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IT'S Libby!!!

"Hundreds of supporters screamed in an explosion of joy when Libby Davies was declared the winner."

This is really decent. Libby Davies is the best Member of Parliament in the country. She fights for social justice and improving the lives of all people. It speaks well of Edna Brass for seeing the needs of this area and asking her supporters to vote for Libby instead. Edna and Libby were both at the "National Day of Action" rally on housing, and the consistent lack of selfishness on the part of both women helped Edna make her decision.

There were 10 candidates in this riding, and it was a wonder that just Edna had the clarity and wisdom to put the greater good of residents ahead of what can only be described as the 'need for attention' of several other candidates. As described in the *Sun*, the "well-oiled and well-funded political machine" of Mason Loh, the Shaughnessy lawyer brought in

by the Liberals to parrot the rant of the so-called Community Alliance, ran into the grassroots of the real community.

People here ask tough questions, talk about real-life situations and often don't have options. It was so sad when Loh was asked about life-and-death issues, to say what he would do, where he stood on concerns, and he'd give the party line/what's good for business is good for everybody, often just trying to find a prepared answer in the Liberal Red Book. What may have been obvious to many is the fraudulent nature of the whole Liberal gameplan. Charles Lee, the head of the Chinatown Merchants Association, had already been exposed as being in the pocket of rich and influential businessmen, and several times completely reversed his position on community direction when such people objected. The Liberals seemed to feel he was too obviously on a string to win, so they parachuted in scores of people to 'do' the campaign/election. It worked in 1993 when Anna Terrana ousted Margaret Mitchell with the tide of Mulroney-hatred that hasn't even begun to go away back east. She was seen once in over 3 years at a community meeting in Carnegie. People told harrowing stories of street safety and police actions (this was when the drug scene was heating up and overdose deaths were skyrocketing); the 'member of parliament' wanted to give her 15-minute speech on the GST!?? It was precisely this kind of disinterest in the realities of life in the Downtown Eastside and Vancouver East that made Terrana a one-term wonder.

Loh just wants to get into politics; it was unimportant where or how. Look for him or Charles Lee to run against Jenny Kwan in the provincial election.

The community and volunteer base of Libby's campaign was awesome. There were over 600 people acting as scrutineers alone, keeping things honest inside the polls, getting the vote out, doing affirmations to register people, walking or driving those who couldn't go alone, even doing childcare. There were quite a few lawyers, both at the polls and on call, to deal with tactics used by the Liberals in previous elections: challenging each and every person looking scruffy or dressed poorly, trying to disqualify SRO residents for not being re-listed after moving, humiliating illiterate people for not knowing how to read, treating many poor people as security threats and demanding extra documents that weren't required just to frustrate non-Liberal voters (voters don't wear signs, so think of the bigotry and even racism here). I've tried to imagine the feeling that must have ensued when one station announced, even before half of the polls had reported, that Loh had won. The forces of money and arrogance.... but the experienced knew that call was premature. Polls report by number and location, and the latter gave hope. Sure enough, as polls throughout the riding and not just in a few neighbourhoods finished their counts, Libby pulled ahead and ended up with over 3000 more supporters than Mason Loh.

True to editorial policy and control at the *Sun* and *Province*, Libby's victory was described as narrow, tight, hanging on... when it was clearly a victory of the entire community. Well done.

By PAULR TAYLOR

Computer Tutor Training

Who for: Volunteers in the Learning Centre

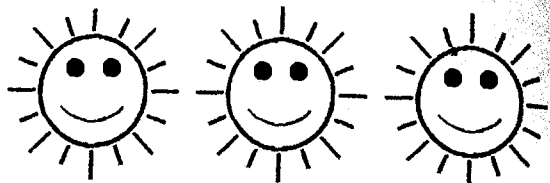
Where? 3rd floor, Carnegie Centre

When? Mondays, 7 - 9 pm.

Dec. 4 Computer systems in Learning Centre. Takes a closer look at hardware and operating.

Dec. 11 Roles and rules. What a computer volunteer tutor does.

Dec. 18 Hands on practice with being a comp. tutor.



*On the one hand, [Sergio] Marchi claims Canada will not endanger Medicare. But on the other, he begs for more intervention by the most aggressive, determined and powerful lobby for the privatization of public services on the planet. This is the same group who invented the idea of applying WTO rules to services. The Coalition takes credit for creating the GATS, claiming, in the words of its Chairman, Chubb CEO Dean O'Hare to have "... played an aggressive advocacy role in writing the General Agreement on Trade in Services."

-CCPA contributor Murray Dobbin, in a scathing critique on the objectivity of Trade Minister Marchi

It's hardly news, but...

Brice Rositch cried when Libby won. His assistant and mentor, Councillor Lynne Kennedy, has been giving him 'assignments' to help whip up business and class interests in the neighbourhood, to further gentrify and disperse. He'd vowed to defeat any politician who doesn't support the rants of the so-called Alliance. The Food Not Bombs soup line at 120 Powell on Mondays at 4 pm has been seriously downgraded by police after Rositch cried wolf once too often. Turns out he had cited death threats as impetus to get 8 police officers on hand for the first food line, reduced to 5 for the second, and when the constables reported back on what a colossal waste of time and resources it was, Rositch was left to fend off the sandwich-wielding threat on his own. He did try to get someone else to take the "frontlines" for a few days(weeks/months) - to be the "spokesman" for all that's righteous in the war on the poor. *yaddayaddayadda*

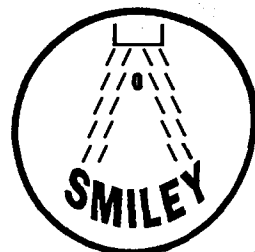
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Smile!

Can you guess what sport this smiley represents?

Answer

The smiley is a ball travelling down a bowling alley.





<h1>2 Jay's Café</h1> <p>81 W.Pender</p>	
-	Breakfast
-	Lunch
-	Dinner
<h2>Open 6 am to 9 pm</h2> <p>(Under new management!)</p>	

Fears

The swirls of emotions
 The turns of the night.
 Clouds have faces,
 but very little light.
 I hear sounds;
 the voices are talking.
 I see movement,
 the shadows are walking.
 The sky is bleeding,
 or maybe they're tears?
 And no one can sleep
 because of their fears.

Rachel Plamondon

COLD NIGHT IN DECEMBER

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SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2, 2000
 CARNEGIE THEATRE
 7 - 10:00 PM

**WINDING UP WITH THE HOT SOUNDS
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Come And Have A Holly Jolly... Tim



7pm Wednesday December 6th
in the Theatre at Carnegie Centre
MAIN & HASTINGS free show
at absolutely no charge

EMILY

Any man who has love
Only for himself is built
Up and then destroyed
The castles, toppled down
All the ships are sunk
Emily sits in her chair
At the back of the room
A tall, slender sunflower
I bathe in her beauty that
Puts life back in my bones
I am like an oyster that takes

A lot of heat to open up
And looking at her I want
To give her everything inside
My mind and body and soul
All the delicious meat to eat
It brings a smile on her face
She's a safe port for this sailor
Where I can find some rest
And I think if we were joined
Together it would be forever.

Daniel Rajala



War

I walk through war each morning
Through a market where health and sanity are bought and sold
The body count is high, getting higher they say
The injured perhaps more frightening than the dead
Who eventually go away and give us peace, being biodegradable.

Whoever speaks of hellfire and damnation
Have yet to see the myriads of demon-possessed
In our neighbourhood
Their only cries "Up, down, rock!"

Who still possess young and healthy hearts
Who hang on, in spite of the lack of humanity in man
Waiting for the Man, the doctor to fix their sorry souls.

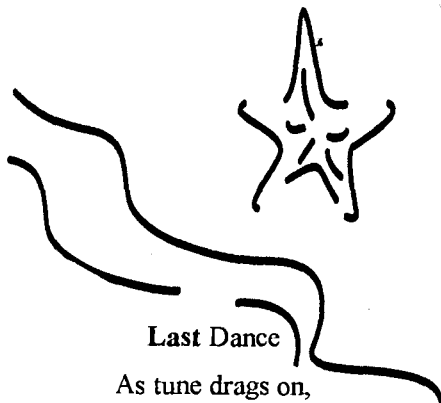
The demons have everyday faces - no horns or tails -
They be need, neglect, and maybe just bad luck
to be born.

Their hosts weave in and out, ebb and flow around us;
Flotsam and jetsam.

Bobbing to the beat of their pain -
Careful to make a path
For the uninitiated
Knowing our innocence or ignorance places us beyond their touch,
beyond their sphere of influence.
Some soon to be driftglass on distant cosmic beaches.

For these the war is lost
The war on drugs
The war on inhumanity
The war on love.

Wilhelmina



Last Dance

As tune drags on,
women have come and gone.

It's such a shame,
all the aches and the pains.

Caused by the evil.
Heroin and Cocaine.

Such a waste,
so many years of life.

Started so young.

when so fresh, when so ripe.

Now you're old just a bag of saggy old bones.

Don't you wish now that you hadn't
been introduced to the devil

a.k.a Mr. Jones.

Now the poppy has stolen what
was rightfully yours.

Now that damn base cocaine,
has emptied your drawers.

Now you stand on the corner,
and turn one more trick.

Inside you're wondering?

How you put up with this shit.

Why oh why don't you just clean up?

"Fuck this," you think,
life is short enough.

Clean and *sober*, was all you wished.

As you prepared your spoon,
for this one last fix.

Now you've done it.
you've fallen down.

Cold in the gutter,
stiff white with a frown.

Now you've crossed over,
You've had your last dance.

Why didn't you change
while you still had the chance?

Rachel Plamondon

The Cover story

Libby Davies is the star
 if you vote for her we may go far.
 The Dera people down the way
 Are closed this morning like the MPA
 There's something brewing.. tell me where
 It may just be that I can HELP
 Or if I can't, at least I care
 This ain't the end there's more to come
 It's not so good but not all bad

Whatever happens just be glad
 There's always someone worse off
 For better or worse
 Get married young and do not curse
 If things don't improve at least
 Christmas may be cancelled
 New Year's comes for sure
 But I get older & bolder
 I guess it does matter what you drink.

Don Hodgson



the desmedia workshops

A video art exhibition and activated video space

December 15, 2000 - January 13, 2001

opening reception: Friday, December 15th 7-10 pm

The desmedia collective is a collective of six people committed to working on engaged collaborative projects with residents of the downtown eastside. The work presented in the exhibition has been produced by numerous participants of the weekly workshop, organized by the collective at the Carnegie Centre since May 2000. The exhibition includes a series of video backdrops painted as collaborative works, individual paintings, drawings and vidcotaps.

In addition to the exhibition, the collective will be running an active video space in the gallery. Residents & members of the community are invited to share their stories about the area. The conversations will be video taped & each participant will receive a copy on video with the original becoming part of the living archive.

The workshop is an instrumental way of documenting and making public the vitality and creativity of the area as well as engaging in the productive possibilities of self-expression, reflection and self-representation.

Videotaping sessions: 1 -4 pm, Wednesday to Saturday, except for the week of Dec. 24- Jan.

GALLERY GACHET: THE ARTISTS COOPERATIVE 88 E. CORDOVA ST. VANCOUVER V6A 1K2
 (604) 687-2468

GALLERY HOURS: WED-SAT 12-6

Gallery Gachet is financially assisted by the VRHB



"We are in serious need of volunteers."

- Ian, kitchen staff

This is commitment. For many people, eating at Carnegie is a daily necessity made thoroughly enjoyable by quality, cost and variety.

The food at Carnegie is excellent. It is amazing how the quality of meals, baked goods, sandwiches, soups and desserts is maintained.

To be sure there are almost always two paid staff on to organize, supervise and coordinate meal prep and delivery, while this incredible dance goes on involving volunteers working in food prep, serving and cashier positions.

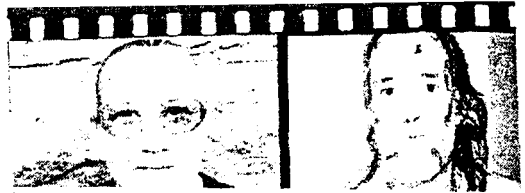
Ian's statement above is telling. Often enough there is a real shortage of people who help in the many areas. Today has one staff off sick, the dishwasher who was convinced to learn the cashier's job sidelined with a migraine and the breakfast cook not showing up. Today has three 'events' requiring prep and food/coffee/juice delivery with fingers crossed that several volunteers will come in. "If no one shows up it will be really hard to get through this."

There are many areas where volunteer help is crucial in the kitchen and concession.

Cashiers - responsible for running the till, keeping the concession neat and clean, keeping tabs on items on display and knowing prices and to some extent the contents of prepared food. Must treat people with respect while maintaining the integrity of the service
Food Prep: Work under the supervision of staff but able to do a good job without constant attention. Safe handling of food and health guidelines are part of the awareness necessary when making soup, sandwiches and meals.

Bakers: Learn to bake delicious cinnamon buns, date squares, dream bars, cakes, cookies and more. Train and practice and be amazed at how good you are!

Runners: Bus dishes, clear tables, keep supplies at the concession.



Dishwashers: Learn to operate the equipment and deal with sometimes very high volume,, especially after meals.

There is a lot to be learned and the crew can often number six and counting at busy times. Everyone involved with food and the kitchen has to take a TB test, and after that staff will help with any training a job needs. Bakers have sessions on Sundays and your skill/talent level determines how soon you get assigned shifts and particular work.

Folks, the need is here and now. Carnegie often feeds 500 people a day, and that number can go up depending on the event. The approaching Christmas season is especially busy and qualified volunteers are a godsend. Talk to any kitchen staff person about volunteering and you may be surprised at how much energy you have!! Ask for Catriona, Jerry, Jackie, Ian, Diane, Jeff or Tony.



*Sandy Cameron is the author of many articles and poetry that has appeared in the *Carnegie Newsletter* for years. Sandy, in conjunction with Lazarus Press, is releasing "Sparks from the Fire" a book of poetry, in the first week of December. There will be a launch in Carnegie sometime soon but for now check in the Library for copies!!

[On Nov. 17 several tenants', residents' and housing groups held a rally and march in solidarity with similar actions across the country – to make housing (affordable, decent & safe) an election issue. Mike Bohnert gives the following report...]

I made it to the city library for Food not Bombs, a comic skit by 'party leaders' and a not-so-funny effort by local candidates Edna Brass, Libby Davies and others. The police were numerous, though there was little reason to assign so many. Digital cameras, videos and other intelligence-gathering machinery was most noticeable, too. True North, strong and free? Yes, the first parts are here but freedom or free food or freedom of expression and feeling free are apparently restricted in Vancouver.

We do need representation at the federal level and hopefully the NDP has yet some seats from BC.

The numbers dwindled somewhat when it came to marching on the street. (I'm also glad for Edna's effort in campaigning) I felt small yet big, marching to protest the growing homelessness and related problems (like freedom). About forty of us hit the pavement, in stark contrast to the hundreds of millions of dollars in new cars, office towers, fancy suits and equipment everywhere. Man, I thought, we couldn't come up with a couple of grand among the forty of us.

It's been some time since I stepped off the curb to march in protest, but the social injustice hasn't changed a bit, except there's more of it and worse than eight years ago... No doubt our walk created wonder in some people's minds. It is a process. We made it to the Gathering Place, where Food not Bombs fed, not bombed.



Correction: (a first for the *Carnegie Newsletter!*)

"I am writing on behalf of End Legislated Poverty (ELP) about a letter that was printed in your Nov. 1st newsletter. The letter-to-the-Editor about the Gas-town Historic Area Planning Committee was not a statement issued on behalf of E.L.P."

Linda Morcau

IN THE DUMPSTER

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Greetings fellow bidders & bidderettes. Howz it going out there in binnerland? I hope all is well and everyone is dressed warm. If anyone remembers Mr. Lee's sub shop at 135 East Hastings, he is back. The reason I am mentioning this is that him and his wife run a clean place and don't allow dealers in their establishment. It is now called Classic Cook. Have a good month and hey! let's be careful out there.

by mr. mcbinner



From <dick_wad@canada.com>

YER TOP 10 WAYS OF GETTING RID OF STRESS.

10. Jam a bunch of pepper up yer nose and sneeze.
9. Use all pennies on the bus.
8. Pop popcorn without using the lid.
7. If told "have a nice day" say you have other plans.
6. See what a golf ball looks like in a microwave.
5. Send a Candygram to a diet centre.
4. Make a list of things to do that you've already done.
3. Dance naked in front of your shadow.
2. Answer the door nude to a salesman.
1. Do your tax form with roman numerals.

**Just a note of thanks to all who supported the Hozer's at the dance Nov. 17th. A special thanks to Shane of Shane's World at 16 West Hastings for supplying the foot pedal at a very reasonable cost. Shane is very community-spirited and a friend to the Carnegie Centre. The band wishes to announce at this time we are making Shane an honorary Hozer!

Carl MacDonald

Horizons and Hopes

From far away, first light lifts the veil
at dawn I'm caught off-guard by the beauty
of this fine morning.. mornings, where all is forgiven
where dreams meld into everyday actions
to carry our blues somewhere else far away

I need the touch of someone sweet
someone I could turn to
when the rocky road seems unbearable
comforting arms long embraces
a fire flickering
from far away it looks like someone's coming
off in the distance.. at the crest of that hill is the
friend I need within sight but out of earshot

- a little dream I can hang onto as I travel
- one solitary day to the next
- squeezing out all the beauty I can

Al Loewen



Poetry on the Corner

the winter sun illuminates but does not warm
low angle lighting not indirect
piercing the (cold) Northern born
and the ones who are far from everything they have
ever wanted.

decorated for the party
tour the far-flung corners of the earth
nostalgia tugs our minds into familiar corners
we pick and choose the memories cherished
trying desperately to forget what sent us reeling
- that blow of fate...

destiny awaits winning as we lose
and as appearance is immaterial
so is material wealth irrelevant -
a burden to those who have it

Taum

THEATRE IN THE RAW
presents

the Street

a modern tragedy

by W. Ruth Kozal

a two-act play set in the 1950's about
drug abuse in the 1950's

Johnny: "You don't understand what it's like,
do you? How I've craved it? What it feels like
to think about it all the time? I've been fighting
it."

Det. Lonnigan: There's one thing I know
though. Jail doesn't cure drug addiction. There
has to be another solution."



Nov. 22nd: Preview; Nov. 23rd: Pay what you can; Nov. 24th: Opening Night; Nov. 25th;
Nov. 30th: 2 for 1 night; Dec 1, 2 & 3; Dec. 6th: Dollar / Welfare Night; Dec 7, 8, 9 & 10.
Curtain: 7:30 PM Sharp!

The Web Café @ The Vancouver Film School

390 West Hastings Street (@ Homer St.) Vancouver, BC

Tickets: \$16, students and seniors: \$10

Box Office: 708-5448

Note: A discussion about substance abuse will follow each performance

THE GEORGIA
straight
THEATRE SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER

Drawing by Amy Galt

CAUTION security guards; and your rights.



Over the past few years, the sight of private security guards patrolling the streets of the Downtown Eastside has become a familiar one to many residents and visitors. But who are these guards, who employs them and what do they do?

Just as important, what are they allowed to do and what are they not allowed to do? Are they like police officers, can they arrest people or detain them, can they tell you to move on if they don't like how you look or behave?

What if one of them mistreats you, kicks you or hits you — who do you go to for justice?

This guide is the product of both legal research and community discussion. Over the course of a number of workshops — at Carnegie, the Lookout and the Living Room, the Gathering Place & Dusk to Dawn — we heard from community members about their experiences with the guards and discussed with them possible solutions to the problems they had encountered.

The workshops had one basic message: If you are on the street, not on someone else's property and not committing a serious crime (pan-handling is not a serious crime), the guards have no power over you at all. They cannot make you move on, they cannot ask for your ID and they definitely cannot physically touch you.

This booklet describes a number of the problems people have had with the guards and spells out what your legal rights are in each case. It also describes the City's latest pan-handling by-law and what it means for our civil rights.

Vancouver's ANTI PAN-HANDLING BY-LAW

If you read the by-law carefully, you'll see that it doesn't actually make pan-handling illegal — that's what the old by-law did and they couldn't enforce that because it wouldn't have stood up in court. What this bylaw does is to make it illegal to pan-handle in certain places and at certain times and from people under certain circumstances. You can't pan-handle

- Sitting or lying down on the street
- Within 10 metres of the entrance to a bank, credit union or trust company, bank machine, bus stop or bus shelter, or the entrance to a liquor store.
- From a person in a car that is either parked or at an intersection.
- From a person who has already said no to you.
- From sunset to sunrise.

Obviously, it can be hard to tell where you are not allowed to pan-handle and since it's hard to define when sunrise or sunset is, it can even be tough to know when you can and can't. Also, the law can be confusing — you can't panhandle within 46 metres of some bus stop signs, but not all of them.

So as long as you're not in any of those areas or those times or soliciting from those people, you can pan-handle all you want. The trouble is that there's virtually nowhere in the city that isn't within 50 metres of a bus stop or school or something else mentioned in the law, so the effect is the same as the old bylaw.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

If you're dealing with a security guard, the law is clear: A security guard can't move you along; they are not allowed to enforce by-laws. So if a guard tries to tell you that you that he can tell you to move because you're pan-handling and that's against the law he's wrong — all he can do is call the cops.

If you're dealing with a police officer, nobody knows for sure what the law is. They can give you a ticket if you're pan-handling and they can probably make you move somewhere panhandling is legal.

WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT IT?

By-laws like this one are being introduced in several Canadian cities and more are thinking about bringing them in. Many people think that such laws are unconstitutional because public streets are public spaces and asking for money in public isn't a crime. Canada used to have laws against vagrancy — ie. travelling without much money — but these were struck down by the Supreme Court. A lot of people think that the same Supreme Court arguments will defeat the pan-handling law, but nobody knows for sure yet. The BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre is preparing a court challenge to the Vancouver by-law. The case is scheduled to go to court in November 2000.



SECURITY GUARDS AND YOUR RIGHTS

These are a few of the legal terms that apply when citizens, police officers and security guards meet. Understanding them will help you understand your rights.

definitions:

Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act:

This is the legislation that defines what security guards can and can't do. It was passed by the Provincial government in 1996. The definitions and questions and answers given in this booklet are based on this act.

security guard:

The Act never mentions the term security guard, instead it calls them "security patrols." The Act defines a security patrol as "a person who... provides, conducts, supervises or inspects a guard patrol or watch of property or a service of responding to a security alarm." The act goes on to say "A person licensed under this act must not... act as a peace

officer." This means that they don't have the same legal authority as a police officer.

peace officer:

There are lots of different types of peace officers, but the ones you see most are police officers. By-laws are passed by the City of Vancouver. They can be enforced only by police officers or City inspectors, who can issue tickets fining people for breaking them. A good example is a parking ticket: If you park in the wrong place, you are breaking a city by-law and you can get a ticket. You can't be arrested for breaking a by-law, though you can be arrested if you don't pay the fine. Security guards cannot enforce by-laws — including the pan-handling by-law - all they can do is call the police if they see one being broken.

summary, indictable and hybrid offences:

Summary conviction offences, such as loitering or causing a disturbance, are crimes and carry fines of up to \$2,000. Indictable offences are much more serious crimes like robbery, murder or arson and they carry much stiffer penalties. Hybrid offences like breaking and entering or assault are treated as indictable offences unless the Crown decides to treat them as summary offences.

Citizen's arrest:

An arrest by anyone other than a peace officer is called an arrest without warrant.

Anyone, including a security guard, can perform a citizen's arrest if they either see you committing an indictable offence or if you are escaping from or being chased by somebody who can arrest you. A citizen's arrest can also be made by either a property owner or somebody authorised by the owner — like a security guard if they see somebody committing a summary or indictable offence on their property. In either case, they must inform you that they are arresting you and tell you why and they must hand you over to the police as soon as they can. Nobody can perform a citizen's arrest for a by-law violation — so a guard can't tell you he's performing a citizen's arrest if he wants to stop you pan-handling or hanging around on the street.

Some Basic Questions & Answers

Q. What's the difference between a security guard and a police officer?

A. The police are government employees; security guards are employed by private businesses. The police have powers to enforce the law: They can arrest you, ID you and take you to the police station. Security guards can perform a Citizens Arrest if they see you committing a crime (see above), but they can't make you give them ID and they can't take you anywhere — all they can do is make you stay until the police arrive.

Q. Can a security guard arrest me?

A. Only if they see you committing an indictable offence or if they see you being chased by or escaping from somebody who can arrest you. They can't arrest you for pan-handling or just sitting or standing on the street.

Q. Can a security guard search me?

A. Section 8 of the Charter of Rights protects everyone from unreasonable search and seizure. A guard can only search you if he or she has first arrested you and has reasonable grounds for searching you. So, if they have arrested you for shoplifting and have called the police they can search you for the stuff they think you've stolen. They can't search you if they haven't arrested you and they can't arrest you unless they've seen you commit a crime.

Q. Do security guards have to produce ID if asked?

A. Yes. According to the act, a security guard has to carry an official security employee license and an ID card and "must produce them for inspection at the request of any person to whom the licensee holds himself or herself out to be licensed." Anytime you deal with a guard, you should always make sure you get their license number and their name. That way, if you have a problem, you can make a complaint (See page 13). If they refuse to ID themselves, you can make a complaint about that: Get their employer's name (it'll be on their jacket or badge) and make a note of the time and place so the guard can be traced — their boss will know who was on shift at that time.

Q. Can a security guard demand my ID or name and address?

A. No. The only people you ever have to give ID to are police officers.



Q. Can a security guard make me move along?

A. Not if you are on public property, such as a sidewalk, and not blocking the entrance to a place. If you're pan-handling, you are probably breaking the City's by-law, but the only thing the guards can do about that is call the police: They can't arrest you and they can't make you move.

Who to call:

The first people to call are the guards' employers: These change from time to time, but the firm's name will be on the guard's uniform and you can find their number in the phone book. Make sure you get the guard's number - he can't legally refuse to give it to you, but if he does make a note of the time and place and get a description of him: That way his boss will know who it was.

The security companies are employed by local Business Improvement Associations. If you are hassled by a guard in Gastown, you can call The Gastown Business Improvement Society at 683-5650. If you have a problem with a guard in Chinatown, call the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants' Association at 682-8998.

Security companies need government licenses to operate and these can be taken away if the company doesn't abide by the law. The companies are regulated by the Security Programs Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General. You can call them in Victoria at: 250-387-6981.

You can also call the Main & Hastings Community Development Society at 688 5305 — we'll help

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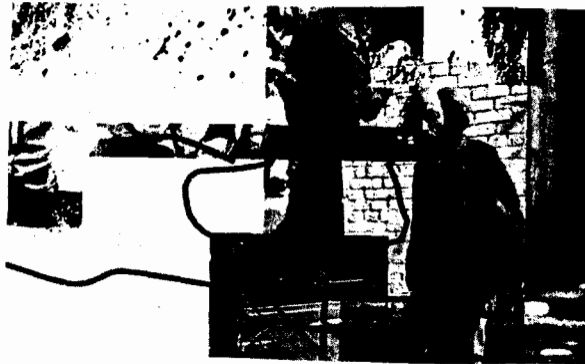
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c 08/2000 thanks to you



Comings and goings

Just as soon as you get used to having family around
They pick up their young wings and fly away, and
leave you wishing you'd paid more attention, visited
more often.. a real part of their lives.. alas, you were
too busy living your own life...

Soon the son will leave the nest, if only because he
can no longer stand the lies around home.
Just like a turtle – hard shell, soft underneath, always
protecting oneself.

That'll leave the daughter to detest the boyfriend the
mother needs for his money and whatever sex means
Leave her holding the bag
till she can escape into adulthood.

That leaves me 50 and alone, my life pretty well
used up. I'll wait for postcards that'll never come.
I suppose I'll be expected to have a "life" when for
so long these miscreants I love so much have been
the sole reason to live.

Soon I'll be alone again
Just like when I started out
a lifetime ago...

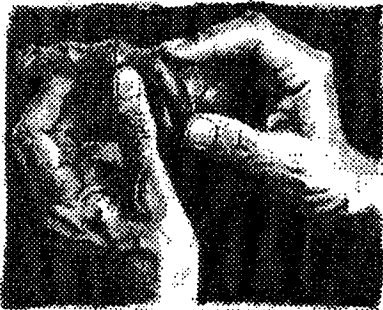
Al Loewen

Reading Circle

Every Wednesday at 11am we have a Reading Circle in the learning centre (Carnegie's 3rd floor)

During the holiday season we'll be reading "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas. It is a story of his humorous misadventures as a child at Yuletide.

Please come to listen and enjoy!



In our hearts on these bleeding avenues
there runs a current of life so strong
no poison can destroy it –
in my mad rush toward the end I'm seeing
that behind the madness is a strange wild beauty
too much to take in other than in tiny glances

There is a maddening light that binds us
in some miraculous one-ness
Try as we might to be singular
we are all glued together in our human-ness

You are me. I am you. I feel the same pain.
We are the same river flowing into the cosmic.
I will not fall prey to my heart's mad desires
I will sail into the sunshine.
...all the fear is just that, fear.

Look thru the cracks and you'll see
that everything you took for granted
is exactly opposite than you thought.
The other way of seeing is a turn to the left
...and don't be afraid
when you see something familiar and brand new

I know I'm mad now. It doesn't matter.
What goes around comes around
That's all you need to know.
Love is all you need.

Al Loewen

For the sake of children –

In Oppenheimer Park there is a children's playground. For the sake of children, do not use any kind of drug or any alcohol around this area please. We should keep this playground area clear, especially on Saturday and Sunday.

Nahid Nasarabadi



Be Careful my friends, this a warning
It started with a poor homeless family
giving birth in a barn...
then the so-called christmas joy and giving started.

Now the sad season is on us..
Songs strike pain in our hearts when
WE have no gifts to bring

Stores puke out music for the next 6 weeks.
Nothing to do with the homeless baby in the barn
Just market place psychology to manipulate our us.

There are more suicides, more drug overdoses,
More depression, more despair,
When we have no money to buy
We have no gifts to give...
No home to call our own
No loved ones to hug and kiss
No chestnuts roasting on an open fire

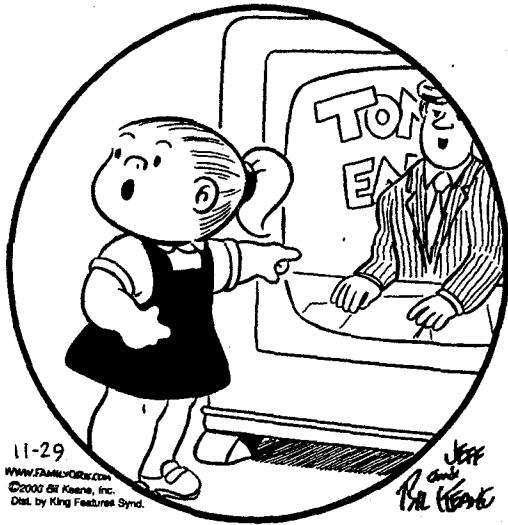
Welfare cheque money didn't go far
Pensions are stretched

Dear friends
We don't have to buy into this sadness..
We are not money... money can't buy us..
We are individual, and each on earth for a reason

I believe that if the whole christian religion is based
On a homeless family who had no possessions
Then we the poor must be living proof that
The greedy control the earth even now.
Nothing changes

We should be happy; we are the angels of the earth
Watch out for those sad songs
See you a Carnegie.

Sheila Baxter



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"What time is eight, seven central?
 That's when the movie comes on."



"It" does not interest me what you do for a living.
 I want to know what you ache for,
 and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.
 It does not interest me how old you are.
 I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for love,
 for your dreams, for the adventure of being alive.
 It does not interest me what planets are squaring your moon.
 I want to know if you have touched the center of your own sorrow.
 If you have been opened by life's betrayals,
 or have become shrivelled and closed from further pain.
 I want to know if you can sit with pain, mine or your own,
 without moving to hide it or fade it or fix it.
 I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your own.
 If you can dance with wildness and let ecstasy fill you
 to the tips of your fingers and toes without cautioning us to be
 careful, be idealistic or be encumbered by "human" limitations.
 It does not interest me if the story you are telling is true.
 I want to know if you can disappoint another to be true to yourself.
 I want to know if you can bear the accusation of betrayal
 and not betray your own soul.
 I want to know if you can see beauty
 even when it is not pretty everyday,
 and if you source your life from Spirit's presence.
 I want to know if you can live with failure, yours and mine,
 and still stand on the edge and shout to the sliver of the moon...
YES!
 I want to know if you can get up after a night of grief and despair,
 weary and bruised to the bone, and do what needs to be done.
 It does not interest me who you are, or how you came to be here.
 I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me
 and not shrink back.
 It does not interest me where or whom you've studied.
 I want to know what sustains you from the inside
 when all else falls away.
 I want to know if you can be alone with yourself
 and if you truly like the company you keep in empty moments.

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ORIAH MOUNTAIN DREAMER
 INDIAN ELDER, MAY 94'

Uncle, Finland

The city outside my window
More leaves falling, drops
Of gold under street lamps
The black candle, placed
On the table before dancing
Burning down, for uncle
There is something about
When a big, old tree falls
It is an exchange of lives
Tenderly balanced death
Past glories, the mysteries

lived in the present times
There are giants standing
In windows of the hi-rises
Man waiting, at a bus stop
Washing his hands under
Dripping, streaming rain
Would the shower warm up?
Lost hippy candle someone
Had brought under the house
Spies are found everywhere
Before me, someone placed

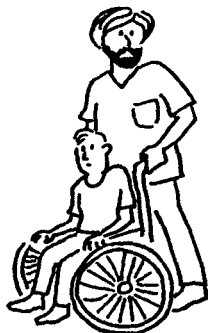
Two dimes and two pennies
Along side the trail, lookout
King and Queen of England
Keep watch, top the fireplace
The last leaves on, the hippo
At the hospital; Candelabras
Made of wrought iron, ready
To be lit, 0 festival of lights
And this year, in Finland
When the first snows come
It will be Christmas, forever.

Daniel Rajala

Eastside Ordinance-A

Don't Give Up.
Don't give an inch
Exercise your rights
Hang onto your dignity
Maintain your self-respect
It must remain constant
Uncompromising, defying, solid
As always with our heads held high
Even up against overwhelming odds
As we are too often, anytime, day or night.
Elect your friends to lead the charge, to keep
what we have and to regain what was stolen
There are invisible walls around our sordid domains-
This is the way it is and always has been for us – the
true settlers and original builders of this last bastion
of the civilized downtrodden
So step back. Retreat with your swarms of dozers,
uneven engineers, cockeyed architects, dastardly
developers... none of any particular renown,
but their dollar-sign eyeballs know no bounds .
Let it be known, far and wide: We are on guard and
vigilant to protect what is our birthright.
Our well thought out progression
will not be retarded by your aggression.
So just turn yourselves around,
take a hike, walk away, leave us in peace;
We refuse as a whole to be marginalized by such
mainstream, autocratic, antiquated, machiavellian
class warfare.

Robyn Livingstone



Countdown to ecstasy or horror
I remember the last time I saw Rob
Nodding out in his family's sitting room
On methadone, unrepentant, and his parents'
anxious, crestfallen faces
regarding their drug-dealing son.
Gloom and despair clouded the house.
He was always good to me
-good deals and good product-
He said Hi and really looked in my eyes
What a way to go:
'Commits suicide in hotel on east side'
He was 19; killed by criminal justice system.
Or Dave, his and my friend, lasted until 21,
-sodomized in jail at 17
-apparently took one cop with him
When are you people going to admit
that getting high is an intrinsic right
and the subtle, insidious abuse, the stigma, kills.
Society can be measured by its ability
to give and receive pleasure,
or should I say love – a euphemism.
How many bereft families are there?
I've been abused by societal fears all my life –
believing judges and politicians
until they can't be believed any more.
May the tears between my words communicate,
because the words alone don't seem to.

A. Kostyniuk

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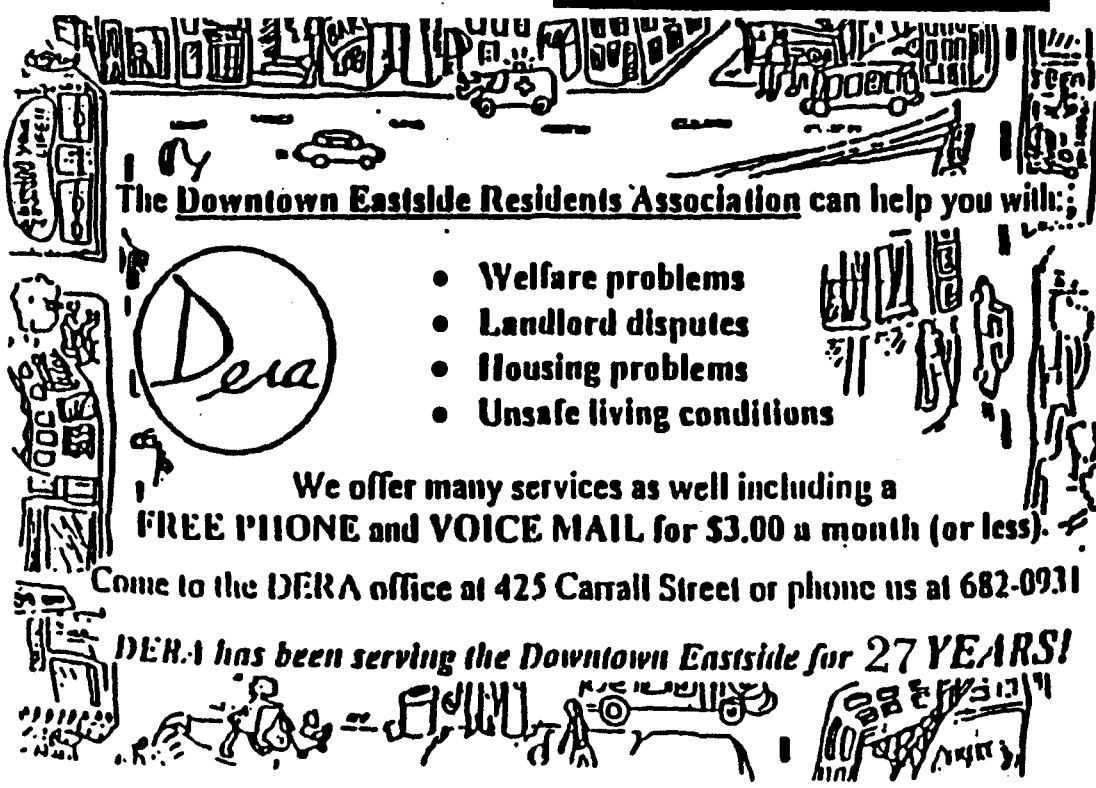
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A Spirit-Being

He lurched towards me o
n a quiet street.
“Sir, sir, he said,
“a red rose for your sweetheart.
He looked as though
he lived nowhere,
this man with wild hair
and eyes deep
as the Cuniberland Mine.
His ace was twisted
like an Iroquois mask
that blessed through suffering
a tormented world,
and on his lips a smile
as though we were God’s spies.

“For me?” I asked.
“For your sweetheart, he replied,
“and she will kiss you for it.”
“The price?” I wondered.
“A caring heart,” he said.
“You are kind,” I said.
and he bowed a courtly bow.
Giving me the rose
he said again,
“For your sweetheart,
and then he left,
a man without a name
a spirit-being
looking for a home.

Sandy Cameron

COME IT MUST AND WILL

I paint what I see and feel... the anguished, the
loser, the guy with the broken heart. I also try to
paint survivors, young at heart, carefree, innocent.
Mostly I like to celebrate men or women haunted by
dreams, promises, hopes for a better day that come it
must and will.

Sam Roddan

Confusion

What is right and what is right?
Who is to say?
To Do the right thing;
may hurt, but so will the opposite
lost within your mind

Nat



Sometimes God Is

Sometimes God is a fresh breeze
Billowing my sail
Driving me forward to home port.

Othertimes I am becalmed
And no help is apparent -
Then I must pull on the oars;
Row to save myself, my comrades and my belief.

Wilhelmina Mary





**AMENDED INDIAN BAND ELECTION REGULATIONS
& INDIAN REFERENDUM REGULATIONS**

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

May 20, 1999

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in the case of *John Corbiere et al. v. Batchewana Indian Band and the Queen*, that the words in section 77 (1) of the *Indian Act*, "and is ordinarily resident on the reserve" violated the *Charter* rights of the off reserve members of First Nations that hold their elections under this section of the *Indian Act*. The court suspended the application of the decision until November 20, 2000 to allow time for Canada to consult on the making of the necessary changes

June to November 1999

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) undertook research, formulated and assessed various options for addressing the challenges. All affected parties conducted internal work including analysis and research to fully examine the impact of the decision. Meetings between INAC and Aboriginal organizations were held while the legal and policy background work was conducted.

December 9, 1999

Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Robert Nault, announced a two-stage consultation approach with Aboriginal organizations.

January to April 2000

INAC, in conjunction with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), established a team of technicians with representatives of Aboriginal organizations from all regions of Canada. Aboriginal organizations and their members had the opportunity to provide input on how to amend *Indian Band Election Regulations* and the *Indian Referendum Regulations* so that off-reserve Band members are able to vote in band elections pursuant to section 77(1) and section 39 referendums. Formal meetings were held with the AFN and AFN national technical working group, National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC), Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) and individual First Nations, with Department of Justice (DOJ) regulatory drafters to discuss the time line to complete the Regulations given the need for a pre-publication period and other restrictions.

May 2000

The "Minimum requirements" paper, outlining the essential elements needed to allow off-reserve members to vote, was drafted with the national cooperative working group (AFN and First Nation representatives from each region, NWAC and NAFC).

June to August 2000

The National Gathering of First Nations in Winnipeg held a special session (June 8th) for the first 27 First Nations undergoing elections between November-January, 2001 and the "minimum requirements" paper was shared with all First Nations and all NAC regional officials.

The amendments to the *Indian Act* regulations were drafted based on the "minimum requirements" paper, as well as the Stage One national consultation reports.

The AFN, NAFC and the CAP and other First Nation representatives completed a clause by clause review of the draft regulations with INAC Regional officials.

September 2, 2000

The draft amended *Indian Band Election Regulations* and the *Indian Referendum Regulations* were pre-published in the Canada Gazette. Once pre-published, the public is afforded the opportunity to review and comment on their content

September 2000

Canada met and reviewed the draft amended regulations with representatives of some of the National Aboriginal organizations who provided input on the draft regulations and proposed training, communications and advertising activities.

The draft regulations were faxed by September 14th to all Chiefs and Councils with a cover letter requesting any comments on the draft regulations to be provided by September 23.

National ads ran during the period informing First Nations voters across the country of the changing regulations and urging them to contact their Band office.

Training sessions with First Nations undergoing elections between November 20th and January 7, 2001 began. Pre-published regulations were provided and a detailed review undertaken and comments subsequently

incorporated into final regulations.

A clause-by-clause review of the pre-published *Referendum Regulations* was completed with the First Nations Land Managers Association, individual First Nations and representatives from the national Aboriginal organizations, with comments incorporated into the final regulations.

October 20, 2000

The finalized regulations in force and effect for elections and referendums held on and after November 20, 2000.

November 20, 2000

The 18 month suspension of the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *Corbiere* expires. Amended voting regulations apply to elections and referendums held on or after this date.

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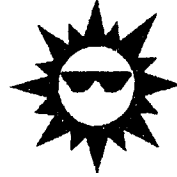
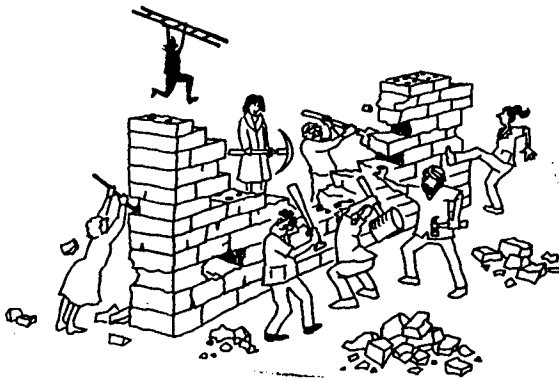
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The Rules for Being Human

1. You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it's the only thing you are sure to keep for the rest of your life.
2. You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called, "Life on Planet Earth."
3. There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of experimentation. "Failures" are as much a part of the process as "success."
4. A lesson is repeated until learned. It is presented to you in various forms until you learn it -- then you can go on to the next lesson.
5. If you don't learn easy lessons, they get harder. External problems are a precise reflection of your internal state. When you clear inner obstructions, your outside world changes. Pain is how the universe gets your attention.
6. You will know you've learned a lesson when your actions change. Wisdom is practice. A little of something is better than a lot of nothing.
7. "There" is no better "here." When your "there" becomes a "here" you will simply obtain another "there" that again looks better than "here."
8. Others are only mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another unless it reflects something you love or hate in yourself.
9. Your life is up to you. Life provides the canvas; you do the painting. Take charge of your life -- or someone else will.
10. You always get what you want. Your subconscious rightfully determines what energies, experiences, and people you attract -- therefore, the only foolproof way to know what you want is to see what you have...
11. There is no right or wrong, but there are consequences. Moralizing doesn't help. Judgements only hold the patterns in place. Just do your best.
12. Your answers lie inside you. Children need guidance from others; as we mature, we trust our hearts, where the Laws of Spirit are written. You know more than you have heard or read or been told. All you need to do is to look, listen, and trust.
13. You will forget all this.
14. You can remember any time you wish."

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