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NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 1, 1999.

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"THEIR SPIRITS LIVE WITHIN US"



8th

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S MEMORIAL MARCH
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 AT 12:00 PM**

**ASSEMBLY AT CARNEGIE COMMUNITY CENTRE
12: 00 PM**

MARCH BEGINS AT 1:00 PM FROM CARNEGIE CENTRE

**REMEMBERING THE WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN
MURDERED AND ARE MISSING IN THE DOWNTOWN
EASTSIDE**

This event is organized by women & lead by women because women especially Aboriginal women face physical, mental, emotional and spiritual violence on a daily basis. We ask that all the community join us in the spirit of the march. We also ask that men share their grief and show their solidarity by

walking at the back of the march.

MEAL AT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

475 ALEXANDER STREET 3:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME FOOD, DRUMMING AND DANCING

ART PROJECTS

for the February 14th Women's Memorial March

** paint, pastels, fabric, glue **

Remember your sisters, mothers, cousins, lovers and friends.

Carnegie Centre
3rd floor, gallery

Mon., Feb 1st 1-4pm
Wed., Feb 3rd 1-4pm
Mon., Feb 8th 1-4pm
Wed., Feb 10th 1-4pm

**DE Women's
Centre**

Wed., Feb 10th 10-4pm

**Second Mile
Senior's Centre**

Wed., Feb 3rd 3-5pm
Wed., Feb 10th 3-5pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!



DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN
BREAKING THE SILENCE BY SPEAKING OUT
682-3269 # 8319



Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

44 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6A 1K2

Phone: (604) 681-8480 or (604) 681-4786 Fax: (604) 681-8470

January 12, 1999

Dear Executive Director, Staff, President and Board Members

On behalf of the 8th Annual February 14th Women's Memorial March Against Violence Against Women, we are writing to request your support. This annual march is sponsored by organizations and individuals in the Downtown Eastside to commemorate the women who die each year due to violence in our community. Although this event is organized by women, we encourage the entire community to make a clear and public stance against violence against women.

We are writing to ask for your support in three ways:

- 1. Place purple ribbons* in your windows or in a prominent place in your agency**



with a clear statement of your agencies' commitment to fight violence against women wherever, whenever and however it occurs. Place the poster*, which we will supply, in a prominent place where people can put the names of those women that they have known who have gone missing or died.

2. Discuss the issue of violence against women with your staff and clients. Bring as many members as possible to the march with the poster.
3. **Make a donation either financial or through providing gifts such as blankets, arts & crafts, beaded items or medicine bags**

The March will start at 12:00 PM at the Carnegie Community Centre leaving at 1:00. Native elders will lead the walk around the Downtown Eastside stopping at locations where women have died to smudge the area and leave a rose. We will reach Oppenheimer Park for prayers and to light candles by 2:30 PM and finish the March at 3:00 with food, drumming and dancing at the Japanese Language Hall 475 Alexander Street .

To order flyers, display *ribbons or posters or for more information call Marlene at 681-4786 or Breaking the Silence Against Violence Against Women at 682-3269 #8319

All my relations,

Marlene Trick,
for the Women's Memorial March Committee

Coming To Terms With The Past

Why it is important to ratify the proposed treaty with the Nisga'a

by Lutz R Sheler

First Encounters.

In 1778, the British explorer James Cook was the first European to have contact with the Nisga'a. Cook dealt with the Nisga'a on an equal footing and was full of praise for them. Mutually beneficial relations in the trading of furs for European goods resulted at first although the benefits were not shared equally. Vancouver Island became a British colony in 1849 and James Douglas was appointed its first governor in 1851. He signed treaties with fourteen island native communities thus recognizing Indian rights and ownership of the land. This was in line with the Royal Proclamation of 1763 which decreed that Indian land surrenders could only be to the Crown and for fair compensation. (With the exception of a small corner of northeastern BC, covered by Treaty 8, these are the only treaties signed in BC.)

Uncivilized Savages Without Rights?

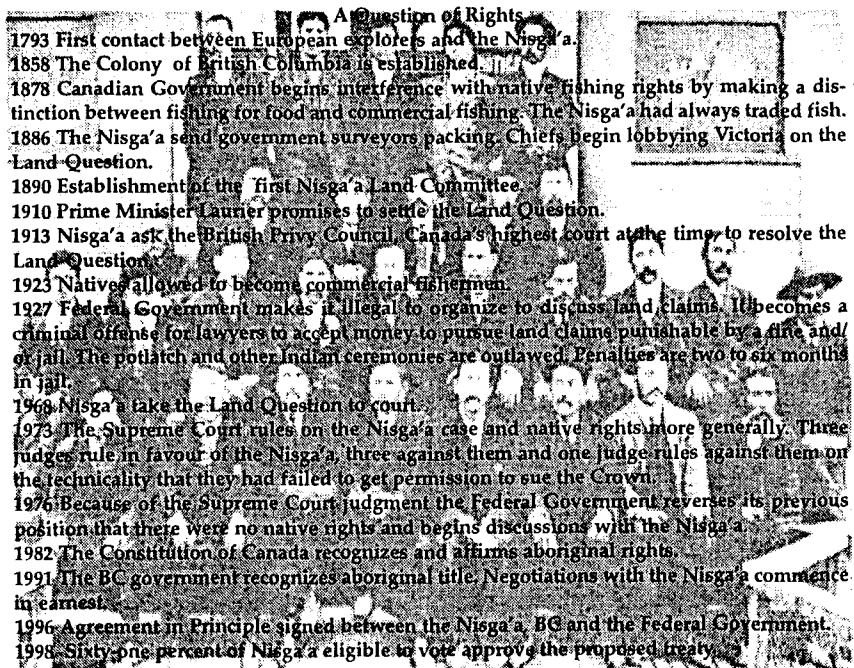
Upon Douglas' retirement in 1864 Joseph Trutch became British Columbia's governor. His attitudes and actions were diametrically opposed to those of Douglas. He began a process of progressively stripping Indians of rights that was to continue long beyond his time. Trutch looked at natives as "bestial rather than human" and considered them to be "uncivilized savages". He was in control of BC Indian policy denying the existence of aboriginal land rights and assumed the Crown owns all the land. After 1866, when the number of natives and non-natives living in this province were about equal, Indians weren't even allowed to buy their own land by pre-emption or homesteading. This right was reserved for the less than 30,000 non-natives.

Improving Relations

It was only forty-seven years ago that these injustices began to be rectified with the 1951 revision of the Indian Act. Thus Indians were "given" the vote, they *even* became persons in the eyes of the law. It was

Government By Referendum?

There are some people who feel the proposed treaty should be submitted to a referendum. Gordon Campbell is the most vocal of them, or at least the most visible in the media. A serious problem connected



Background picture: Members of the 1913 Land Committee of the Nisga'a Nation

no longer a criminal offense to participate in a sacred ceremony.

It Is A Political Not A Judicial Problem

They finally enjoyed the right everybody else took for granted, the right to seek redress in a court of law. The suits were numerous and expensive but the courts sided increasingly with Indians. Canada's Supreme Court, especially under the leadership of Chief Justice Dickenson, began to recognize Indian rights. Canada's highest court did something else though, it sent a message to politicians, on more than one occasion. The message was this is primarily a political, not a judicial, problem.

with "governing by referendum" is the importance of information. To make good decisions one has to have knowledge about the issues involved. With respect to the proposed treaty it means, among other things, knowledge of history, knowledge of the conditions most natives live in and a knowledge of domestic as well as international law. History is for society what memory is for an individual. A person who suffers from amnesia has no identity and no sense of direction. In the same way, a knowledge of Canadian history is required to make a wise decision about the proposed Nisga'a treaty. The conditions most



"A tree in the forest has no value until it is cut down"

Former President of Mac Millan Bloedel

5.



A common sight in the Nass Valley

According to Nisga'a estimates:

68,000 kg of gold, 2,268,000 kg of silver, 38 million kg of lead, 13.6 million kg of zinc, 389 million kg of copper, 24.4 million kg of molybdenum concentrate were mined on Nisga'a land. The present day value of these minerals is billions of dollars.

The Nisga'a weren't paid a single cent.

natives live in are the result of history and are therefore relevant in the present context. A knowledge of international law is necessary because we don't live in the age of colonialism anymore and the world has become a small place where public opinion among other peoples is considered important. A knowledge of domestic law is important because the alternative to treaty making is to have judges make the decisions for the politicians. How many Canadians can honestly claim to have the expertise necessary to make this important decision? If the proposed treaty is not ratified everybody will lose. Natives have struggled for so long, they are not going to give up now.

Hidden agenda

Mr. Campbell may be less than forthcoming about his

real motives. During the 1996 election he said: "The legislature will have the final decision on how treaties are negotiated, and will ratify treaties by a free vote." In 1997 Campbell opposed a province-wide referendum about the proposed treaty on a Prince George radio station. In the summer of 1998 Campbell wanted a nation-wide referendum or ratification by seven provinces representing a majority of Canadians. He claimed that the treaty amounts to a change in our constitution and that's why we need a nation-wide referendum. It is proposed that the Canadian Constitution, the Charter of Rights and the Criminal Code will still apply to the Nisga'a after the adoption of the

treaty. It is therefore totally incomprehensible how it could be interpreted as a constitutional change. Maybe Campbell realized this because he changed his strategy by calling for a referendum only in BC. The Liberal aboriginal affairs critic, Mike de Jong, said in the Legislature only three weeks before that: "I think it would be unfair at this point to inject the referendum card into the ratification process involving the Nisga'a treaty." It is reasonable to assume that de Jong spoke for the Liberal Party and by extension for Gordon Campbell. I believe that Gordon Campbell's real motive for trying to force a referendum on the proposed treaty is a desire to sabotage and derail the process. It is cheap political opportunism at its worst.

Photo credits: 1913 Land Committee: Marlis Penner. Clearcut: Lutz R. Scheler. A special thank you to Gordon Stewart for his help.

Drug Courts ?!...?

Jeff Brooks, Director of Community Services for the City of Vancouver, came to the DERA General Membership Meeting to speak about the information he and a committee of people have gathered about Drug Courts.

"They began in Florida and are now in 45 States. There are between 200 and 300 Drug Courts now in operation." He went on saying that each is set up with differences determined by the community/

city/political jurisdiction in which they operate.

A Drug Court has the basic premise that someone is arrested for possession of a narcotic and is given the choice of going through normal court or going into treatment. Right now we don't have the treatment programs needed. Questions on who gets access - having to get arrested to get treatment...? support & counselling & detox & housing & jail & children & poverty & money... questions?????



In Hope of a Better Past

My phone rings,
A friend is thinking about family lost;
Not by natural disaster,
But by unnatural misunderstanding.
She leads me down the rocky road of my own past.
Through doors of resentment and loneliness long closed.
Together we pick at mutual scabs of lost love:
'Til it assaults afresh.
Struggling back to present acceptance of past wrongs,
I say: the dead must fight their own fights.
We must put away the past
Lest it infect the future.

Wilhelmina Miles

health info TABLES



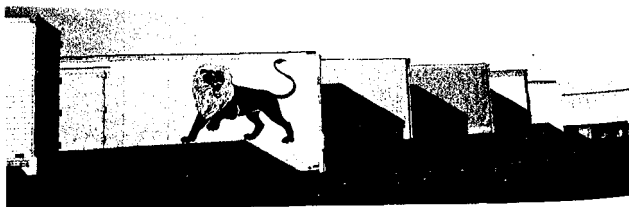
Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Main Floor

February 2	Diabetes information
February 9	Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS outreach workers
February 16	Street nurses: Hep A & B info and vaccination
February 23	Canadian Mental Health Association

If you have any questions or if you are interested in setting up an info table, please contact Rika in the Program Office, 665-3003.

Changes -

Volunteers are increasing at all levels of public activity and even some private businesses use them. Along with this trend will be the disappearance of cash and its replacement with 'equivalents' - like adequate housing, free medical services and food. Volunteers will be valued at something like minimum wage rates with the basics provided. Soon most jobs will be on these terms, with items like vehicles, travel, housing, recreation, and level of education determined by the individual's work or potential contribution to society R.H



The other day I went to the Green Door restaurant, located in the alley off the 400-block of Columbia Street. I can't remember when I first went there but I know it was in the mid-'60's. It hasn't changed much; it has a cozy yet intimate atmosphere, which I highly recommend.

Carl MacDonald



"Throughout this month (January), I am meeting with housing and poverty activists across Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver, Thompson to Toronto. The focus is on the crisis in housing and homelessness. My intent is to gather opinions of people on the streets who are making a difference - activists, local politicians, volunteers - and people seeking refuge from the streets, living in shelters, rooming houses or substandard housing on reserves. My hope is to help raise awareness, strengthen coalitions, present recommendations, and to force Federal Finance Minister Paul Martin to make housing a priority!

At the end of the month I'll be bringing my preliminary findings home to Vancouver-East, where the impact of the federal government's deadly decision to retreat from social housing has wreaked direct and brutal consequences for many in our community."

...the letter goes on to announce a morning meeting on February 1st at the Living Room Drop-in Centre at 524 Powell. That event will draft specific recommendations that Libby can then present to Paul Martin in Ottawa later in the week

By the time anyone gets this paper it may be over, but there is a public invitation to all to gather at noon, participate in a postcard signing event to Make Housing A Priority!! and have some coffee and sandwiches. There'll be a press conference about 12:15. (More on this next issue!!)

Neighbourhood News

7.

* Margaret Prevost is a fighter. She also has major interaction with the health care service. She has to have a daily procedure assisted by a professional, and phoned the Homecare Service operating out of Vancouver General Hospital. Margaret is amazed



Carnegie Building c.a 1905

that the person to whom she spoke in administration said, "We cannot assist you because of the area of the city in which you live. It's too dangerous for our nurses to go there." Margaret, feeling her outrage rising, asked if people living here are supposed to just suffer because of a media stereotype? She asked the person to repeat what she thought she'd heard, and the woman said again: "It's our policy that no nurse is to be assigned any home visit in the Downtown Eastside."

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. START ROASTING YOUR LOCAL POLITICANS AND CALLING YOUR DOCTORS. Margaret was told that if she paid, out of her own pocket, for a private nurse to "accompany" a public nurse during the entire time she or he was in the area, then the hospital would assign someone to do the home care. !!!

* **The Neighbourhood Safety Office** is being squeezed by invisible hands. It is one of the very few "Community Policing" storefronts that does what it's set up to do - as a focal point for community agencies, facilities and groups to talk and

coordinate on efforts and strategies. The issues? Child and Youth Protection - pre-teen to adult involvement in the sex trade, being mules for or directly trafficking in narcotics, gang scenarios and pimping of kids; Street Safety and the general fear and anxiety caused by drug dealing; Organized criminal activity and the illegitimate use of storefronts to traffick in drugs and stolen goods and kids' lives. The invisible hands are those seeking to choke off this incredible clarity. Both the Mayor and Police Chief Chambers are pushing political buttons to get all Community Police Offices to function on a completely volunteer basis! This is a nice way of saying "We don't want to pay for this anymore because most are just empty offices."

What does that reasoning have to do with the Downtown Eastside?

Progress has even been made with the police component of community policing. The prime mover is, of course, Const. Dave Dixon. When he was transferred out several years ago, there was a huge outcry from scores of individuals and agencies in the community. He has since come back to do his good work. Elsewhere in this issue is a letter from DERA president Ian MacRae on the transfer of Inspector Gary Greer. It takes a long time to get any kind of decent relationship built up with the local gendarmes, and it's a hard blow when some political agenda dictates such a personnel shake-up. Both Frank Gilbert of DERA and John Turvey of DEYAS spoke out about this and the Province refusing to fund a Sobering Centre while hot to trot with Drug Courts. Chambers was trying to advocate community policing, yet makes this change with a narrow ear to vested interests. Mayor Owen is determined that crime is his election issue (for the public) but I get a darker political agenda. Business and class interests want the land we're on and us gone. To this end we get a SWAT team approach to Hemp BC and the Cannabis Cafe, with aerial surveillance, police inspection under the lids of big soup pots in Victory Square at weekly hot food giveaways, raids involving dozens of officers on the storefront to grab maybe 2 ounces of weed

GRIZZLIES

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TO THE POOR of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside

(we wish)

and some pipes and a plastic or rubber toy gun to be waved at a camera as a "replica". An undercover eyewitness (dressed as a poor resident) was laughing only because it's depressing. Robin's observations were partially purloined by a rube at the *Courier*, but the Neighbourhood Safety Office gets the same point: many 24-hour convenience stores are fronts for trafficking in cocaine and heroin and dealing in stolen goods.. pushers operate openly within 50 metres of Hemp BC and the Cannabis Cafe selling junk and coke, yet a score of cops and police vans and paddy wagons are all concentrated on harassing these places. Something's wrong here.

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Are You Feeling Over-Policed?

Increasingly, Vancouver relies on policing and incarceration to take care of social issues such as homelessness, addiction and poverty. With the City of Vancouver putting more cops on the streets of the Downtown Eastside, the recent sweep of "Honduran" drug dealers, and the disproportionate numbers of people of colour and First Nations people in our jails, we can no longer ignore the links between criminal injustice and race and class.

The Racism Free Neighbourhood Network and the Urban Youth Alliance would like to bring communities together to voice their concerns and solutions about racial and class inequities within the criminal justice system. Using mediums such as

police sweep outside carnegie for bctv

the tall strong young blond cop
shoves
an old whitehaired small latino man
out
from beneath the shelter
into the cold rain
and when I
demand to know why
the cop says
"because he's loitering"

and when
the poor people
outside
are gone
the poor people
inside the carnegie community centre
are next
on the
global city
hit
list

art, theatre, print, workshops, radio and video, we want to address:

- police harassment and brutality
- our rights within the justice system
- legal aid / access to services
- international struggles for prisoner's rights
- immigration and refugee policy
- race and class bias in the media
- racism and drug issues
- "youth gangs"
- women in prison
- mental health and disability
- hate crimes
- gentrification, community policing and private security
- alternatives to the criminal justice system

We are looking for individuals and organisations who are interested in helping support and plan events. You are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, February 3 at 5:00pm at 213 Dunlevy Ave. Food, childcare and busfare are available. If you have a story or just want to join and raise your concerns...

Please feel free to contact us:

Angela Kayira

Racism Free Neighbourhood Network

3981 Main, Ph: 879-7104; Fx: 879-7113

Ga Ching Kong

the urban youth alliance

213 Dunlevy, Ph: 681-3676; Fx: 215-2663

uya@direct.ca



Bud Osborn

bryan in the paper sayin

bryan in a major
conrad black daily newspaper confessin he's
a drug addict and
runs a safe shootin site outta his
sro hotel room and
also led the
loudest rowdiest protest demo of
1998 in the
downtown eastside and
sits on steering
committees with police and all
these professional white
people wastin his
time bein nice doin
everything but the right
fuckin thing to do like
savin lives right
now in
rebellion against needless
death and fearlessly
crossed the border into
the jaws of the great
satan of black
men and drug addiction to
speak at a
conference on harm
reduction held in cleveland and
even struck a blow for
all the
cannabis freedom fighters
popped
smokin pot
in the parkin lot
at city hall
with another
member of the
vancouver area network of drug users
and the cop
in disbelief
asked



you guys are smokin pot
in the city hall
parkin lot?
what are you doin here?
and this other member
pipes up
we're goin to a meetin!
and of course the cop wants to know
what kinda meetin?
a meetin with the mayor!
the cop takes that in and says
what are
you
gonna say to the mayor?
I don't know!
is the honest reply
and after a long pause
the cops says
don't ever do this again
and both
promise they never will
and go up to face
the mayor
city council
community leaders
and television cameras
with only their
truth from the
poorest street in canada
and week after week
like a malcolm/martin kinda
preacher from sydney
bryan leads prayers
and a moment of silence
in memory
of our brothers and sisters
who have passed
as a result
of the
war on drugs

Bud Osborn



Affordable Housing Opens Doors

11.

BC Housing and the Knowledge Network are working together to produce a series of TV programs on housing issues in British Columbia. The six part series is called *Opening Doors* and it will be shown on the Knowledge Network beginning on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The shows will cover topics such as homelessness, special needs housing, social housing and solutions for the future, and include interviews with Bud Osborn, Liz Evans and Mark Townsend at the Portland, and Karen O'Shannacery at Look-Out.

The series will be hosted by Suzette Meyers, a former co-anchor at Global News.

Opening Doors airs Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and each show will repeat the following Saturday at 2 pm.

More information about the series is on BC Housing's website at www.bchousing.org or call 1-800-257-7756.



The Truth About Social Housing

When you think about social housing, what do you see? Thanks to the influence of American-style crime dramas, many conjure up visions of concrete tenements crawling with "poor people" with lives like hot episodes of NYPD Blue. Crime, gangs and grinding poverty come to mind. At the very least, there's a public perception that social housing is ugly and utilitarian.

When that happens, people living in the area's market housing - housing that's rented, leased or sold at market prices, worry that their neighbourhoods and property values will go downhill. With so many movies, TV programs and so much news media coverage focused on urban unrest [prime example being the coverage given to our own "skid road"] it's easy to see why. Communities often quickly develop a case of NIMBYism - Not In My Back Yard. [In the case of the various Gastown & Chinatown business/homeowner groups, it's more like expanding their "Back Yard" to include all the

land and buildings in sight while demanding every person and building/service not to their standard be gotten out of the same 'back yard'.]

Let's look at the facts:

- * Social housing residents include seniors, people with physical and mental disabilities, low-income families and urban singles.
 - * Less than 1 in 3 people living in social housing receive income assistance.
 - * There is a need to create a pool of affordable housing that will be available for the long term.
 - * There is a great need for social housing in BC:
 - an estimated 115,525 British Columbians pay more than 50% of their income on rent;
 - 1 in 10 live in housing which is in need of major repairs
 - 13,000 to 15,000 low-income urban singles in BC live in single-room occupancy (SRO) units generally located in low-income urban neighbourhoods [like hotels in the Downtown Eastside]
 - 1 in 5 SRO residents doesn't have access to cooking facilities
 - in some SRO buildings, as many as 17 residents share one washroom
 - the average SRO unit is 100 square feet
- Building social housing provides cost benefits such

as the creation of public assets and jobs - an estimated 22 new jobs for every \$1 million invested.

When all the benefits are weighed up, it's difficult to maintain a NIMBYist attitude [the Gastown cartel is impervious to reason, but huge holes are obvious in their paranoid delusions]:

- By directly providing safe, adequate affordable housing, governments and taxpayers save money compared to direct subsidies to landlords.

- Social housing allows governments to have some control over the quality of the housing provided and provides the community with valuable, long-term assets.

- 1996 NIMBY Task Force studies show that there is no evidence that non-market housing negatively affects the re-sale price of adjacent market housing.

- Most importantly, social housing stabilizes the lives of people who need it most.

(The above article came from **BC Housing**. The parts in square brackets '[' ']' are homegrown!)

Psuedo Poem for the Pincushion Lady

When she says my name
it doesn't feel like a dirty word
doesn't cause me the shame
that made me change it.

change me the name was a curse
I ran from almost all my life
I've been someone else under
someone else's name when she
calls me by the name my mother
called me as a child it no longer
hurts, coming from her
the sound's almost sweet

When she calls my name
it doesn't hurt, doesn't make me feel
like the whole world is laughing
at my shame nothing you say..
a rose by any other name

R. Loewen



GUILTY OF TELLING VERY BAD JOKES IN A
PUBLIC PLACE, BOB WAS CONFRONTED BY
POLICE AND SUBDUED WITH CHEESE SPRAY.

poem for an old friend

and chris
has been through
the horror of hell on earth
trying to get
a decent place to live
and only by

A Zen poet sings:

How wondrously strange, and how miraculous this
I draw water, I carry fuel.

(An Introduction to Zen Buddhism by DT Suzuki)

raising shit
has he now got
an adequate place
he can't afford a condo
but organizes
poor people
diabetics
who had no voice
and takes on
the bureaucracy
with the nerve
of a blackjack player

and veteran
of a guerrilla war
in greece
a swirl of scars
on his belly
and tells the best jokes
boosting my spirit
like the one about
chickens
struck by lightning
and transformed

Bud Osborn



NEWLETTER OF THE CARNEGIE

COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

February 1, 1999

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 689-0397 OR DROP BY OUR OFFICE, CARNEGIE 2ND FLOOR



NO NET LOSS ?

WRONG !

City report confirms what
CCAP has been saying
over and over:

**"That low-income
housing in the Downtown
Core is shrinking."**

**OVER 700
HOTEL UNITS
LOST**

.....
MORE BAD NEWS

**Less than half of the hotels
rent at \$325 per month.**

**Two years ago it was over
half rent at \$325 per month.**

Back to 1989: Ten years of stability lost

So many hotel units have been lost in the past two (2) years that the total number (net) of low-income housing units in Downtown Core is back to what it was in 1989. Ten years of stability through the construction of new social housing has been lost.

Any new low-income housing in the Downtown Core over the past two years was not enough to make up for the losses. Thus, we are faced with a

net loss of 500 units

This means that the Downtown Core net low-income housing stock (social housing units + hotel units) has shrunk by at least 500 units..

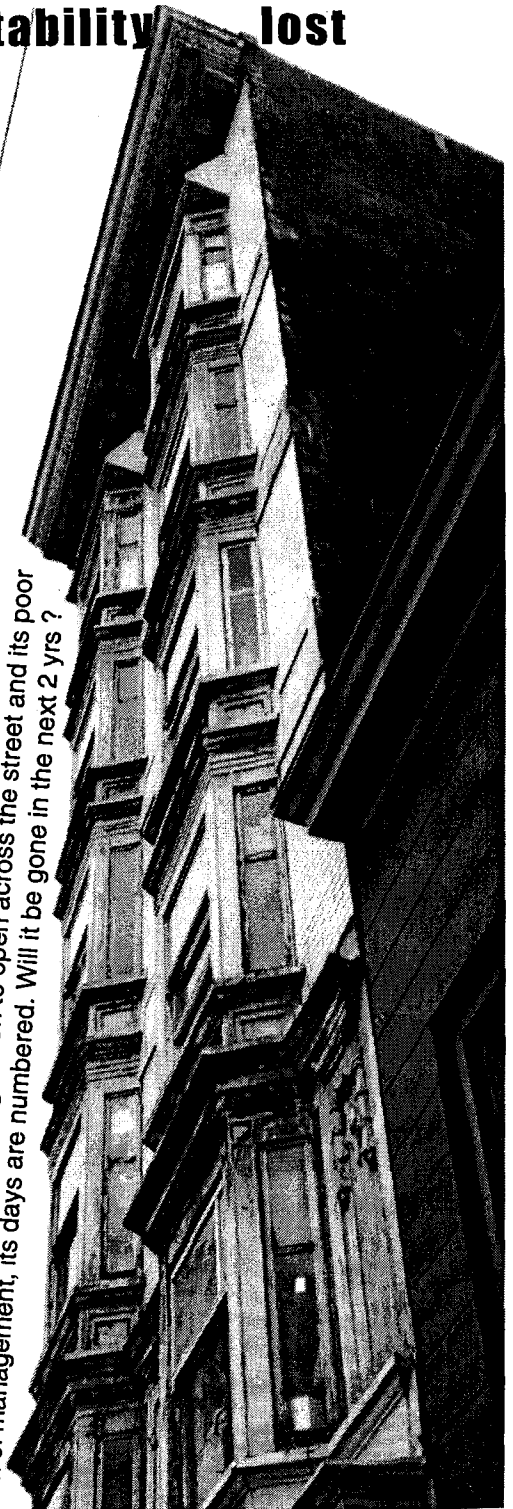
Over the past two years **CCAP** had repeatedly warned City Council of the rapid losses in hotel units, primarily due to conversions. Never would they believe us. Now, their own report indicates a net loss of over 420 units. Did they think **CCAP** was making these numbers up ?

City Council has a **policy of no net loss of low-income housing**. The past two years have been a serious blow to their own policy. It's especially serious in the Granville St. neighbourhood (Downtown South) where city policy stipulates a one-for-one replacement for hotel unit.

For nearly two years City Council has had the power to create a **hotel conversion control by-law**, the City of San Francisco has had one for over eighteen (18) years. They refuse to do so. What will it take ? Perhaps a level of visible homelessness similar to Toronto. If so, it will be too late.

If the next two years are anything like the past two years, then the total low-income housing stock will remain at a level found in 1989. At stake is the survival of an inner-city, low-income neighbourhood in Vancouver. Need we mention homelessness.

Arco Hotel: With International Village soon to open across the street and its poor level of management, its days are numbered. Will it be gone in the next 2 yrs ?



New York City update: Dispersion is the name of the game

Frequently **CCAP** hears reports of how New York City has no more homelessness. Consequently, Vancouver should adopt the same policies, which have made this possible.

The following reports tell the real story of Mayor Giuliani and his explicit policy of atomization and dispersion towards the homeless and low-income New Yorkers.

♦ *Mayor Rudy Giuliani deals with the homeless in the same way he tackles every other problem - he gets tough. Homeless people? Sweep them off the street.*

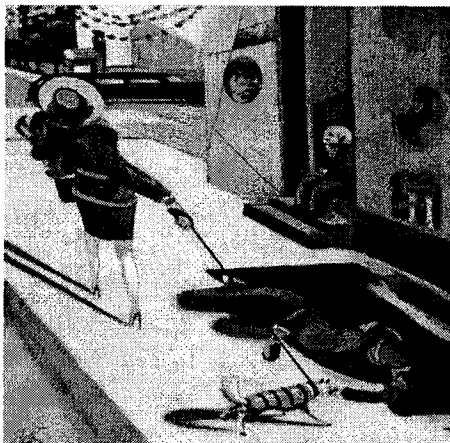
On nights when the temperature dips below 5C the police have the right to force the homeless into vans and take them to temporary shelters, some of them with room for up to 1,000 people.

An estimated 10,000 people live on the city's streets but most visitors see them only in ones and twos [atomization], so successful has Mr. Giuliani been in encouraging them to decamp from Manhattan in the five years since he became mayor.

"They have gone to a lot of different

places," he said, which means other boroughs, where tourists rarely venture. "Some are in various forms of assisted housing. The way we have approached the homeless problem is that there is no such individual thing as homelessness. They should be taken off the streets and jailed." (The Guardian, November 28, 1998)

♦ This report on New York City's homelessness is confirmed by an e-mail **CCAP** received from an observer of Mayor Giuliani's policy of dispersion:



After five years of Rudy Giuliani, there's an impression abroad that homelessness no longer exists here. This isn't true.

*Instead, the homeless have been herded out of Midtown, as a result they're seldom the subject of daily journalism. But they're still here, along the waterfront, around the 8 World Trade Center, at the foot of City Hall Park (J. Statler, **CCAP** e-mail, Sept. 1998).*

♦ The *Village Voice* also confirmed Giuliani's policy of dispersion when it quoted him saying, "That's not an unspoken part of our strategy. That is our strategy." (May, 1995)

CCAP Presents

Winnipeg's Core Area Initiative (1979 - present): *Lessons for Vancouver's Revitalization Plan for the Downtown Eastside*

A informal talk by Dr. Barton Reid

**February 11, 1999
Art Gallery (3rd. flr.)
Carnegie Centre**

In the last **CCAP** Newsletter we told you about the City's plans to "revitalize" the Downtown Eastside. A large scale, multi-government initiative, sponsored by the **Mayor's Coalition for Crime Prevention and Drug Treatment** and the federal government's **National Crime Prevention Centre**.

Their plans for the Downtown Eastside will likely be modeled after Winnipeg's Core Area Initiative.

Barton Reid has reviewed extensively Winnipeg's 20 year, and counting, inner-city revitalization project. He will discuss what we might expect revitalization to mean for the Downtown Eastside.

Barton Reid has a PHD in planning from the University of Manitoba. He currently lives in Vancouver

TODAY ! (Monday)

Libby Davies, MP, in the Downtown Eastside

**Noon @ the Living Room
524 Powell St.**

Join Libby at her open invitation to the public to participate in

**"Send a Message to Paul Martin -
Housing is a Priority !"**
post-card signing.

(coffee and sandwiches will be available)

The letter signing will be followed by a Press Conference, where Libby will inform the media of her national tour:
Homelessness: An Un-Natural Disaster

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Toronto's Homelessness Task Force Report

**Over 100 recommendations on how
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Voting and Class War

Why vote when government is controlled by corporate power? Michael Moore, in his book **Down-size This**, says that some people take great pride in not voting. If it is a form of protest, a way of resisting the oligarchy. Why vote when you no longer believe that the interests of ordinary people will be considered by the political party in power? Social democratic parties around the world, like Blair's New Labour Party in England, Romanow's NDP in Saskatchewan and Clark's NDP in British Columbia, are adopting policies advocated by corporations. These governments underestimate the bitter sense of betrayal of ordinary citizens.

Not voting is an expression of the crisis in our democracy. It's a crisis that won't be fixed by constitutional tinkering, but it does present an opportunity to those who believe that the time has come for citizens to take back their country. For example, the rejection of the Charlottetown Accord by the Canadian people was basically a great populist cry against the elite, corporate rule of Canada. In his book, **The Myth of the Good Corporate Citizen - Democracy Under the Rule of Big Business**, Murray Dobbin deplores the widening gap between the views of Canada's elite and ordinary Canadians on the role of government and our hopes for the future.

Where do we start? We start by acknowledging that as citizens we have been smashed. To fight back we have to see and feel our oppression. For example, those of us who live in the Downtown Eastside know that our community is being destroyed by profit-driven gentrification. Larry Campbell, a former city coroner, said that the stress people are under is far too much for many to bear. This is one of the reasons why there have been so many deaths in the Downtown Eastside. One resident said, "One day they're gonna come in here with a bunch of army trucks and ship us out to the sticks like POWs." (CAP Newsletter, January 1996) At a press conference called by business groups that issued a statement tantamount to neighbour-

hood genocide, Downtown Eastside residents said, "Why don't you just kill us?"

Our common pain, our grief, our rage and our hope beyond hope will hold us together. A fifteen year-old girl who knew the horror of civil war in the former Yugoslavia put it this way:

"Our lives have to continue.

That is the rule by which I live.



That is my reality and my future.
No matter how hard the living is,
no matter if you are half-alive or not,
you have to go on.

Even if they make you so nervous,
even if the anguish kills you,
you have to survive.

You have to fight. Always."

Dunja Metikos, Sarajevo

(The Suitcase - refugee voices from Bosnia and Croatia)

Rather than a society based on competitiveness, we long for community that lifts being-in-the-world beyond the predatory stage of human development. We do not want our success to depend on another's failure, nor our prosperity on another's poverty. We want to be in control of our lives, to belong to our land, to live with our traditions. We are not for sale.

By SANDY CAMERON
(to be continued)

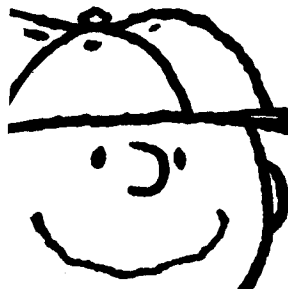
"Did you hear the one about the courtroom lawyer"

Like computers at the bank, lawyers are also dim creatures overly dependent on mindless form. Following are 20 questions actually asked of witnesses by attorneys during trials and, in some cases, responses given with varying degrees of patience:

1. "Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?"
2. "The young son, the 20 year-old, how old is he?"
3. "Were you there when your picture was taken?"
4. "Were you alone or by yourself?"
5. "Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?"
6. "Did he kill you?"
7. "How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?"
8. "You were there until the time you left, true?"
9. "How many times have you committed suicide?"
10. Q" So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8?"
A" Yes."
- Q" What were you doing at that time?"
11. Q" She had three children, right?"
A" Yes."
- Q" How many were boys?"
A" None."
- Q" Were there any girls?"
12. Q" These stairs went down to the basement?"
A" Yes."
- Q" And these stairs, did they go up also?"
13. Q" Mr. Slattery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?"
A" I went to Europe, sir."
- Q" And you took your new wife?"
14. Q" How was your first marriage terminated?"
A" By death."
- Q" And by whose death was it terminated?"
15. Q" Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?"
A" No, this is how I dress when I go to work."

Storytelling was originated by ancient cultures and brought to a fine art by husbands coming home late.

Joe Paul

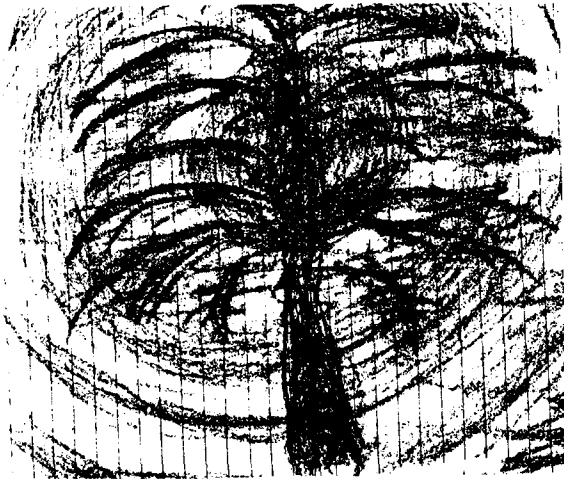


16. Q" Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?"
A" All my autopsies are done on dead people."
17. Q" Do you recall when you started the autopsy?"
A" It started around 8:30 p.m."
- Q" And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?"
A" No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy."
18. Q" All your responses must be oral, okay? What school did you go to?"
A" Oral."
19. Q" Are you qualified to give a urine sample?"
A" I have been since early childhood."
20. Q" Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?"
A" No."
- Q" Did you check for blood pressure?"
A" No."
- Q" Did you check for breathing?"
A" No."
- Q" So, is it possible the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?"
A" No."
- Q" How can you be so sure, doctor?"
A" Because his brain was on my desk in a jar."
- Q" But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?"
A" It is possible that he could have been alive and practising law somewhere."

(Submitted by Joe Paul)

Disability Issues - Downtown Eastside

Through a series of articles in the *Carnegie Newsletter* concerning disability issues, we at the WAND society (Westcoast Aboriginal Network on Disabilities) have tried to give a First Nations perspective on the problems. This article is on the same topic, and I will further share with you what the WAND society sees as constructive ways that the City of



Vancouver, Carnegie Centre and other interested groups from the neighbourhood can deal with Native health issues.

Native health includes issues that affect the well-being of aboriginal persons who suffer from substance abuse and addictions relating to cooking 'wine', narcotics and/or alcohol in general.

In my opinion there seems to be a reluctance on the part of the main service providers of the community to acknowledge the input of other groups who may have opinions and ideas that differ from the mainstream. I refer here to the use of a First Nations approach to the health-related problems of the Downtown Eastside.

We at WAND are here to provide a voice for First Nations people with disabilities. We believe in the use of traditional healing methods, methods that have worked for our people, be they West Coast,

Prairie or other, for generations. I mean sweat lodges, smudge ceremonies, and the counsel of our Native elders. These tried and true healing methods have been shown to play an important role in the rehabilitation of Native people when other, more orthodox (mainstream) treatments have failed.

Some of the groups that have been set up to serve the needs of marginalized Native people are not doing the job. They have not had much success with the needs of Aboriginal people with disabilities. Indeed, these groups do not have the sole right to deal with these complex and difficult issues.

We at WAND would like all service groups involved in rehabilitation programs in the neighbourhood to recognise that healing involves everyone in the community, that social change affecting the lives of the marginalized is much more than just a day job. It requires real commitment and dedication rather than control and financial reward.

One of the most important items on WAND's agenda is a program for elders who are homeless or abandoned by society in other ways. We desperately need partnerships with community groups that have expertise in the employment field. Housing is another issue which requires input from both the City and other agencies involved in the process. And of course we need advocates to advise and help where necessary. The WAND society does not see that these issues are being met or realistically addressed in a significant way by any group.

Our community is unique and diverse. The First Nations component is the largest but by far the least served. We, as Native people, with complicated problems that would take a history lesson to explain, need traditional methods of healing - to remind us of our roots and to build a sense of community and pride in who we are so that we too, the disabled and marginalized, can take our rightful place in Canadian society. Perhaps there is something to be learned from a people that has suffered much but still endures.

By FRED ARRANCE
President, W.A.N.D.

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Chief Bruce Chambers

Re: Transfer of Inspector Gary Greer

This letter is being written to strongly protest the transfer of Greer from his position in Area #2.

Gary has built up a good working relationship with us and many others in the Downtown Eastside



In The Dumpster

binner@vcn.bc.ca

Greetings fellow binners and binnerettes.

The real reason Stark Clark came to the Downtown Eastside was to check up on yours truly - on my running for Shitty Hall to be the next Mayor of Vancouver. (If you were able to tape the news broadcast On the Skids on Channel 9, you might have noticed a sign on the storefront window in the background advertising the sale of pepper spray, which is illegal to sell or possess. It is acceptable

and is responsive, caring and trustworthy - all crucial to our neighbourhood. We're all well aware of the multitude of complex, severe problems we face down here. The Police Department is integral to solving some of these. It is therefore very disturbing that the person who this community trusts and respects should be transferred out just when he is most needed.

The manner in which this was done will set back the community/police relationship that we have all worked so hard to achieve. With your [professed] commitment to the community policing model, we find it hard to believe that you would carry this out without any regard for or consultation with our community.

DERA asks that you reverse this decision, at least until we can understand the reasons for it and prepare for the change. Failure to do so will, in our opinion, result in a severe setback in our relationship with the police.

Sincerely,

Ian MacRae
President.

Frank Gilbert
Community Affairs Coordinator



to possess kiddy porn though. Go figure.) Clark says he is here to address the issues of the D.E. Nothing is mentioned about a detox. A couple of days later the West End Times writes that "The Provincial Government notified the City of Vancouver earlier this week that it would not contribute the funds required to set up the facility."

In the Learning Centre there is a room called *the* seminar room in which a lovely young lady named Mami does Shiatzu massage on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. I've had a couple of treatments and it's very relaxing. Thank you Mami! (It's free!)

May The Bins Be With You. ...and hey! let's be careful out there.

By MR. McBINNER

Don't Quote Me

There was a man who had a job
To pay for what he did covet
He'd do anything to keep that job
And you don't know the half of it.

He had to write at least ten tickets
To fill his silly quota

"He just spit. Let's give him one.
Now I can buy a Toyota."

"Nine more to go - the jails could hold
at least one, two or three;
We can have no peace of mind
if the cells they are empty."

"Six more to go.. I want that Harley!
And damn, I want that promotion!
Let's get that one at Portside Park;
He's pissin' in the ocean."

"That woman there, we'll give her one.
Man, she's a regular patsy,
The story is she hates our guts,
Compares us to the nazis."



"Four more to go.. well whaddya know,
I've never seen a dead Indian.
I'm a cop and damn proud of it -
Let me fill you in."

"I am into bondage and pain.
I'm part of the old boys' club.
Take one of us down in any way -
You'll be singin rub-a-dub-dub."

Anita Stevens

Misery of Many Sources

...also known as (a.k.a.) the Ministry of Human Resources, has this thing/attitude about logistics, boundaries, inefficiency, inconvenience and a zero tolerance - as in "I'm not dealing with her", "When I get around to it", "You don't need it" - mentality.

I recently moved. The nearest Misery of Many Sources office is ten blocks. However, I have to go to one twenty blocks away. I asked my worker for a crisis grant as I had no food, no furniture, no winter clothing and no money. She used the aforementioned statements in the previous paragraph. I am also classified as hard-to-handle, difficult.. meaning that M.M.S doesn't have the appreciation, skills, patience or intelligence to care for the most deserving - I'm talking about people who refuse to submit to a capitalist system where money is a priority and are victims of a 'kick 'em 'til they're

down, then kick 'em again' mentality.

When I talk about the most deserving I mean people who are honest and always broke because they're always giving while everyone else takes. I'm talking about the essence of humanity - found in musicians, artists, singers, writers...honest cops are forced out of the system by a corrupt clique of cops who drive 'em to early retirement and alcoholism and who belong to the Neo-Nazi Party.

Yes, BC (specifically the Okanagan) is a breeding ground for the neo-nazis. Remember the man who was nailed in Oliver for spreading hate on the web? He was on the front page of *The Province*. People in the system are working for the ideals of neo-nazism, setting people up as marks, patsies. Like it's Get the Indian, Get the Jew, Get the Black.

Now there's something to think about 'til Valentine's Day.

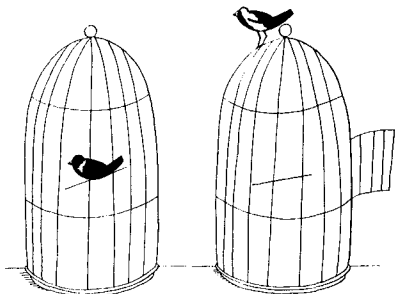
Anita Stevens

The Living Room

It's a building with history on the 500-block of Powell, south side, just east of Oppenheimer Park. Last resident on the main floor was Imagination Market. Now, and for the last couple of years, it's home to The Living Room, a drop-in centre for people with a mental illness in their personal history. The surface facts might give you some idea of how alive it is:

- over 1200 members, mostly local residents
- open 7 days a week, 10-10 and 11-7 weekends
- food daily (just started - 5 days/wk) plus snacks and coffee, some clothing & bedding
- the program board lists Pumping Iron, Relaxation, a dual diagnosis support group, Pool, Bingo, tours of the 'hood, a time for "mystery program", Raving Beauties, one or more community meals...

Above is stuff that anybody could skim from the



first 5 minutes in the place. The centre is under the Lookout umbrella and is staffed by some pretty amazing people (all of whom will say "Who?!") but talking to long-time activist Rusti Maxwell helped a lot. Rusti first started working in the area in 1976, which seems kind of hard to believe unless you believe she's really over 40! The Lookout was the first organised effort to deal consistently with "mental health consumers", but, as she laughingly points out, 'At first the people staying in the housing and shelter were addicts and some with mental illnesses. Then, a year or two later, the majority were people with mental illnesses; those with addictions and substance abuse problems were somewhere else, but you just knew they'd



fallen through the big cracks in the social safety net. What's become apparent over time is that the two areas are tied and tangled and agencies like The Lookout expand and diversify services to keep many people grounded, stable and help them cope.'

The Living Room has several staff people who assist members with advocacy for housing, referrals to medical services, life skills development and working with members to create a social and sociable atmosphere. There is a computer room, a good-sized kitchen, and groups and meetings mostly arranged or asked for by members.

The Participation Action Committee is an amazing focus for people to speak their minds. As Rusti said a few times, "It's really exciting that members have come out strongly in favour of making this place into a 24-hour centre. It's the opposite of what usually happens, with staff identifying a need or service lack and then presenting it to the community and looking for ways to convince people that it would be a good idea. Here the members know the reality of sleepless claustrophobia leading to going out on the street, but nowhere to go except 24-hour stores or local haunts where the drugs and street victimize them all over again." When she's on-call and comes to the area late at night, Rusti sees lots of members just wandering alone. At meetings these same people are pretty clear on what they want and need. "They want a place that's open and safe where they can just be, without people over-reacting to their stuff."

Dave Brown started out with the basics again, after Rusti went to her 'other office' (private joke) "Food, clothes, bedding, shelter access, recreation, counselling, advocacy... the whole idea is to make

this a place with a lot for everyone with a history of mental illness. We know and work with different places and people who do counselling, training, art therapy, dual diagnosis stuff, and we can refer members to a lot of things.” Dave showed me through the place, stopping every now and then to give my name and (dubious) bona fides to various people. Upstairs houses PREP (Pre-Recovery Employment Program), a place for artists and art therapy, a work-training place that’s part of Windows of Opportunities, a warm space for dual diagnosis disorders and “bridging” work, and the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users’ office.

As both Rusti and Dave said, The Living Room is a place for people with stuff to come, be with others, and not be always on the edge of being



man I was emotional chaos

emotionally screwed
6 years old and couldn't
tie my own shoes
a tragedy at school
kids laughin at me
felt like the world's biggest fool
weighed heavy on me
couldn't tie my own shoes
couldn't follow
my crazy messed up family's
confusin shoe tyin rules
couldn't concentrate
my head was breakin
then my mama went to work
back in the bars

hired this huge black woman
to be there for me
came home cryin
couldn't help myself
cryin one day
kids called me a fool
couldn't tie his own shoes
this black woman said
whassa matter child?
why you cryin?
can't tie my shoes
kids treat me like a fool
can't tie my own shoes no way
and she came close to me
sure you can she said
bendin down
like a cloud
of gentle golden love
so big and tall and round

thrown out or asked to leave while their stuff is getting worked on or just coming out. As long as it doesn't threaten anybody else, it's okay. Good tools for mental balance are here and there in Rusti's office, on some bulletin boards and even painted on various walls:

- 'Stress Reduction Therapy: **BANG HEAD HERE**
- 'This too shall pass.'
- 'You know you're on the verge of a nervous breakdown when you feel what you are doing is terribly important.'

A note to all who are going to rush right over to the Living Room: membership is open to anyone with a mental illness in their personal history, and only members can use the centre.

By PAULR TAYLOR



put her faith inside outside
all around
lookahere she said
and showed me
one more goddamned time
how to tie
those fuckin shoes
and got past my madness
gave me confidence
and I tied those shoes
went upstairs
to my room
and tied those shoes
and tied those shoes
and tied those shoes
like I was a born
genuine
shoe tyin
fool

Bud Osborn



Sam Roddan

The Bread Lines At Our Door

In the early 30's 1252 hungry men lined up in the lane behind First Church Mission at Gore Avenue for the usual handouts: slab of bread, chunk of corned beef, dry socks, sometimes a stamp for a letter home... Later these homeless men were shipped off to work camps and further misery. I remember one or two of these men survived the rigours of a tough winter under the old Georgia Viaduct and kept warm at night huddled next to a stray dog they'd adopted as their closest friend and protector.

Frances Street 'squat' now and forever

Frances Street was the experience of living on low income.. six houses slated for demolition in the 1990's. So many old neighbourhoods had boarded up houses to be crushed and removed for new.. did we care? Sure we did! Frances Street was actively housing people from many walks of life for a year of nights (and days too).

I was looking for no-income housing as I continued to sleep out - 'holistic environmentalism'. Poverty became part of my consciousness while seeking answers to the environmental mess we humans are making. The experience also gave me freedom, people to talk to and participation in a Vancouver neighbourhood.

Housing was the issue before then-mayor Gordon Campbell and others. Our alternative helped show many things while "news"papers and cameras endeavoured to portray why this was happening. As some may remember, the cops came upon our houses like they were taking down a major criminal operation. The basis for the SWAT team, city and fire department trucks, RCMP, CSIS and other establishment entities was a search for weapons which never existed on the premises, but a little push here and a shove there and machinery went to work to force city council to act by consenting to "emergency" demolition - by-passing a lengthy permit process.

We were locked up, ID'd, but the court was not a place we would have to defend our alternative.. not after this police effort.

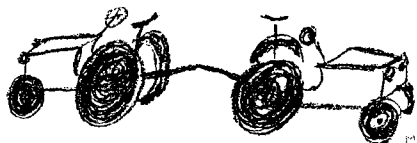
Today this city just goes on with its high cost, controlled and ultimately disempowering housing. People on low income, marginalized workers, working poor, social assistance receivers all need to be heard and not left voiceless, homeless and all the other 'less' until there is nothing left. Frances Street and today: we recycle, make our own housing, grow organic food, cook, educate, teach - we were and can again be a model for sustainable development. We break the cycle of a perfect citizen

being measured by taxes paid.

I saw recently a woman from Australia who went to the U.N. in New York to read their policy on subsistence living. It stated quite clearly that women's labour - home economics, raising chickens or other animals, housework - is not counted as meaningful economic activity. The attitude of the society that mainstream media tries to convince us is in the majority came out in the United Nations report as it was portrayed for the cameras on Frances Street: "it" (this attitude) does not recognise day-to-day activity of poor people as having a role in the economy or anywhere.

I say let the chicken shit for the king.

By MICHAEL BOHNERT

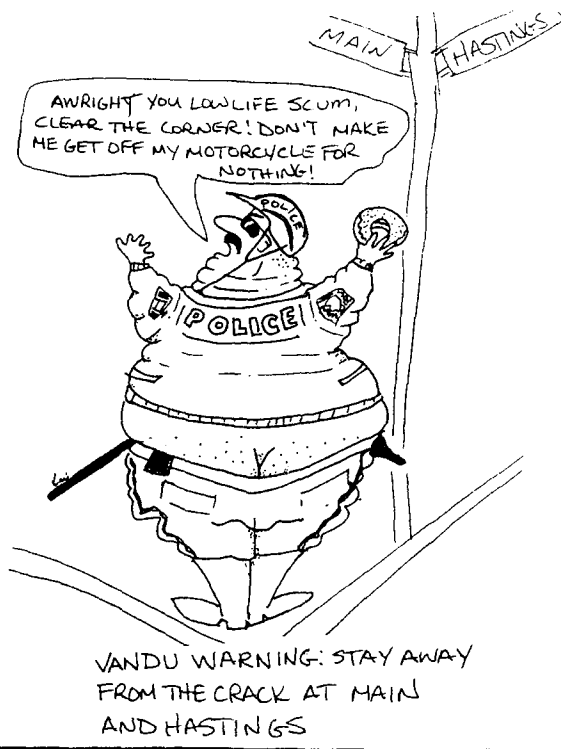


COINCIDENCE

There is a Chinese saying: "The first step to wisdom is being able to name things properly." I recently was able to name coincidence as a cause of my paranoia, which is an existential condition of many people.

I would see people a few times a day and see people with artifacts that I own and think that they purposely placed themselves in my path just to sabotage my mind. And I have recently noticed that I would see certain people over and over again. It is as if God had run out of minor characters in the story of my life and is recycling extras. But the thing is, there are all kinds of coincidences and overlaps in life and the mind makes connections. The thing is to see that the mind plays a connect-the-dots game with itself and realise that not only are certain dots never meant to be connected - some were never connected in the first place.

There is a secret cult of scientists that collects and chronicles coincidences. Perhaps the most famous Paul Kammerer, who referred to them as



having both seriality and clustering. Paul would sit on a park bench and list certain features like hats, scarves, suitcases and record how many times he would see them in a lunch-hour crowd. When comparing events he would look for factors in common. Sometimes Kammerer would record coincidences of the seventh order (seven factors in common!). Physicist Wolfgang Pauli would routinely enter a lab and a test-tube would explode. Psychoanalyst Carl Jung was treating a woman who told him of her recurring dreams of an Egyptian scarab or beetle. Just then a tap on the window and investigating the sound revealed the exact same kind of beetle there. Jung called this kind of coincidence a "catalytic exteriorization."

Finally I refuse to insist on imagining that the coincidences I see on a daily basis have any significance or reference to me. Quite simply, they don't. If one were fully attuned and awake, one would see the world and their lives as a kaleidoscopic wonderland of seriality, coincidence and connectedness.

By DEAN KO

REIGN OF VIOLENCE

Garry Gust

The people who run this city don't give a hooter's toot about protecting our senior citizens from home invasions. In fact, the people who run this city don't appear to have any control over a police department that prefers to make cheap headlines by busting homegrown marijuana operations instead of concentrating their efforts on putting an end to the terrorism of home invasions.

Whoever is running law enforcement in Vancouver ought to get social priorities straight or resign.

SNEAKY LINDA TRIPP

In the bowels of social intercourse
Where products of waste slip
Into a trustless septic tank,
Lives Sneaky Linda Tripp.

The HIGH SOCIETY SOCIAL PAGE

G.Gust

On January 1, 2000, Rodney Peskilvitz will celebrate his 34th birthday with a gala party at his home in Port Moody with family and friends.

Rodney's wife, Gloria, who convinced him to cash in all his stocks and bonds before the great November market crash and then charge up his credit card to the max, will hostess the event with the help of the Hoffman Sister's Catering Service of Maillardville.

As you all know, Rodney Peskilvitz is the current president of the National D-Furd Tax Party and hopes to run for Prime Minister later in 2000 once heat and electrical power is restored to Ottawa, and the Quebec Liberation Army is ousted from the nation's capital.

The Peskilvitz children, Darwin and Anna, age 7 and 12, respectively, who will be on Christmas day-parole from the Squamish camp for young offenders, have sworn to be on their best behavior for Rodney's party and promised authorities they would not go near the Shell Oil refinery in Ioco which they dynamited on summer vacation -good luck, Kids.

Anyone wishing to send birthday cards, presents, or political contributions to Mr. Peskilvitz may do so through his secretary, Hilda Glunsinger, at Box 703827417, Nassau, The Bahamas -make all cheques out in the name of F.Offenshor, Esq.

Dear Capitalist Governments and Corporations:

Please be advised that there are millions of unemployed citizens who are Y2K compliant.



Race

Though I had won the race quite clearly, the father of the boy in the next lane, snatching his son across the line, claimed his son had won. After the judges had given me the large fire truck for first prize, I handed it to the boy and took the small pack of Matchbox trucks. I had begun crying but was then able to stop. The feeling (and I have only figured this out after years of intermittent reflection on this incident from my fifth year) that I had at the time was one of greatest anxiety and disappointment. Whatever happened, it seemed to me then, it was the loudest, most boorish and selfish who would win, even if they lost, because they would insist, even as my father had insisted I accept the first place prize, which by that time, what with the other boy's father holding his son tightly and completely ignoring what affect his protestations and insults were having on him, had become a thing of evil, a word I never use anymore, by the way, but which still seems appropriate in this case even now. I was, in fact, both afraid for the boy and quite honestly sorry for him.

Talking to someone recently, I was reminded that, among native people in Canada, there is generally a sense or feeling of unworthiness, the result of genocidal and racist police, church and state policies over a couple centuries, it is often stated. This feeling too, later, became part of the story of my own life as a race, perhaps, not that it is a race, but that, looked at as if it were a race, though I might come in first, once in a while, on a deeper level, I have never won and will never win. This attitude, this refusing first prize, becomes unavoidably, in a

society like ours based on arrogance and self-centered so-called success or so-called salvation, a society where the loudest, pushiest, most terrorist-like insistence, legislation and enforcement of some inane right or correctness or best always rules, antithetical, then becomes unworthiness, and eventually, I think, becomes invisibility. (The native fellow telling a couple film crew folks about hard times for migrant workers in the Okanagan is invisible to them, only his stereotype remains, half-drunk and a potential security threat to their cords and equipment, their vehicles parked in the lane where he usually drinks with his buddies. They seem to listen, to tolerate his presence because he's an Indian, a similarly inebriated and blithering Caucasian they'd have dismissed or chased off immediately.) This corporate, academic, professional, managerial, political insistence and enforcement, this society of save yourself and right-is-what-rules doesn't even have words to describe what I am talking about, and yet any discussion of culture, whether it's native culture or the so-called mainstream, that does not begin with the best alternative to corporatist mentality, the hunter-gatherer mentality, for lack of a better word, for example, is merely insulting and asinine entertainment, like the Aboriginal Achievement Awards. We're all fucked, we're all certainly wrong, and kindness or compassion or love is all, surely, but I can't help feeling one can't be saved or successful here, or even attempt to be saved or successful, without becoming something of a terrorist of humanity.

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