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NEWSLETTER

JULY 1, 1999.

DOWNTOWN EAST SIDE

FESTIVAL OF DELIGHTS

JULY 10th, 11 AM - 7 PM
CRAB PARK

A CELEBRATION OF THE TALENT IN
THE DOWNTOWN EAST SIDE

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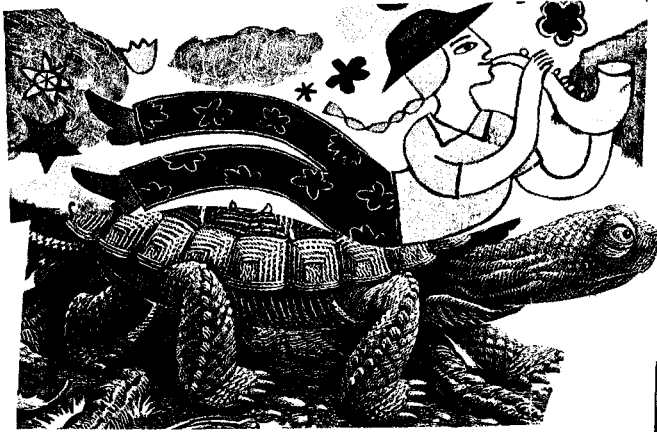
CARNEGIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



For years the Downtown Eastside has been portrayed as one least desirable neighbourhoods in Canada, the home of violence, addiction, poverty and despair. While these portrayals obviously describe something real, they don't tell the whole story. They neglect the DE's history as a haven for artists and creative people; they ignore the amazing sense of community that exists in this neighbourhood; they leave out the positive, loving nature of many individuals here who try both to express themselves and to make things better.

Recently some local events have begun to address

this gap. Last year the **Walls of Change** created a new sense of possibility and optimism within the DE, by drawing on the talents of many visual artists and other performers to create a community-wide celebration of life here, and by leaving a legacy of beautiful and powerful murals created



by local artists as a statement of where and who we are. **Walls of Change** received attention from across the city (indeed from across the country), and added momentum to a process of beginning to redraw the DE in the eyes of people in other communities.

The Downtown East Side Festival of Delights, sponsored through the Carnegie Association, aims to build on the success of Walls of Change by creating a one-day multidisciplinary celebration on *July 10, from 11 AM to 7 PM*, in CRAB Park. We're looking for musicians, writers, theatre groups, dancers, performance artists, painters, sculptors, potters, etc, from all communities in the DE; we want to invite anyone involved in creative endeavours to participate. Three stages (musical, literary and dance) will be set up to run at the same time; there will be a teepee-raising and painting, face-painting and other kids' activities, and magical surprises.

There will be a general planning meeting for this festival in the Carnegie Theatre on July 2 (Friday) from 4:00 - 5:30. All interested groups/individuals are invited to attend. If you have questions please contact Earle Peach at 874 1256, or by Email at earlbarb@2vcn.bc.ca, or by mail at Carnegie Centre, 401 Main St., Vancouver V6A 2T7.

Yes, it's the...

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STAINLEY PARK

Frolicking in the forest at Stainley Park.
Some in light, some at dark.
Some are tame, some are stark.
Some show up just for a lark.
They come sometimes on a dare.
Some prance in their underwear.
They might be named Paula, George or Mark.
They come to frolic in Stainley Park.

Trashhopper



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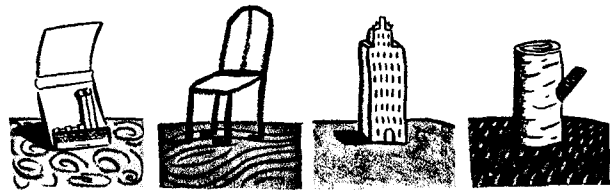
Editor,

I found it scary that the 2 letters you printed June 1st regarding everyone's movements on the streets being recorded by cameras seem to be in favour of them. Shouldn't you (our) newsletter be slanted towards revealing the web of Truth & Deceit and how it is constructed? The whole picture is what is necessary: "crime" is created by intention by a fascist system which does not care about the plight of its people! McBinner had my vote but lost it on this one with his "go for it" - whose corner are you on, folks?!

This is quite frankly terrifying. Are you aware of the script? Next they will say "Camera surveillance is a major success... Crime has been cut by half..." ad nauseum. Subtitles will read 'You too can have 6, 16, 666 cameras or however many we choose in your neighbourhood.' In invisible ink will be statements of more dead homeless people and over-dosed addicts found in alleys in the Downtown Eastside, who were looking for privacy that no longer exists.

If one person in a position of privilege (and I don't mean the middle class) would really respond to "what do you need" we wouldn't be going down this road. "Support groups" will wait for the "Powers-that-Be" to help from now till kingdom come. Funding? Give me a break. All the funding we need lives in your heart and gut. A new motto: FEEL, don't think.

From a terrified homeless woman.



Down and Out

Sure wish this line would move
Don't know why it's so slow

Can't see round the corner
Can't stand much longer

And the pavement's so cold.

I never thought I'd be reduced to this...
Waiting for food in a line with a lot of
losers;

Guess I'm a loser too now.

How did I manage to screw up so badly?
If Mary had lived we'd have managed.
O Mary, if you could see me now!
Or can you? I don't know what to believe.

Folks told me to invest my money,
But how was I to know I'd be an old wreck
at forty-five?

Anyway we did enjoy our holidays...
Mary sure liked Mexico.

I've tried to quit smoking like the doc said;
But what's the use, what is there to live for?
I took too many sick days so they fired me,
After I worked for them for 22 years.

Then the U.I. ran out;
Eventually my savings were gone,
Couldn't keep up the house...
The house where Mary worked so hard.

If I could just get on "disability"
Maybe I could get into a place where I could
cook;

Not have to wait out in the cold for food...

Oh, we're moving finally,
Thank God!

The Other Face Of Shaughnessy

We want our children to grow up safely. We want them to have the opportunity for a decent life — a decent job at decent pay, friends, a family of their own, a healthy community, and the chance to develop their creative abilities to their fullest extent.

These modest hopes, expressed in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, are being denied to millions of the world's peoples by an international business elite that sees human rights as a restraint on its ability to make money. It's a refusal to share the earth's gifts that lies behind much of the abuse of drugs in Canada, the United States, and other countries.

We will never live in a safe community, a safe world, as long as there are people who live in poverty and despair. High fences and security guards will not protect us from the anguish of a country where the extreme wealth of a few is directly related to the poverty of many. The despair of the drug scene on Hastings Street is the other face of Shaughnessy.

The roots of the drug crisis have been documented in forty years of research which points to the central role of social and economic forces in drug misuse. Poorer people are at greater risk than wealthier people. Poverty excludes citizens from the activities of the larger society, making their range of life choices extremely small. Drugs are one way to kill the pain of un-lived life. As more middle class families see their income and job security shrink, more middle class children will be caught in the debilitating feeling of going nowhere. Low income youth already know that feeling. As early as grade five, children worry about getting jobs when they leave school. "Many children are lost in and overwhelmed by the malaise and helplessness that grips and obsesses their parents." ("Children fear future, study says," by M. Mittelstaedt, *Globe & Mail*, Aug.26/93). Elliott Currie has written. "The link between drug abuse and (social) deprivation is one of the strongest in forty years of careful research... The spread of

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drug use is associated with human misery," (Reckoning - Drugs. The Cities And The American Future, by Elliott Currie, 1993, p.77:44)

The people who are least at risk with drugs often come from stable families, and believe that they have a future. People who hurt themselves with drugs need to see that there are alternatives to despair - alternatives that give them respect, hope, and the opportunity to grow in a caring community. Harm reduction programs, including decent housing, education, treatment, support groups, needle exchanges, safe sites, and counselling are part of the process, but the light at the end of the tunnel is an equitable, democratic society in which everyone is included through meaningful work, adequate income and good social programs - the vision of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

By SANDY CAMERON

To job hunters -

Check out the Abbotsford and Armstrong Labour Pools for seasonal work. Cherries, peaches and apples are just a few of the fruit crops coming out.

BUT- forget about the Sunshine Coast. All the students are out now. Forget about the salmon fleet as things are tight, with people hiring their own wives, sons and daughters. Most pulp mills are fighting inflation, low Asian buying, and are asking their own people to take early retirement; stay away from the Fraser Valley where crops

(especially mushrooms) are being over-picked.. mainly because of the pressure of thousands of unemployed people from Vancouver to Chilliwack. The only job "offers" coming out of Hope and Boston Bar haven't been exactly fraudulent but were a waste of time and gas. people there are starved for customers, due to the economy, and would really like you to just work for free so they can get back on their feet.

Keep a tight rein on your welfare cheque, get a light tent and check out work in the North. Like Dawson Creek for starters...

Skookum Jim



Letter Home

Dear Ma,

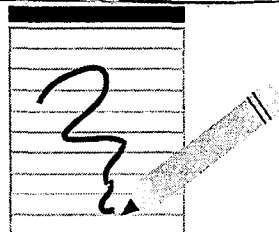
Well I finally made it to the Big City!! I live in what they call a rooming house and while there are lots of rooms there doesn't seem to be much room in these rooms.

It's real friendly. Fella just has to sit out on the sidewalk back of a baseball hat, twist his legs, and people drop money in. Such generous souls.

Girls have no problem getting here to there. Just stand on a street corner.. pretty soon some fella gives them a ride. Funny they only go a block or two but the drivers are generous 'cause these girls are always counting money when they get out of the cars. Funny that they don't travel far - just round the block then standing waiting for another ride? but sure enough another fella gives 'em one! Sure is a friendly place.

One thing confuses me is the streets. Oh they're level and paved and all but these people always asking up?up? or down?down? - can't they see the street stretches out straightlike? The hills ain't nearly as steep as back home so I don't think they need help walking. Sure is curious.

And if'n you got no rent you're perfectly welcome to stretch out in any doorway and catch 40 winks. Seen plenty of folks having naps in



doorways. Sure is decent of the rest of the folks, letting people catch up on their rest like that...

And girls - whooee! I coulda had 12 dates my first night in town. They ain't shy like back home - they just up and ask ya! Tomorrow I'm going to the races with this tall gal I met. She said she was queen of the drag races, so we should have lots of fun.

Well Ma I gotta close for now. I sure love the big city. Fella I met and me are going to get real clean at what he said was a bathhouse. All the fellas go. I guess it's cheaper if we all wash up together. Not just on Saturdays, like at home - these fellas go every day. I'll be so clean and sparkling you won't recognize me. I'd send money but the neighbour girl lost her kids and I'm helping her find them again. Only cost me 300 dollars but they can come all the way from the Orient. They're Chinese White or they're coming on the China White ship or something. I'll write again and send money but between getting clean with Maurice, going to the drag races with Roberta and helping my neighbour get her kids from China you can see how busy I am. Feed my rabbits.

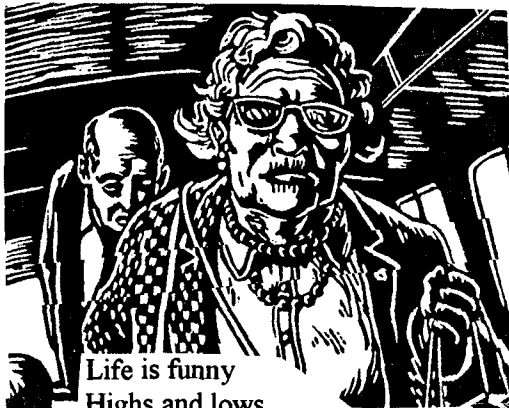
Love, Mo



We are getting another strategy to clean up the D.T.E.S. This time it is a provincial action plan. The intent is to give everyone who lives here the chance to get involved in addressing some of the challenges facing our community.

This makes three action plans in as many years. Maybe this time even Aboriginal people with disabilities will be included in the consultation process.

Jenny Kwan, our local MLA, will be leading



Life is funny
Highs and lows

But when the one place
you feel most comfortable at
the emptiness sinks

the joys are no longer there
the people seem strangers
distant

Is it me?

“mt”

What is wrong with me?

Rather be dead with no voice.

the way. I hope she remembers what has been happening and what she has seen here in the neighbourhood. Aboriginal people with disabilities continue to be marginalized because of community in-fighting by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups. The issue continues to be competition for funds that are available to address disabilities' concerns. 7.

As President of the Westcoast Aboriginal Network on Disabilities (W.A.N.D.), I would say that these groups could play a more supportive role in helping disabled people take care of their own problems as Aboriginal people.

The provincial government took a long look at the programs that have already been tried, and are putting more attention on traditional healing methods when dealing with substance abuse program development. How many more strategic action plans must people with disabilities endure? How much money will be spent before some person or some group gets it right?

Aboriginal people with disabilities need to be involved in the development of any action plan that is for our community. By allowing us, the Aboriginal people of the D.T.E.S., to have a voice in the strategy to improve our lives, the lives of all that live in the neighbourhood will be improved.

For seven years we have seen an exorbitant amount of money given to the same groups: the established non-profit groups whose mandate is to address housing, substance abuse and disability problems on our behalf. In all that time I can see no positive difference in the way our people live. In fact, there seems to be a trend in the opposite direction. Certain programs that were in place have been discontinued, and as I write this I cannot say that I know of any programs that will fill this gap. Canada is known internationally for its liberal human rights and social welfare system. A visitor to the Downtown Eastside would be hard put to realize that he is actually in an affluent First World nation. The thousands of homeless and hungry, Aboriginal or not, disabled or not, substance abusers or not, give a different picture of Canada.

By FRED ARRANCE



Carnegie Community Centre
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Armadillo String Quartet

Ensemble of two violins, viola and cello playing works from
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(Thanks to the Koerner and Hamber Foundations for financial support.)

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE/STRATHCONA COMMUNITY DIRECTIONS

MOBILIZATION AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING PROCESS

Not so long ago the Downtown Eastside was the thriving centre of Vancouver. Today it is a community in crisis. Walking along Hastings Street you see the difficulties facing this community – store after store has been boarded up, drug abuse, prostitution, street crime, an HIV epidemic and premature deaths are realities of the Downtown Eastside. Most people see only the squalor, the gritty street scene, but what lives there is a vibrant community held together by a powerful support network of families, friends, community organizations, agencies and multicultural relationships. The Downtown Eastside is home for thousands of families and individuals. Above all, it is a community of diverse, caring, and talented people.

Recently, there has been a lot of interest in the Downtown Eastside by government agencies, developers, and universities and colleges. This interest does not seem to benefit the low-income residents. Hotels and rooming houses have been bought up and renovated to suit tourists and others who can afford the higher prices. Condominium homes for more high-income residents continue to be built while the present residents live in sub human conditions. A “clean up the area” mentality is what the media, some businesses and others see as the solution. This approach is a big concern for the community. After many attempts to explain to City Council, the Mayor’s Coalition, etc. how plans that leave the community out will fail to meet their needs, the community has decided to take another approach. We want to involve the residents themselves in making a community plan. That’s what this *Community Directions* is all about - to mobilize the community and increase the participation of residents in the community building plan.

If you agree with this approach and want to be involved, contact Community Directions. c/o Ray-Cam Centre, 920 E. Hastings, V6A 3T1 or the Neighbourhood Safety Office, 12 E. Hastings. Fax: 257-6944. There is a statement, an agreement on the principles of participating. Ask for one

Even in these difficult times, the spark for constructive change is evident in the people of the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona neighbourhoods!

What the wise do in the beginning,
fools do in the end.

Joe Paul



I saw the tears of the oppressed –
and they have no comforter;
Power was on the side of their oppressors
and they have no comforter;
And I declared that the dead
who had already died
Are happier than the living
who are still alive
But better than both
is he who has not yet been
Who has not yet seen the evil
that is done under the sun.

Two are better than one,
because they have a better return for their work
If one falls down,
his friend can help him up
But pity the man who falls
and has no one to help him up!
If two lie down together, they will keep warm
but how can one keep warm alone?
Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

BEGINNING COMPUTERS



4-week course begins
Saturday, July 3
2:00 - 5:00 PM

If you have not already signed up, come on the
first day to see if there's an opening!
Eight student limit.

The Meeting

We come together Fridays

The sick and battered by society
Along with helpers representing society's interest,
And yet we have illusions of strength.
"To have no voice is to have no power"
Proclaims a sign high on the wall,
Just beneath the space where hung
the painting of *The Goose*.

"Bullshit", I say
To have no voice is to have no voice;
To have no power is to have no power.
And yet,
while there is hope that we, the underclass,
can break into the game
can be heard,
Perhaps there remains a slim chance.

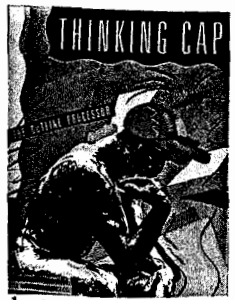
Wilhelmina Miles, May, 1999



YOU DON'T SAY?

Robert Boynes got this from a friend, who got it from another friend... well, you get the idea. Some grade-school teachers have kept journals of amusing things their students have written in papers. Here are a few examples

- * The future of "I give" is "I take."
- * The parts of speech are lungs and air.
- * The inhabitants of Moscow are called Mosquitoes.
- * A census taker is man who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- * Water is composed of two gins. Oxygen and hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.



- * (Define H2O and CO2.) H2O is hot water and CO2 is cold water.
- * A virgin forest is a forest where the hand of man has never set foot.
- * The general direction of the Alps is straight up.
- * A city purifies its water supply by filtering the water then forcing it through an aviator.
- * Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.
- * The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 opossums.
- * The spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom.

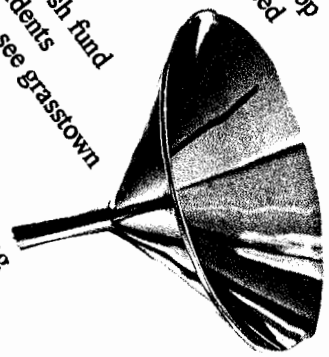
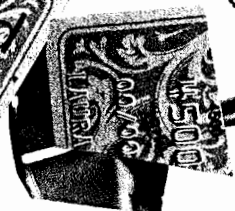
IN THE DUMPSTER

binner@vcn.bc.ca

Greetings fellow binners & binnerettes.
 How goes it? Not too bad at this end except I miss getting the swine flu from drinking like a pig.
 I found some interesting facts on the internet. As yer supreme exulted leader, I feel obligated to at least try to be on top of some of the important news. For example: Did you know that Gustav Andre Stool, the famous ventriloquist, amazed audiences around the USA with his ability to throw farts across the stage and into the audience? Neither did I. Are you pondering what I'm pondering? Yes, that does sound like some of BC's politicians. Have a good month and hey!! Let's be careful out there.
 By Mr. McBinner



- Here, from the offices of Dick Wad, are the top 10 things Mayor of Vancouver.
- 1 Get elected.
 - 2 Appoint ass-kissers
 - 3 Establish slush fund
 - 4 Take over grasstown with slush fund
 - 5 Give grasstown to D.E. residents
 - 6 Charge tourists \$5 a block to see grasstown
 - 7 Ban illegal drug use and sales
 - 8 Buy Canada Place.
 - 9 Change Canada Place into affordable housing
 - 10 Change Canada Place into affordable housing



bio sphere

with Rudolf Penner, Internal Correspondent

Joyce Morgan



JOYCE: I feel like smiling today.

Interviewer: Why is that?

JOYCE: Because I'm working at the 2nd Floor desk this afternoon.

Int:: What gets you excited about running the desk?

JOYCE: People I work with, including kitchen staff and the learning centre staff... and the clientele!

Int: What do you have to do for clientele?

JOYCE: Keep the tables cleared, keep a pleasant atmosphere.

Int: How do you encourage a pleasant atmosphere?

JOYCE: Generally I don't really know... just see that there are no fights.

Int: Are you saying you can prevent a fight?

JOYCE: I sure can call security in a hurry!

Int: What brought you down to Carnegie in the first place?

JOYCE: I needed a quarter to call my husband. We were separated at the time. So I asked a street person in a wheelchair if I could borrow a quarter, and he said there was a free phone at the Carnegie Centre down on the corner. So I used the free phone at Carnegie and I fell in love with the place and I've been here ever since. And now they can't get rid of me.

Int: What year was that?

JOYCE: Oh... '91.

Int: Do you have any guiding philosophy that you go by while you're living your life?

JOYCE: Yes I do... and Carnegie won't like it; but I'm gonna say it anyway! I believe in the triune God who cares about every individual, and I believe if we depend on him for assistance, he will guide us. Especially in times of need does he make himself known.

Int: How is this challenged here in the Downtown Eastside?

JOYCE: The street crowd doesn't seem to believe this way. They believe it's up to them to make a way for themselves. And that's that.

Int: Don't you also think of yourself as a musician?

JOYCE: Oh, why of course. I used to go singing down the street; but I cut that out. Once a week at the Cabaret I open up and let go, musically speaking, and if I don't get a spot I get very upset. I'm on the 50% from last week

(Musicians sign up to perform on Wednesday nights at 6:45pm in the Theatre. The names are drawn out of a hat and placed on a performers list. Those unlucky souls who don't make it out of the hat before the available spaces are filled are placed on the 50% list. If there are only a few on this list they have a 50% chance of playing, but often there are many. If one of the chosen performers is not present when her or his name is called, the next person from the 50% list is asked to perform. If they don't get called at all during the evening, the people from the 50% list get first crack at performing the next week, either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday afternoon or evening.)

Int: How do you feel about not having a piano?

JOYCE: Terrible!. I've even been thinking of buying one.

Int: What if someone loaned you one?

JOYCE: If I had room in my living room I'd do it.

Int: Do you want to say anything about romance or love? Is there such a thing?

JOYCE: (<BIG SMILE>) Carnegie is a great place for romance!

DOWNTOWN STD CLINIC - 219 Main; Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
EASTSIDE NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. every day
YOUTH NEEDLE EXCHANGE VAN - 3 Routes
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Downtown Eastside - 5:30 p.m. 1:30 a.m.

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for next issue
Monday, 12 July**

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POST NO ILLS

(Cultiss)

The best trip ever. Saw a donkey, horse, sheep and cows... a deer or two or three. Heard five shots - a yellow truck pulls up and wisks them away - some guys in a grey truck and grey uniforms were tossing rocks into the lake.

And BIRDS! The deaf cat went crazy when the woodpecker showed up.

Land of the Giants was playing the day after we left. It got sunny too.. the last day...

We sang songs at the campfire. Nobody wanted to leave. Don't they ever turn that light off? And they did!

Canoeing, swimming and hiking rounds out the day and I won new batteries for my flashlight at Bingo. Great chocolate pudding!

I can't wait for next year.

Taum



Do you live in one of the hotels or rooming houses in the neighbourhood? Are you sick of poor maintenance and landlords who care about nothing but the next rent cheque? Or do you think your place is OK and the landlord is fine? Here's your chance to let us - and the City - know. BC Housing, the Tenants Rights Action Coalition and the Main & Hastings Community Development Society are conducting a survey of hotel and rooming house residents to find out what you think of your housing, what could be done to improve it and what sort of housing you would prefer. Your opinions and comments will be used to make standards of management and maintenance by-law recommendations to the City. Such by-laws could force negligent landlords to fix problems before they get too bad, keep the places clean and provide better facilities.

The surveyors are also interested in the kind of housing you want. Should social housing providers like BC Housing build new, self-contained suites or should they buy and renovate hotels? Or should they be doing both? What do you think are the most important features of decent housing: private bathrooms, security, general maintenance? Your answers and opinions will help them decide what type of housing to build and will help shape the future of affordable housing in this community.

The survey began on last month at Four Corners and interviewers will soon be knocking on doors in hotels and rooming houses all over the neighbourhood. The survey takes about five minutes, is completely anonymous and will help in the fight for decent housing.

A Song In Your Heart!

That tune you keep singing!
Do you want to write it down?

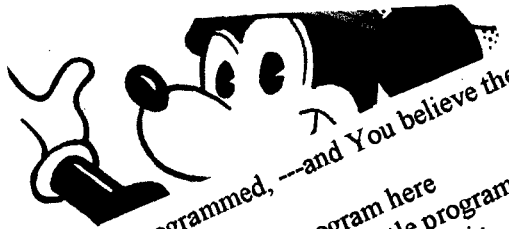
If so - **this is the class for you!**

We will learn the notes on the piano and how to write these on the musical staff.
We will also learn the time values of notes and how to write chord charts!

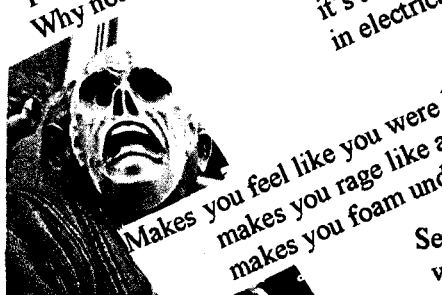
So bring that special song to class.

MONDAYS at NOON in the Theatre, starting July 5.

See you there! *Colleen Muriel*



You're all programmed, ---and You believe the program!
Why not? it's real
a little program here
and a little program there
it's all in the air
in electrical waves, it flows
into your brain
no wonder you're insane



Makes you feel like you were born on another planet
makes you rage like a wild beast
makes you foam underarms, like yeast -

No kid would ever name that solemn name
no kindly spirit make a frame
to see thru

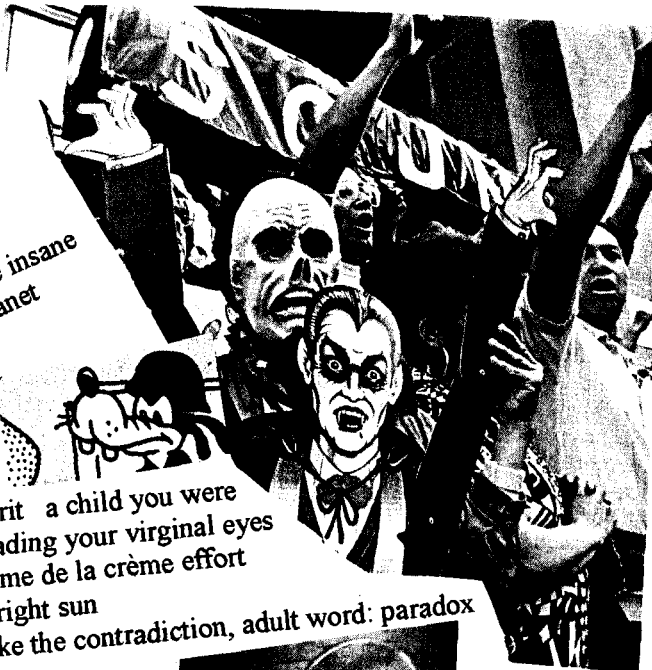
Old purple haze. Pre-programmed delight
vacationing in the strains in the hip hop of modern culture

All the children wake from their TVs
and crumb the cake of dumb vampires

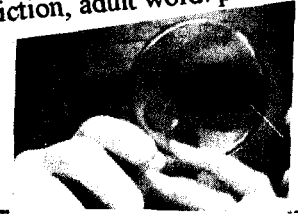
by Rudolf Penner

Neighbourhood News

* Cops - up?down?more?? WANTED posters appeared throughout the area a couple of weeks ago demanding that Constable Dave Dixon's assignment to the task force working on cases of missing women in the Downtown Eastside be re-examined. He's been working in our community for years, most recently out of the Neighbourhood Safety Office at 12 E.Hastings, and it was a setback when a unilateral decision was made



Sentinel to wary spirit a child you were
with a hat brim shading your virginal eyes
valiant in your creme de la creme effort
to shine like the bright sun
Soldier of soul spoke the contradiction, adult word: paradox



to re-assign him full-time. Posters, petitions... plans to bus people by the score to the weekly Police press conference, hold a demonstration & rally and give away free hot dogs. Inspector Chris Beach came to a meeting of the Steering Committee of the NSO and heard from DEYAS, DERA, Carnegie, Ray-Cam, Native Health, the Lookout, Tradeworks, Watari, and the Safety Office itself on matters relating to Dave and the process. Community Policing is more than a couple of words for public relations, yet Police decisions are made and the community is left to react. Representatives cited a litany of such unilateral, one-sided actions. It's understood that police activity is done on priority, but reacting to one matter at the expense of others always has consequences. Lou Demerais of Native Health remarked that he'd seen 13 inspectors in charge of this district, and each had responded, when called on some decision, that it would "never happen again"(!) The response from Insp. Beach is positive and encouraging: Dave Dixon is back

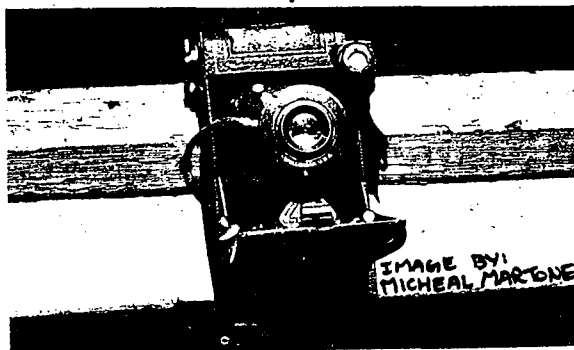
to working out of the NSO Tuesday thru Thursday and with the task force on the 23 missing women Friday and Monday. Won one!

* The head honcho of the cops got let go, and all the stuff you'll read in the various rags that pass for newspapers - *Sun, Province* - just feeds the rumours that the guy wasn't doing so hot. It may be that he responded or reacted too much to vested interests. The Cannabis stores near Victory Square got so much attention and harassment while heroin and cocaine dealing remains in full swing not a hundred metres away; Food Not Bombs gets its soup pots inspected/searched (checking for cannibals?) just for being across the street; DEEP is gearing up (short for Downtown Eastside Extraordinary Policing) with 30-40 more cops, but a community orientation is necessary after some of these cowboys react almost violently to sidewalk chalking saying "fuck the pigs" outside Carnegie; \$100,000 is offered for the garage robber but community outrage over nothing for 23 missing women takes enormous energy in lobbying, discussion and public disgust before a similar limp sum gets posted, then the same mayor who engineered the Cannabis caveat and knee-jerk reaction to dealing makes "cleaning up the Downtown Eastside" his campaign slogan. The Chief of Police reacts to this as serving only the money and development interests who want us out, but goes along on matters of cops. He doesn't become the point man for Mayor Owen in as vocal and unambiguous a way as Owen wants, and the \$6.5 million to "revitalize" our community is a lot more important than one man's career. SSSo he's toast. Icing on that was CTV featuring Douglas Whorrall as a bona fide community rep being indignant over the firing.

* The next fun thing coming up is the Closed Circuit Television. For a bit of perspective, England now has over 400,000 cameras on the streets of her major cities. We get results of this activity from cops and security firms with a vested interest in selling these incredibly expensive things to us.

* One good thing that has happened in recent

DARKROOM RE-OPENING WITH PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM



WHEN? - FRIDAY JULY 2ND, 3 PM
WHERE? - CARNEGIE GALLERY
(Bring your own camera if you have one)
ALL WELCOME!
for more info: contact Sarah @ 665-2220 or Rika @ 665-3003

months is that knives have been virtually eliminated, due to intense police activity. It took Sue Harris years to get them banned from bars and police have finally started enforcing it. ... "The policeman (policewoman.. policeperson) is Your Friend!"

PRT



GED English Preparation

David Waters will present a series of workshops on preparing for the GED examination.

Place: Conference Room

Carnegie Learning Centre (3rd floor)

Time: Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-noon.



SURVIVING ON THE STREET

I like to paint what I see...and feel.. mostly people trying to get a footing on this "uneven earth" People taking a beating on streets I knew so well as a boy. Often I hear myself saying to these friends "Don't throw in the towel. Hang in 'til all hell breaks loose." Survival means toughness of flesh, bone, spirit.

Sam Roddan

**ACCEPT IT: OUR PROGRESS
DEPENDS ON THEIR POVERTY**



Why do we see so many people with obvious physical injuries in the downtown? Accidents have a persistence in happening to those who already have pressing burdens, those who have lost the ability to take care of themselves. The chances are that if you already have one serious health problem you will be prone to falling victim to others.

We, as a community, if we claim to be humane or even merely human, have a responsibility to the unfortunate, whether the misfortune is ill health, poverty, or any combination of miseries. Most people seek happiness, but many have lost the desire or energy to maximize their options. They become locked into a narrow mind set of failure and poverty of spirit.

The Goose

Everywhere you turn you see a cop' {boom-boom tsch}
can'da's gettin' ready for the next big drop
they're help'ng themselves to all we've got to give
wastin' our time & callin' us names
everywhere you turn/you see a cop
can'da's turning demons into people who are smart
{boomboom}

remember what you've got..give them what is naught
that way they'll forget who's hot & who's not
be a master magician of your disguise
give away all political ties
they're helping themselves to our blinded eyes
everywhere you turn you see a cop (boom-boom tsch)....
(repeat until you're dead)

Rudolf Penner