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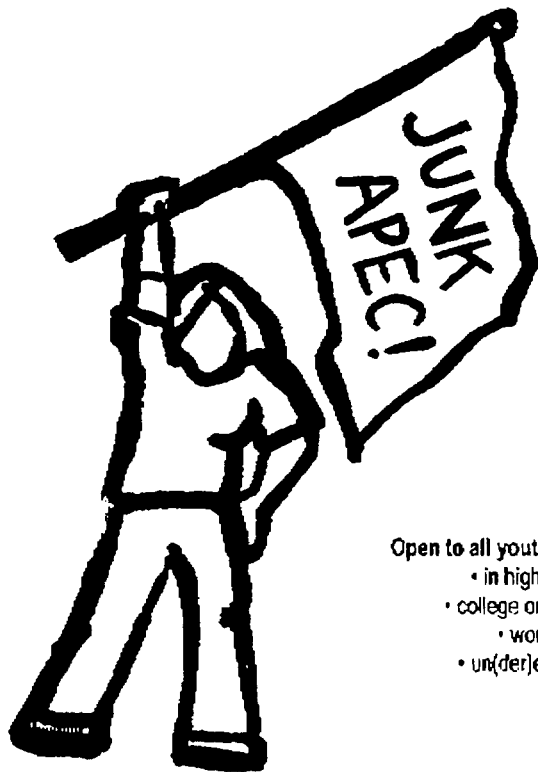
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The thin blue whine

The Downtown Eastside can be a tough place to live, to do community work, to earn a living, and yes, to be a police officer.

Maybe, the police need some extra sensitivity training before they get assigned to this neighborhood, because it seems there are a few attitude problems out there on the thin blue line.

ITEM: the hate-mongering newspaper columns by motorcycle cop Const. Mark Tonner in the Province that likened some residents to vampires and called our neighborhood Skid Road.

ITEM: the behavior of Con. #492 at a demonstration at the cop shop on August 20, protesting Tonner's columns. The smirking 492 tore up protestors' signs and was verbally abusive, telling them they're stupid and losers, should get a job and a haircut. Then he told people to kiss his ass and concluded with the claim that this represented community policing.

So far, these are the actions of only a few dinosaurs in blue. Generally, we get good cooperation through the neighborhood safety office, and the police higher-ups seem to be at least aware of the problems.

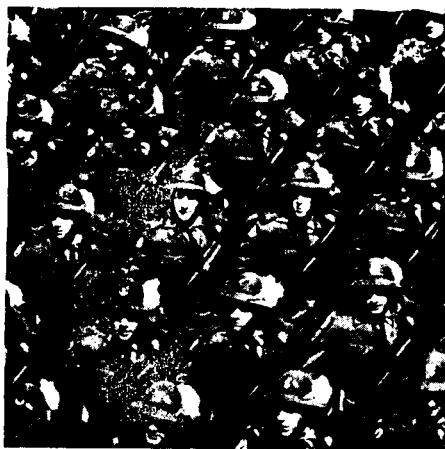
The new police chief, Bruce Chambers, held a meeting with community groups on Aug. 28. The groups laid out the situation for him. He seemed to be listening and made some soothing noises. Whether anything will come of it is another story.

Everyone knows that the police aren't the answer to improving the social conditions of the neighborhood. We need more services - detoxes, affordable housing, medical help, job training, opportunities for people to get off the street when they are ready.

Oppenheimer Park is a good example. It only became safer for families and children to be in the park when it got programming and staff year-round, not more police.

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But most residents seem willing to support the police in at least keeping a semblance of order and safety on the street. That support could vaporize if the police don't treat the community with the respect to which it is entitled.

Peter Rand



The uniform is a symptom of the mechanization of life, the emergence of mass mind, the submission to authority, the repression of conscience, the triumph of anonymity, the disease of abstraction.

And now for a private word...

Anybody who passes the Royal Bank branch at Hastings and Main regularly is aware of the bearded man who sits on the sidewalk with his hand held out in front of him, his crutches next to him. He doesn't bother anyone, just waits patiently for help from passersby.

On August 28, a blue-shirted bully-boy from the Chinatown Merchants Association forced him off the corner as if it was private property.

Two residents came by, and protested. The rentacop claimed that panhandling is illegal and "robbery." Somebody should explain the Criminal Code to him - panhandling is totally legal on public property, as long as it is not menacing or intimidating.

What is illegal is private police forces forcing people off a public sidewalk. That's what the rentacop did to this guy.

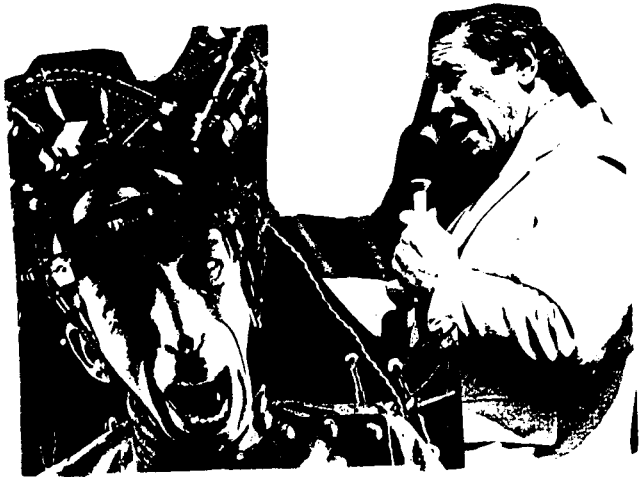
If you think the city police seem to lack accountability at time, just watch out for rentacops. Their mandate is to "clean up the streets" for the tourists and customers on behalf of their employers, the business "community." They do this by hassling residents - and their actions are unbelievably heartless as well as against the law.

All summer they have been strutting the streets of Gastown and Chinatown, rousting people and chasing them up to Hastings.

There needs to be a rein put on these terror tactics. The real police should make it clear to them that their illegal actions won't be tolerated.

The two residents who happened by the Royal Bank staged an impromptu panhandling session on the corner, and challenged bully-boy to do something about it. He backed off in the face of people who knew their rights.

The Royal Bank branch is well known for the demeaning way it treats welfare recipients. Maybe that's what that corner needs - a full community panhandle-in to make a point that should be obvious, public property is for the public, and not just for special interests.



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Leigh Donohue

(More police stuff
later in this Newsletter.)

Shelter

I looked for shelter
And found none
I slept on the street corner
I was cold

I searched for food
And found scraps
Bread that was dirty and old

I was filthy and sick
In need of care
But none was there for me

I was made derelict
Except for roaming the streets
There was no place for me

I chattered to myself as I roamed around
With no direction in mind
Through the vicious streets of the city
Half out of my mind

They tossed me out of the bus stop
Where I meant to spend the day

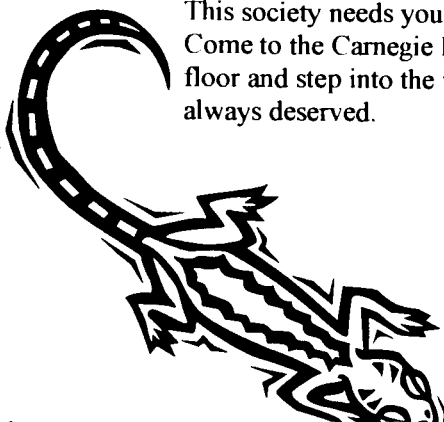
And the children and old ladies laughed at me
And told me to get out of the way

There was a time I had a good name
But I can't remember when

I had children, a home, and a good job
But its too painful to think of them
I'll probably die this broken creature
Nobody knowing who I am or used to be
They say this could have happened to anyone

Dear God why did it happen to me?

Sandy Valadon
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TAKE FIVE

5.

September the 8th is International Literacy Day.
Join the World to TAKE FIVE AND READ.
Take five minutes, five hours, five months or five
years out of your busy life and read. Read , share
and read again. Let enjoyment be your confidence
level . Let your abilities be measured by the
pleasures of giving to yourself and others. As a
student of life or a volunteer in someone else's life
your voice and theirs will always continue. Your
names are important! Your experiences are real !
This society needs you. It will always need you!
Come to the Carnegie Learning Center on the third
floor and step into the welcome that you've
always deserved.

Trashhopper says...

Well my raft finally made it out of China. I just
missed the Dalai Lama at the pier but he was busy
levitating. I've just arrived in Amsterdam (found a
short-cut via the Sahara Desert (sand-sailing!)). I
finished putting up my tent so I'm going to relax
for awhile. And no, I don't inhale. Send some e
mail.. and don't take no shit from Shitty Hall.

PS: Welcome back to the *Main & Hastings News-
letter*. Nice article by Todd Keller; the rent-a-cops
have already threatened to sue him! Yay!!!

On behalf of the seniors and volunteers, I would
like to thank the Carnegie for the outings I and
many others have been able to go on. I would like
to remember Tom Lewis' birthday: he would've
been 61 on August 26.

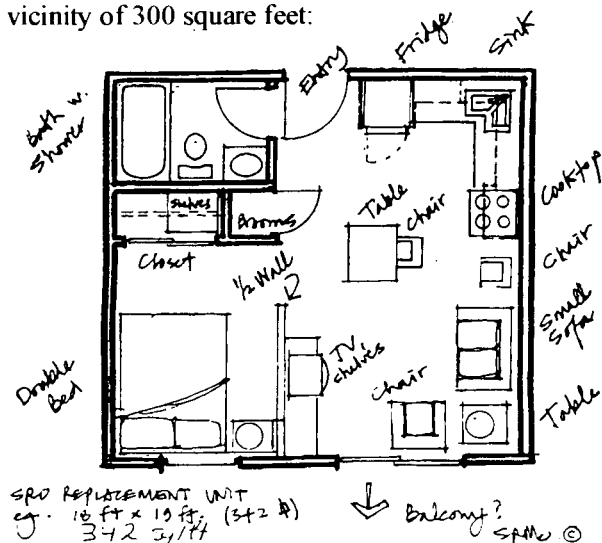
Carl McDonald

Less is less

Small suites are getting to be a big headache for our community. For the past two years, community groups in the Downtown Eastside have been meeting to try to figure out how to build and pay for the construction of small suites to replace ones that are being lost when hotels shut down or convert to other uses (i.e. for tourists).

So far, we have come to certain conclusions. People want a degree of "livability." That means the suites should be self-contained with their own bathroom and kitchen. The buildings should not be too large or crowded, and should contain common space.

This diagram shows what such a suite could look like. An architect estimates it would be in the vicinity of 300 square feet:



We have also learned that it is impossible for private industry to build such suites economically. They just can't make a profit on it. That's why it will take a public-private partnership - private money topped up by some government investment.

With this consensus, the community is able to assess proposed deals that developers bring forward. We quickly sent Brad Holme packing when he came up with his proposal to build what was essentially a mountain of egg-cartons to house people on Hastings Street.

Now another developer wants to build rooms of 175-200 square feet - up to 300 units in two side-by-side buildings across the street from Woodward's. About 35 people were on hand to get a look at this proposal at a DERA public meeting on August 23.

The reaction from the audience? Mostly very negative. Words like closets, insulting, monstrosities, warehousing, storage kennels and storage lockers were used. The proposal was especially criticised by people with long experience living in single rooms - Sonny Kenick, Eldon and Maggie Carmichael and Shawn Millar. Even the developer said, "Nobody wants to live in 200 square feet."

Details are sketchy, but it appears the developer would just build the project and then turn it over to a community group, which would have the responsibility for running it for decades to come. Finances are so tight, the group could eventually be faced with the prospect of raising rents or letting the standards of maintenance run down.

At the insistence of the city, one of the developer's partners has withdrawn from the process. That means the proposal is probably set back by months.

That's a good thing, because to try to rush something through like this could only cause a lot of bad feelings and end up with a bad project. In the meantime, we have to sharpen our pencils and come up with some funding mechanism that will give us larger spaces that are more suitable for human dignity - maybe like using welfare shelter allowance for upfront building costs, rather than give it all to landlords.

(The Carnegie Community Action Project, CAP, 689-0397, is one of the groups working on these economic projections.)

The new Portland Hotel is building liveable-sized suites, so are Bruce Eriksen Place and VanCity Place. And whether or not Woodward's goes ahead (it's not dead yet), there are 200 full-sized units allocated to the community from the provincial money pledged for Woodward's.

Yes, these are hard choices for hard times. It's sometimes easier to say, let's build something, anything, and get on with it. But this first project will be a trendsetter. If we allow units that are not livable, then other developers will line up to build them, too.

That would set a new bottom line and standard, and it will be hard to rise above it, and build full-sized units again. We will wind up with a neighborhood of human warehouses.

Our community and our long-term residents deserve better than that.

Muggs Sigurgeirson



\$RICE WINES

By Real Wheels



What is rice wine? (cooking wine, and fermented rice and alcohol duh): It's used very little in some chinese restaurants for cooking.

However, this wine is also very inexpensive for many a people in the Downtown Eastside.

To buy this rice wine in a chinese store; would cost about \$1.59, which the contents are 38% alcohol and 12% salt.

Now some of the 24 hour stores and corner markets sell rice wine for \$6.00 a bottle for the average alcoholic in the Downtown Eastside, because of it's 38% alcohol and 12% salt. It's a quick drunk and a knock out one at that.

Let's average it out: 13 bottles in a case, times it by \$6.00 and then times that by 30 and then by 12 which is approximately \$56,160 a year a person would make: that's not the important issue-the issue is the corner market and or 24 hour store don't have to retain this as a tax right off. This is money in their pocket period.

This money is \$\$\$\$'s from the people in the Downtown Eastside hypothetically they can't really afford.

Why do our people in the Downtown Eastside drink this stuff: It's cheap and it's readily available in any corner market and or 24 hour store. As well, people from outside of the neighborhood come to our community in their fancy cars and sell this rice wine from the back of their trunk.

After an alcoholic drinks this stuff, they are falling down drunk. NO knowledge of where they are and who they are. With that amount of salt in the wine it can do a heavy duty damage to the kidneys, bladder, liver and messes up the brain big time.

Some of our people have ended up in the hospital in a coma: Never to wake up again and or stay in the hospital in a vegetative state. First Nations persons are high on the list for being hospitalized for severe kidney and liver damage.

It's possible this rice wine could be worse than a high on any illegal drug. I call it a drug because of its effect on many of the people of the Downtown Eastside.

As Ginseng has done to so many people - such as burning out their voice box and some of our peoples memories.

This rice wine that lays throughout our streets is killing: and It can be put to a stop. Because it is a cooking wine and not labelled as a killing wine.

SEARCHING FOR THE SELF

Garry Gust

I walked up to London Drugs on Granville street to get some on-sale toilet paper (24 rolls for \$6.98) and saw a younger teenage girl sitting there leaning against the store, with an upside down hat beside her containing some dimes and nickels.

She wasn't verbally panhandling, but just sat there looking at people after they passed by.

It was lunch time and a lot of office "girls" walked by her. I wondered what these liberated office girls thought of the young teen just sitting there all day while they had to put in eight hours of work.

Then it dawned on me that this shabbily dressed young lady was studying the passing office workers with perhaps an influencing impression.

She wouldn't be sitting there for the rest of her life, and unwittingly, she was getting an education on what the older girls were capable of getting: nice clothes, money for lunch, and independence.

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I reminded myself that a scant nine years ago I too would sit all day doing nothing on the second floor of the Carnegie.

I would sit staring at the floor and all I saw was shoes walking by.

One pair of shoes in particular passed by with alarming frequency, and I later found out they belonged to one Danny Korica.

Danny was a husky, white-haired, quick-moving, youthful-looking senior citizen who did volunteer work throughout the Carnegie.

I looked up as his shoes zoomed by one day and felt slightly guilty, but greatly impressed that someone older than me could move with such graceful speed as he transported great trolly

loads of dishes from the theatre to the kitchen.

'No old guy's gonna show me up' I thought. And slowly but surely I gave up sitting on the second floor everyday doing nothing, and started creating little projects for myself to keep occupied.

Thank you, Mr. Korica.

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Getting back to the young teen sitting outside London Drugs, I thought by the cut of her clothes that she was probably from further up the Fraser Valley, near a farming community.

As teens do, she probably got bored and restless, and decided to strike out on her own to the big city.

I imagined her previously sitting in the living room as her father watched the evening news, and her interest perking up as a disgruntled store owner appears on the screen pointing at cool looking kids squatting on the Granville sidewalk, and complaining about their presence to the TV camera.

Did she become fascinated by her age-peers sitting there getting so much attention?

Did she get a yearning to be there with them on TV for all her schoolmates to see?

Who Knows?

But, for sure, she's not wasting her time if she stays safe and learns from her eyes.

SEPTEMBER hath 30 days.



This is the month in which the world began,
A much better cradle than cold, frozen Jan.
How joyous our harvest, our blessings and future
If we might start now our hopes to nurture.

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In The Dumpster

Dear fellow bidders + bidderettes: Mr. McBinner needs a rest. All summer long I've been plagued by the noise of the punks outside the nightclubs along Powell, Alexander and Water streets.

Last issue I had admitted to making a bomb threat at Mora's, on Powell Street, but it was edited out. My point was not to advocate this as a standard way of dealing with these suburban yahoos - but other people in my area have far worse plans for these clubs.

One of my neighbours was drunk and started talking of firebombing one place. I talked him out of it but the noise kept coming.. sometimes it goes on 'til 5 a.m.

The mayor won't do anything about it, so I guess somebody must do something. Anyway, here are the top 10 reasons Vancouver sucks:

(10) Mayor Owen; (9) Mayor Owen; (8) Shitty Hall; (7) Gastown Gestapo Group (*Triple G*); (6) Mayor Owen; (5) Air pollution; (4) No detoxes; (3) Poor-bashing; (2) It just does; (1) Mayor Owen

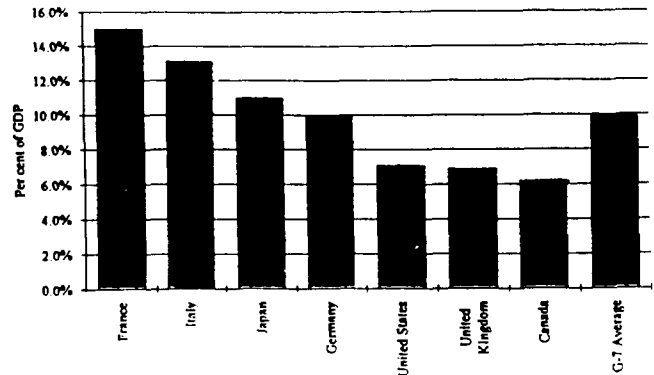
May The Bins Be With You. And Hey! let's be careful out there.

Now for the **Ken Report**:

Volume is way up at United We Can. The BC Refund for Recyclables had its first meeting and all looks good. Ken is going on a long, well-earned vacation. Rumour has it he's going to try and find Trashhopper. Be Safe. Keep it clean.

By MR. McBINNER

Corporate Contributions to Public Revenue, G-7 Countries, 1991



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Dear Gary Groove,

How come all us Eastside citizens have to put up with all the drug sellers on Hastings Street from Abbott to Main and in front of the Carnegie Centre while the west end only has panhandlers? And why do the rent-a-cops in Grastown think they have more power and pull than the police? Why does the mayor only care about prancing in a parade?

Helpless in the East End

Dear Helpless,

Maybe the mayor gets a cut on drug sales, or maybe he just likes parades. As for the Gastown rent-a-cops, I heard they are on their way out as somebody might be suing them.

Gary Groove

FEEL FREE to write to me, Gary Groove, on any subject as long as you aren't a racist or sexist. I would like to thank Carl MacDonald for getting me on the Internet and telling me about the *Carnegie Newsletter*.

Write to Gary Groove,

Carnegie Community Centre,
401 Main St., Vancouver V6A 2T7

"ONE TYPE OF BEING, THE HUMAN BEING, BELIEVES THAT ALL OF BEING EXISTS FOR IT."



The Political Response Group (P.R.G.)

1. We are open and accountable to the community of poor people in the Downtown Eastside.
2. We continually advocate for the needs of our community.
3. We channel the anger of the people of the Downtown Eastside toward positive actions that defend our community.
4. We illustrate the capacity of the people of the Downtown Eastside to rise above our oppressive circumstances - united and strong.
5. We inform outsiders of our needs and concerns of a real community under siege.
6. We are independent of government funding and work in co-operation with the people and agencies of our neighbourhood.

People wishing to get involved in organizing in the Downtown Eastside around neighbourhood issues please come to the PRG office at:

578 Powell St., Mondays at 1:00 p.m. We are currently working on housing, and the lack of decent housing in the Downtown Eastside. All are welcome. Call 683-4797 for more information.

BIRTHDAY PRESENT by JULIE CYN

Michael, are you ready? Camera rolling? Happy birthday, mum.

Wow! It's been fifteen months since I came to Vancouver. Vancouver is such a beautiful place. Nice weather, friendly people. And I'm fine. I go to UBC every day, studying medicine. Everything is going very well, and I miss you. And... that's a lie. You really wanna know how I am? I miss you sometimes, but I hate you most of the time. And to tell you the truth, I already left UBC. Studying medicine makes me feel like I'm wasting my life. I know you love me, mum. You want me to have a good career so you want me to be a doctor. Mum, you give me too much pressure. You love me too much. I'm suffering from your love. You think being a doctor is a good career, huh? But it's not for me. Please, leave me alone.

Michael, would you please stop the camera for a minute?

Take that part out, Michael. I can't imagine how angry my mum will be when she watches this video. You think it's time to tell her the truth? You want me to continue? Mum, why do you have so strong a prejudice towards musicians? Remember, whenever I was singing or playing the keyboard at home, you would yell at me? "Stop that! You're wasting your time. You see those musicians singing and playing musical instruments in the street, begging money from the passengers, I tell you, Julie, if you keep studying music, you'll become a beggar."

Mum, you don't know what I'm doing now? I'm studying music. I've written a bunch of songs and I'm recording my demo tape. No matter if I become a beggar, poor musician or whatever, I'm responsible for it.

Don't worry about me. Leave me alone, please

Anyway, Mother, Happy Birthday!

How's that, Michael?

The Nicaraguan Literacy Crusade

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From 1936 to 1979, the Somoza family ran Nicaragua much like a private estate. "I don't want educated people, I want oxen." said Antonio Somoza Garcia. About 50 percent of the Nicaraguan people were illiterate, and only 0.3 percent of the population completed higher education.

After years of resistance, the Nicaraguan people, under the leadership of the National Liberation Front (F.S.L.N.), forced Somoza to flee the country on July 17, 1979. A new Sandinista government replaced the dictator.

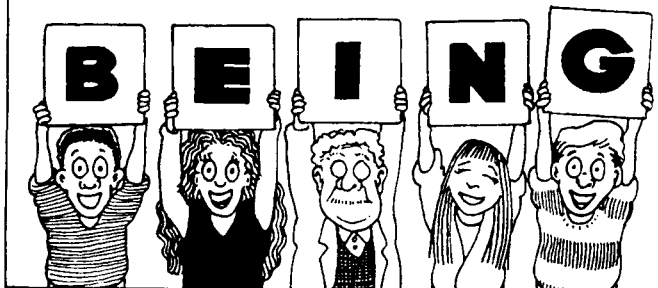
Liberation energy flared like the sun. The people believed in themselves. "What makes a man believe in his own potential as a man? What makes a woman believe that she is capable of anything? no one taught us..." observed Dora Maria Telles, one of the Sandinista leaders.

The Literacy Crusade, also known as the second war of liberation, was one of the first projects of the Sandinista government. The crusade ran from the middle of March to the middle of August, 1980. In five months, with a huge effort that won Nicaragua the 1980 UNESCO literacy prize, 100,000 literacy volunteers taught reading and writing to over 400,000 Nicaraguans, most of whom were peasants.

Many of the literacy teachers were middle-class high school students who had volunteered for the project. About 60,000 of these "brigadistas" lived with peasant families. They saw for themselves the poverty in which a majority of Nicaraguans lived, and they experienced the dignity and pride of those who worked the land. "you teach us to read and write, and we'll teach you to work the land," the peasants said.

The Nicaraguan Literacy Crusade showed that a successful literacy campaign is directly related to hope for a better life, not just for a single individual, but for all the people. The Sandinista leaders were able to channel the enormous energy released by the victory over Somoza into the reconstruction of a new society. The crusade helped to build a network of grassroots

Only by realizing that humanity is one being among many and merely part of an all-encompassing Being can we begin to live in harmony with the rest of the world.



organizations that were to become the base for popular participation in the revolution.

Before going to rural communities, the young brigadistas received training in popular education. They learned how to begin a dialogue with the people that had three parts: (1) we observe our reality (discussions often started with a photograph): (2) we interpret our reality: (3) we transform our reality.

Even though the Sandinistas lost the February, 1990 elections to a coalition of fourteen political groups (UNO) supported by the United States, the dream of a just society is still alive. Times have changed, however. Fernando Cardenal, the former minister of education with the Sandinistas, believes "the era of armed revolution is over for our countries. We have to work for the long haul, and that includes serious popular education". Cardenal goes on to say, "we are in this cause because it is just, not because it is fast...you need faith, vision...the important thing is that we make the road."

Sandy Cameron

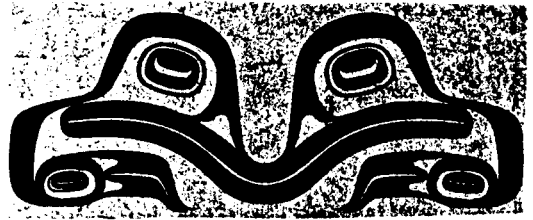
MY STORY

My name is Florence and I am a woman that lives in Vancouver. I see a lot of people on the streets and I help the people out when I can. The people sleep on the street and I have slept on the street too, and I hate it. My mom left me on the street when I was 11 years old, and I have seen little children on the streets too. It makes me look at the people on the streets today. It makes me cry to see the people do the things they do. I see people die on the streets and hotel rooms and I am looking at me. My mom died in hotel rooms and I lived in hotel rooms. The people in BC came to Vancouver and people from the USA and Saskatchewan came too, and they see the people sleep on the streets. I lived in Vancouver when my mom came down from Prince Rupert BC, I was 11 years old. She left me on the street and I hate her for it. I have 4 girls and 2 boys but I see 2 of my girls and they are in Saskatchewan and I love them all. Sometimes I hate living in Vancouver but I live in town and I take it in my heart to help the people that sleep on the streets. I like helping the people on the street and I like writing stories about them. When you people read this story I am seeing a picture of a little girl before I judge her, and I see her mother go home with a john each night and I cry myself to sleep at night. And when I see a picture of a little boy before I judge him just look at your father and you will see the little boy in him and it will make you cry at nights. The picture of these children makes you want to help them, but you cannot help all the people on the street day by day. Take it to your heart to help them on the streets and you will not cry at night. Tonight a woman asked me for just cents for her to eat so I take her to a cafe and buy her something to eat. When I do I cry and I see her eat and eat and she was happy, and it makes me happy that I can help her be happy. I turn and walk out the door, she just made me cry. Who are you, and where do you sleep. I know you're at home and we all have homes but the people on the streets have no home and the government will not help them. The

Downtown Eastside's people need your help, and I'm sure we can do it if we all put our heads together. We can help the young people. If you have it in your hearts you will. Please ask your friends to help. I have this in my mind day by day. Welfare will not help them. I am writing this story to everybody so you can read the story about me and the people on the streets.

The End

Florence Jean Green



EMBROIDERY

You could say embroidery. You could say needle work. There's a few different ways of saying it. It is cross-stitch work. I have to have a needle and thread to show you, but I'll try to explain. You make a cross on a material. You make a pattern out of crosses. You could make it big. You could make it small. Any way you want it. You have to use your head.

I'll tell you how I learned. I live in a rooming house. One lady, she was sitting at a table doing the work. I stood behind her and watched how she was doing it. Then she got up to go to the stove. She was cooking. Then I sat down and started doing what she was doing. When she saw that, she said, "don't touch that. You're gonna ruin it." I said, "maybe, maybe not." Then when she saw what I was doing, she said, "you did it perfect!"

Mary Arrowsmith



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Community Action Project

September 1, 1997

Want to get involved ! Call 689-0397 or come see us at Carnegie (2nd flr.)

***News Flash : City Strike forces
cancellation of the Sept. 8
Woodwards' Development
Permit Hearing** (see back page)

It works in San Francisco !

*"Out of all the regulations that exist, the Residential
Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition Ordinance has
been one the most effective at securing hotels for
low-income renters.*

Its been absolutely vital."

(Randy Shaw, Tenderloin Housing Clinic, San Francisco)

Randy Shaw's comments speak for themselves regarding the usefulness of an anti-conversion/demolition by-law. CCAP recently spoke to Mr. Shaw, a San Francisco lawyer, who has been involved with San Francisco's hotel anti-conversion/demolition ordinance (the same as a by-law here in Canada) ever since its creation back in 1979.

For over seventeen years, San Francisco has had a regulation controlling the conversion and demolition of residential hotels. As reported in past CCAP newsletters, the regulation was instrumental in slowing down the loss of residential hotels due to tourist conversion. It also created a reserve of money, funded by fees paid by hotel owners in-lieu of converting residential units to tourist units.

According to Mr. Shaw the hotel conversion ordinance has gone through a number of changes over the years based on criticisms from both owners and neighbourhood organizations. One remarkable change is that, beginning in 1990, enforcement and monitoring is largely the responsibility of neighbourhood organizations, like Mr. Shaw's Tenderloin Housing Clinic.

Also included in the 1990 amendment was a doubling of the charge (pay-in-lieu) that hotel owners must pay to convert residential units to tourist units. It used to be 40%, now it's 80% the cost of a comparable unit, somewhere between \$48,000 and \$80,000 per unit to convert. Since 1990, no units have been legally converted.

There have been problems with the regulation. For example, some hotel owners are leaving their units vacant during the non-tourist season in order to rent these units to tourists at high daily rental rates during the tourist season. As of yet, this problem still remains, however, compared to the number of units saved from conversion it has been a small price pay.

Even San Francisco's administration hand book explicitly argues the importance of this regulation when it states:

(1) It is in the public interest that conversion of residential hotel units be regulated and that remedies be provided where unlawful conversion has occurred in order to protect the resident tenants and to conserve the limited housing resources.

(San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 41, Residential Hotel Unit Conversion and Demolition, 1990)

Vancouver is just about to consider creating similar legislation as in San Francisco. We are bound to run into similar issues as those in San Francisco. According to Randy Shaw it is critical that neighbourhood organizations speak effectively and forcibly regarding the importance of creating hotel conversion and demolition controls. An effective neighbourhood voice was a major reason why the 1990 amendments in San Francisco included a doubling of the charge to convert. This is good lesson for CCAP and the Downtown Eastside to remember.

CCAP WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

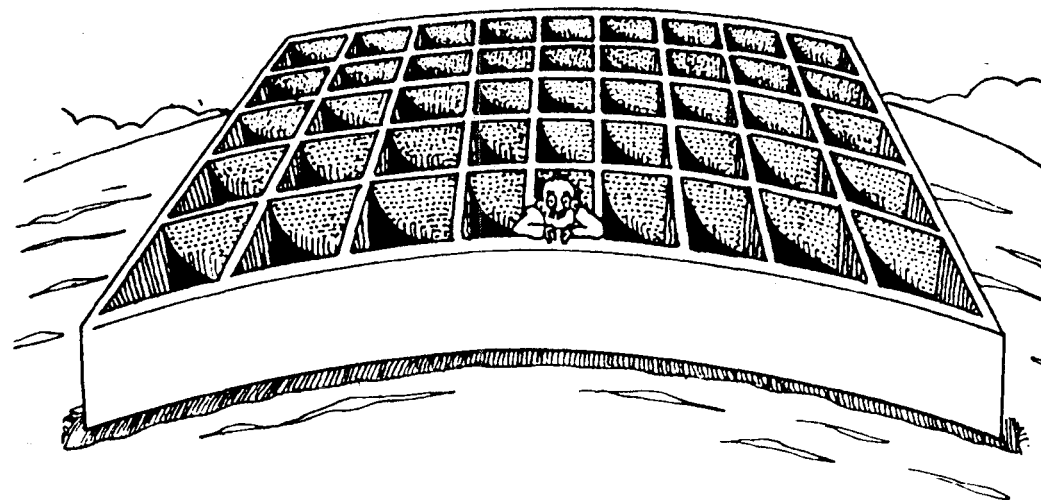
CCAP recently held workshops at the **Woodbine, Pender and Columbia Hotels**. The workshops are a chance for CCAP and residents of the hotels to exchange information regarding housing and development issues happening in the Downtown Eastside.

This time the discussion included an update on the Woodward's situation, condo developments in the neighbourhood and the community debate over small suites. Related to small suites, much of the discussion confirms what CCAP had already discovered in its livability survey. That is, that the size of a self-contained suite is somewhere close to 300 sq./ft., if it is to be livable, long-term housing.

CCAP is organizing a workshop for the first time in the **Heritage Hotel**. Marie, the manager, was very supportive of holding a workshop.

More Evictions Due To Conversion

According to Main and Hastings Community Development Society, residents of the **Clarence Hotel**, 515 Seymour St., 40 units, have received eviction letters. The owners apparently want to convert to a backpackers hostel. Sound familiar. Main and Hastings is continuing to investigate in order to get a better idea of what's happening.



City Strike forces cancellation of Woodwards Development Permit Hearing, September 8

(to be rescheduled once the strike is over)

Woodwards Chronology

(Here's a brief outline of what has happened with Woodward's since its closure as a department store)

- **January, 1993** - Woodward's chain goes bankrupt, Hastings' St. store closes for good
- **March/April ? 1995** - Fama Holdings Ltd., announces plans to redevelop the site with a commercial and market condo (approx. 360 units) project. The Downtown Eastside community begins its campaign protesting Fama's development proposal. This includes the Carnegie's Community Action Project.
- **June 19, 1995** - Development Permit Hearing for Fama's development proposal. Fama is able to convert existing commercial space to residential space in return for heritage preservation. Fama is granted an additional 150,000 sq./ft of residential space than what is allowed under the existing zoning. No concessions are made regarding affordable housing. The DP is approved.
- **June ?, 1995** - Opportunity Lost !! - Real Estate Services division of the City of Vancouver goes ahead and buys the Woodward's parking lot for approximately 10.2 million. The sale means Fama only paid a little over 6 million for the purchase of Woodward's.
- **Summer, 1995** - Summer of protest and lobbying over Fama's plans
- **January/February, 1996** - The protest pays off. Premier Mike Harcourt, just before leaving office, announces that a deal has been made between



Fama, the province and the city to include nearly 200 units of co-op housing in Woodward's. The Woodward's Co-op Committee is established to negotiate the co-op component of the project.

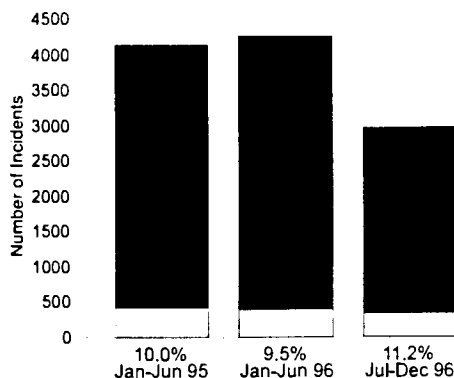
- **November, 1996** - Development Permit Board amends earlier approval to include co-op (197 units).
- **April 4, 1997** - Fama backs out of co-op component. After 14 months of negotiation Fama Holdings President, Kassem Aghtai, decides that he wants to do an all condo project. Community goes ballistic, spray painting and demonstration commence immediately.
- **April 18-19, 1997** - Woodward's vigil and demo
- **April 21, 1997** - Development Permit Hearing for revised Woodward's project without co-op is canceled, partly due to the level of protest expressed by the Downtown Eastside
- **April, 1997** - Fama is granted a demolition permit to commence removal of inner walls, old mechanical systems, etc. Fama is not allowed to do any new construction, only demolition.
- **July 28, 1997** - Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Michael Farnworth reaffirms that the 200 units intended for Woodward's are still available for Woodward's or some other site(s) in the neighbourhood.
- **July 30, 1997** - Urban Design Panel gives unanimous approval for the Woodward's design concept.
- **September 8, 1997** - Another Development Permit Hearing for Woodward's. Canceled.

Downtown Eastside Crime Infractions

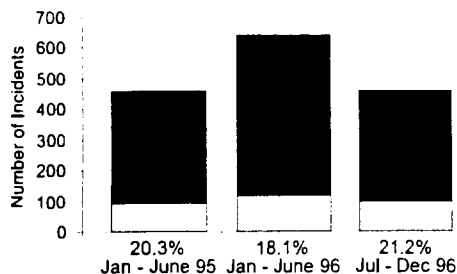


Downtown Eastside Incidents (as a Percentage of City Total)

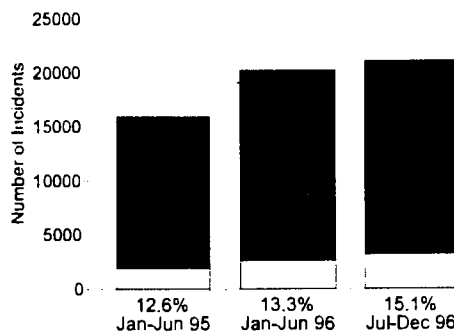
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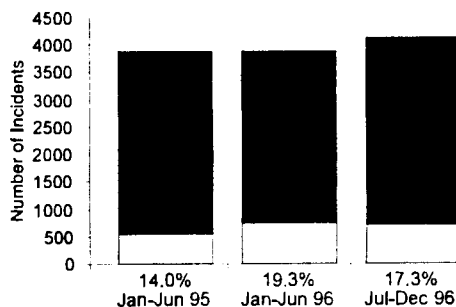
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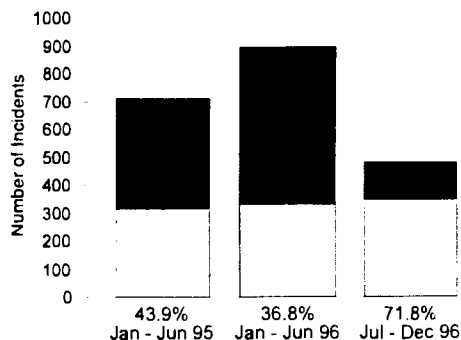
Theft from Auto



Violent Crime



Drug Arrests



□ Downtown Eastside ■ City

Note: July - December 1995 data not available due to labour dispute

Source: Vancouver Police Department

August 20, 1997, 3:00p.m.

312 Main St. Vancouver

We are picketing today to protest the articles written by Constable Mark Tonner in the Vancouver Province. He has used his column as a platform to demonize the Downtown Eastside Community and dehumanize its residents. He uses his "experience" as a police officer to gain credibility for his uninformed opinions. The Vancouver Police Department have allowed him to wear his uniform in his photograph above the articles, which he signs as a Constable. This lends the articles a credibility they do not deserve.

WE WANT TO TELL CONSTABLE TONNER

* Those unfortunate enough to be addicted to drugs suffer a medical condition and just like alcoholics should not be thrown into jail for 25 years. They are human beings not "vampires".

* The Downtown Eastside is one of Vancouver's most stable neighborhoods. It is a community, not "skid row".

* The so-called "war on drugs" Mr. Tonner advocates has been tried in the United States for years. It has failed miserably. Jails in America are full of the poor, and a disproportionate number of black males. Despite billions and billions of dollars being channelled into the "war on drugs," the USA has the highest illegal use of narcotics in the whole world.

**WE CALL ON THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF
THE VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT,**

* Not to permit Mark Tonner to appear in Police uniform in the photograph that accompanies his article, and not to sign off his articles as a constable. He is welcome to continue his ranting, but to use his credibility as a member of the Vancouver police force to lend weight to what is strictly personal opinion, and is not based in fact, is misleading and an abuse of power.

* To distribute to all members including Mark Tonner, a copy of the most recent report on Harm Reduction from Switzerland. It may be interesting for his officers to know that Harm Reduction does actually work, unlike the failed American model many of his officers are publicly advocating.

* That the police department provide theoretical training to its members around the psychology and criminology of addiction. Such courses are available at Simon Fraser University.

* That the police department donate the cash paid to Mark Tonner by the province newspaper group to charitable organizations working in the community that he has exploited for monetary gain.

* That the Chief Constable confirm in writing to the community that Mark Tonner's views are not those of the Vancouver Police Department.

CHIEF CONSTABLE CHAMBERS

2120 Cambie St.

Vancouver BC V5Z 4N6

August 20, 1997

Dear Chief Constable Chambers:

I am writing to you out of great concern in regards to a peaceful picket that took place today outside 312 Main St. I attended this peaceful event which began at 3:00 p.m., and as a result I was assaulted by one of your police officers, #492, who verbally threatened me and then tried to break my thumbs and 3 of my fingers as I was peacefully picketing.

I then approached a member of the Vancouver Police Department, David Boyd, who refused to take my complaint. He suggested that I write to you with my concern.

I write to you and the mayor in hopes that you will seriously follow this matter as it is highly disturbing that a Vancouver Police Department Officer should be allowed to assault an innocent citizen. I would like to request a formal apology and compensation for his violent act.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Thanks and sincerity,

Pamela Fairfield

cc. Mayor Philip Owen

COP 492 - **armed and dangerous**

Garry
Gust

Cop 492 grabbed the narrow plywood bulletin board and snapped it in two. His face snarling like a mad dog, he broke another piece of the board and threw it contemptuously on the sidewalk outside the main door of the police station.

The makeshift bulletin board, holding sheets of paper outlining the grievances of about 75 protesters, was placed near the entrance of the police station only moments before.

Now it lay broken in bits while cop 492 and 7 other armed blueshirts stood blocking the entrance, forbidding spokespeople of the protesters to enter and present the grievances to the Chief of police.

"Get a job." "Get a haircut," said cop 492 to the spokespeople as he shoved them back with a sick smile on his face.

What was intended to be a peaceful demonstration, against degrading police remarks about the Downtown Eastside in the Province newspaper, was turning violently ugly.

Cop 492 manhandled four citizens in a seven minute period, until his superiors saw he was losing control of his faculties, and ordered him back into the station.

Only then did a sergeant come out and say that one spokesperson could enter the station and present the grievances to the front desk.

But with cop 492 inside, members of the crowd shouted it was too dangerous to send in just one person. The shouting increased until a man and a young woman were allowed entry.

Warning: if you're ever stopped by a cop wearing the number 492 on his right

chest, immediately ask to call your lawyer. This person has shown by his behavior on the 20th, to be one psychotic individual prone to quick violence.

It's become apparent, by the police's excessive force on Aug 20th, that the attitude of the new police chief is **no one** in the Downtown Eastside has the same chartered rights as other Canadian citizens. A police chief who will gladly parade around with uptown homosexuals, but will not meet with peaceful demonstrators, choosing instead to send out his bully boys to refuse the delegation's entry into a public building.

The worst case scenario here is that where the condo developers failed to drive out the economically challenged from the Downtown Eastside; the police will get rid of us through intimidation and disparaging articles in the major newspapers.

It might soon be time to appeal to the provincial government or the provincial ombudsman about the fascist behavior of our local officials.



A Question for Justice

In the Christian religion the belief is that only one perfect man has ever walked this earth...the state nailed him to a cross, so how are your chances for justice?

James Lisik, Garry Kuffner, Guy Paul Morin, and David Milgaard. All innocent men thrown into prison by the state. False or trumped - up evidence gathered by police officers who would choose to ignore anything that didn't support their case against them.

These were high profile cases. But still a countless number of unjust acts are committed every day by overzealous policemen. Ask Wayne Chan, ask any Native Indian, or a black man who drives a nice car. What is scary is that really no one is immune from the excesses of police behaviour.

If you lived in the neighbourhood of 8th and Discovery, situated in the middle of Point Grey, and just happened to be standing on the corner, you would have been a witness to the following:

An old man pushing a bicycle up a long, grinding hill. His bicycle carries two ladders with an old beat-up yellow bucket attached. Perched on top, fastened with a piece of cord, sits a battered grey - coloured pack containing a few personal effects.

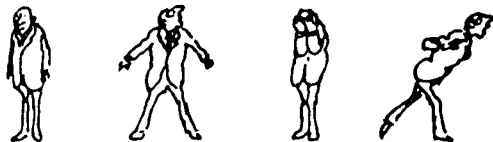
"Strange", you might say. Most certainly different. A fascinating exercise in creative transportation. But not to the State's way of thinking. For you see, according to the State you are watching a suspicious individual, a possible threat, a person to be investigated.

You watch as the old man is confronted and then interrogated. You watch as he is sprayed in the face and then brutally beaten to the ground. You watch him being handcuffed and mercilessly thrown into a waiting van. You watch as his belongings are confiscated and hauled away.

What you will not see is that he will be stripped, searched, photographed, fingerprinted, and thrown into a cell. All done by the State in the name of public safety. This leaves you with a question. One that must be asked over and over...if we have the police to protect us from criminals, then who do we have to protect us from the police ???

Michael James McLellan

I AM ALONE.
THE BEAST IS GONE.
I MOURN FOR THE BEAST.
I SEARCH FOR THE BEAST.



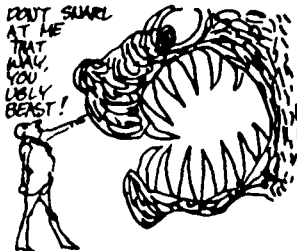
BEAST! BEAST!
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BEAST!



DON'T STARE AT ME THAT WAY, YOU UGLY BEAST!



I AM ALONE.



COME BACK! COME BACK! I'LL DIE IF YOU DON'T COME BACK, BEAST!



THE BEAST IS MY HOME.



What is a Community Health Committee?

As a part of their commitment to public involvement, the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board created 7 Community Health Committees (CHCs) throughout the region to advise them on health issues and priorities. CHCs discuss local issues, build consensus on priorities and develop recommendations and strategies for solutions to community problems.

Community Health Committee #2 covers the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, Gastown and Grandview-Woodlands.

Who is on CHC #2 now?

David Brown - Downtown Eastside

Dorothy Choy - Grandview-Woodland

Michael Egan - Grandview-Woodland

Yvonna Haas - Grandview-Woodland

Catalina Hernandez - Grandview-Woodland

Henry Hoekema - Grandview-Woodland

Rod Mabee - Downtown Eastside

How can I Contact the CHC?

Write or drop in at:

#110 - First floor, 425 Carrall St.,

Vancouver, BC V6B 6E3

Ph: 682-3088 Fax: 682-7745

What issues is the CHC working on now?

Many residents of our neighbourhoods participated in Listening Surveys and Kitchen Table Talks, read reports and studies, discussed their findings and agreed by consensus that the priority issues at this time are:

- ⇒ the health care system discriminates against some people - especially the mentally ill, transgendered people, people who do not speak or read English well, and the homeless.
- ⇒ our area has the highest rate of poverty in the Region. Poverty is directly related to health.
- ⇒ alcohol and drug addiction causes suffering in individuals and families and divides and weakens our community.

We would like to hear from you! Join us at one of our meetings or invite us to one of yours.

Working together for better health works!

What is the CHC doing about these issues?

1. We have developed principles to guide alcohol and drug services based on community values and are promoting those values as drug and alcohol programs are reviewed.
2. We are partnering with Britannia Community Services, REACH Clinic and other provincial services to create an integrated community health centre on the Britannia site. Called "Community Place", the new health centre will improve access to services for those people who have not been well served in the past.
3. We have been working with the Mental Health and Children & Youth Population Health Advisory Committees and others to share information about issues and to identify ways that we can work together to improve the health care system.

When and where does the CHC meet?

We meet twice a month - the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

On the 2nd Monday we meet in the Downtown Eastside or Strathcona, and on the 4th Monday we meet in Grandview-Woodland. Call our office for exact locations.

Who can join the CHC?

People who are:

- interested in working with others to improve the health of the community;
- able to volunteer for 15 to 20 hours per month, living within the boundaries of CHC #2;
- not receiving employment income from the Ministry of Health in the Vancouver/Richmond Health Region.

are eligible for membership. Call **682-3088** for a nomination package.

What commitment do I have to make if I want to join?

We need people who can commit to attending meetings and other events for up to 20 hours per month. You have a choice of a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

What are the principles of the V/RHB?

1. Public involvement is essential to the health care system.
2. Information will be available to service providers and the public to promote a broader understanding of health and support policy, service and administration.
3. The framework for the delivery of health care will be based on the ideals of integrity, excellence, social justice and equitable access to service.
4. The health care system will expand its focus from illness management to approaches that recognize the broader determinants of health.
5. Services will be integrated and coordinated.
6. Innovations in new partnerships and collaborative models, with special emphasis on moving support 'closer to home'.
7. Health services will be evaluated on the basis of measurable outcomes, subject to independent analysis.
8. The V/RHB will bring about needed changes by using existing resources in the most appropriate, effective and efficient manner possible.
9. Respect for both the health care user and health care provider will be upheld.
10. Research and education will be highly valued as essential means to ensure constant improvements to the quality of health and health services.
11. The health care system will be administered in a streamlined, non-bureaucratic fashion.
12. Full support for the principles of universal Medicare, with the recognition that health care must remain under non-profit public administration, accountable and open to input and direction from the public and health care providers.

Silent Retreat for Inner City Folks



at Camp Fircom,
Gambier Island

From Friday, September 12 to
Thursday, September 18, 1997

Register by:

Calling Tom, Neighbourhood
Helpers at: 254-6207 **ASAP**.

or drop by and visit:

Marg Green, c/o 509 East
Hastings or call her at: 254-2194.

This is open to anyone living or working in the Inner City community who is serious about deepening their spiritual life, strengthening their inner spirit, continuing the healing journey.

We propose to offer a week-long silent retreat with spiritual guides from the First Nations, Christian, and Buddhist traditions.

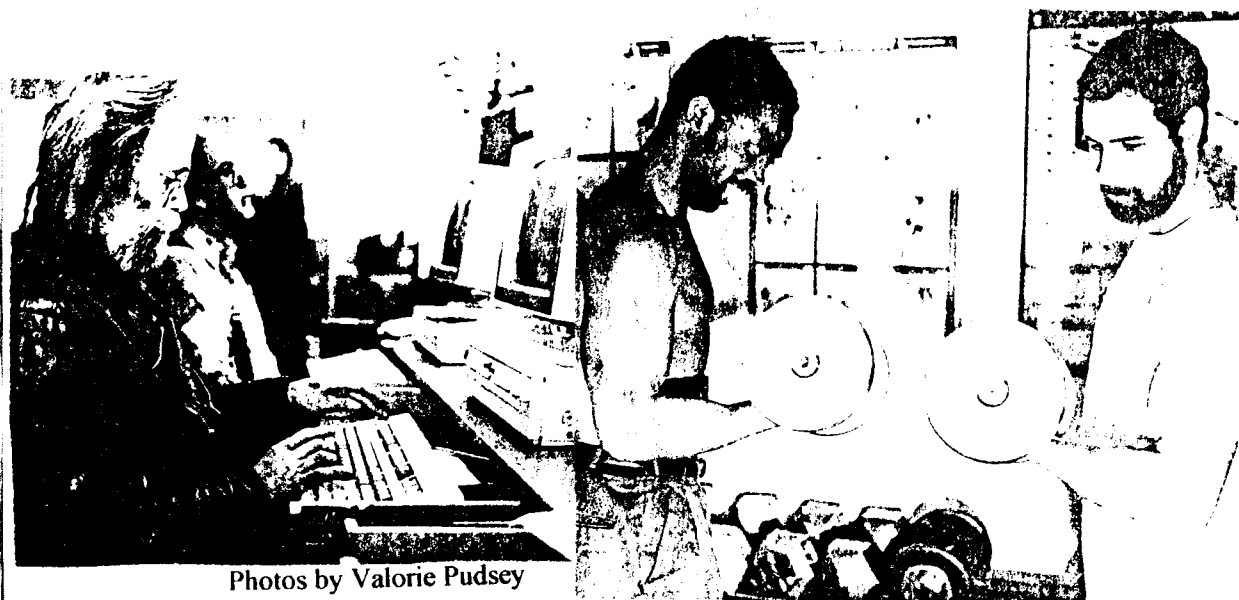


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HAWAIIAN SONG (THEME 5) OF THE HUMPBACK WHALE, MEGAPTERA NOVAEANGLIAE, 1979



Photos by Valorie Pudsey

10th Anniversary Park Festival

The spirit was strong at the 10th anniversary of Crab Park. About 800 hamburgers, coffee, orange juice, and oranges were served by crab park people.

Kelly White did the MC. work, a bop-in, and kept a list of local musicians introduced.

Musqueam elder Vince Stogan spoke to about 250 Downtown Eastside people at the July 25th event.

A memorial to remember the spirit of those murdered in the area was unveiled. It is a stone cairn with inscription that is located near the beach pathway at the park.

Chairperson Duncan Wilson spoke about the importance of the memorial, and staff-person Nancy McLean spoke about the spirit of the people and the park.

Crab park was and is a rare community victory. It was a grassroots effort, and win. However the proposed provincial government/private new trade and convention centre near crab park threatens local use of our waterfront greenspace.

Save Crab Park : by supporting the BC Place Stadium location for a new trade and convention centre. We can't afford the loss of Crab Park in the Downtown Eastside to a new trade and convention centre.

Loyal Reader

Dear Mugs & Board Members

Just a little note to thank you for the generous gift, which paid for 2 Great additions to our First Nation's Collection.

Also thanks for all your support over the years. I'll be around in the fall, and I'm sure back in the neighbourhood in one way or another.

All the best

Eleanor Kelly

(Eleanor Kelly at her retirement party in the Carnegie Library)

Hi

In September if there are any writers interested- I'll host a writers group on Tuesdays, 2-4 on the third floor. We Carnegie Writer's have already produced two books, quite simple but really packed with community content.

I have a new book coming out called **STILL RAISING HELL**, there will be a Book Party in November. Thanks to all my friends in this beautiful community. I have always felt supported and encouraged to go on.

My happiest moments are the Tuesday afternoon writer's group- where "The Creative" happens instantaneously.

My legs are bad these days because of my Sciatica but I am still - *RAISING HELL*.

Love

Sheila Baxter



If you're being stalked...

By Stephanie Kellington

Stalking and other forms of criminal harassment, such as threats and intimidation are serious problems, mostly experienced by women, though sometimes by men and teenagers.

If someone is:

- threatening you, your children, grandchildren, family or friends;
- following you, your children, grandchildren, family or friends;
- waiting and watching, tracking your movements or those of others close to you;
- threatening or damaging your property or pets;
- calling you over and over, hanging-up or not speaking when you answer;
- calling people close to you to ask about you;
- sending you things you don't want;

If you feel your physical or emotional safety is being threatened, you can't do what you want or go where you want, and you've changed your lifestyle to avoid this person, you may be dealing with criminal harassment.

If this is happening to you, the most important thing is to

trust yourself that this is a serious problem and take action. You have every right to go to the police and expect help from them. If you choose to go to the police, be sure to get your file number and refer to it during every meeting you have with them. Also keep written records of **everything**, including dates, times and places. Make recordings of any phone messages left and keep those too.

Tell as many people as you feel you can, including friends, neighbours, your children's teachers and principals and ask them to help keep you and your children safe. You may also want to think about getting a court or-

der, called a peace bond, which orders the harasser to keep away from you and allows the police to arrest them if they don't. If you do get a peace bond, make sure it is registered on the police central registry.

Get a copy of the pamphlet *Are you being stalked?* from your local police station or End Legislated Poverty. This brochure has numerous suggestions on how to increase your safety at home, at work, on the phone, on transit, on the street and in the car.

Some of the suggestions in the pamphlet may be expensive. Both financial and legal help may be available, though you'll probably have to push to get them. Be persistent. You have the right to be safe. Financial help may be available from Victim Services (1-800-563-0808), Criminal Injuries Compensation (1-800-661-2112) or BC Benefits. □□□

Thanks to the Legal Services Society for funding pages 11 and 12 of *The Long Haul*.



DOWNTOWN STD CLINIC - 219 Main; Monday - Friday, 10a.m. - 6p.m.
EASTSIDE NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; 8:30am-8pm everyday
YOUTH Needle Exchange Van -3 Routes: City (5:45pm-11:45pm); -
ACTIVITIES Overnight (12:30am-8:30am) Downtown Eastside (5:30pm-1:30am)
SOCIETY 1997 DONATIONS

Legal Services Society - \$1250

Paula R. - \$30	Rocking Guys - \$30	
Wm. B. - \$20	Diane M. - \$15	
Lillian H. - \$25	Lorne T. - \$20	
Joy T. - \$20	Mel L. - \$20	
Frances - \$25	Sara D. - \$20	
Charley B. - \$15	CEIDS - \$10	
Libby D. - \$40	Susan S. - \$30	
Guy A. - \$10	DEYAS - \$75	
Tom D. - \$10	Brigid R. - \$10	
Rene F. - \$30	Amy E. - \$10	
Sam R. - \$20	Kay F. - \$5	
Rick Y. - \$63	Neil N. - \$10	
BCCW - \$50	Sharon J. - \$50	Joan D. - \$5
Sonya Sommers - \$100	Holden Hotel - \$5	Mike M. - \$15
Census Employees - \$200		Bill G. - \$20
B.C. PLURA - \$1000		Ray-Cam - \$40

Carnegie

NEWSLETTER

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**Submission Deadline
for the next issue:
September 12, 1997**

NEED HELP?

**The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association
can help you with:**



- * any welfare problem
- * information on legal rights
- * disputes with landlords
- * unsafe living conditions
- * income tax
- * UIC problems
- * finding housing
- * opening a bank account

**Come into the Dera office at 425 Carrall St. or
phone us at 682-0931.**

**DERA HAS BEEN SERVING
THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE
FOR 24 YEARS.**

THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

The Clinic Will Re-Open

THE EVENING OF
SEPTEMBER 16, 1997
(3RD FLOOR - CARNEGIE CENTRE)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL
822-5791

- * Man is known b the company he keeps. Woman by how late she keeps company.
- * When you notice some of the body shapes today it adds credibility to the theory of evolution.
- * His chicken house is so well protected that anyone found near at night will be found there the next morning.
- * It is a known fact that people with bad coughs go to the movies - not the doctor.
- * Marriages are made in heaven so go ahead and harp at each other.
- * If you wonder why a rabbit has a shiny nose, it's because its puff is at the other end.

Libby Davies

Member of Parliament for Vancouver East

Invites you to the

Constituency Office Opening

Saturday, September 6, 1997

Between 10:30 and 12 noon

2412 Main Street
Vancouver

(between Broadway and 8th Ave.,)

Chuckles, Laughs, Smiles, and Groans.
Submitted by Gram

- * Peanut who walks on lonely street is apt to be assaulted.
- * The only person who hopes for a crop failure is someone who has been sowing wild oats.
- * If your father is a doctor you can be sick for nothing, if your father is a minister you can be good for nothing.
- * The worst thing about being a mud thrower is ground lost.
- * After you hear several eye witness accounts of an accident, you begin to wonder about history.
- * All too often opportunity presents itself disguised as hard work.
- * Don't ever challenge anyone to a battle of wits, they may be unarmed.
- * Before calling a college freshman an ignorant kid, try writing an entrance exam.

FOOTNOTE FOR A PAINTING

Season for the Benumbed Tourists

- * Years ago Jack Shadbolt said that art must have a *hite*. I think he meant art must create some kind of disturbance, a turmoil in the heart, a turbulence of memory and feeling.
- * In painting I like to work with raw materials straight off the street, the lane, the backyard, the dark corner of a pub, the church steps, a godforsaken alley.
- * All this is why I like the way Bud Osborn *hites* into our feelings. And McBinner too, straight from the heart of the Dumpster... And why my painting is called Season for the Benumbed Tourists.

Sam Roddard

Sam Roddard



Season for the Benumbed Tourists