not afraid of these people; a friend of mine went to the "residents' meeting" but soon left, observing that 'they are just a bunch of middle class white kids who want something to do.'

The next time I might not be so lucky, but I cannot just sit back and watch people who are allowed to distribute any kind of hate literature throughout Carnegie, spreading lies.

To gain recognition, one needs to speak the truth and the whole truth. We've all heard rumours and

stories, but when lies become the basis for personal attacks and character assassination, it's diminishing and damaging. What I do to keep my sanity is remember that these people have a personal agenda, one that does not serve our community. Be alert to manipulation and remember - leaders and community people have a code:

- be responsible for your own actions
- honour the community's wishes
- take guidance from community members
- encourage honest involvement

Princess Margaret



HOW TO CARVE A PUMPKIN

- Choose a pumpkin you like
- Don't carve more than 3 or 4 days before Halloween. Pumpkins spoil quickly.
- Adults should always supervise children.
- Spread out lots of newspapers over a large surface such as a table or floor.
- Decide what kind of face you want to make. Draw it on paper first if necessary.
- Using a sharp knife and having a good grasp on the pumpkin, carve a circle around the stem to make a lid. Remove lid.
- Pull out the pulp and seeds. Be prepared for a mess!
- Save the seeds for drying and eating later.
- Carve face carefully pushing carved out chunks into pumpkin as you go. Keep surface of skin as dry as possible so knife won't slip.
- Remove chunks from inside and replace with a candle in a holder. Replace lid.

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Children who run from situations they feel are beyond their control usually head for the bright lights and dark alleys of the city. Little do they know the horror that awaits them when they reach their destination. Many are lured into a life of crime in order to survive as they become the target of those bent on destruction. Alcoholism, addiction, pornographic exploitation, prostitution and gang-style violence are just some of the perils.

We at NEW START Canada are not promising a new society, a complete change to social patterns or an end to the type of criminal bent on using, abusing and destroying our children. What we do promise is to help as many as possible by

addressing the various needs that encroach upon their young lives.

NEW START is making an honest effort to truly make a difference within our cities.



READING ROOM ROUNDUP

I'm writing to let all of you know what happened at the special library committee meeting on security issues, which was held Sept.30, and to thank all of you for letting library staff know your concerns.

One of the things we discussed was to have a volunteer sit in the south room at certain times of day and report suspicious activity to security. There are some Union and Carnegie security concerns around this idea and, although it is a good and cost-effective one, will need much more discussion.

Also, there is a lot of interest in having a security system installed. This would be a costly item and labour-intensive to operate. It might also be contrary to the library's policy of providing informal service here at Carnegie. Further discussion with the Vancouver Public Library will take place about this in November. I will report more in future Newsletters.

Library committee member Irene Schmidt has volunteered to make the rounds of the secondhand bookstores and pawnshops in the area with Eleanor in November and December, to once again make our presence felt.

Meanwhile, we very much appreciate the help we get from DE residents, like the woman who grabbed an art book from someone who was selling it on the street. She saw the library identification and returned it to us.. minus labels and title page. We were able to repair it and put it in circulation again!

Eleanor

???WILL THIS LINE EVER END???

A friend of mine at the Carnegie Adult Learning Centre asked me to give thought on writing a little something about the poor people of this city.

And being poor myself I sometimes think that I've seen it all but there is not a day that goes by without seeing something new happening in the poor part of this community.

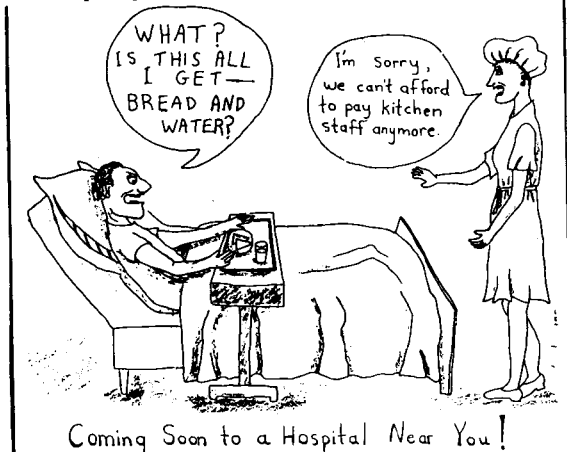
I was just thinking of all the line-ups and time wasted waiting for a handout, like a small 'something' to eat or a few bucks borrowed from a friend.

Everyone waits for one thing or another in this life, but the poor have to wait for things that will keep them alive, like food or warm clothing during the winter.

They must wait in line at the free Health Clinics, sometimes for as long as 3 hours, just to see a doctor.

They wait in line at Catholic Charities to see if they can get a bed for the night, instead of sleeping under the Georgia Viaduct or in one of the many parking garages downtown.

They wait for a welfare cheque that, after paying the rent, is pretty slim to last a whole month on. Lots of

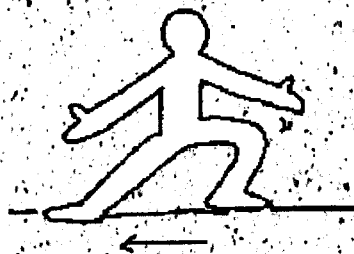


luck making it to the next cheque without standing in lines. There is no end of line-ups for the poor.

People in this city who are well off, with plenty of money, also wait in lines but there is a big difference - their lines are not for food. Entertainment may involve waiting and payment, but with money to blow it is hardly suffering. The poor don't have a pot to piss in.

While the well off live it up, the poor watch from the shadows of the street. Some work the alleys looking for returnable bottles and cans, making enough for coffee or a pack of smokes - luxuries for the poor.

I am not saying that all poor people look through



garbage for cans and bottles but some do as work and for the few dollars it brings. A little extra money helps one feel not so much a prisoner of poverty, and, no matter what people think, this endeavour is work.

For many, hoping for something like a large inheritance or winning the lottery is their idea of luck. But there are many poor people who make their own luck and work hard on going back to school, catching up on their education, and fighting tooth and nail for a decent job with some security. That is the word.. that tells the story - everyone wants to feel safe and secure and have money to spare.

Everyone also likes to have a full stomach, and money to buy kids a birthday present or more than one present at Xmas time. To some people this means nothing, but to the poor it means a lot. When you have no money for your child's Christmas present or no money for your child's food, then you will know what poor means.

I think that many rich people in this world will never know what poor means.

I think it is true that the rich get richer and, like the almighty vulture, they are not satisfied with picking the meat off our bones but also want to make soup from what's left, from our meatless bones, and the person who makes welfare cuts will say, "Boy, this soup is good. Just look at all the money we saved you on this meal." (...then 'we must cut more from welfare...')

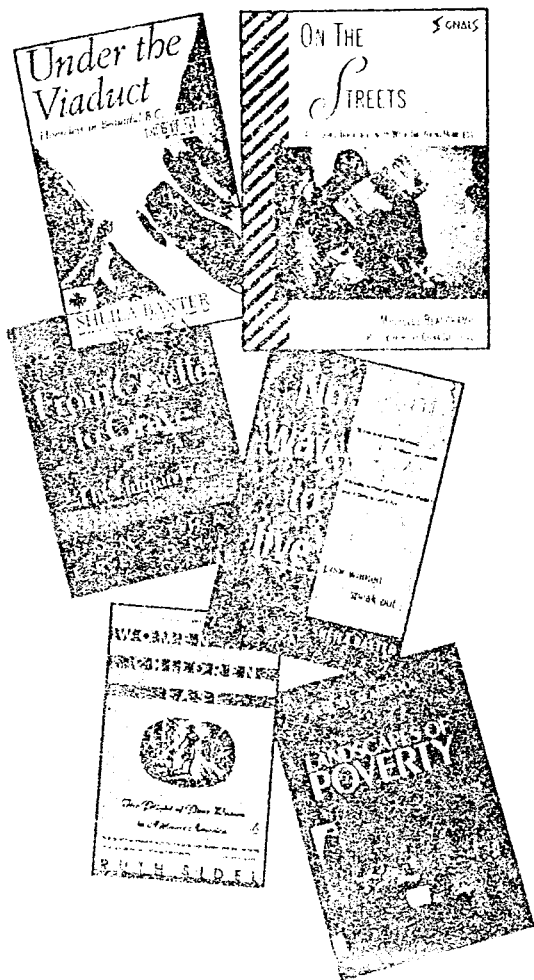
I don't know if you can tell from what I've just written, but I've lost all confidence in the people who rule us, in the people who hold the purse strings. If not for the few good, hard-working individuals who fight for the rights of the poor, life would be even harder ... if that is possible, and I think it could be...

We must at least give thanks for that much, for people without anything to gain but to feel good about themselves while and for doing good.

I could go on forever, writing about the poor and the circumstances we now find ourselves in, but this is enough for now.

By HARVEY DUCEDRE

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty



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International Year for the Eradication of Poverty — 1996

The United Nations has declared 1996 to be the **International Year for the Eradication of Poverty** and October 17, to be **International Day For the Eradication of Poverty**, in order to promote public awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries.

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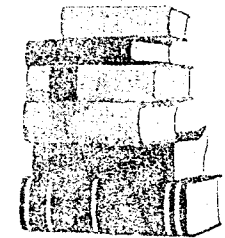


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YOUR STORIES

YOUR EXPERIENCES

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THURSDAY, Oct 17 at 4:30 Pm
Food and beverages



Organizations Which Work To End Poverty

- **Campaign 2000**
(c/o SPARC of BC) Vancouver 738-8687
— A coalition of individuals and organizations working to end child poverty in B.C.
- **End Legislated Poverty**
Vancouver 879-1209
— Provides information/speakers on social policy and poverty issues / Organizes campaigns to reduce and end poverty / Publishes newsletter: *The Long Haul*.
- **Federated Anti-Poverty Groups of B.C**
Sechelt 885-2329
— Advocacy, welfare rights, family maintenance, disability issues, housing / Publishes a monthly newsletter.



Newsletter of the Carnegie
Community Action Project

October 15, 1996

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Surprise, Surprise !!

Most would not live in a suite less than 340 sq/ft

Q. Can you see yourself living in one of these suites on a long term basis ?

YES

No

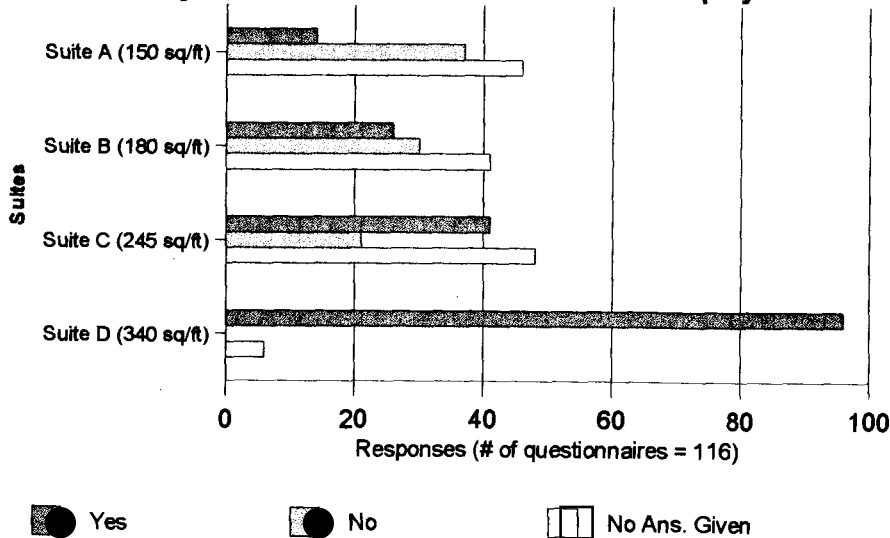
No Answer

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21

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If yes, which of the four suites here on display ?



The results of the small suite questionnaire, completed by those who visited the small suites display Oct 1,2,3 at Four Corners Community Savings, are now out (continued).

(Continued from front page)

Having life-size examples of self-contained suites of a small size yet to be built (if at all) helped many people determine if it is direction that City and the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood should be even considering. If anything is clear, it is the fact that very few people, less than 22%, would even consider living in the two smallest suites on display (the 150 sq/ft and 180 sq/ft).

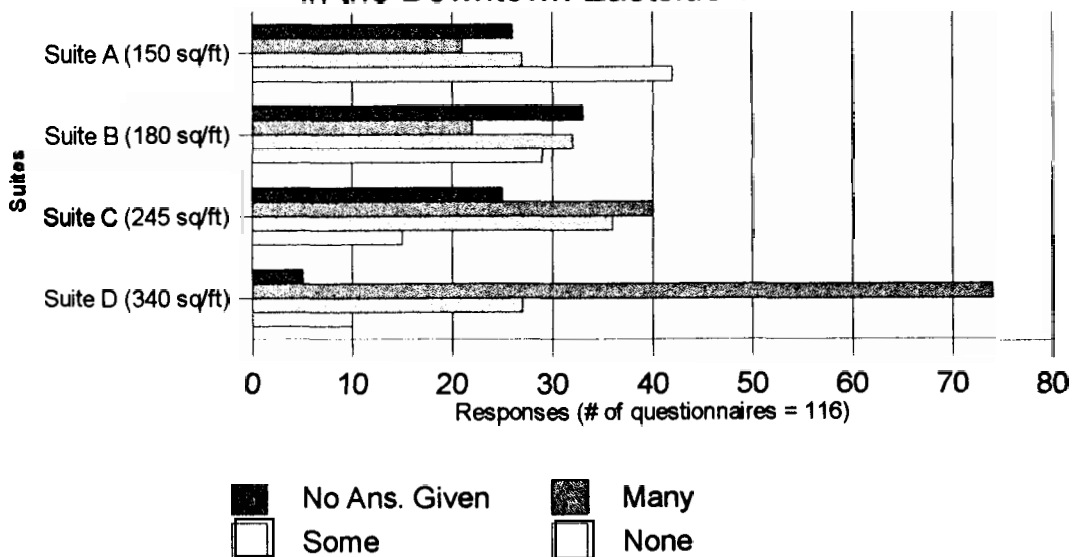
Of the 116 people who completed the questionnaire, 74% figured that they could see themselves living in one or more of the small suites. However, not surprisingly, most of the respondents would not consider living in the two smallest suites on display. Even the third smallest suite (245 sq/ft) did not get half as many yes votes as did the largest small suite (340

sq/ft).

In regards to the second question asked (see graph below), most felt that the largest suite (suite D) was the most appropriate to be built in the Downtown Eastside. There was some acceptance for suite C, which received nearly twice the amount of *many* votes as did suite A and B.

The small suites display was set up by the City of Vancouver as part of its research towards establishing a Housing Plan for the Downtown Eastside. CCAP has been involved with this process as an attempt to steer a proper course, which does not compromise the liveability of any future housing in this neighbourhood. Clearly, the debate over small suites is not over yet. Stay tuned.

Q. Should any of the small suites here on display be built in the Downtown Eastside ?



St. James Social Service Building New Housing

*An Interview with John Van Luven,
Executive Director of St. James
Social Service Society*

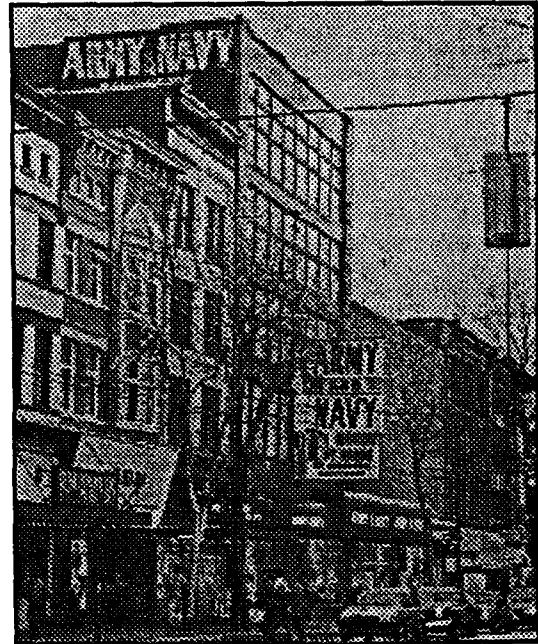
By Jim Ford

On September 23 I met with Mr. John Van Luven, the Executive Director of the St. James Social Service Society. Mr. Van Luven gave me a clear, colorful breakdown of the emerging Victory House at 363 East Cordova St. John told me this project replaces the old Victory House, situated at 391 Powell St., and is scheduled for completion in March 1997. The building will have a group home setting designed with a cafeteria, garden terrace and 43 sleeping rooms and 4 house keeping rooms. Five years of intensive planning and strategy preceded this project, which is considered a partnership project as the St. James Social Service Society, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Housing are all involved. It is interesting to note that before plans were finalized St. James Social Service Society opted to buy the land.

Targeted tenants are those whose mental illness/behavior make it next to impossible to rent elsewhere. Victory House is the first phase within the Societies 3 Tiered Housing and Support Program for mentally ill people in the Downtown Eastside. Depending on progress and

developed skills, residents can ascend to the other facilities - Santiago Lodge and Cecilia House. Years of institution, isolation and stigma have created enormous barriers to mainstream society.

It was a pleasure to meet John as well as to have the opportunity to broaden resource networks. Wish good fortune to the Victory House project along with the Societies other facilities for those in our community who are less fortunate



Whats Up ?

First Principle:

“ZERO

DISPLACEMENT”

With their moto being “*A Voice out of the Downtown Eastside*” a group of people calling themselves the **Political Response**

Group has formed with a major objective being the prevention of homelessness resulting from the withdrawal of support from elected government officials and the simultaneous assault of upscale development in and around the Downtown Eastside.

As Vancouver races to embrace the so-called benefits of being an “international city” (i.e. spectacle), so too does it embrace what other major cities in North America now know is a mistake. That is, the displacement of low-income neighbourhoods as they become targeted for upscale development. This process is widely known as *gentrification*, and so far it always seems to lead to homelessness.

Through ongoing demonstration at City Hall and in front of condo developments in the Downtown Eastside. PRG plans to get its message out.

If you are interested contact: Bud Osborn
(604) 608-1369.

“Mr Owen, but didn't you say \$5 million, not \$2.5 million. ?”

Many people in the Downtown Eastside seem to remember, last February, that Mayor Owen announced the 3-year Capital Plan would include \$5 million for affordable housing.

Instead it seems that only \$2.5 million is now targeted in the Capital Plan (approved last month by Council). There is a big difference between \$5 and \$2.5 million, in fact it's half what Mayor Owen announced to this community at the Woodward's deal last February.

So when there just isn't enough money allocated to make a housing project in the Downtown Eastside possible we'll know who to blame.



OWEN

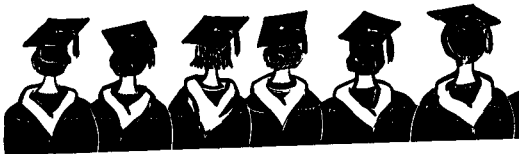
• **National Anti Poverty Organization**
 (NAPO)
 Ottawa 789-0096
 — Non-Governmental advocacy
 organization of low income Canadians
 and others concerned about issues
 affecting poor people.

• **PLURA of British Columbia**
 Vancouver 526-9757
 -- Provides funding for low-income anti-
 poverty Social justice groups and projects.

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Compiled: September 1996



DEMONSTRATION
 INTL. DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 AT 12:00P.M.
 AT THE WOODWARD'S BUILDING
 (ABBOTT AND HASTINGS ST.)

RALLY AGAINST CONDO
 DEVELOPERS

RALLY FOR SAFE
 AFFORDABLE
 HOUSING

FOOD, MUSIC AND WINDOW PAINTING

WELCOME TO 100 BLOCK!
 WHERE DRUGS RULE THE STREETS
 AND THOSE HOOKED ARE THE PAWNS
 WHERE LIVES DAILY RITUAL IS TO SATISFY
 THEIR CRAVING AND STOP THE HURT
 WHERE THE WEAK AND THE VULNERABLE SUFFER
 AND THE FAT CATS GET FATTER
 AND THE NAIVES
 H.A. TRIADS 'SIES
 THEY WHO LAUGH AT THEIR SUFFERING
 AND SCHEME TO GET MORE HOOKED
 ITS A WASTELAND OF BROKEN SOULS
 WHERE DEATH CAN BE BUT
 ONE MORE FIX AWAY
 INTO THE ABYSS



Corporate Butt-Kick Week at Langara

October 21-28
in the
Students' Union
Building

brought to you by the
Langara Students' Union

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Corporate **Butt-Kick** Week at Langara

Monday, October 21: Corporations & the 3rd World speakers: 10:30 - BC CASA

11:30 - Joan Grant-Cummings of NAC

workshop: 2:30 - Shell Oil - Ogoni Solidarity Network
tables: Magpie; No to APEC; Bridgehead

Tuesday, October 22: Corporations in Domestic Realm

video: 11:30 - No Surrender: story of Province of BC's and Alcan's Kemano project and their conspiracy of genocide of the Cheslatta people

workshop: 12:30 - Gov't Policies & Corporate agenda with Jackie Ackerly of TAPS.

2:30 - Culture jamming with Guerilla Media

tables: Workfare Hurts One and All (WHOA); Budget Busters of PSAC; Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCAP); Adbusters

Wednesday, October 23: Labour

speakers: 10:00 - Shane Simpson of CUPE on how the corporate agenda affects workers;

11:15 - Brenda McEacuk of the CLC (same)

12:30 - Sid Shniad (Telecommunications) on education and jobs.

1:30 - Denise Callahan of the CAW

tables: Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)

Thursday, October 24: Alternative Economics

speakers: 10:30 - Art Moses of BC Nurses' Union on how corp. agenda affects health care

11:30 - Seth Klein of CCAP

12:30 - Svend Robinson -alternative economic strategies

video: 2:30 - Who's Counting? Marilyn Warning on Lies, Sex and Economics

tables: Green Party; Workers Co-ops; Co-op Radio

Friday, October 25: Corporate Circus Pub

pub: 1:30-6:30 - Corporate Circus Pub Fundraiser (proceeds to Ogoni Network)

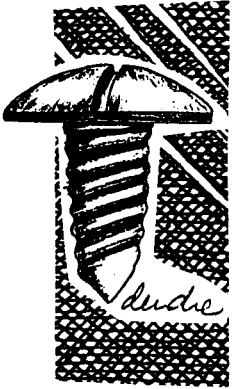
performers: 4:00 - Rick Keating, singer/songwriter
Kerri Lattimer, poet

Monday, October 28: Corporate Butt-Kick Encore

video: Delta Force (not Chuck Connors) free food.

speaker: 6:00 - Dr. Owena Wiwa, brother of Ken Saro-Wiwa, speaking on the Shell Oil Boycott, the Ogoni people of Nigeria, Shell's destruction of Ogoni land, and the murder of Ken Saro-Wiwa.

THE RULES OF CHAOS



*"All men are powerless against chaos
But the defeated know the secret.
They live for the present, the future
has already betrayed them. They are
the children of reality."*

So wrote Stephen Vizenzey in 1969 in his book, *"The Rules of Chaos."* In this penetrating and disturbingly hopeful work, Vizenzey, a native of Budapest, Hungary at the time of the holocaust and the author of *"In Praise of Older Women"* and *"An Innocent Millionaire"*, examines the unwritten rules of chaos and how they affect not only the lives of individuals, but those of governments and even nations themselves.

Regarding the future as a "blinding mirage", Vizenzey shows how, throughout history, events seldom develop in a rationally cohesive fashion or straight line, but are brought about through the stress of chaotic life and, eventually, an almost convulsive birth of painful necessity, whether via invention, reform, resistance, war or revolution. At times, almost ghostily paraphrasing Dostoevsky's *"Notes From The Underground"*, Vizenzey illustrates the bottom-line reality of the nature of human beings: That no matter how hard any government or media system attempts to program or control our lives, there are times when we will put our very lives in danger, even to the point of death, simply to prove that we are not fixed variables in a predictable equation.

Personally, this reviewer spent fifteen years

straight, working in a paper mill, forty thousand a year, pension plan, etc. When the recession of 1992 came... let us simply say that eight hundred lives were lost. For the past four years now, I have been dealt the harsh reality that I am only one out of hundreds of thousands of victims of an increasingly corrupt and farcical Canadian government. Small wonder that Vizenzey's book appealed to me. It is amazing that this volume was published in '69 and not '96.

I particularly relished this climactic paragraph:

"The only chance for the powerful is to provide reasons for living: To look and create instead of search and destroy. The show of force may intimidate demonstrators, protesters, rioters, but not rebels. It is absolutely useless to show them that they cannot win and will get killed, as they're not going to rise unless they've already decided to die. As to relying on superior weaponry to exterminate them, this is to again ignore the experience of Vietnam. A relatively small number of snipers and saboteurs can bring a country to a standstill without showing their faces. And even if most of them get caught and imprisoned or even killed, who can tell at what point punishments and reprisals will push thousands of others beyond the desire to live?"

"This is what Zarathustra would say today to the powerful:

"Hearken to my words - The rebel is mortal, but he is unconquerable- unless you vanquish his despair! Take no pride in your firepower! Despair cannot be conquered by vanity! Verily, men without hope are stronger than men possessed by fear. I say unto you: there is no way to defeat those who have already been defeated.!"

At one point, I thought it might be appropriate to send some copies of this book to the Bradley Holmes, Glen Clarks and Jean Chretiens of this country, but I really don't think it would do any good. What's that old saying? Something about "casting pearls before swine..."

By MARTIN A. McDERMID

John Milton Is Part Of The Carnegie!

If you look closely at the stained glass windows by the winding staircase in Carnegie, you will find the figure of the English poet John Milton, born in 1608, died in 1674.

Now Milton cared about justice as well a poetry. He didn't sit around in an ivory tower playing esoteric language games. He believed, as do many of the Downtown Eastside poets, that the poet was part of the community and had a responsibility to it. He thought that in troubled times everyone ought to be a prophet and speak out against liars, bullies, and greedy exploiters. He was one of the first Englishmen to publicly defend the right of the people to call their kings to account, and from 1640 to 1660 he devoted most of his time to writing pamphlets on civil and religious liberty.

Milton was secretary for foreign languages in Oliver Cromwell's government, and when Charles the First of England was executed by the Parliamentarians in 1649, Milton defended their action by saying that power always resided in the people and when the king abused this power, the people had the right to get rid of him.

When Andrew Carnegie, who put up the money for Vancouver's first library, wrote in 1897, "My childhood's dream was to get to be a man and kill a king," he placed himself in the same camp as Cromwell and Milton. What Carnegie meant was that he did not believe in special privileges for the powerful, thus placing himself in conflict with Carnegie the robber baron (himself).

After Cromwell's death in 1658, the Royalists gained power and Charles II became king in 1660. Although blind, powerless, and imprisoned for a short time, Milton refused to accept defeat. He wrote:

"I sing... unchanged

Though fallen on evil days

On evil days though fallen and evil tongues."

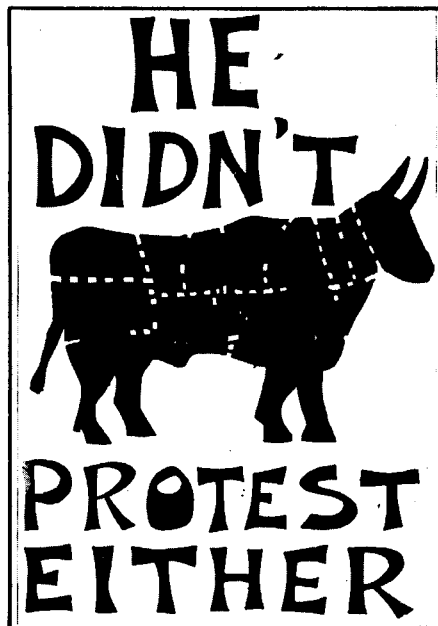
He wrote his best poetry after 1660 and, in *Samson Agonistes*, he told the story of how blind Samson, the oppressed, fought to the end against



his oppressors, the Philistines.

To finish the story, in the English Revolution of 1689, Parliament offered the throne to William of Orange, thus establishing the principle that sovereignty (the power by which we govern ourselves) lies with the people, not with kings, politicians..... or corporate executive officers,

By SANDY CAMERON



I wonder if today's adolescent would believe that before the Beatles era of the 1960s, grass and LSD were not as commonly used as they are today.

Prior to the mid-sixties the imposed taboos were alcohol and cigarettes. And the more our elders forbade them the more desirable they became.

Then in 1964, Bob Dylan met the Beatles in New York and introduced them to marijuana, which shortly after began to influence their songwriting.

In 1966 a dentist gave LSD to John Lennon & George Harrison, and within a year the news media spread it far and wide that the Beatles had admitted to using these two substances.

North American teenagers thought 'Hey, the Beatles are cool; I should try this stuff.'

And so an important social evolutionary period sprang forward due to massive experimentation with grass and acid.

To the many who used them in moderation a positive altered state of consciousness allowed them to analyze and even question the authority imposed upon them by politicians and other law makers.

For the first time in memorable history, specifically because of grass & acid, many thousands of eligible young men refused to go to war. Many more young people openly protested the U.S.'s senseless blood spilling in Vietnam until the U.S. government was forced to withdraw from that foreign land in the mid-seventies.

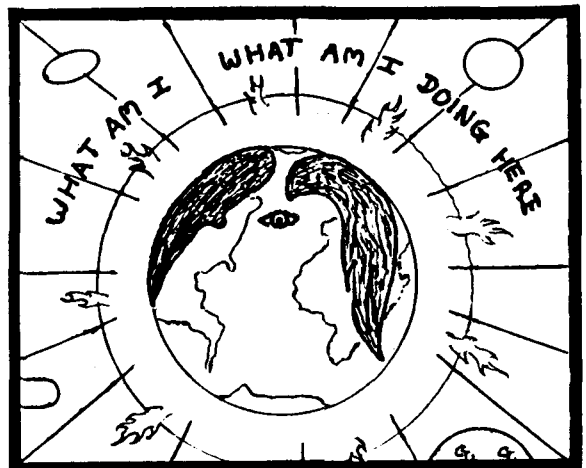
The use of grass was sustained to this present day, but acid faded more than somewhat by the eighties; being replaced by coke which, although giving dubious physical comforts, did not have a desirable thought provoking alteration.

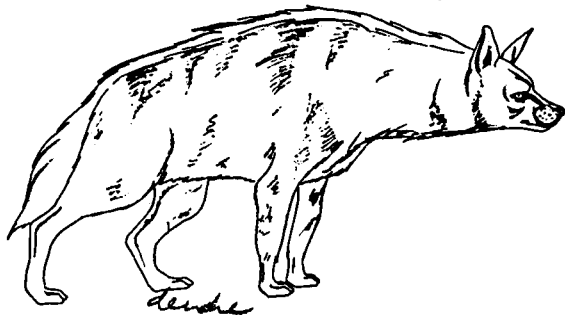
Now, in 1996, the news media is again advertising that more teenagers than ever have started to use grass & acid.

Assuming that most teens are exposed to the news, it's safe to predict that we're in for another quick evolutionary boost as young people are massively brought under the same mind altering influences of the sixties.

If I were the parent of a teen and suspected they were using grass or acid, and having to choose between condonation and alienation, I think I might advise moderation:

1. Don't smoke grass at school, and especially not before an exam because it'll knock up to 20% off your marks.
2. Never take a full dose or tab of acid; break it in half, you'll have a better trip.
3. Don't drop acid more than once a week. Once a month is safer, but it's also important to lay off completely for a few months once in a while so your brain doesn't short circuit.
4. If you have to take it at all, take it at home.





ARNOLD

Arnold Schwarzenegger is on the President's Council of Fitness. Many are opposed to that because of Arnold's use of steroids. Arnold even mentioned that he thought that "no one who uses steroids intelligently will get hurt."

One year during a Mr. Universe contest, he was standing around with some fellow contestants. He saw a judge he knew and yelled, "Hey! How are you doing? Come on over here and meet some of my skinny friends!"

Angelo Siciliano, who brought weightlifting out of the realm of circus side-show freaks, became Charles Atlas. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who brought weightlifting from being a specialized sport to being part of the trendy mainstream, was for a time known as Arnold Strong.

Weightlifting/bodybuilding is a relatively new sport. Bodybuilding judging is also new so there are no set standards. Since bodybuilding is aesthetic, the criteria for judging is subjective.. often points are given for showmanship! Showmanship is something Arnold was great at. In Praetoria, South Africa, he flicked an imaginary bead of sweat from an upper pec (chest) muscle and that caught the judges' attention. He went on to win 7 Mr. Universe titles.

In one such contest, it boiled down to him or Sergio Olivia, a Cuban bodybuilder with dark skin. Arnold arranged for the stage curtains to be blue instead of the originally planned white; the new colour emphasized Arnold's muscles while de-emphasizing Sergio's, thus winning Arnold the title. Two years later, in 1975, another Mr. Univers contest was down to Arnold and Sergio. While they were waiting to come on stage, Arnold apparently whispered to Sergio Olivia that he had had enough of the whole circus and why don't they both just walk out? Sergio moved in agreement but Arnold walked on stage at his best. The judges interpreted Sergio's momentary gesture as that of resignation and gave Arnold top prize. (Sergio is still mad at Arnold for this.)

It is incredible that someone with such morals of sportsmanship would be on the President's Council of Fitness.

By DEAN KO

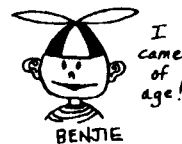
Twelve Things to Remember

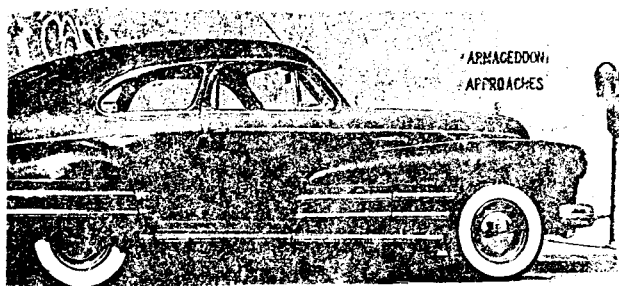


1. The value of time
2. The success of perseverance
3. The pleasure of working
4. The dignity of simplicity

5. The worth of character
6. The power of kindness
7. The influence of example
8. The obligation of duty

9. The wisdom of economy
10. The virtue of patience
11. The improvement of talent
12. The joy of originating





Welfare worries; are we only another line of people to go down trying to improve the world we live in? Young adults, seniors, parents and children - all of us need an alternative to the Welfare Boss.

We are able to work the land to bring organic foods to the table. We need alternative education, alternative health care (spell that prevention)... we need loving community and politicians' support for a development model that is beneficial. Heaven knows the knowledge is out here among us.

I hope provincial and federal politicians read this because it is well known that answers exist for people in need of places to live that enhance their self-esteem.

Start looking at sustainable development, the hippies, university students, poor people, who have been aware of and saying for years how such humane progress can and must occur.

Where is the political will? When will provincial or federal ministers listen? Will the poor ever be heard? A prime example is the new bicycle helmet law - this mode of transportation is relished by the poor and health conscious but many cannot afford to buy such helmets. Where is the Canada that I knew when I began riding a bike when I was five? Where is the true north strong and free?

We are not free at low income levels. Empty questions? Where is our land, our homes? Many of us worked all our lives in this country. When will the rich or those in positions of power let us live in dignity?

I am not asking for anything I have not earned several times over. There is a drum beating which will beat for eternity because of the injustice wrought on the poor.

By MICHAEL BOHNERT



This was my trip to lovely Butchart Gardens

Over the weekend I went for a ride on the ferry to see my Cousin who lives there. My Cousin Pat and her husband are good to me. He was tired so he laid down and rested and when he was sleeping my Cousin took me in the car to the lovely Butchart Gardens and it was my first trip there. It was lovely to see and take pictures of. There were all kinds of roses and other plants; they really did a great job with the Gardens. I like it better than the Queen Elizabeth garden... mind you it is a nice one but the Butchart Garden has a lot more to see.

I had a very nice weekend with my Cousin Pat and her husband Lenny. They gave me a nice supper and after took me to her sister's (who is my other Cousin, and her husband Raymond). That was Saturday night and Raymond told me he was putting me downstairs; I was in the garage with the car and his bike but I had a good night's sleep. Then, the next morning, we were going for a ride but she didn't want to go so her husband would take me.

We went to Sooke to see my other Cousin Jimmie. He has a nice house for himself. He built a fireplace with a heater and did a very good job on it. Before getting there Raymond took me in the car and we had a long walk up a dirt road. We saw a lot of big salmon swimming up river. Boy were they big! Then we went on our way up to the end of the road, and there was an old hotel there. Raymond told me that they were going to build it but ran out of money and couldn't finish it. After that we went to see my Cousin Jimmie.

Raymond didn't want to worry his wife so we went back home. He made me some lunch to eat on the ferry because that was all Saturday and Sunday and I had to get home. So that was my trip to my Cousins' places and the lovely Butchart Gardens.

By ALBERT ANTHONY

RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE



On a beautiful sunny morning two years ago, I dropped my library books off at Carnegie and blissfully headed towards Crabtree Corner, where I was doing some volunteer work. It had been raining for about two weeks, so the sun was feeling really good. Suddenly, a fist that felt like a brick hit me in the face. I was knocked over, my sunglasses were broken, and blood streamed down from my eye. I remember feeling so embarrassed.

I got up and ran to Crabtree, where I was pampered like a hurt child. The police were called and I was accompanied to the Native Health clinic, where kind Dr. Malon patched me up as best he could. The scar beside my eye remains. My heart goes out to women with more and deeper scars.

I was surprised at how little anger I felt towards my attacker. I realized that he was either high on some awful drug or crazed by life. I was angry at myself for not paying attention. My oldest son asked, "Mom, how can you blame yourself?" Because after 13 years in the Downtown Eastside and many years many other places, I knew better.

The police couldn't come until later that night. I was angry at the police who kept asking me.. "Was he Native? Was he Latino?" I kept saying I only saw the back of him as he ran away.

For the next few weeks I was afraid to go out, especially with my youngest son. I couldn't stand the pitying glances and the glaring looks at any male friend who was with me. As I played baseball in the rain with my new sunglasses on, I could hear people saying .. "her boyfriend did it." I wanted to scream, "I don't have one of them!"

The number of horrible stories other women shared with me, both at the time and since, was and still is really frightening.

Six months later I received \$2300 from **Victim's Compensation**. I knew the number..665-2187 or 1-800-563-0808 .. thanks to my dear departed friend, Janice Saul, who was always helping

women who had been beaten or raped. The financial assistance only eases the pain a little.

I am understanding more and more how hard it is for men to cope in this decaying world and why they lash out. Still.. women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities must learn how to protect themselves as best they can.

June Rose, a local Neighbourhood Helper and mother of four (or is it five now?!), tells her children, "Always watch who's around you - in front, beside and behind. Keep your distance." Another friend carries pepper spray (available for \$20 a case at the store across from Pigeon Park). She's only had to use it once, she says, but always feels better with it.

When I worked as security at Carnegie, I took several self-defense courses. The most valuable one was a **WENDO** course that was open to all women. Every woman broke a board with her hand at the end. Very empowering. It was there that I learned to put my keys between my fingers, chariot-wheel style, whenever I feel in danger. Too bad for me that that day I forgot to pay attention.

I don't think that it's a good idea to be high and alone (or with a possible oppressor) anywhere, anytime.

Remember that weapons we carry - burning cigarettes, broken mirrors, etc. - can be turned against us.

My six-year-old attended one self-defense course. He learned to wriggle, elbow, jab in the lower abdomen, spit in a hand and *scream!* He will take more courses.

I'm sure other people have good techniques as well; a sharing, self-defense session might be helpful. Much more likely, it'll get worse before it gets better.

By LEITH HARRIS

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY AT HARBOUR CENTRE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION CREDIT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

MAIN AND HASTINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

propose a series of lectures, seminars, workshops, etc. on the Downtown Eastside. The instructing and/or teaching will be done by the people who live and/or work in the Downtown Eastside community. A strong emphasis should be put on using local residents, wherever possible, to conduct workshops.

PURPOSE: To educate people who do not live here about our community.

- a) Are you, or would your organisation be interested in developing a course that would help educate people about the Downtown Eastside?
- b) Are you, or would your organisation be interested in teaching a course that would delve into issues surrounding the following:
 - 1) POVERTY
 - 2) HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 - 3) EMPLOYMENT TRAINING
 - 4) HEALTH/PUBLIC SAFETY
 - 5) BANKING - FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY SAVINGS

Downtown Eastside Lecture Series - Design Workshop

- ⇒ Who do you think we should be directing the lecture series to?
- ⇒ What do you think is important for people to know about these topic areas
 - Critical issues
 - Significant areas of achievement
- ⇒ What do you think would be a creative way to present this topic to people outside of this community?
- ⇒ Who, in our community, would be most appropriate to present this material?
- ⇒ What do you think would be an ideal number of participants for this presentation?
- ⇒ If there is any money generated from this series (all lecture series have to 100% cost recover), what collective cause in our community should the revenue be put towards?

"The original idea was an instructors' training program..." and the first meetings will be on Wednesday and

Thursday, October 16 & 17, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the old Shaw movie theatre, the 'E' Theatre, at 254 East Hastings. For more information, call Dave Brown at 685-2092.

**DOWNTOWN
EASTSIDE
YOUTH
ACTIVITIES
SOCIETY**

**STD CLINIC - 219 Main; Monday - Friday, 10a.m. - 6p.m.
NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; 9a.m. - 8p.m. everyday
Needle Exchange Van - on the street every night, 6p.m. -
2p.m. (except Mondays, 6p.m. - midnight)**

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The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association
can help you with:

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October 2, 1996

MEMO:

TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: DONALD

I am writing this to let you know that today I have handed in my resignation as Director of the Carnegie Centre. This is a decision that I have been considering over the past few months because I feel that I am beginning to enter that phase of work called the "burned out" phase. After 9 and a half years at the Carnegie Centre I'm finally running out of steam for the day to day grind that we face here and I believe it is time for me to move on to other things, to recover from the stress and gain some perspective on the past 10 years.

It has been a privilege to work with the staff over the years at Carnegie towards making this place the best damn community centre on the continent. Carnegie has been a huge part of my life and deciding to leave has been a very difficult process for me.

The City of Vancouver will be posting the Director's position in the next few days and I expect to be finished by the end of October or early November. Dan Tetrault will fill the Director's chair in an acting capacity after I leave until the hiring process is completed (probably in mid December).

What is MacPherson going to do now? Who knows? I'm casting my fate to the winds, so to speak. There may be other opportunities with the City in the future but at this time my main goal is to rest and spend some stress free time with my kids. We'll see where it leads.

I would like to thank all of you for your support over the years. I have felt it during some difficult times. Carnegie is a dynamic and changing place and I hope that all of you find more opportunities to make your contribution to its success in the future. I look forward to staying in touch with people here and am confident that Carnegie will continue to be a strong and vital part of the City's efforts to serve the Downtown Eastside community.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.