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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT



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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

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# TAKE BACK THE NIGHT March and Rally September 16th



Join thousands of women nation wide, reclaim our streets in an expression of solidarity

You are invited for a meal and discussion  
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre  
44 East Cordova Street  
Meal at 5:30

Special Guest to speak on the Women's March 2000  
What should we be doing in the Downtown Eastside

**What about the missing women?**

**What about poverty and low welfare rates?**

We will be leaving the centre at 7:15 to join the Rally at the art Gallery (Georgia and Howe)  
**Bring noise makers and take back what is our right**

*FREEDOM TO MOVE ABOUT  
WITHOUT FEAR*

**SUPPORT GATHERING FOR  
WOMEN WHO ARE HIV/AIDS+**

*Join us for food, great conversations and company as each week we focus on different topics and issues concerning the daily lives of women who are affected by HIV/AIDS.*

**Where:** D.A.M.S. 167 West Pender

**When:** Fridays, 12:30 to 3:30

For info call Donna at 788-0387

# EMPOWERING Women as ORGANIZERS

Breaking the Silence Campaign  
Community Meeting

**Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
1pm in the Jim Green Room  
133 Powell Street

***Consultations to plan a retreat in November, with groups and individuals active in organizing for social change, especially in the area of violence against women in the Downtown Eastside.***

For more information please speak to Carol at the Downtown Eastside Womens Centre (681-4786)

Rika at Carnegie Centre (665-3003)

Ellen at The DTES Senior Centre (254-6207)

Or messages at 682-3269 loc. 8319

# It's a fact



Frequency of women assaulted by their husband or boyfriend

*12 every second*

Frequency, in Canada, of sexual assaults against women

*1 every 6 minutes*

Frequency of sexual assaults involving forced sexual intercourse

*1 every 17 minutes*

Percentage of victims of sexual assault who are women

*90*

Percentage of these victims physically injured during assaults

*62*

Percentage severely beaten

*9*

Percentage of sexual assaults happening in victim's home

*80*

Percentage committed by someone known to the victim

*67*

Number of sexual assaults reported to the police

*1 in 10*

Number of Canadian women assaulted by husbands or male partners each year

*1 million*

Average number of women killed each week

*2*

Number of BC children who witness violence directed at their mother

*70,000*

Percentage of abused women admitted to transition homes with their children

*68*

Percentage of these children under 10 years of age

*73 (1,833)*

Percentage of women reporting their children saw them being assaulted

*39*

Number of transition homes in BC

*93 (7 in Aboriginal Communities)*

Number of Aboriginal women helped at Vancouver's Helping Spirit Lodge each year

*600*

Suicide rate for Aboriginal males

*56.3 per 100,000*

For Aboriginal males 15-29

*100 per 100,000*

Number of Canadian girls, 16 and under, who had unwanted sexual experiences

*More than 1 in 2 (54 percent)*

Percentage reporting one or more incidents of incest

*17*

Chance a woman will be killed by her spouse versus a stranger

*9 times*

Percentage of women who have been sexually abused by a non-relative before age 16

*34*

Percentage of perpetrators who were men

*96*

Percentage of Canadian women who experienced physical assault in an intimate relationship

*27*

Percentage of women, reporting physical assault, who also experienced sexual assault

*50*

Percentage of men who are victims of abuse

*10*

Number of Native Courtworkers in BC

*80*

Number of locations

*30*

**Sources:** Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women, '93; StatsCan; StatsCan Transition Home Survey 97-98; Health Canada; BC Ministry of Women's Equality.

*(Reprinted from A Safer Place, pub. by Native Courtworkers & Counselling Association of BC)*

# DERA HOSTS OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE METROPOLE HOTEL

On Wednesday, September 13, 2000 DERA and the Government of Canada jointly celebrated the opening of the Metropole Hotel.

Frank Gilbert, the Community Affairs Co-ordinator, sketched a history of how a common problem in our community was met. Virtually all not-for-profits have no money. When the Metropole was closed it seemed a prime candidate for being turned into tourist accommodation or a backpackers' hostel – a loss of space and rooms for long-term residents.

An anti-conversion bylaw is not in place and the banks “laughed” when approached for a loan to buy the place. A private developer offered to help and the Government of Canada applauded this joint venture and public/ private arrangement.

Working together with CanWest Developments, DERA purchased, upgraded and fully renovated the hotel to provide affordable housing in the DE.

Thanks went all around, with the feds and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) insuring the mortgage loan and supplying \$1,080,000 in RRAP funding for the renovations. Hedy Fry, MP, spoke for the federal government and recognized the result of the successful partnership. Philip Owen spoke as the mayor, jointly recognising the several city departments and staff who helped. Ian MacRae spoke as the President of DERA, and gave kudos to the “real experts” on what is decent and affordable housing – the tenants and residents. Ron Suitor spoke as a resident; of having a place with its own washroom and kitchen. He brought things to earth by giving Dr. Fry, the Mayor, and Cal Gill of CanWest each a first-day bag that all tenants got with a roll of toilet paper, a dishrag and soap! Margaret Davies was quite a highlight as she read a message from her daughter Libby, area MP. Margaret Prevost, President of both the Carnegie Community Centre Association and Vancouver Native Health Society didn't cause too much trouble (!!) as she gave Ian an award from Native Health in recognition of all the volunteer work he does in this neighbourhood for better housing and quality of life.

Following all the talk came a ribbon cutting, cake and refreshments and tours of some of the 60 self-contained units.

The closing remarks got the spirit of the event best: “Let's make this just the first. There are still 6000 residents in substandard rooms. This kind of partnership works for everyone.”



Carnegie Community Action Project presents

**Clint Burnham**

Instructor, UBC, Emily Carr

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

**Gentrification and Architecture  
in the Downtown Eastside**

*Slide show and talk*

Portland Hotel, 40 W.Hastings  
(across from Army & Navy)



## **Editor,**

It has come to my attention that many of the movie companies shooting on location in the Downtown Eastside actually pay big bucks to owners of hotels for “inconvenience”. A couple of questions:

1. How much is each building getting? (I heard the Empress got 1-2 thousand for a few hours!)
2. If this is true, why don't the residents see any of this money for our “inconvenience.”

Larry Mousseau



### Notes from the Reading Room

Another of those brown, unmarked envelopes showed up. This one came from a Doctor's office on West Broadway and, sure enough, there was a paperback book inside with all the appropriate Carnegie stamps and stickers on it. The book hadn't been checked out. More theft, we all thought, but... Attached to the book was a note from the good Doctor who returned it to us. The note said, 'To whom it may concern, my car was broken into and the culprit left me this book!', followed by his signature. Ironically the paperback was a true crime book entitled Dance with the Devil.

The following titles are among the new books which will be in the display cases on the third floor:

**Harvest of Violence: The Maya Indians and the Guatemalan Crisis** edited by Robert M. Carmack. 'This important and disturbing volume provides ten case histories of recent institutionalized violence and discrimination against the Maya-speaking peoples of Guatemala.'

**Too Scared to Learn: Women, Violence and Education** by Jenny Horsman. This book 're-examines learning through a lens focused on the prevalence and impacts of violence in women's lives. Based on research with literacy learners, instructors and practising therapists.' The book 'brings together a wealth of previously unconnected knowledge to spark new approaches to learning and teaching.'

**Stretching** by Bob Anderson. 'One of the most popular fitness books of all time.' This book 'can get the beginner started and keep the hard core fitness addict in shape.'

**1001 Commonly Misspelled Words** by Robert Magnan and Mary Lou Santovec. This handy book is organized phonetically, enabling readers to look

up words without having to know how to spell them (look up, for example, *illusive*, and find the correct spelling: *elusive*.'

**Sweet Invisible Body: Reflections on a life with Diabetes** by Lisa Roney. This book 'will be welcomed by diabetics and their friends and families who have never before had a spokesperson as articulate, honest, and insightful as Lisa Roney.'

**Heeding the Voices of our Ancestors: Kahnawake Mohawk Politics and the Rise of Native Nationalism** by Gerald R. Alfred. This book 'is the first comprehensive study of the passion behind Native political activism, and the first scholarly treatment integrating an explicitly Native perspective'.

**Raucous: Poems** by W. H. New. 'New's images and his brilliant language imbue his poems with the ability to temporarily halt the rushed city dweller into quiet reflection.'

**Cycling for profit : how to make a living with your bike** by Jim Gregory. 'You don't need to be a professional racer to succeed at making your living by bike. This book shows the many ways it can be done--and how to go about making your business flourish.'

**Poker Strategy: Proven Principles for Winning Play** by A. D. Livingston. 'There are only two kinds of poker players: winners and losers. In this book the author 'advises the more than fifty million American poker players to start winning, or else quit the game--and then he shows them how to win.'

**What Einstein Told his Barber : More Scientific Answers to Everyday Questions** by Robert L. Wolke. 'Do you often find yourself pondering life's little conundrums? Have you ever wondered why the ocean is blue? Or why birds don't get electrocuted when perching on high-voltage power lines?'

Dick Turner, Branch Head  
Carnegie Reading Room

We live in a drug society. There are drugs that can help you, and drugs that will hurt you if they don't agree with you, but all drugs you take go through somehow.

If it is in your food or in growing things it is god-sent. If your body needs a drug you can find out through a doctor, but doctors don't always know. Be careful.

Doris Leslie

### Birthdays!!

Thanks to Colleen for making another 'same-old' day, a birthday, special. Surprises are a gift. (48!)

in Edmonton the summers were short  
and the winters were long

I first fell in love at the age of 8  
it ended tragically when they  
moved across town  
and then I started collecting hockey cards  
and pop bottle caps  
and marbles  
and stamps  
and bird eggs  
and frogs, until my mother found them and

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

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Ken Morrison

them down the toilet



### FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

School is central in any community, but the first day can be traumatic for both student and teacher. "Come on," Huddy would say to me, "you're a big boy now. Once you're through the door, everything will be fine. Now off you go!" ... but after 25 years at the chalk rail it was ever thus - palpitations.. nervous jitters.. stage fright.. resignation... Yes, I say now, Three Cheers for the courage and patience of our teachers.

- Sam Roddan



What do you think about criminals?  
 Were they born a criminal?  
 Did they want to be a criminal?  
 What was their background?  
 How do you feel about people in Main and Hastings  
 area?  
 Do you and I believe that other area people are angels?  
 Try to put yourself in their shoes.  
 Do you have any children?  
 Do you realize how much you love them?  
 Do you realize how much they love you?  
 If a person were to lose one of you somehow how  
 would they feel?



When a child is in trouble is there anyone for  
 them to turn to?  
 To give them hugs or a shoulder to cry on  
 Perhaps you are just too busy and you ignore  
 them?  
 Don't be so selfish.  
 Be an angel.

Nahid Nasirabadi



## LONG AFTER ANARCHY

Long after the Fireworks are over  
 Long after hot summer days ended  
 With only the lovers inside the head  
 Long after those flowers of summer  
 Have lost their bloom and leaves fall  
 Long after the man with many hats  
 Runs out of new hats and plays blues  
 Long after all the submarines have sunk  
 Never to surface in enemy shores again  
 Long after trips to the mountain end  
 And dreams of a free way of life over  
 As all the houses have been put to fire  
 Long after all the ideas of man have been  
 Put to plow and turned to mental diarrhea  
 Long after people have stopped trying to  
 Understand how something so CRAZY  
 Turning like an engine inside constantly  
 Is the energy that gets some through life  
 Long after people on earth have stopped  
 Celebrating all of those Special holidays  
 With no more Christmas and New Years  
 Long after the birds have stopped singing  
 With no more mothers or children's embrace  
 Long after all of the oceans have dried up  
 And the sun and moon in the sky are gone  
 Nights end, there will always be Anarchy.

Daniel Rajala

## Gastown

Makes me wanna puke, the cute cobblestone, that  
 idiotic clock, buses dumping out money bags, native  
 jewellery only a few Natives will ever have the cash  
 for, the phony Navajo blankets that still cost 240  
 dollars, the tourists forgetting that behind this façade  
 are the poor AIDS-ridden rats hiding in SRO dumps  
 – they fail to see the security pigs chasing the real  
 people of the street off.. back to Hastings

We walk agog at treasures we'll never own.. we  
 dream til we remember food bank tomorrow... the  
 fat American bored with their air-conditioned jails

keeping reality at bay, far away from the bums

I'm a proud bum, more sophisticated than that fat  
 ass car dealer from Dallas all because I took a turn in  
 life. It's depressing and joy felt at the same time  
 watching the fat cats getting burned, ripped off...

We walk holding hands in a world we can only  
 visit, returning to our tiny rooms tea and oranges,  
 secretly wishing that some burglar cleans all the  
 white folks on vacation of all their precious things..  
 real poverty starts and ends in your heart and only  
 you and God know

R. Loewen



## Where do we go?

Mayor Philip Owen declared a 90-day moratorium on the opening of any new drug or alcohol-related services. This has translated into the proposed Resource Centre's approval process being slowed to a crawl. Drugs are not the only issue in the Downtown Eastside, just the most explosive one. You can not ignore it, or assume (or plan) that it won't affect you or yours. The War on Drugs series in the *Sun* is excellent, but is met with "I don't care!" by Rositch, Kennedy, Bryson, Bennett, Nelson, Lee, Wong, McCoy, Longhurst, J.P., Snyder etc.

The Gastown-Chinatown-Strathcona-Victory Square Community Alliance (it just rolllllllls off the tongue) is a group of people who want those not like them to just go away. Their version of a "healthy" community is one in which there are no treatment facilities, no harm reduction measures, no needle exchange (or bleach kits or condoms), no resource centre for drug users, no info on safe-use methods or safe injection sites, no methadone programs or distribution, no **visible** congregation of two or more users, no drop-in programs or treatment facilities for drug users / prostitutes / alcoholics / daycares for low-income mothers / housing for low-income people / subsidies / poor people.

This is not a benign exchange of ideas. The local low-income residents are all being targeted, with the addicts and users the most visible, easily condemnable segment of the population. Consider:

**Gastown** – total opposition to a probation/parole office and related programs, even though such has a very stabilizing effect on the lives of those under it's supervision. Condemned under the notion that it will attract the "wrong kind of people" who would then be in the neighbourhood...

- total opposition to Bridge Housing for Battered Women, stalling the entire project for almost 3 years by having an architect tie it up in a ludicrous court case. The funding fell apart and it almost died. Only the outstanding efforts of a core group got it going and it is now nearing completion. Condemned for providing housing to battered women, whose presence would draw the "wrong kind of people" to actually live in the neighbourhood...

- constant harassment of the Dugout, which serves free coffee and soup in the early mornings, has AA meetings daily, and is a drop-in for many alcoholics. Condemned for having the "wrong kind of people" using it, standing on the street, littering the sidewalk and discouraging tourists.

- total opposition to any more social, subsidized housing and fighting to get Woodward's market-only, high tech, shop til you drop

- pairs and groups of rentacops harass, belittle and assault poor and street people, instructed to chase 'lower class' people out of the area



**Victory Square** - the City created the victory square 'neighbourhood' only to have three people owning property form a 'neighbourhood association' and demand that the 700-800 rooms (SROs and rooming houses) be phased out/not protected/condemned.



**Chinatown** – international village is "proud to be part of the gentrification of the area"

- only the vocal business interests go along with the rhetoric, but bring unverifiable signatures. The drug thing and related social services and housing are all pictured as destroying the moral fabric of Chinatown to make political hay in upcoming elections.



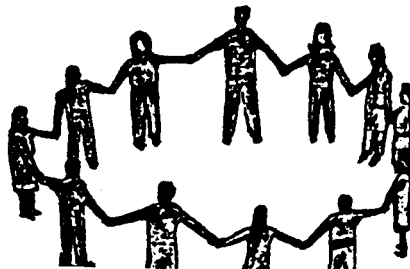
**Strathcona** – total opposition to any more treatment facilities, drop-ins, social housing, health services, street activity and related programs that deal with anyone who is addicted, sick, or just poor.

Each area listed above has hundreds of business people, residents and families who have nothing to do with the few who are making these statements, but by calling yourself an organisation or claiming affiliation with some alliance or group, it takes on a legitimacy that otherwise isn't there.



Bryce Rositch is an architect having an office and residence at 120 Powell. He has political ambitions and is being assisted in organizing this bunch by Lynne Kennedy, a city councillor. He claims to represent 5000 businesses, 150 community organisations and 30,000 residents. (It's kind of like being in Bellingham and claiming to represent Canada...) He has used the pap being fomented by this alliance to condemn all efforts at harm reduction and treatment. An example used by one person who just shakes his head at their obtuseness is the kneeling buses – before they got buses that would accommodate handicapped passengers, it was almost impossible for such people to ride transit. Until facilities and easily accessible treatment and a holistic approach to drug addiction are in place, it is virtually impossible for any positive change.

A group of about 40 people, some residents, some members of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU), went to Rositch's office and asked him to come out. They were curious about his statements and condemnations, about the blatant class/real estate/money/political/drug war/bigoted attacks already made and planned for. He hid in the back.



On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> a demonstration was held at shitty hall. The Mayor's moratorium had never been voted on, and the 12<sup>th</sup> marked the first council meeting since its declaration on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Again about 30 members of VANDU, plus supporters of harm reduction, community activists and press, peacefully occupied chambers and demanded that the 90-day moratorium be halted. They carried a mock coffin, having already planted 90 crosses in the lawn outside, all to symbolize the expected deaths as the City sits on its collective hands.

One local asked some pointed questions: "Mr. mayor, how do you feel about Councillor Kennedy helping this so-called alliance organize to fight Council/City policy? How is it that a biker-run strip bar can get a permit to expand without any public input while a proposed counselling centre is stone-walled because of your moratorium? Why is this alliance being given so much credibility while people are dying? Smoke and mirrors!"

An incident at Main & Hastings was brought up as well: on Sunday night, about midnight, six cop cars were on the sidewalk and all people on the corner were put on their knees with hands behind their heads. As this was happening, a street-flusher truck came by and completely soaked the bedding and belongings of the homeless people who had been there. This left a number of sick addicts and street people with nowhere to go, nothing dry to wear, and nothing to look forward to but a night of wet cold with no food.

Council proceeded to watch a slide show of an old ship while people left.

It's interesting what press coverage can do – the *Sun* ran an article that included services, housing and drug-related programs as being under this moratorium. It also gave the alliance position as opposed to anything that helps drug users as long as treatment is not in place. It's Catch-22 – don't help the worst off

until help is in place, but help won't be in place because it will bring the "wrong kind of people".

Back to the first question: where do we go? If this so-called alliance continues to muddy the water and condemn anything that doesn't serve their class and money interests, the Vancouver Agreement will be dead in the same water. All 3 levels of government – federal, provincial and municipal – have to agree, so making the city council waver or bow to such class/real estate/etc. interests will scuttle all the work done so far. This is why the alliance also condemns the Police – they are supposed to be the army for the people who pay their wages. Any individual officers or departmental policies that don't result in sweeps and arrests and humiliations and deportations and visible harassment and brutality towards the condemned ones is unacceptable. Homelessness will increase like it has in Toronto and Montreal, and the real targets of this bunch – the low income people and community groups – will be driven away, leaving the desired real estate for the urban pioneering to go like a bat out of hell.

By PAULR TAYLOR



## TREATMENT PROGRAMS CALLED COST-EFFECTIVE

I've watched Lynne Kennedy in action at city-hall meetings on a number of occasions ["Councillors Feud Over Moratorium", August 17-24]. I'm sure she's not feigning ignorance when she claims that she "couldn't identify which councillors had discussed the issue with Owen".

The most amusing aspect of this comedy, however, is the issue of money. Politicians claim they recognize the need for adequate services, then wring their hands over funding requirements. The Business and Property Owners Alliance of Gastown and Chinatown... excuse me, that should read the Community Alliance, complained that too much money is being spent on harm reduction and social programs.

The truth is that adequate treatment doesn't cost taxpayers a cent, due to the resulting social benefits. Just to give one example, a study entitled *Evaluating Recovery Services: The California Drug and Alcohol Treatment Assessment General Report*, issued by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs in 1994, showed that the \$200-million annual cost of treating 100,000 substance abusers was offset by a financial benefit estimated at \$1.5 billion, due mostly to reduction in crime. For those who plan to scratch and claw till doomsday to obstruct the institution of adequate treatment services, it's time to give up this red herring. Alternatively, they could reflect on how they would like to be treated if alcohol, tobacco, and coffee were illegal.

George Kosinski  
Gibsons



You are invited to

Community Directions

**Open House!**

Community Directions:

**People working together  
to improve our community**

Find out what the community is doing in the  
Downtown Eastside and Strathcona in the areas of

- \*Housing \*Community Economic Development
- \*Alcohol & Drugs \*Asset Inventory
- \*First Nations Organizing
- \*Chinese Organizing \*Latino Organizing

Friday, September 29, 11am – 2pm

384 Main Street

For info call 801-6893

# UBC hosts important conference on illegal drug use

The costly, ongoing failure to combat illegal drug abuse is fuelling an international controversy. To inform this debate, UBC's Institute for European Studies (IES) and Green College are hosting a free public symposium – Illegal Drug Use in North America and Europe.

Comparative Issues, Problems and Policies, Sept. 22 — 23, on the university campus. “Canada’s experience is distinct from the US. ‘War on Drugs’ and has much in common with Europe, including certain values and attitudes,” says Sima Godfrey, director of IES, which is bringing together leading policy makers, scholars and practitioners.

She will moderate the opening keynote session “Europe and North America: Between ‘Harm Reduction’ and ‘Zero Tolerance,’” Friday, Sept. 22, from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The second session on policy is Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 am. - 12:30 p.m., followed by a roundtable discussion, from 2 p.m. -- 5 p.m.

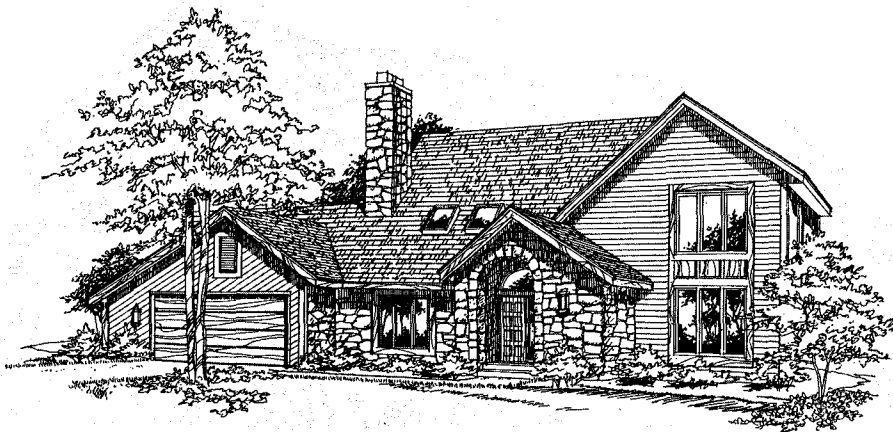
Among the participants is Robert MacCoun, co-author of “Does Europe do it Better? Lessons from Holland, Britain and Switzerland,” featured in the Sept. 1999 issue of *The Nation*, “Beyond Legalization: New Ideas for Ending the War on Drugs.

Important representatives include AD. Keizer, head of Addiction Policy, Netherlands; Ueh Locher, deputy director, Substance Abuse and AIDS Switzerland; and Diane Jacovella, director, Drug Strategy Division, Health Canada

Among the other speakers are Werner Schneider, initiator of the Frankfurt Resolution and Alexandre Berlin, formerly affiliated with the European Drugs Observatory, Lisbon. Both have conducted international studies that include Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside. Established in 1998, the Institute for European Studies is part of UBC’s ongoing mission to advance international knowledge and research about - and dialogue with - Europe

This symposium is made possible through the support of the Consulate General of the Netherlands, the Consulate General of Switzerland, the City of Vancouver and UBC. **Pre-registration is required.** Call (604) 822-1452 The symposium is at Green College (6201 Cecil Green Park Road) across North West Marine Drive from the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

**A full program is posted at <http://www.ies.ubc.ca/events/drugs/html>.**



## Back to School daze

Back to school daze, you know the drill  
Don't break the rules  
Be the dunce, be the fool, you must be correct  
Sit up straight, eyes straight ahead  
Stand at attention, ramrod erect  
No dissension I would expect –  
Scribble my words, glue clippings down  
Don't be a nerd, don't turn around  
Memorize your ABCs, no time to rest  
Stand in the corner like Dennis the Menace  
or Little Jack Horner to serve your penance  
For pulling the pigtailed of the girl in front  
You went off the rails, now feel the brunt  
Sharpen your pencils, erase your name  
Wake up kiddies, get in our game  
If you choose not to.. for shame, for shame  
If you should fail us in this age of crisis  
You've only yourself to blame.

Robyn Livingstone

## Ladies in Waiting Time Out From The Street

I've started tearing up the photographs  
It's more than thirteen years now  
The pain is dulled  
The memories reconstructed.

Living with homeless hookers on Brunswick Street  
The Priest came each weekend.  
Most of the girls were Catholic  
Lost children of the Mother Church  
But worthy of charity  
Second-hand clothing, leftover food.  
And the restraint of curfew.

The "boyfriends" circled the block -  
Cruised the tree-lined street of Victorian houses  
In their impressive Cadillacs - the music blaring -  
the girls hanging out the front windows  
Calling to their lovers  
Like Cinderellas imprisoned in a tower  
Of cleanliness and respectability  
Until they get bored  
And do not come back from that movie downtown.

Wilhemina Miles

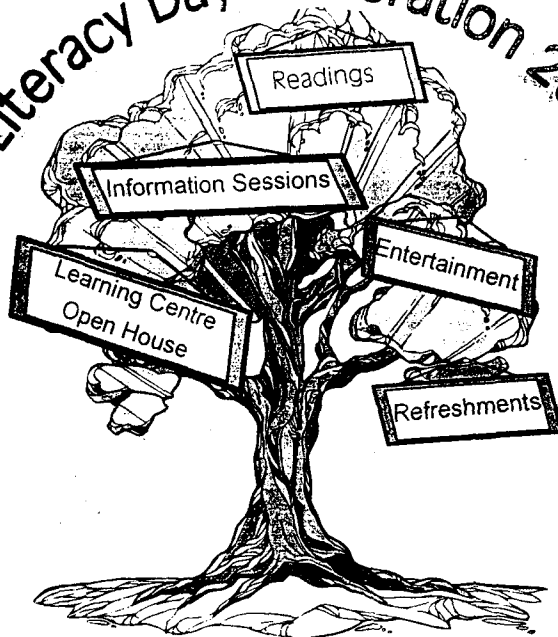


## Harm Reduction

Buzz word, compassion, pity  
We feel good in a chilly city  
Supporting others' needs,  
addictions, creeds  
Well my addiction's love  
and needs no harm reduction  
Love of life and pleasure  
And my whole life proves  
That if I want cocaine  
It is my intrinsic right  
I want music  
It is my inner light  
And harm is from lack of self-control  
What's good is a challenge  
That goads you on to more  
Good must be practiced  
or else becomes a chore  
The sweetness of coca is attested in history  
The sweetness of love is beyond degree.

A. Kostyniuk

## Literacy Day Celebration 2000



Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Carnegie Community Centre  
Everyone welcome!

Sign up in the Learning Centre to read, speak or sing

# RANKING BY PROFITS

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO CORPORATE PERFORMANCE IN CANADA LAST YEAR, WITH COMPREHENSIVE SHAREHOLDER

PROFIT RANK		COMPANY AND YEAR END	PROFIT		REVENUE			ASSETS		
1999	1998		\$000	% CH'GE	\$000	RANK	% CH'GE	\$000	RANK	% CH'GE
1	1	BCE Inc.(De99)	5,459,000	19	19,656,000	5	-40	36,960,000	15	15
2	7	Toronto Dominion Bank(Oc99)	2,981,000	166	15,683,000	10	19	214,417,000	5	18
3	3	Royal Bank of Canada(Oc99)	1,757,000	-4	19,683,000	4	2	270,650,000	1	-1
4	4	Bank of Nova Scotia(Oc99)	1,551,000	11	16,654,000	9	4	222,691,000	4	-5
5	6	Bank of Montreal(Oc99)	1,382,000	2	16,685,000	8	-3	230,615,000	3	4
6	9	Bell Canada(De99)	1,309,000	20	12,714,000	18	2	21,829,000	21	11
7	8	Cdn. Imp. Bank of Commerce(Oc99)	1,029,000	-3	20,133,000	3	2	250,331,000	2	-11
8	5	Seagram Co.(Ju99) <sup>1 5</sup>	686,000	-27	12,572,000	7	16	35,011,000	13	58
9	nr	Manulife Financial(De99)	666,000	22	14,063,000	14	33	105,763,000	6	16
10	16	Rogers Communications(De99)	840,488	32	4,352,407	47	17	6,371,557	56	0
11	14	Power Financial(De99)	834,000	23	14,705,000	13	-2	56,647,000	10	-2
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## CORPORATIONS IN OUR HEADS

September 21-24, 2000 @ 8PM  
 tickets: \$8 group of 6 or more / \$6  
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"If you are concerned that academic studies are starting to look like market research or you are alarmed by the surrender of culture and education to marketing, if you sweat over sweat shops in Ecuador Guatemala and Vancouver, if you take the assault on civil liberties and civic space personally, then **CORPORATIONS IN OUR HEADS** is definitely an event for you."

This is Headlines Theatre's mind game exploring how corporations operate in the public psyche. It's a play looking at many insidious ways – overt, covert, blatant and subtle – in which the corporate agenda affects human issues and rights.

They use a unique technique of interactive theatre: the play is performed once so the audience can see it, then it's performed again. The second time members of the audience can yell "Stop!" if they see someone struggling with a problem and have an idea

on how to solve it. The "Stop!" freezes the action as the audience member enters the playing area, takes the place of the struggling character, and tries his/her idea, improvising with the other actors. In this way the public gets to use the theatre as a concrete tool to investigate various perspectives on a particular issue and to find real solutions to those problems in the real world. It's called Forum Theatre – "[it] is a rehearsal for social change and a tool for community dialogue. It is fun, fast-paced, meaningful, relevant, thought-provoking and always entertaining."

Headlines Theatre is also engaging in a week-long Theatre For Living workshop in November. A piece called CORPORATE U will be created from this workshop. They are looking for people who understand some of how corporate globalisation impacts people and the planet. No acting experience is necessary but all those accepted must commit to the full five days. There is a \$300 honourarium for participants. Of course you want more information!

Send your resume to Headlines Theatre, 323-350 E 2<sup>nd</sup>, Van, V5T 4R8 by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their phone is 871-0508, e-mail [Info@headlinestheatre.com](mailto:Info@headlinestheatre.com) and web [www.headlinestheatre.com](http://www.headlinestheatre.com)

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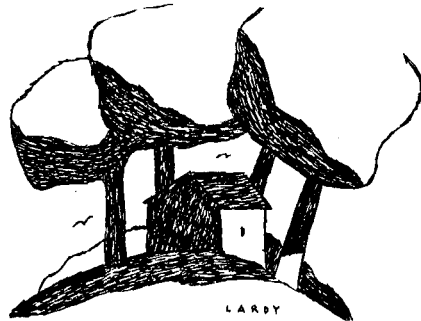
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## “The rich get richer... and the poor get prison.” (1)

For the same criminal behavior, poor people are more likely to be arrested than well-to-do people; if arrested, they are more likely to be charged; if charged, more likely to be convicted; if convicted, more likely to be sentenced to prison; and if sentenced, more likely to be given longer prison terms than members of the middle and upper classes. (2)

Why does this discrimination happen?

The police force concentrates on the close surveillance of young men in low income neighbourhoods. The number of suspects picked up and charged by



the police does not reflect the distribution of crime so much as the distribution of poverty in our society. (Justice and the Poor p.2)

Low income suspects are less likely to be freed on bail than middle income suspects, so a greater proportion of low income suspects are sent to jail until trial.

A large proportion of poor defendants (maybe half) appear before the courts without legal representation and, by the sentencing stage, almost all those who remain before the courts are from low income backgrounds.

Research has found that a majority of all male adolescents commit illegal acts that could land them before youth courts. (Justice and the Poor p.5) Girls are less likely to engage in illegal behavior. The most common offenses are shoplifting, vandalism, driving while under the influence of alcohol, or taking soft drugs, especially marijuana. Well-to-do parents can easily pay fines or settle out of court if their children get into trouble. Poor parents do not have adequate resources to cope with the justice system if their children get into trouble.

The majority of older youth and adults who are



involved in street crime are men. They may have part-time or temporary work at low wages. They may be unemployed, or they may be destitute. They are feared by the public, and their presence on the street is a sign that the economic system is not working for a large number of citizens. The hate directed at poor people by the wealthy is related to the (unexpressed) guilt of the enormously rich, whose unrestrained accumulation of material goods has created the desperate poverty of 'skid road.'

White collar, corporate criminals are also men for the most part. They are responsible for more deaths (unsafe work places or unsafe automobiles, for example), and steal much more money than poor people, but they are seldom called criminals and are seldom condemned by a society "in which many people believe that greed is good." (Justice and the Poor, p.11)

By SANDY CAMERON

(1) quote by Jeffrey Reiman — in Justice and the Poor, published by the National Council of Welfare, Spring, 2000, page 1. This excellent report on the unfair treatment of poor people by the Canadian justice system is available free from the National Council of Welfare, 2nd floor, 1010 Somerset Street West, Ottawa, K1A 0J9. phone (613) 957-2961. Fax: (613) 957-0680.

(2) And The Poor Get Prison: Economic Bias in American Criminal Justice, by Jeffrey Reiman, published by Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1996, p.92.

# Hope

Since we are all more or less lost in our so-called own thoughts, and find other people unbelievable, believing their descriptions and estimations of the world and themselves and others merely the product of an imagination spawned relentlessly by the continuing impact of both what's happened and is happening to them and how they perceive what's happening and has happened, not just to them but so-called events generally, lost hopelessly in their own thoughts, as we are lost in ours, even if, looking at it, as they say, we are all pretty much full of generally groundless and often destructive hope, we tend, Said would say, toward resignation about the way we think we see the so-called world going, but we hope for this and that rather promiscuously. Even the way we talk, the convoluted and indecipherable so-called content of our speech, our nattering, is continually cueing others, we must assume, about how lost we are in our thoughts, and about how promiscuously we hope. A law or a resolution or a solution that apparently so-called works has only and can ever only regard something completely *trivial*. When it comes to non-trivial things, all our laws and pronouncements and solutions merely suggest that, if we actually had any insight, if we in fact could see anything at all, the so-called correct solution or law or what have you, to whatever we perceive the so-called problem or situation to be, would be such and such. The passing, and more so the enforcing of laws, and the so-called implementation of so-called solutions are nothing more than grandiose state and institutional self-affirmations, at the cost, just like personal self-affirmations, one must remark, of basically everything and everyone else, and eventually, one naturally surmises, of the self-affirmers themselves. It's not that hope is inevitable, though it almost certainly is, but that hope is more or less always a disguise for arrogance. It may be more than that, Said would say, but it is always mostly that.

By DAN FEENEY

## The Map

I have half a map  
of treasure.  
The other half you have  
Can we fit together?  
Can we peace our differences  
and make allowances  
and be happy forever?

A. Kostyniuk



## No fiercer beast

It's so easy to go off half-cocked. It is important to be clear about the drug issue in the downtown east-side; people are depending on truths, not mistakes or misinformation.

I use this title because it represents the fear I found on the street. It comes from an author who did time and knows what the underworld is like. Fear is used to keep people down, but it can also keep you alive.

Moratorium or not, a new prison is going to open on Kingsway in Port Coquitlam. It will draw prisoners from the downtown eastside remand and Surrey pretrial. This means more cells for more prisoners.

If you caught the CBC replay of Stopping Traffick you may have seen a happy man. He is happy because he has his family and his life back. He is a heroin addict in Britain. His prescription dose of heroin is paid for by the national health plan there. The prescription amount is not enough to get high, but it enables the person to maintain a level of health and sensibility. Society reaps the benefit of greatly reduced crime and court costs, while some addicted people are able to work.

I wrote a letter outlining this possibility to the Health Minister but, to date, have no reply.

There is a crisis every day for addicted people: when will these good answers be implemented? Will these people suffer not only their addiction but the slamming of prison doors?

By MIKE BOHNERT