

The Symbol and the Source

Grey Totalitarianism

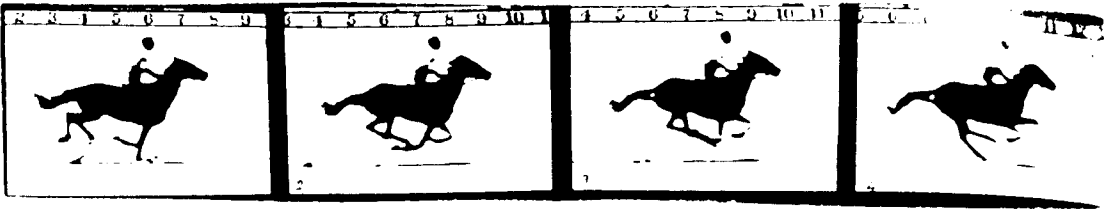
It is, perhaps, the most difficult thing in the world to say what is really on one's mind – and why, in fact, would one want to say it anyway, here and now, if what is really on one's mind has nothing to do with, say, what was on television, that social annihilation, that implement of propaganda and lies, the new grey totalitarianism, an overcast circumscription of practically all our lives, last night, last year, every day since grey neverland began, or on the internet, or what the mendacity comics, or newspapers, as they are called, or the babbling voice-overs are saying? It wouldn't fit the "social plan." It's doubtful it would be understood, less doubtful, even probable, that it would be uncalled for, and almost certainly would be completely unnecessary, if what is necessary is seen to be, as it is almost always seen to be, what fits with the plan – the automation of everyday life, as it were, much as I hate to use such terms from the universities, even if such terms come from the decades when universities still had a bit of learning mixed in with the corporate doxology, and rhetoric was still seen as one tool that could be used in the service of activism, rather than as a goal in itself, an art, as it were, a purer idealism. But that's part of it, isn't it, in a place where all the things upon which our lives depend are utterly hidden from us – our only concern is the plan, something very close to idealized, in an entirely negative sense, or should I say stylized, in an entirely demeaned sense, life, since we needn't sew our clothes or grow our food or build our shelter or keep up our land (not having any) or recycle, or talk to our neighbours, much less have dealings with them, even, or anything else, really, but fit into the plan. Pollute, create and waste needlessly, practice so-called expertise with the perspicacity of a bludgeon, fill time with banal so-called entertainments, contract in suffocating, *enforced privacy* that somehow becomes, by twisted



intellectual calisthenics, what's left of freedom, and if you're so-called well off, use your privilege to get more privilege – the plan doesn't care. But don't, whatever you do, try to call a murdering dictator a murdering dictator, for example. The plan won't tolerate that.

Globalization Protests

I intended to write about the symbol and the source, about how Giuliani's murder in Genoa, for one example, becoming a symbol for both sides, bodes ill for the so-called forces of freedom, and for the government and corporate led globalization forces has become even now a kind of inverted justification for increasing totalitarianism – "headlock" Chretien practically falling over himself to be a world leader in implementing an anti-protest enforcement body, presumably to save the protesters from themselves (taking his cue from China, which, interestingly, is right now churning out millions of copies of "Harry Potter" books for its citizens, as from anywhere else), in much the same way that Axel Oxenstierna, justifying Swedish *adventures* in northern Europe during the terrible and tragic 30 years war, apparently proclaimed, "We came to save the Germans from themselves, and take Pomerania as well," and just as, after the criminal activities of the RCMP during the so-called October Crisis were publicly revealed, the MacDonald Commission pointed out the government's *difficulties* with non-civilian operatives, in just such cases of public awareness, and from its specific recommendations CSIS was born – a civilian organization, the activities of which are criminal to reveal, that could engage in such criminal activities without creating such *difficulties* for the government, and whose operatives, their identity by law criminal to reveal, often have so-called real jobs outside the



organization, in various agencies - so the police riots that have characterized anti-globalization protests all over the world, generally started by quite real, that is, not symbolic, totalitarian police acts, as in Goteberg in Sweden, illegally detaining people - in that case, 400 protesters who had paid the city of Goteberg to use a school to sleep in woke up to find the school ringed with police officers who prevented them from leaving - or tearing signs out of people's hands so as not to *embarrass* vicious murdering bloodthirsty criminal dictator pals of "headlock" Chretien - as happened in this city - have become a justification for a special force that can freely disrupt and harass and no doubt do even worse things to, at their whim, protesters of any sort, and it doesn't take a leap of imagination to see that, for "headlock" Chretien and his ilk world-wide, Greenpeace, Amnesty International, even Medecin Sans Frontier and thousands of other organizations are all "anti-globalization," and therefore basically criminal.

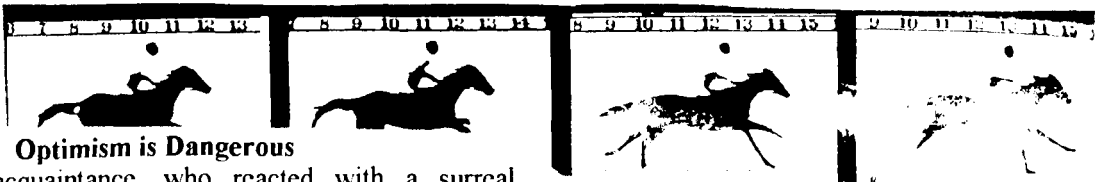
Humanities 101

I wanted to write about the symbol and the source, about Humanities 101, say, and how it, being an entirely symbolic substitute for open access to university, serves as both a justification for the more or less economic prerequisites universities have for their real (credit towards a degree) programs ("see, we are providing access to the economically disadvantaged, now give us some more money for it") and as a safe place for academics to get *front line* brownie points, which they can later stick to their CVs, not an inconsequential thing at all, since so-called jobs for academics in so-called economically disadvantaged areas where there really is no need of nor room for them are the extent of most government and non-government programs operating in such areas. Perhaps the only positive thing about Humanities 101, as one activist here intimated, is that it might keep academics, notoriously disruptive as they are, out of *activist*

organizations here, but even in trivial, irrelevant organizations or programs, there is still the probability that they will find themselves being spokespeople (not always on TV or radio, but certainly in the offices of the grant dispensers, and in the offices of those organizations who see a modicum of legitimacy attached to having university connections) for the "area," conducting study after study, report after report, in Kafkesque/Chaplinsque fashion, a not inconsiderable danger itself.

Symbol and Source

The source is the fact that poor people cannot hope to get into university, that universities serve the privileged. Humanities 101 is a ridiculous, even insulting, overtly insulting symbolic gesture. The source is people's hatred of corporate/government globalization and its complete disregard for human and civil rights. Giuliani, Nike sneakers smashing McDonald's windows, and riot police world-wide wearing identical Kevlar, brandishing identical batons, with identical responses to legitimate protest - all symbols, of the power of the governments and corporations, of the futility of struggling against them, but a symbol with a gun is more immediately dangerous than a symbol such as, for instance, a paper on the perception of political power among residents of the downtown eastside (a real-life, true study someone did here, using Carnegie, even). (What in the world could that be useful for, unless it is to inform the politicians what kind of symbolic gestures they need to make in order to get votes, that symbolic vestige of so-called democracy, here?) In fact, whatever we so-called learn about from TV or comic books is more or less symbolic - that is way of the new grey totalitarianism. But really, what can I possibly mean? The world is the world. I am the prevaricator, talking like this. The plan, on the other hand, prevaricates not.



Optimism is Dangerous

An acquaintance, who reacted with a surreal optimism, hearing about Genoa and the 150,000 or so protesters, would hear nothing of my argument. "I think what's happening in Europe is great," this acquaintance said. (Does "headlock" Chretien's proposed anti-protest force gives this acquaintance further reason for optimism?) Two days after Giuliani's murder, and the day after I talked to this acquaintance, 70% of Italians thought the police *hadn't used enough force*. The comic books and voice-overs had effectively, obviously reacting to the size of the protest, and using every underhanded, overt, covert, goofy or sinister trick in their books, reduced even that many protesters into a single, criminal category, and comic books (newspapers) and puppet voice-overs (that is, radio and television news) the world over managed to convince almost everyone who hasn't been at an anti-globalization protest that anti-globalization folk "don't have specific arguments" and are "Luddites" (even though all these protests were organized, basically, on the internet!!!), or attend protests "for the excitement," and that there are a large core who don't do anything useful but go around to these things all over the world and cause havoc, and that's basically it. It is insanely newspeak, just as referring to such insulting and inane shows as "Survivor" or the incredibly stupid video travesty the Vancouver Police Department has managed to get on TV, as "real-life television" (read symbolic life television) is newspeak, a textbook case, right out of any religious cult's dogmatic doggerel or some EST/Amway-like sell-your-way-to-success (or at least to obnoxiousness) how-to, to speak of those whose greatest desire is freedom, freedom from corporate and government totalitarianism, as enemies of freedom, and to speak of totalitarian governments and corporations as *forces of freedom*. People with the gumption to go to these things, people who have thought about the world and about freedom, people willing to go to the wall for it, are reduced to unthinking *thugs* in the proclamations of the very real thugs who govern us and of their bastard thugling comic book writing voice-over

dubbing offspring who propagandize, apologize, indict, advertise and lie for them. (So-called news is basically advertisement now anyway.) And for those who know different, but would never go to such protests, for this or that good, or so-called good, or not very good at all reason, silence, mostly or entirely chosen, since they won't even speak of it, even when it is not only safe, but practically necessary to speak of it, routine, the quotidian disengagement of life continues, for now.

Warren Anderson and Bhopal

Here's an aside that's to the point. Warren Anderson, former CEO of Union Carbide, and for whom extradition orders were filed by the Indian government in 1992, 8 years after a "leak" at a chemical processing plant in Bhopal killed 7000 people in 3 days (5000 instantly or almost instantly) (remember, the safety equipment was either turned off, malfunctioning, or "under repair", the warning siren turned off *intentionally*, and the plant is still polluting the surrounding area, in particular a large so-called *ghetto* to the south of it, long after the plant has been closed, while the company has paid a fraction of what it would cost to clean up, and even less of a fraction of what treatment, for the 80,000 affected by the so-called accident, is costing, let alone any lawsuits, while the Indian government is bending over backwards to lure chemical processing plants to set up there, good enough reason to let Bhopal fade into history, or to *turn the page on Bhopal*, as one Indian official suggested) is apparently retired to Florida, and the Indian government has done nothing with the extradition since filing it. Now that the notorious killer company Dow has bought Union Carbide, denying any responsibility to their new acquisition's historical victims, the possibility that only the Indian government, and even them reluctantly, as recent measures to cut benefits (always reluctantly paid and still not totaling the minor sum paid out by Union Carbide for just this purpose) to the victims of

Bhopal shows, will have to foot the entire bill for cleaning up the plant and treating the victims is quite real. More than anything else, what happened at Bhopal demonstrates the dangers of globalization – in fact, it did for the anti-globalization movement what Minimata did for the environmental movement. It is an example, not a symbol, for, in fact, the event resists the symbolic by its horrific nature, and by the persistence of its victims in their pursuit for justice. The former company, seeing the uselessness of its symbolic gestures regarding the event, chose pathological silence, the same pathological silence that keeps the full list of chemicals leaked, and which still lie about the abandoned plant, secret. Dow has taken the same pathological position – not surprising from a company that denies dioxin is harmful to humans. Anderson's safe retirement, on the other hand, is an example of what happens to corporate criminals of the worst sort.

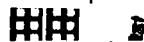
That's it, after all. Only that. Wherever there is what appears or operates as a symbol, look first for an example – an example of academic bad faith (Humanities 101), an example of people's struggle against corporate internationalism (the 150,000 in Genoa). In following articles, let's examine symbols like the swastika and the crucifix, national flags, symbolic gestures (handshakes between leaders, Nobel Peace Prizes), talk about their operation within state/corporate propaganda, and whether or not it is safe for activists to similarly employ them.

September 11, 2001

The day after I completed the forgoing, the terrifying events in the US occurred, and I was unable to add the appropriate and necessary, I felt, reference, having a migraine that lasted all day Wednesday, so I held this article back. What needed to be addressed was the fact that the World Trade Center – that symbol of corporate power – and the Pentagon – that symbol of military power – had rather suddenly been transformed into the symbols of the destructiveness of *evil*. All over the world, out of fear of US retaliation/might, out of sentiment bred by identification with the American Empire, its reputation as a defender of so-called freedom (in spite of its record otherwise) through advertising and television etc., and even a feeling of gratitude for services bestowed



New York, Feb. 28. Today over 5,000 rallied in Times Square and then marched across 42nd Street to the United Nations to demand an end to war threats against Iraq and an end to the sanctions that have killed 1.5 million Iraqis over the past seven years.



(some very worthy and some very questionable), and feeding off of the very globalization that I call Eurocentrism II, which will undoubtedly unsettle and destabilize, as they say, Asia and the Middle East, governments and people rushed to express public outrage – an outrage that dwarfs any such public expression regarding Vietnam, say, or Afghanistan, or Rwanda, or Yugoslavia, or Bhopal, or Pakistan, or Nicaragua, or Chile, or Argentina or the 50,000 Americans killed by Americans each year, or anything of the hundred other horrors “in our lifetime.” Regarding the new crusade, I only want to point out in this addendum that at the core, the governments (and their corporate backers) of the Western world saw this act of terrorism as an attack on the State itself, on the concept of State, and even more fearfully, in North America, an attack on the perception of immunity that has generally obtained for them (not, obviously, the poor and the working class) and for the corporate class worldwide. It quite probably signals the beginning of the end of the American Empire, and the beginning of something few, if any, can describe. Needless to say, even now the corporations and governments of the world are attempting, in a way that insults to the highest degree the people who died in those towers, to turn their tragedies into a so-called useful symbol. My next article (not by choice – I intended to address the subject somewhat later) will deal with the American Empire, using some of the symbolism from this most recent horrific event, and some of the twitching (racist incidents, particularly) that accompany this shattering of the image of Canada and the United States of America, and the corporate class that seems often to so-called represent them, as immune.

Dan Feeney



Carnegie Learning Centre News

The Learning Centre is in full swing for the fall. About 65 people celebrated International Literacy Day with us on Tuesday, September 25th. People read poems, plays and told stories. We had photo collage displays from the Let's Go! program and a banner made by *desmedia*. The day ended with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new computers now available in the computer room, the Learning Centre and the seniors' lounge. The computers were installed by the Vancouver Public Library and sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

*New Students Welcome *

The Learning Centre is available to anyone wanting to work on their reading, writing and math skills. We work with people who are very new readers and we also support people to work towards their GED.

New participants are always welcome to attend the Let's Go! Program for Individual and Community Development. The program runs Mon to Fri from 1:00-4:00pm. We work on individual skills such as written communication, group facilitation, computer research, conflict resolution, etc. We also explore ways that groups create a community response to difficult issues. We will be looking at healing, popular theatre and alternative economic opportunities.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this program. We explore issues through group discussion, field trips and doing things. Everyone works at their own written level with support from the Learning Centre



New Tutor Training

The next tutor training will start on Tuesday, October 9th from 6:00-8:00pm. There are five sessions in the training. If you are thinking of volunteering as a tutor, drop in to the Learning Centre and find out more.

The Carnegie Learning Centre is located on the 3rd floor of the Carnegie Community Centre. The phone number is 604-665-3013. We are open from 9 to 5, Mon to Fri and 1-5 on Saturday.



desmedia workshops

*every Tuesday at Oppenheimer Park
2.00 — 5.PM*

desmedia is a small art collective from different backgrounds running these weekly workshops. They centre on expressing yourselves, documenting lives in the dtes, creativity and empowerment. People are also invited to drop by and share their stories on video, draw, paint, or to have a cup of tea.

Using basic art materials, installation, photography, video, and writing, we will develop works of self representation and self-expression. Your participation will form the framework for the workshops.

For more info: email: desmedia@rrrr.net
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September 11, 2001

We are grieving, and in our grieving we feel the tension between what is and what ought to be. In my view, the best way we can honour the people who died so tragically on September 11, 2001 is by working for peace and justice.

The internationally known economist, Barbara Ward, wrote Progress For A Small Planet in 1979. In that book she warned that if humankind is to survive, some fundamental change in direction of the global economy, with its dynamic of accumulation, would be necessary.

In his book called Globalization, the sociologist Zygmunt Bauman said that one of the most important services we citizens owe ourselves, and our fellow human beings, is to question the unquestionable premises of our market-driven, consumer society. He saw corporate globalizing processes as powerfully exclusive (those with money are in; those without money are out), and he understood that strong neo-tribal and fundamentalist tendencies reflected the experience of people on the receiving end of "the new world order."

Richard Barnett and John Cavanagh said in their book, Global Dreams, that the major political conflict in the opening decades of the 21st century would be between the forces of corporate globalization and land-based forces seeking to preserve and redefine community. In this respect, there are some similarities in background between the Oklahoma City bombing and the bombings in New Lark City and Washington on September 11th - dispossession of land, threatened local cultures, disintegrating communities, enormous existential insecurity, and debilitating poverty. (1) In the world today 100 million refugees and immigrants are moving around, looking for a place to call home.

We know something about the threat to community in the Downtown Eastside. The corporate development of downtown Vancouver is taking place on an enormous scale, and our community, Vancouver's oldest and now poorest, is under siege. The stress of gentrification is aggravated by a tidal wave of hate propaganda that denies the courage and caring of this neighbourhood. When men of great power deny the humanity of human beings and the history of a community, they tend to think that they can destroy



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both the people and the place without moral qualms. All peoples who have experienced colonialism have lived through that process.

Barbara Ward speaks healing words in her book Progress For A Small Planet. Dismayed by the technological military overkill of industrial nations, she laments that "we have ...the barest counter image of working together to build up our capacities for co-existence, to create that community of feeling which can spring from common goals and common efforts, that dedication that can grow from working together with care and patience...creating the common symbols and places and vistas of order and dignity....No problem is insoluble in the creation of a balanced and conserving planet save humanity itself. Can it reach in time the vision of joint survival? Can its inescapable physical interdependence — the chief new insight of our century — induce that vision? We do not know. We have the duty to hope." (2)

We have the duty to hope even though President Bush and the military/industrial complex is launching one more campaign of imperial terror, especially against poor countries. This so-called war on terrorism is ideologically driven, and is a strategy to strengthen the dominance of the corporate global economy. It won't end terrorism, it will just create the conditions for more terrorism. If President Bush really wanted to reduce terrorism in the world, he would listen to the words of Barbara Ward quoted above. The stewardship of the resources of our earth, driven by peace and justice, is the opposite of a corporate global economy driven by maximum profit.

By SANDY CAMERON

(1) For the background history of the Oklahoma City bombing, see Harvest Of Rage, by Joel Dyer, Westview Press, 1997.

(2) Progress For A Small Planet, by Barbara Ward, W.W. Norton & Co., N.Y., 1979, pages 273 & 277.



Let's Look Reality in the Face. By Susan Sontag.
Monday, September 17, 2001, (Le Monde).

For a terrified and sad New Yorker, America never seemed to be further away from recognizing reality than facing the monstrous dose of reality of Tuesday, September 11.

The gulf which separates what occurred and what one should understand, on one hand, and the sheer deception and self-satisfied nonsense peddled by practically all the leading public figures of American life, and its television commentators, is stupefying and depressing.

The voices authorized to keep track of the events seem to be joined in a campaign aimed at treating the public like children. Who has acknowledged that it wasn't a matter of "cowardly" aggression against "civilization," or "freedom," or "humanity," or the "free world," but an aggression against the United States, the self-proclaimed world superpower, an *aggression* which is the consequence of specific actions and interests? How many Americans know about the continuation of American bombings in Iraq? And since we're using the word "cowardly," shouldn't it be applied to those who kill from high in the sky, out of the range of possible reprisals, rather than to those who are willing to die in order to kill others?

At all costs American leaders want to make us believe that everything is all right. America is not afraid. Our resolve is not broken. "They" will be hunted down and punished (whoever "they" might be). We have a robot-president who assures us that America always has its head held high.

A whole range of public personalities, vigorously opposed to the foreign policy of this administration, apparently feel free to say nothing but: we are all united behind President Bush.

We've been reassured that everything was going along well, or close to it, even on a day marked by the stamp of infamy, and even if America was now at war. Yet all is not well and this isn't Pearl Harbor. But those in charge of official functions, those who wish to be and those who have been in the past, have decided - with the willing complicity of the major media - not to ask the public to bear too great a part of the burden of reality. The complacent and lauded platitudes of a Congress composed of one Soviet-like party appeared contemptible. The unanimity of *moralizing rhetoric*, aimed at masking reality, poured out by leading Americans, and the media, in recent days is unworthy of a mature democracy.

Leading American figures, and those who would like to be, have let us know that their duty is only one of manipulation: to impart confidence and manage the pain. Politics, the politics of democracy - which involve disagreements and encourage sincerity — have been replaced by psychotherapy. Let's suffer together but let's not be stupid together. A little historical conscience can help us understand exactly what happened, and what might continue to happen.

"Our country is strong", they keep telling us. For my part, that really doesn't console me. Who can doubt that America is strong? But America should not be only that.

"The people of Afghanistan have nothing to do with Osama and his accomplices," said the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) in a Sept. 14 statement.

"On September 11, the world was stunned with the horrific terrorist attacks on the United States. RAWA stands with the rest of the world in expressing our sorrow and condemnation for this barbaric act of violence and terror. RAWA had already warned that the United States should not support the most treacherous, most criminal, most anti-democracy and anti-women Islamic fundamentalist parties. Because both the Jehadi and the Taliban have committed every possible type of heinous crimes against our people, they would feel no shame in committing such crimes against the American people whom they consider 'infidel'.

"Unfortunately we must say that it was the government of the United States which supported Pakistani dictator Gen. Zia-ul Haq in creating thousands of religious schools from which the germs of Taliban emerged

Osama Bin Laden has been the blue-eyed boy of the CIA. But what is more painful is that American politicians have not drawn a lesson from their pro-fundamentalist policies in our country and are still supporting this or that fundamentalist band or leader...

"Now that the Taliban and Osama are the prime suspects after the criminal attacks, will the US subject Afghanistan to a military attack similar to the one in 1998 and kill thousands of innocent Afghans for the crimes committed by the Taliban and Osama? Does the US think that through such attacks... will be able to wipe out the root-cause of terrorism, or will it spread terrorism to even a larger scale?

"..While we once again announce our solidarity and deep sorrow with the people of the US, we also believe that attacking Afghanistan and killing its most ruined and destitute people will not in any way decrease the grief of the American people. We sincerely hope that the great American people could differentiate between the people of Afghanistan and a handful of fundamentalist terrorists. Our hearts go out to the people of the US. Down with terrorism!

(This article seems contrived, but is extraordinary in light of the fact that women, under this Taliban and fundamentalist Islam, are not allowed an education.. are not allowed to learn to read and write.. cannot leave home unless in the company of a male relative and then only for household tasks.. cannot expose any part of their body except their eyes in public..)



We in the West think of ourselves as the "good guys" when it comes to world affairs. From the early time of the Crusades our Christian-minded soldiers have traveled to the Eastern Islamic nations in order to violently force our way of life on them.

The Islamic countries of the Middle East have been constant war zones even as we in the West converted from the spreading of our God's dogmas to the worship of foreign oil.

We care nothing of the Arabian, Palestinian, and Islamic peoples. We've treated them worse than dogs for centuries, and have shed few tears for the systematic slaughtering of their innocent citizens for the cause of fighting "terrorism."

Out of the horror that the East has endured from the West these past decades came a wealthy young man of deep religious beliefs who journeyed from his Arabian home to Afghanistan in 1979 to help rid that country of Soviet invaders.

Osama Bin Ladin stayed and fought in Afghanistan until the Soviets fled in 1989. He was saddened that he had not died a martyr's death in this war, and thus, became inspired to rid all Islamic nations of non-believers. Bin Ladin returned to his home in Saudi Arabia where the Islamic holiest mosque is located.

Then the US soldiers came to Saudi Arabia and used it as a deployment station to liberate Kuwait. After the liberation, the US remained to occupy Arabia to continue their reign of terror on Iraq, and to better dictate the production of oil in the region. Bin Ladin and his followers of Scholars and Clerics protested this occupation of Islam's holiest of lands. From these protests, Bin Ladin was expelled from Arabia and many of his followers were imprisoned.

He went to Sudan, and with his fortune began to build roads and farms in the impoverished country. He also reformed the organization he had helped build during the Afghan war called the al-Qa'ida. This organization consisted of around 200 veterans of the Afghan war who were from various nations including Egypt, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Arabia. They concerned themselves with the sad fact that some Islamic governments were ceasing to live by the laws of Islam, adopting Western ideologies.

Their goal became to "unite all Muslims and to establish governments which follow the rules of the

Caliphs.” And, to overthrow corrupt Muslim governments and to drive out Western influences from those countries. Bin Ladin’s organization published newsletters to all Islamic nations calling upon true believers to do all they could to rid their lands of occupiers, especially the US from Arabia, and the Israelis from Palestine.

This, indeed, influenced some believers to take it



Gentle Readers,

In this issue are several articles and points of view on what happened in the USA on Sept. 11th. There are many, many more. Doubtless there will be research done and books written, and some may even see the light of day. If you have an Internet connection, try rabble.ca or common.dreams.org

My belated historical perspective had Japan fighting with the US over the resources and wealth of the Pacific, with western powers stopping their expansion. With the victory came the right to write the history. And to decide what is just left out and (hopefully) forgotten. Our movies and history tell us how right(eous) we were... it may be.

It is very easy right now for many journalists and news services to be eaten alive by the powers that be for giving any alternative theory or evidence of facts that were and are at play in the declared “War on Terrorism.” Something must be done, but joining in the rhetoric of either damning any dissent to the details of globalisation as ‘terrorism’ or, on the other extreme, praising the acts as those of saints fighting a ‘holy war’ is just that – rhetoric. Another word that is closer to my meaning is ‘speechifying’

The dogma of religious fundamentalism, be it used to support an Islamic Jihad or a Christian Pax Americana, is still dogma – bad theory presented as truth. – *Editor*]

upon themselves to bomb a US compound in Arabia killing many soldiers. The bombers were apprehended and, before their heads were cut off, confessed that they were inspired to their actions after reading Bin Ladin’s newsletters. But, undeterred, the US kept up their occupation and the frequent bombing of Iraq, and the enforcement of starvation on the Iraqi people.

We’re familiar with other “actions” taken against the US embassies in Islamic countries, and senseless retaliations taken by the US. And through this ever-expanding vicious circle, most common citizens of the West remain unaware of what is making the “enemy” so mad, and what does he want!

The so-called war on “Terrorism” could end in a very short time if, in the paraphrased words of Bin Ladin and the al-Qa’ida:

1. The Nation of Palestine is restored.
2. The reign of terror in Iraq ends.
3. All foreign military Crusaders leave Islamic lands forever more.

Garry Gust



Bus Griffiths from *Now You're Logging*, Harbour Publishing

Eye of the Beholden To Ya

Beside on this tier are two plain women
The right one loads up my coffee begging cup
The left one feeds me Dylan memories
Women feel safe here.. must be okay then

I gotta pipe, make a Hunkapapa squeamish
Smoke a bowl, the room gets dreamish
I'm floating with Crazy Horse
Back in Lakota Land.

I'm not the enemy
There are no innocent bystanders anymore
on the strip but it ain't me
holding the smokin' gun, not this dude.

My pipe smokes me snaky
Pound of herb don't need no docta
Two plain women who are so utterly beautiful.

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Straight Up, No Shit

Since I see the Buddha Man when I can
Since I see the Sun, the Holy One
Since I started a revolution in my heart
all things come to me naturally

Since I gave up fightin' fussin' all the time
I see the children growing up too fast
tough little 10 year-old hipsters
know more than they ought to
but what can you do?

It's downtown, eastside, better hide
Even the heat is scared on the street
Imagine growing up at Jackson & Powell
Tough kids in a rough 'hood
I'm proud of the little bastards
Got jam, laughing at it all

Chinatown is my home, my soul
all the love I need is right on Pender
on Union, East Georgia, Keefer
Bamboo and the Buddha
grow in my heart, lotus blossoms
turtles in the water, dreams in the garden.

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WHO CARES?

He sits aloneno family, no friends, heritage
lost, victim of circumstance.. hard times, bad luck
how easy to forget he has flesh, blood, nerves,
guts, feels painis a member of family...

Sam Roddan



ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION

Thursday, October 11, 2001 / 7pm -9 pm
Carnegie Centre 3rd Floor, 401 Main

Dear Neighbours,

Your views and ideas are important to me. As your Member of Parliament, I rely on your feedback and ideas to do my job effectively, and better represent you and all the residents of East Vancouver.

That's why I hold regular Accountability Sessions and Travelling Community Offices in different locations in the riding. This way, I get to hear from you firsthand about the issues of importance to you, and answer any questions you may have about the federal government.

I invite you to join me at my next Accountability Session on October 11th at the Carnegie Centre, and tell me what you want to see done in Ottawa and in our community. Hope to see you there!

Yours Sincerely,

Libby Davies

Maturity

We've heard a lot talk of war
What about peace?
If we talk of war we shall have war
If we talk peace we get peace
Bush declares war on terrorism
But he also declares war on pacifism
By not investigating and healing
the misanthropy of violence
The mature way is to eliminate weapons
To eliminate poverty, the morass of violence
And in this millennium year the time is ripe
We just had a taste of the violence to come
And peace shall run from the tanks & missiles
and our sun shall appear black as night
clouds of dust, radioactive fright
In multiples of 10 increasing violence explode
Tears of honour or disgust load
I've lived on this planet 50 years
For the maturity or destruction of this human race
Start at home, may peace not war mark your face.

Andy Kostyniuk

Forum on GMOs*

to explore the impacts on our food, health,
environment and ethical concerns

Panelists:

HERB BARBOLET

– Executive Director of Farm Folk / City Folk

MAGNUS BERN – Co-Creator of Eco-Café

RUCKSHANA ENGMEER – Independent Activist

COLLEEN FULLER – President of PharmaWatch
Member of National Board at Council of Canadians

NO to GMOs (*Genetically Modified Organisms)

**Tuesday, October 9, at 7 pm
WISE Hall, 1882 Adanac @ Victoria**

To Milt Carpenter (1947-2001)

– a tribute from a friend

He always had a smile for everyone
and he never brought you down
Milt could ever make your spirit soar
as his has risen now.

We understood each other well,
We knew what made each other laugh
We met at different places, often to sit and chat
no appointments necessary.

We were in the same predicaments and grooves
but never took it too seriously – on the contrary –
we gleaned lots of fun out of most stuff

Milt made the best out of sad situations.
He always had a hearty, deep down laugh
In the strangest locations and places
We'd bump into each other like it was planned
Brothers? Synchronicity? Fate? ..who can say?

The last time we spoke, fireworks at English Bay,
HE tracked me down.. was led to me.. by the stars?
Pitch dark, one in a million people, running around
helter skelter, needle in a haystack – found me!

How could it be? Now I think I understand.
A higher power giving two old friends one last time
to say 'so long, see ya 'round' ... goodbye.
I'll catch you further on down the road
..can hardly wait to hear your laugh once again
Bless you and rest forever in Peace --
Lord knows you've earned it.

Robyn



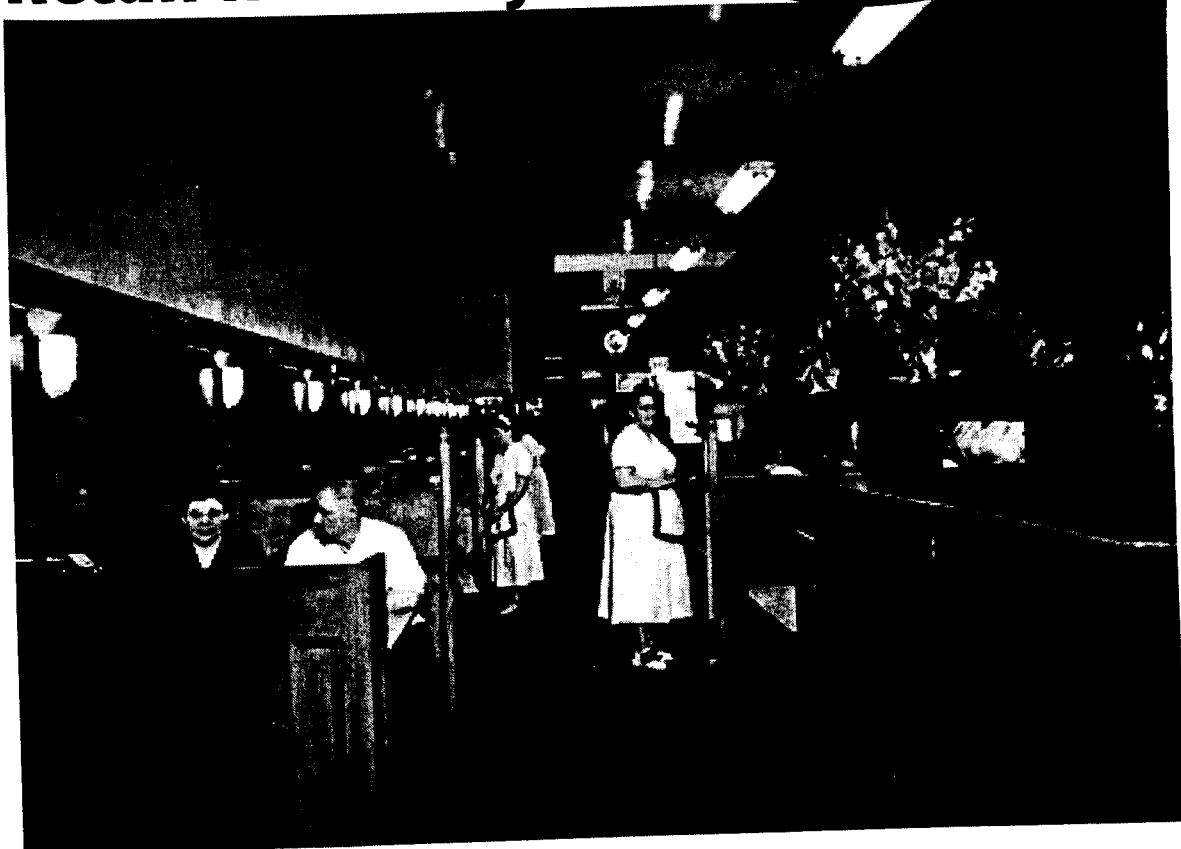
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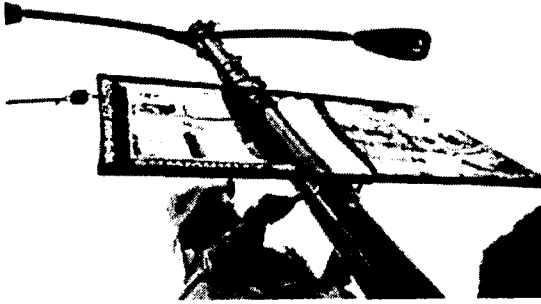
For more information, call 689-0397 or drop by our office, Carnegie 2nd floor

Banner Project continues with Historical Retail Inventory

**US Housing Expert
To Speak At Sunrise
Cafe**
(details on back)



Hastings Street Restaurant, circa 1970s



Last August 98 banners were mounted on 46 streetlight poles along Hastings Street between Cambie St. and Main St. Sixteen (16) residents of the Downtown Eastside participated in the research and design of 6 banners, which are repeated down the four blocks. Incorporated in the banners are historical photographs, like the one on the front page, which illustrate retail activity along Hastings St during the 1970s. The banners are expected to remain up for at least two years.

Closed Circuit Television CCTV, Act II

Once again the Downtown Eastside is faced with a Vancouver Police Department proposal to install surveillance cameras on our streets.

Three years ago (1999) we were faced with the same proposal, however it ended up being shelved due to a lack of political and financial commitment. The first proposal also suffered from a lack of clarity in terms of the benefits of CCTV. CCAP, at the time, published a small booklet briefly describing some of the issues and problems related to CCTV use, especially in the UK. (copies are still available at the CCAP office)

Public consultation is expected to start this

Although the Downtown Eastside has long been a low-income neighbourhood for most of this century, retail activity has thrived along Hastings St., even just 10 years ago. The banners are an attempt to remind us of this past and that our current state of retail activity is not a simple function of the neighbourhood being poor. Other factors are far more significant and, thus, the subject of the next phase of the banner projects.

Historical Retail Inventory

12 residents are currently researching storefront business activity along the same four blocks of Hastings St as the banners over the last three decades. A snapshot of retail activity from the years 1976, 86, and 96 will be mapped and compared to corresponding demographic information taken from Census data. A booklet will be produced giving a richer analysis of changes in retail activity along Hasting St.

CCAP great fully acknowledges PEACH (Partners for Economic and Community Help) for their generous support of this project.

fall. It is at this point that the police will let us look at their second proposal. However, numerous articles, including an editorial in the Vancouver Sun (Aug, 01) and a lead story in the Courier (Sept. 09/01) suggests that consultation has already begun.

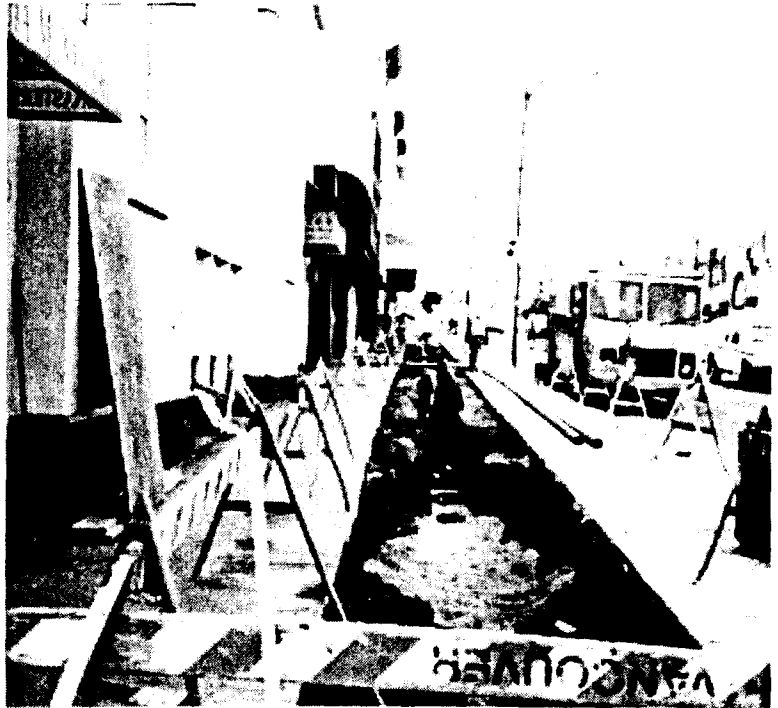
On September 19th the Vancouver Police Board discussed in camera the CCTV proposal for the Downtown Eastside. Because it was in camera CCAP does not know what was said. We shall see what happens next.

For info on CCTV use in the UK (the country using it the most) check out:
www.privacyinternational.org/issues/cctv

The Fiber link from 312 Main Street to E-Comm is the only cost effective and practical method of transmitting the video images over the approximate 5km distance (Vancouver Police Department, CCTV proposal, 1999)

Photo of workers on Hastings Street installing fiber optic cable from E-Comm to 312 Main, Summer 2001.

Just A Coincident?



FYI: Some Recent Research from the UK on CCTV

"The unforgiving Eye: CCTV surveillance in public space" was published last month by Dr Clive Norris and Gary Armstrong of the Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice at Hull University. The study was designed to find out who was watched by public CCTV systems. Researchers "shadowed" camera operators in 3 major areas covered by a total of 148 cameras. They took details of "888 targeted surveillances" which resulted in just 12 arrests.

They found:

* 40% of people were targeted for "no obvious reason", mainly "on the basis of belonging to a particular or subcultural group". **"Black people were between one-and-a-half and two-and-a-half times more likely to be surveilled than one would expect from their presence in the population".**

* 30% of targeted surveillances on black people were protracted, lasting 9 minutes or more, compared with just 10% on white people.

* People were selected primarily on the basis of **"the operators negative attitudes towards male youth in general and black male youth in particular. ...if a youth was categorised as a "scrote" they were subject to prolonged and intensive surveillance."**

* Those deemed to be **"out of time and out of place"** with the commercial image of city centre streets were subjected to prolonged surveillance. **"Thus drunks, beggars, the homeless, street traders were all subject to intense surveillance"**.

* **"Finally, anyone who directly challenged, by gesture or deed, the right of the cameras to monitor them was especially subject to targeting."**

Feeling the Squeeze

The Survival of Inner-City, Low-Income Neighbourhoods.

Guest Speaker: Victoria Basolo, PHD

Wednesday, October 17th

3pm

**Sunrise Cafe
101 E. Hasting St.**

Refreshments served

As part of CCAP's **Confronting Marginality Project**, guest speaker, Victoria Basolo, will discuss community-based strategies for securing low-income housing in inner-city neighbourhoods faced with increasing property development and speculation. Examples from high cost housing markets such as San Francisco and Seattle will be highlighted while keeping in mind differences between Canada and US housing markets.

Mrs. Basalo is a US housing expert and Professor, Urban and Regional Planning, University of California, Irvine.

Mrs. Basalo will also be speaking Thursday, Oct.18th, 7pm to 8:30 pm at SFU downtown (515 W. Hastings St.). Reservations are required, phone 604 291-5100.

International Village

The idea came up about the same time that Woodward's closed down – a new commercial space with stores from all over the world, connected to new high-rise housing (condos) and a bustling market.

Plans were planned and drawings were drawn and it got to some level of government – probably Municipal – and just stopped. The excavation of the site had happened and the hole (an entire city block) filled with water. Lake Pender!!

It got back into gear several years later with some agreement or regulations made or unmade. Advertising began in earnest with the money and class interests stating "We are proud to be part of the gentrification of this neighbourhood!" (No shit) It got built.

The condos went up across the street and a high-priced market (TNT) opened on that ground floor. International Village, however, didn't bloom and prosper. People who bought in and signed leases have launched lawsuits saying they were misled and even lied to about the potentialities of the site. In plain speak, there are virtually no customers. The whirlwind of gentrification and mega-development of the neighbourhood/area/downtown eastside did not happen. The same shtick that the Van Horne used to sell its condos at Cordova and Carrall was

used for International Village and the same charges of misrepresentation surfaced.

International village, however, goes much further. A former security guard, now working in Correction came forward to report that he left because of the training and directives they got. He said they were told to *escalate* any confrontation between them and anyone deemed to be "undesirable" ENTERING THE MALL!! That's right and that's the practice – if you don't look like a middle-class shopper (if you look poor or like a street person or a user of anything nasty) you are subject to questioning by security people and can be refused entry.. to a shopping mall.

The content of the training or list of undesirable characteristics that said security are imbued with is anybody's guess, but it's clearly a human rights issue. What the management of International Village says is that their property is just that – *their* property. They have a right to refuse entry to whomever they please.

If you or anyone you know has been hassled in or refused entry to or even been ejected from this place please write down the details and file it at both the Police Station and at DERA's office. This is gross.

By PAULR TAYLOR

"The U.S. bombings of Iraq are a criminal act," stated Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General. "They are part of a larger pattern of criminal conduct against the people of Iraq. Even without bombing, the U.S.-imposed economic sanctions take the lives of 6,000 Iraqis each and every month, most of them children," Clark asserted.

it sounds familiar
decades later
live it out
come and go
get into it
breathless
skeptical
weary
desperate
as an old man
accept the devil
a legend

for a mild moment
for the day
visibly shattered
forever trying
crash
explode
is there no end?
return to revolution
come looking

charles fortin



suddenly confronted
deliberately severed
don't expect fulfillment
think about ruling the world
powered by a loathing
be all but undifferentiated
throw off all vestiges
batter against the walls
life must hurt
be a mutilated veteran
stop the show
what does it mean?
achieve certainty
as to the truth of life
become accustomed to experience
eliminate concepts
enlighten
regulate
according to this view

charles fortin

DESTA'NEZ is a pilot project to encourage government, businesses and non-profits to buy locally and hire local residents. It includes and involves employment programs giving specific training to ensure locals are qualified for ensuing job opportunities. There will be community meetings starting in mid-October where you can get info and give input on ideas and needs in the Downtown Eastside.

For more information contact Marcia Nozick at 604-692-0781

Carnegie Community Association

Vancouver Police Board

September 18, 2001

Re:CCTV in the Downtown Eastside

Dear Chair and Board Members

Once again our neighbourhood is faced with a Vancouver Police Department (VPD) proposal to install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).

We continue to oppose the installment of CCTVs in the neighbourhood both from an efficacy and privacy point of view. We argue that the jury is still out on the relationship between crime reduction and CCTV. Too many other factors come to play, including an international trend in reduced crime rates and the problem of finding unbiased research data -- most studies are done by the industry itself. One other big factor is the problem of displacement. The previous CCTV proposal by the VPD played down the displacement issue -- only three paragraphs on this topic. We know this is significant by-product of CCTV and one which the VPD now admits to be true. Thus, you need to consider the pushing of crime into other neighbourhoods and the likeliness of future demands for an expansion of the CCTV network into these effected neighbourhoods.

We believe the money to install and operate a CCTV system is better spent on community policing initiatives that include more police walking the streets. At an estimated capital cost of \$500,000 and an unspecified yearly operating cost, CCTVs are very expensive.

We also would argue that the public discussion has already started. Even though, according to Deputy Chief Gary Greer, the public discussion or community consultation on this latest proposal has yet to begin. Until it does start we are not to be given a copy of the proposal. However, as you are probably aware, numerous articles, including a Vancouver Sun editorial (Aug. 1/01) and a lead story in the Courier (Sept. 9/01), have already appeared regarding this proposal. This has left us in position to comment with no information. Therefore, it is not appropriate for the author of the CCTV proposal, Mr. Grant Fredericks, to give interviews prior to the start of "official" consultation.

Our association has serious concerns that a conflict of interest exists considering that the author of the CCTV proposal and consultant to the VPD, Mr. Grant Fredericks, works for a company (i.e. Avid Technologies Inc.) that sells the editing software used to manage the captured video.

Finally, this summer a fiber optic cable was laid between the Main Street VPD building and ECOM. According to the first proposal, this infrastructure improvement would be necessary for CCTVs. However, we've been assured by the VPD that this cable is not for future CCTV transmission. We trust that this is the case and will remain so.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely

Marg Prevost, President, Carnegie Community Association

cc. BC Civil Liberties Association

"Many people do not agree with that kind of definition: we do not condone terrorism, but at the same time we are not with the United States. We are a brave people, we don't resort to such means. But also—what is terrorism? The warmongers in Washington want to create a false pretext to attack Iraq."

According to UN statistics, more than 1.6 million Iraqis have died as a consequence of malnutrition and disease related to economic sanctions in the last eight years.



We all know that water is important but I've never seen it written down like this before.

Water

- 1 .75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. (Likely applies to half of the world's population)
- 2 .In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger.
- 3 .Even MILD dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3%.
- 4 .One glass of water will shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a U of Washington study.
- 5 .Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- 6 .Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.
- 7 .A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.
- 8 .Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79 %, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

Are you drinking the amount of water you should every day?

Coke

- 1 .In many states (in the USA) the highway patrol carries two gallons of Coke in the truck to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
- 2 .You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of Coke and it will be gone in two days.
- 3 .To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl and let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.
- 4 .To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.
- 5 .To clean corrosion from car battery terminals: Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.
- 6 .To loosen a rusted bolt: Apply a cloth soaked in * Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.
- 7 .To bake a moist ham: Empty a can of Coca-Cola into a baking pan, wrap the ham in aluminum foil, and bake. Thirty minutes before the ham is finished, remove the foil, allowing the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.
- 8 .To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of Coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains. It will also clean road haze from your windshield.

For Your Info

- 1 .The active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. Its pH is 2.8. It will dissolve a nail in about 4 days. Phosphoric acid also leaches calcium from bones and is a major contributor to the rapid increase in osteoporosis.
- 2 .To carry Coca-Cola syrup (the concentrate) commercial trucks must use the Hazardous Material placards reserved for Highly Corrosive materials.
- 3 .The distributors of Coke have been using it to clean the engines of their trucks for about 20 years!

Now the question is, would you like a glass of water or coke?

National Housing and Homelessness Network

September 14, 2001

A message to Members of Parliament:

Forecast for winter 2001 – cold, deadly winter for homeless, low-income tenants

The coming winter will be cold and deadly for homeless people and low-income tenants across Canada, according to forecasts gathered by the National Housing and Homelessness Network (NHHN). “This winter holds the bleak promise of being the worst in the memory of many of our members,” says Michael Shapcott, co-chair of the NHHN. “We are calling on MPs to take swift action in providing all-party support for a fully-funded new national housing program.”

The network is an alliance of groups and individuals across Canada. Members include the B.C. Housing and Homelessness Network, Front d’Action Populaire en Réaménagement Urbain (Quebec) and the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, along with local and regional groups in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. We work on the front lines in tenancy groups, homelessness coalitions, food banks, community health centres, housing providers and service agencies. Our members include those who have experienced homelessness and low-income tenants.

Three quick facts about housing and homelessness:

GROWING HOUSING CRISIS: More than 1.7 million tenant households – about 4.6 million people – are in “core need” of affordable housing, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This includes 2.25 million people in more than 833,000 households living in overcrowded, unaffordable or substandard rental housing living on the brink of homelessness. The rental vacancy rate across Canada has dropped to a dangerously low 1.6% - the lowest since records were started in 1987. In many parts of the country, there simply isn’t enough housing to meet local needs. ***The rental vacancy rate is expected to get worse when the latest numbers are released in November, while the need for low-income housing is expected to increase.***

DEEPENING HOMELESSNESS DISASTER: More than a quarter of a million Canadians, including tens of thousands of infants and young children, will experience homelessness this year. There have been 219 confirmed deaths of homeless people in Toronto alone, according to the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee. A growing number of homeless deaths are being reported across Canada. Shelters in Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Barrie, Peterborough, Sudbury, Montreal, Ottawa, Regina, Peel, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and other places report huge increases. ***The forecast is for increased homelessness.***

GROWING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS: Rents are rising in every one of Canada’s 26 metro areas, often faster than the rate of inflation. While rents are up, tenant incomes are falling. Dr. David Hulchanski, in his recent report titled “A Tale of Two Canadas: Homeowners Getting Richer, Renters Getting Poorer”, notes that “between 1984 and 1999, the income and wealth of Canada’s homeowners increased dramatically and that of renters decreased”. Renter household income fell from \$21,554 in 1984 to \$20,947 in 1999, a drop of 3%. Tenants are squeezed between rising rents and falling income, which means longer line-ups at foodbanks and a growing number of evictions. In Ontario, landlords filed almost 64,000 applications for evictions in the year 2000, while another 40,000 faced eviction in Quebec. ***In those two provinces alone, more than 400 low-income households are facing eviction every working day. The forecast is for higher rents and lower incomes, leading to increased evictions.***

As the cold and deadly winter looms, ***more cuts to housing spending are expected from federal and provincial governments.*** Ottawa cut almost \$2 billion in housing spending from 1984 to 1993. Provinces and territories cut \$480.5 million from 1993 to 2000. Almost all the cuts came from the two richest provinces: Ontario (\$303.8 million) and Alberta (\$194.1 million). Meanwhile, all governments posted a consolidated surplus of \$25.7 billion last year. In addition, Ottawa and some provinces are choosing to reduce public revenues through tax cuts. On January 1, 2001, Ottawa launched what it called “the largest tax cut in Canada’s history” – \$100-billion over five years. Ontario has cut \$32.3 billion in revenues since 1995. Low-income households and homeless people pay little or no taxes and get almost no benefit from tax cuts.

A three-part plan to ease Canada's housing crisis:

The National Housing and Homelessness Network supports the call by Libby Davies, MP, for a parliamentary debate on a new national housing strategy. NHHN is calling for a three-part plan:

New funding for new housing: The federal, provincial and territorial governments should commit \$4 billion in new housing spending. The federal share would be \$2 billion, with the rest divided among the provinces and territories. This is about the same amount that the senior levels of government were spending back in 1993, before housing cuts.

National, provincial and territorial targets for new social housing: Canada needs at least 20,000 to 30,000 new affordable housing units every year. The federal government used to fund this number in the early 1980s. The targets should be divided among co-op and non-profit housing, with specific targets for urban and rural native housing and other groups.

Start building the new housing: The federal government has a history of success in funding good quality, cost-effective co-op and non-profit housing. Building on this history, new programs can be quickly set in place. An effective program will require capital grants to build the housing, and rent-geared-to-income assistance for low-income households.

For information: **Michael Shapcott**, co-chair, NHHN – (cell) 416-605-8316

Humanities Storefront: October Schedule

Monday October 1st → **Guy Dauncey** (in conjunction with "Sustainability 101")

Author of Stormy Weather - 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change

Wednesday October 3rd → **Liz Elliot**, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University

"Restorative Justice: an Introduction"

Friday October 5th → **Terry Tibando**, Coordinator for the Vancouver "Disclosure" Project and

Film/Video Night

Centre for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI)

Monday October 8th → Thanksgiving Day, Closed

Wednesday October 10th → **Libby Davies**, Member of Parliament for Vancouver East

Friday October 12th → **Patricia Gruben**, School for the Contemporary Arts, SFU & Praxis

Film/Video Night

Part I: Screening of Mina Shum's film "Double Happiness"

Monday October 15th → **Arlene Bowman**, Indigenous Media Arts Group (IMAG)

"The Imagination Aboriginal Video/Film Festival 2001"

Wednesday October 17th → **Yasmin Nizami** and **Karen Campbell**, West Coast Environmental Law Association

"A Discussion of Bulk Water Trade"

Friday October 19th → **Patricia Gruben**, School for the Contemporary Arts, SFU & Praxis

Film/Video Night

Part II: on Screenplay Structure, with clips from "Double Happiness"

Monday October 22nd → **Tana Dineen** (in conjunction with "Madness 101"), author of Manufacturing Victims

"Therapy's Victims"

Wednesday October 24th → **Neil Boyd**, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University

"The Beast Within: Why Men are More violent than Women

(the Roles of Biology and Environment in the Genesis of Violence)"

Monday October 29th → **Andrew Woolford**, Department of Sociology, UBC

"Genocide and War Crimes"

Wednesday October 31st → **Giselle Baxter**, Department of English, UBC

Halloween special

"Dracula's Children: Bram Stoker's Legacy in Modern Horror"(with Video clips)

Lectures & Film screenings take place at the Humanities Storefront, 49 West Cordova. Doors open for

Monday/Wednesday Lectures at 7:00 pm for refreshment & sandwiches. Lectures begin at 7:30.

Doors open for Friday Films at 6:45 pm. Films begin at 7:00. Everyone welcome. Free.



If you are ever going to love me
Love me now while I can know
The sweet and tender feelings
which from true affection flow
Love me now while I am living
Do not wait until I'm gone
And then have it chiseled in marble
Sweet words on ice cold stone
If you have tender thoughts of me
Please tell me now
If you wait until I'm sleeping,
never to awaken,
there will be death between us
and I won't hear you then.
So if you love me, even a little bit,
Let me know while I'm living
So I can treasure it.

Submitted by George Watt

Editor,

I woke up this morning to see New York's World Trade Center ablaze against the Manhattan skyline. I thought it was a horrible accident. That was until I saw the second plane crash into the second tower. Terror rained over me and I couldn't catch my breath. My heart raced; my head pounded. Please let people be safe, give them time to escape.. but it wasn't to be – right before my eyes the tower began to crumble. It was like something out of an action movie. For a second the world as we know it came to an end. My heart goes out to the loved ones of the victims.. those not knowing what's happened to their loved ones.

I later learned of the Pentagon disaster and the plane that went down outside of Pittsburgh.

I pay homage to the brave heroes who didn't want to sit and wait, who decided to fight. May God bless their souls for they are true heroes and God bless America.

Vickie Dutcher

Terrorism in the NeverNever Land of Nostradamus

I saw a recent program on the Discovery Channel where they were talking about mega tidal waves caused by volcanic islands collapsing. One in the canary Islands is ready to make the big slide in the next 100 years or so.

The documentary went all over the island and within the island, down deep mine shafts dug in the part where volcanic activity has ceased. Scientists did computer-generated experiments based on their findings, and say when (not if) this gigantic piece on the knife's edge goes under it will create a tidal wave of Biblical proportions that will wipe out the east coasts of both North & South America.

In this new era of religious terrorism, or terrorism by opportunists, they seem to be patterning attacks based on old prophecies. Someone could place a suitcase down one of these shafts, knowing where crucial faults and fissures are, and cause massive destruction to fit some old prophecy. Any ensuing destruction could then opportunistically be labeled an "Act of God"... brought to you by your friendly neighbourhood terrorist Osama Nostra dumb ass.

Skippie, the tie-dyed mascot!!



photo: elaine briere

**Comments?
Concerns?**

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Jenny
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Carnegie Town Hall Meeting

on

Admissions Policies and Practices

It's been a long process and the struggle continues. Carnegie has had and still has guidelines for security and conduct in the building. This is a definite plus for the many hundreds of people who use the Centre daily. It's a drug and alcohol free atmosphere, a safe haven, an oasis in the neighbourhood.

The struggle is in addressing the many people who want to come in while under the influence of drugs, a dilemma that led to an erroneous statement to the Human Rights Commission that people were being denied entry just because they were users. This is false. The fine line is the calls that security staff make every few minutes at the front door on the level of involvement with drug use that individuals coming in have at that time.

In plain talk - if you are visibly drunk or stoned you are asked to come back the next day. The point left to staff is how 'under the influence' a person is. Alcohol use is relatively easy to spot - smell, gait, speech. Determining if a person's drug use is heavy enough to warrant denying entry is something else.

The scene outside the doors of Carnegie is always changing, but there are several people who deal all day long and have runners, mules, and small organisations of people who make deals go down. Dealers are denied entry. What changed recently was a "seen buying" rule - if anyone was seen buying drugs the staff would also deny them entry for that day. This practice has been generalized into *people being barred for just being users* by VANDU, the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users.

A committee was set up, with people from Carnegie staff and Association, reps from Vandu and the larger community, to look at the various infractions and the lengths of time that people committing such

acts were barred for. Also examined were the ways that those so barred would deal with it and who they had to talk to to regain entry. Throughout this the Security staff have continued to work daily and have taken more training on conflict resolution, trauma violence counselling, de-escalation, and stress management.

Peter Fairchild chaired the meeting, and gave guidelines for its conduct. Michael Clague, the Carnegie's Director, went over the committee's work to date. Each person had a copy of Current Carnegie Centre Barring Guidelines, reprinted here:

The committee met for several months, and then launched a survey of people both inside and outside the building to get input from those directly and indirectly affected by current admissions policies. The survey has been questioned as the methodology didn't meet the criteria of some individuals. The results were not to the liking of many of the users.

The results were given at the beginning of the Town Hall Meeting, and the same divided into responses from inside (204) and then outside(109).

Two questions were posted that speakers were asked to address, to keep a focus and give input on.

1. Carnegie offers a drug and alcohol-free atmosphere. What does this mean to you?
2. Do you agree with the current policies?

People began to voice their opinions and give answers to the 2 questions. The range goes from those wanting an increase to some of the barring times, to finding them about right, to wanting relaxation of some, to demanding outright dissolution of all rules.

Users state that only behaviour should be censored or responded to, that being "seen buying" should not be considered and is no one's business. There was also a question about the jurisdiction of Carnegie Security to use activity or behaviour outside the

Respondents▶	Agree with (%)		Disagree with (%)		Don't know/ no response (%)	
	Inside	Outside	Inside	Outside		
Policies on Admissions & Behaviour Inside the Building	90%	65%		28%		7%
Policies for Outside the Building	72%	55%	18%	26%	10%	19%
How the Policies are Carried Out	34+48	19+44		24%		
Barring Practices and Appeals: Clarity	62%	47%		21%	28%	33%
Barring Practices and Appeals: Fairness	41%	31%	6%	23%	52%	46%

building (i.e. as seen by staff) as a factor in barring someone for the day or longer.

What seemed to be an underlying assumption was that no one is guilty of anything, that if someone buys a drug and comes inside, it is up to security to "catch me" (or us) in the act of using it inside. Some people suggested that a separate security staff person should accompany every drug user while said user is inside, and constantly monitor them to make sure they didn't break any rules. Also implied and stated is that current security staff are unqualified to make calls on the myriad of possibilities that may be causing or affecting an individual's behaviour, and that perhaps an entire team of medical *and* social work *and* mental health people should be on hand to examine every one of the hundreds of people who may come in.

The idealism kept its head above water with general statements that everyone is a 'good' person and no one should be barred unless they are caught committing some heinous act. The Security staff should then not be involved in determining barring or not at all in any appeal of said barring. All appeals should be handled by a special ombudsman or group who would be wholly independent of Carnegie – maybe the Human Rights Commission or the United Nations would set up a secretariat...

A few who commented on the measures that Carnegie has taken and is taking to work with the drug using population were met with derision – and



the few were immediately labeled as racist or close-minded or just hating users. The struggles to open a Resource centre next door, to have the Street Program, to get detox and treatment options and health clinics were somehow not relevant – and Carnegie was accused of failing to make obvious and simple changes months ago to permit use of the centre by anyone whenever they wanted.

John Ferguson, the Security Supervisor, got a chance to speak near the end of the meeting, but said maybe two or three things about the current policies and the efforts made to keep them and their application fair and open. He was then subjected to angry interruptions and derision from the louder members of the audience.

It got kind of sad at the end for a few to give their verbal magnum opus, talking as quickly and loudly as possible. It came off as 'no matter what you say or decide it's not going to be good enough' – keeping the door wide open for Carnegie to become

Offence

Sex offences involving children

Sexual Assault or abuse

Common assault-staff or patron

Fighting on premises

Verbal abuse-staff or patron

Dealing drugs on premises

Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Damage to property

Gambling

Theft

Disruptive Behaviour

Seen Purchasing Drugs on the Corner & want to come inside

Consequence

Lifetime barring

One year barring-police involved

2 month minimum-dependent on severity and intent

1 month minimum

1 week minimum - first time

6 month minimum - first time

Asked to leave 24 hours (next day)

2 month first time / payback arranged

24 hours first time / subsequently possible playing privileges denied

Dependent on amount and circumstance – police involved - repayment arranged

Depends on severity - from one day to longer

Asked to return next day

**Appeals & reviews of barring are dealt with by the Security Supervisor*

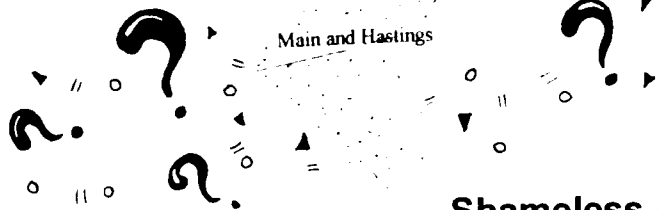
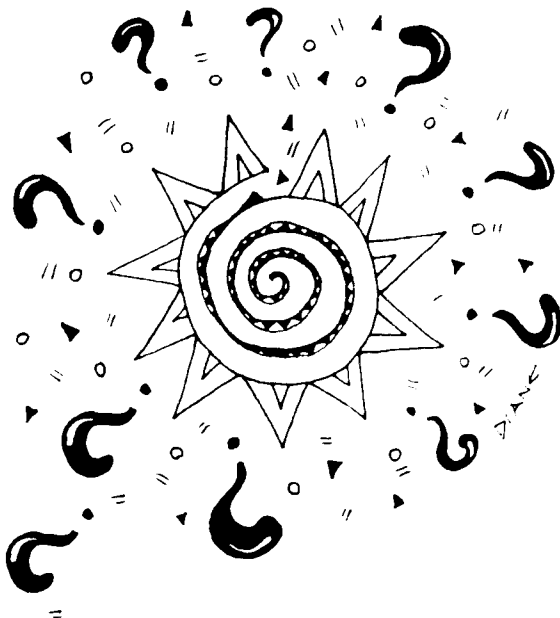
a burn ward for drug users, for whole floors to be health and treatment facilities, for there to be a safe fixing area on site and eventually for this community centre to be converted into the resource centre that was hoped for on Powell Street.

Maybe one comment overwhelmed others in my mind, but gave me a look at what Security deals with: "If I buy outside it's my business. I can put what I buy in my pocket and come in here. Catching me doing anything is your (Carnegie's) problem." So everyone has to be on the lookout for catching 'you' doing what you hope to 'get away with'?

There were pads of paper for those not wanting to speak at the meeting or to the audience to write down what they thought. There is a fair amount of intimidation involved with this issue, and many people cite the drug scene outside as reason for just not coming to Carnegie any more. I've heard talk on buses turning the corner at Main & Hastings that the scene outside is the same to the rafters inside as well, and that perception is shared by lots of people who never come here anyway. Fortunately the good that Carnegie does and is shines through stereotypes.

All the comments and written responses, both from the survey and the meeting, will be added to the mix. Hopefully a report from the Admission Review Committee will come to the Board before December and a recommendation can go to the City of Vancouver. Hopefully the opening of the Resource Centre next door and the other parts of the 5-point proposal will begin by then as well. Stay tuned!

By PAULR TAYLOR



Shameless Love

Three years ago, my first poetry Book, "Death Came Dancing" Working on Recovery from a Cocaine Addiction in a cheap Hotel Room; with a view that Changed many times while I Had to climb up on the table Naked to put a blanket over the Window at the end of the night There's a lot I never looked at With an addiction catching up Three years ago I found a place Up on the mountain to escape to And I made a lot of Promises The most important one I kept Ten books of poetry to celebrate

So much peace amongst turmoil
How could I be so blind for so
Many years as I packed my bags
Found a name of William Dunn
On an empty zig zag rolling book
Perhaps another one of the, Lost
The head of king David, someone
Had broken off' the, Slate statue
Babylon, Babylon, the great city
Has Fallen with the world mourning
Some day when people learn to love
As much as they Hate every day
There will be no more, Terrorism
Planted another rose bush in the garden
And called this one, "Shameful Joy."

Daniel Rajala



Sentenced to exclusion

Committing a crime in the US often means lifelong deprivation of the right to vote. The US is the only Western state that still refuses to allow people to vote after their prison sentences – 14 American states impose permanent disenfranchisement on their felons. In total 3.9 million adults, two per cent of the population, are disenfranchised. But among African American men the national figure is 1.3 million – 13 per cent – while in the states of Alabama and Florida, a third of all black men have lost the right to vote. If present trends continue, Human Rights Watch predict that 30-40 per cent of the next generation of African American men will be permanently disenfranchised.



“Bag Man Got’a Say”

bag man got’a say
oh, yeah, if I may
some of us even celibate
we aint all force’n a date
out here see lot’a yah glare
don’t laugh homelessness aint so rare
since dawn of persons been some in the vicinity
don’t cop out with your divinity
some us even pack’en us condoms
don’t need no AIDS doldrums
bag man got’a say
don’t want no AIDS double cross
lots us use’n condoms
don’t need no AIDS albatross
that’s my say, if I may
we aint from outer space
so put away your can of mace
out here met some greats
also met some low down second rates
get off my case
we part of your human race
lot’a times takes courage
jus’ not t’a get discourage
takes courage just be’en us
where’s your saving grace
not all us here ‘cause we booze to loose

nor’s every one on a substance to abuse
hey you, lend an ear
right here, lots o’ two parent families, yah hear
you surprise
jus’ open your eyes
you got cha blue/white collar criminals
lot’sa yours a collaborating with an’ against
our blue/white animals
some of yah institutions set’s up to discriminate
take the bank’s minimum opening account,
some of ‘em say can’t open with welfare check
but politicians can open false expense account,
banks can refuse a pin number an’ jus glare
an’ if give maybe charge 50 cents per use, is dear
to us of no fixed address, welfare say no cash
to us in dire straight, that’s so much trash
we not some ghost come to take your place
I’ve got a human face
I’m not the one to chase
I even got a name
aint you got the same
don’t look me like I’m from alien space
where’s your saving grace
lot’a cracks in this society
full ‘o catch 22 uncharity
yet, we gots folks holden university degree
lettered an’ illiterate still feel like me
ours is an army varied, professors ‘n case workers
with no address, jus’ so many faceless lookers
they call us marginal labour force
it’s to scare you good people of course
out here sure damn few amenities
but don’t have’ta mean, we’re the enemies
that’s what this bag man’s got’a say
if it’s all the same use my name
without a name I’m in pain
with one I’ve everything to gain
use my name, I like the sound
He picks my soul right off the ground
nameless I’m lost and named I’m found
say it plain
not in vain
better for everybody’s mental health
your bag men’s already got insufficient wealth
that’s what your baby bag man’s got’a say

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EASTSIDE
YOUTH
ACTIVITIES
SOCIETY**

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NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; 8:30am-8pm every day
NEEDLE EXCHANGE VAN - 3 Routes

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Downtown Eastside - 5:30pm - 1:30am

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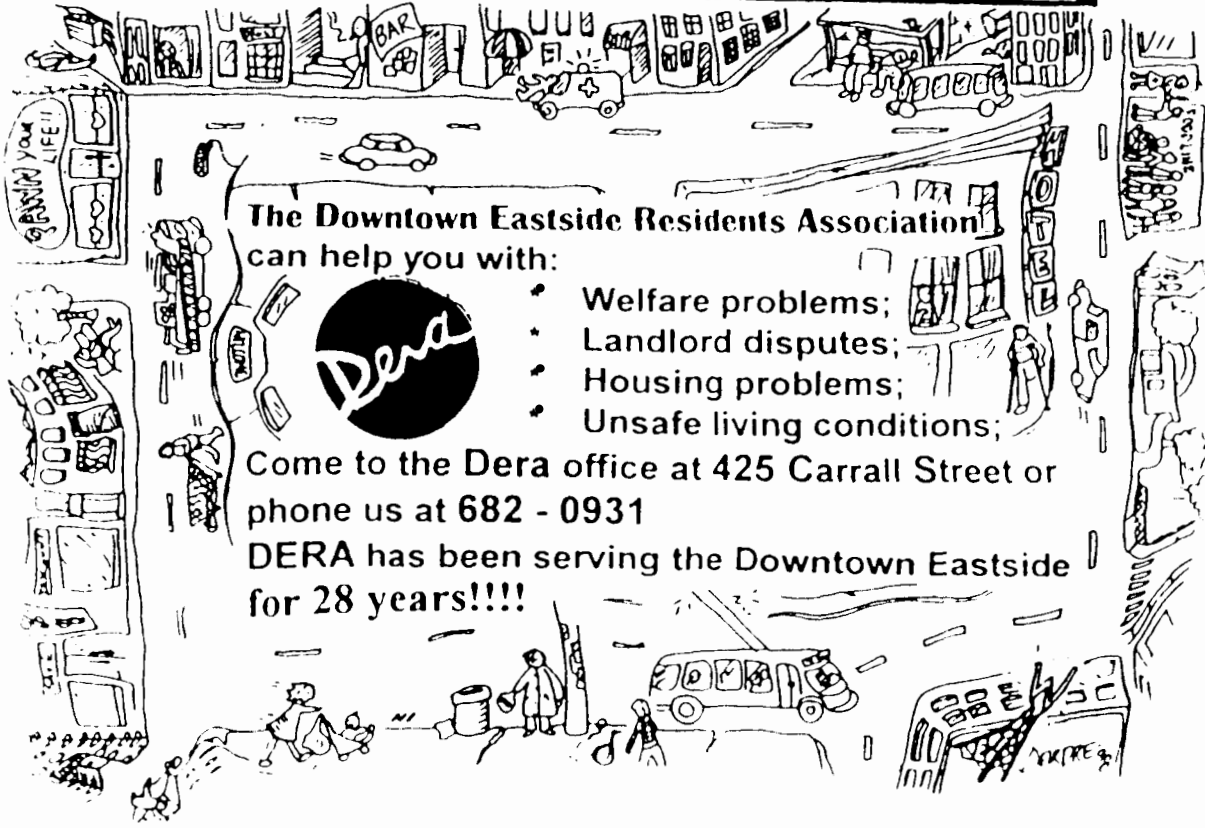
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VIGIL FOR PEACE

in the Downtown Eastside

every Wednesday morning

8:45am to 9:15am

at the Totem Pole in Oppenheimer Park

bring candles, flowers, songs or words to share if you like, or just bring yourself

The crashing of the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 has affected our lives in one way or another. And because the U.S. government has called for war, and the Canadian government has given its support to the U.S., our daily lives and our future may be in even greater danger.

We've heard all this talk of "war" from government people, but nothing about "peace." We've witnessed racist comments and attacks directed at Muslim & Sikh people, and people of Arab and South Asian heritage. We've heard calls for the "closing of borders," once again scapegoating immigrants, refugees and people of colour.

Given what happened on September 11, what has happened since, and what may happen today, tomorrow or the next day, it is easy for any one of us to feel alone, scared, angry or full of despair. This weekly Vigil for Peace is a chance for women, men and children in the DTES to come together and share our thoughts, prayers and hopes for a safe, healthy and vibrant community and for a safe, healthy and vibrant world.

WE MUST STAND STRONG TOGETHER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM & EQUALITY

This weekly Vigil for Peace has been culled by Breaking the Silence, a campaign to end violence against women in the Downtown Eastside. For more information or to lead vigil, call (604) 682-3219 box 8319.

Drummaking Workshop for Women

with Aline LaFlamme

October 12th to 14th, 2001

This workshop is open to women living and/or working in the Downtown Eastside. It will take place Friday evening, all day Saturday, and half-day Sunday. Food, transportation subsidies, and childcare/childcare subsidies will be provided.

Maximum # of participants: 15

Cost: Sliding scale

Some subsidies will be available. **Breaking the Silence** will try and give as many subsidies as possible. We also encourage women living in the DTES to approach the agency you're involved with to sponsor you. If you are interested in attending the workshop please let us know and we'll try and make it work.

For more info or to register, call **Breaking the Silence** at (604) 682-3269, box 8319.

Sisters Resist

A Women's Week of Education, Mobilization
and Action

October 15th to October 19th, 2001

The Breaking the Silence Campaign is planning a week of activities for women to get together and share information and stories, and to come up with strategies to fight against the many forms of violence women in the Downtown Eastside face. There will be workshops, creative activities, film screenings, performances, a rally, food, and more...

Planning for Sisters Resist Women's Week is ongoing. We are meeting weekly until the event. We invite women interested in Sisters Resist to join us:

every Wednesday

11:00am - 1:00pm

Carnegie Centre, 3rd Floor

For more information, call Breaking the Silence at (604) 682-3269, box 8319.