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Seasons

(When Sam Roddan passed away, Sandy Cameron attended the memorial at First Church, taking the Newsletter with Sam & Hulda pictured on the cover. Hulda and Sam's daughter Margaret both wrote notes to Sandy and he's consented to share them.)

Dear Sandy,

I want to thank you so much for the very insightful thoughts about Sam. I was so touched, more than anything has touched me, but still Sam had to leave us. Keep writing Sandy.

I hope that the Carnegie people will come and visit me, maybe at blueberry time!

Huddy Roddan

Dearest Sandy,

I know you probably don't remember me. I met you at Sam's memorial service. I am one of Sam's daughters and I can't tell you how much it meant to all of us to see Sam & Hudi's beautiful faces on the cover of the Carnegie Newsletter

I live in Montreal now but Sam has faithfully sent me copies of the Newsletter every month for years and he would be so so proud that you mentioned his death. Especially for the past few years the Carnegie paper has really kept him going: his attachment to his roots + his big heart + his social conscience had found a home with you all. I lived in the East End for many years, not far from Carnegie, and have always admired your work and reading your paper.

I want you to know how much this work means to me, Sam + all of us. I salute you and your comrades Sam was always so proud to have his work included with yours.

I hope you can all carry on.. it's more important than ever now. With all my regards,

Maggie



Dear Margaret,

Thank you so much for informing me of the passing of Sam Roddan. I am writing to you, in your capacity as President of the Carnegie Community Association, to express my condolences to you and to the Carnegie community for the loss of this long-time neighbour. Sam's dedication and talent exemplify the strength and spirit of the Downtown Eastside community. In particular, I appreciate his wonderful art pieces, which capture the inner beauty of this neighbourhood that is often the source of inspiration to me.

Please pass my deepest condolences on to Sam's friends in the community and to his family members.

Sincerely,

Jenny Wai Ching Kwan,
MLA, Vancouver-Mt. Pleasant



Carnegie Learning Centre

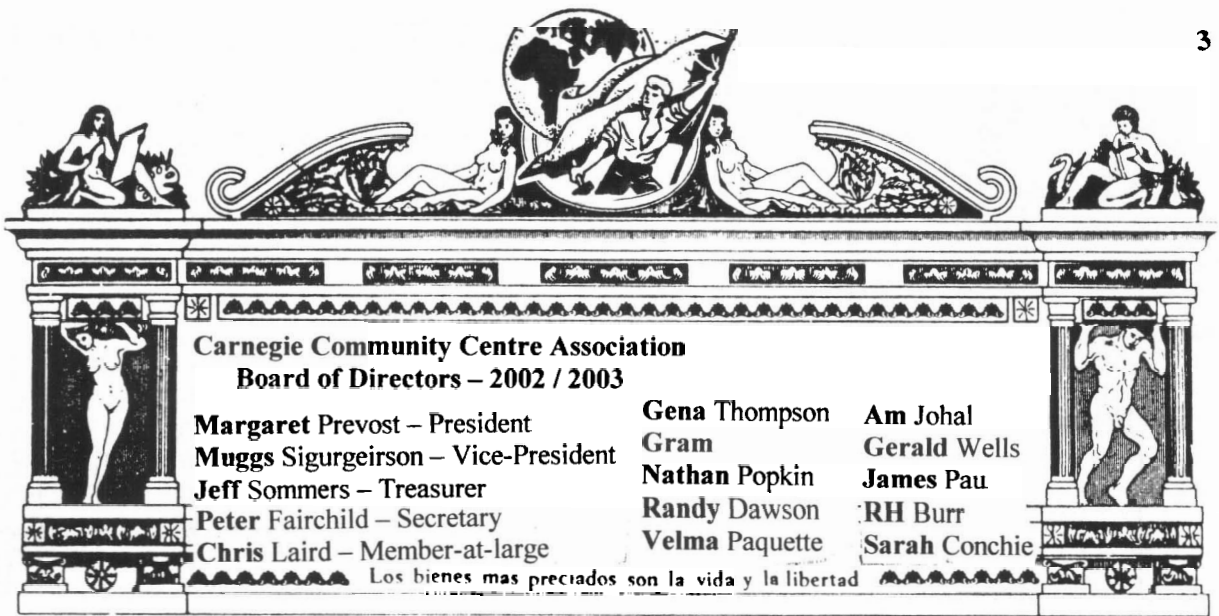
invites you to attend a special meeting to discuss the future direction and philosophy of our programs!

Thursday, July 18th

At 10 AM

On the 3rd floor

Purpose: to provide members of the Carnegie community an opportunity to bring forward ideas about the needs of learners, and how the Learning Centre can meet those needs



From the Library Shelf

ARE YOU READY FOR THE MOUSE??

The library is obtaining a new catalogue which we have just installed. We are all being trained in the new system which will not be fully operational until late August and hope you will be patient as we get used to this change. As always we have some great books. *Come Check us out!*

Here are some the new titles received this week

Inside The Olympic Industry: Helen Lenskyj [Call # 796.48 LEN]

This is a behind the scene look at what is really at stake when the Olympic Bid starts in your community, and is a valuable tool for those who have concerns.

One Stick Song: Sherman Alexie [Call # 818.54 ALE]

Poetry and prose from the acclaimed and award winning Native American author. One of his stories Smoke Signals was adapted into a very popular film a few years ago. His poems range from “The theology of cockroaches” to “Pow wow love songs”.

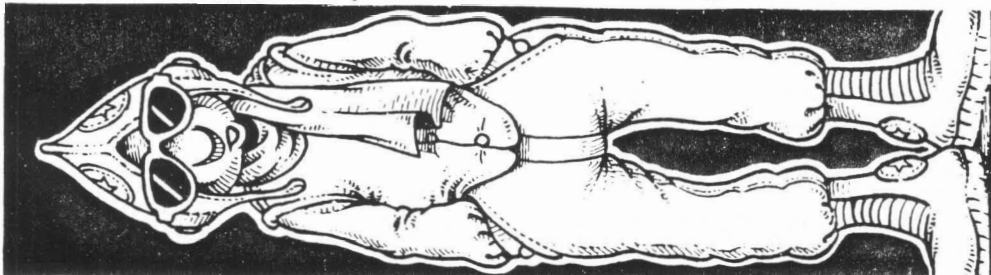
Boomboom : Joseph Ferone [Call # 813.5 FER]

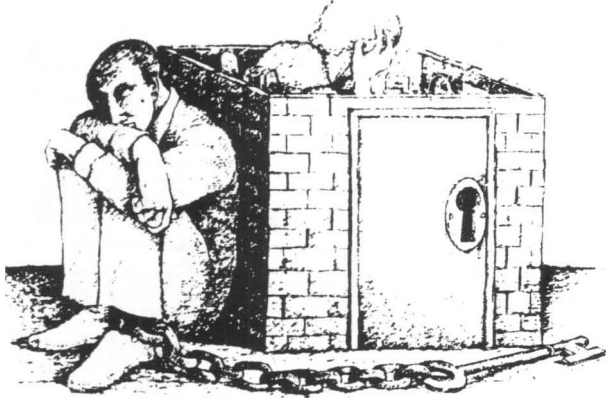
A slice of life murder mystery set in our neighbourhood by local author Joseph Ferone.

The Other Diabetes; Living and eating well with type 2 diabetes: Elizabeth Hiser [Call # 616.4 HIS]

Common sense and current information and recipes not only for those of us with diabetes but anyone interested in living a more healthy life

Mary-Ann, Librarian, Carnegie Reading Room





Prison Closures Bad News for Prisoners

by Amber Richelle Dean

Back in January, I was reading (in horror) a news article about the B.C. Liberal's proposed cutbacks.. Like many of you, I was feeling more and more depressed until I came upon a tidbit that seemed to shed a ray of hope through the gloom.

The Liberals were planning to close a bunch of prisons.

Finally, I thought, something positive is going to come out of this huge, devastating mess that the Liberals are creating out of our social programs. Prison closures could mean fewer prisoners, and in my haste I actually thought that maybe the Liberals had seen the light I figured maybe they were going to follow cost-cutting advice dished out by prison activists for decades, and invest in some much less expensive and more effective community alternatives to prisons. According to the B.C. Attorney General's Annual Report for 2000-2001, Community Corrections cost us a scant \$39 million compared to the \$160 million spent on Adult Custody.

Of course, I didn't have to read much further to realize that investing in community alternatives was NOT what the Liberals had in mind. I was shocked to read that the prisons slated for closure included all of our province's open-custody facilities - the closest thing we have in the formal prison system to a community-based alternative to prison. The Liberals were also planning huge cuts to the small amount of alternative measures and community corrections programs that we did have, as well as giant reductions in legal aid, which will pretty much guarantee that human rights abuses occurring *in* prisons will

never get addressed.

"WHAT THE *%-\$!! I shouted out loud (much to the amusement of professors and students sitting nearby). Not only was the Liberals' decision to close the open custody facilities shocking, it was just downright illogical. Any prison activist worth their salt knows that it costs WAY more money to keep people in prisons with higher levels of security than it does to keep them in facilities with less surveillance. "Cutting out eight minimum security prisons would be a good idea if those people were released," says Karlene Faith, local prison activist and SFU Criminology professor. "The concern, of course, is that people who formerly would have served a minimum-security sentence, or no confinement at all, would now be sent to medium and maximum-security prisons." This means that medium and maximum security prisons will be stuffed to overflowing, resulting in prisoners being forced to share cells or 'double-bunk' even more frequently than they do now. In the long term, confining more people to medium and maximum-security prisons could even mean that those prisons will have to expand. There's just no way that this plan can result in cost-savings for the government in the long term. It just doesn't make any sense.



That's the problem with this government, though — they keep passing off political and ideologically-charged decisions as attempts to "save taxpayers money," a phrase that those folks who make up the status quo just love to hear. What the government consistently tries to hide is the fact that even if their

ill-advised plans save a few bucks in the short-term, in the long-term all of us are going to pay for the war against poor people that's currently being waged.

Another prison slated for closure by the Liberals is the Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women (BCCW). Currently, BCCW is the only prison for women in the entire province. This means that all women sentenced to prison in B.C., regardless of what their crime is, currently serve their sentence under the tight surveillance at BCCW. Again, closing this prison initially seems like it might be a good idea. Separating those women serving Provincial sentences (less than two years) from those serving Federal sentences (more than two years) might allow for a less-controlled environment for some provincially-sentenced women.

However, once again this is not what the Liberals have in mind. The new facility for provincially sentenced women will be in a fairly remote location out in Maple Ridge, meaning that most women will be forced to serve out their sentences further away from their home communities. When women do



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federally sentenced women would have to serve out their sentences in Edmonton or some location further east, or else in a segregated unit of a men's prison. Such a move carries tremendous negative consequences for most women. Imagine being sentenced to prison for over two years and then being told that you'd have to serve your sentence in Edmonton, when your kids live in Vancouver and you know there's no way you can afford to have them come visit you or talk to them on the phone long-distance on a regular basis! Imagine being a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and having to serve out your sentence locked away with a bunch of guys convicted of that very crime! Plus women who do time in men's prisons have way less access to programs or to outdoor time than they would in a prison for women.

So the Liberals' prison closures are not likely to be good news for prisoners in B.C. The cuts to social services are going to mean greater poverty across the province, with far fewer community resources and supports to assist those who can't make ends meet. This can only lead to increased crime, and without the open-custody facilities Liberals will eventually wind up expanding our medium and maximum-security prisons, at a significant COST to taxpayers. Such short-sightedness - characteristic of this government - is nothing but downright criminal.

To find out how more about how the cuts will affect existing prisoners, the community and anyone who may find themselves in conflict with the law, or to show your support for prisoners, attend the following **Prisoners' Justice Day Events**:

THURSDAY AUGUST 1st: (+ August 10th)
Joint Effort and The Blinding Light Cinema Present:
Quiet Rage: The Stanford Experiment and Tattoo: Art Beneath the Skin two films made by The Lifers Group - Joyceville Penitentiary. **36 Powell Street** 8:30 pm Admission \$5 with a \$3 annual membership.

FRIDAY AUGUST 9th:
ROCK AGAINST PRISONS' Benefit Concert, with



time outside of their communities, it makes communication with families and friends more difficult. This is a significant problem considering that approximately 2/3 of women in prison are mothers, and most of these are the primary or sole caregivers to their children. Being in a remote community will also mean that women will not be connected with community programs and resources where they live, which could significantly increase the chances that they will re-offend.

Federally sentenced women are also currently imprisoned at BCCW. It isn't known yet what the Federal government will do with these women if BCCW closes. Right now, if BCCW closed, all

performances by: KATHLEEN YEARWOOD, NECHIWAGAN and MANIK & FRESH COASTERS ; other performers TBA. 7:30 at the WISE Hall 1882 Adanac Street. Info tables and speakers- Donations at the door, proceeds go to local prisoner support groups. This is an all ages event organized by the Prisoners' Justice Day Committee.

SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH:

25th Annual Prisoners' Justice Day Memorial Rally Noon-1:30pm outside Vancouver Pre-trial Centre, 275 East Cordova St. *Rain or shine.*

Speakers will include Ex-prisoners, Prisoners Rights and community activists. Kelly White - Coast Salish Nation, Karlene Faith - Activist, Author, SFU Prof, Eddie Rouse- Lifer, Board Member of West Coast Prison Justice Society. Kim Parte - Exec. Director Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Kris Lyons - Strength in Sisterhood Society, Justice for Girls, Joint Effort plus local performers. This is a day to remember all the men and women who have died unnatural deaths inside Canadian prisons. Everyone welcome. Kids activities on site.

Co-op Radio's (102.7 FM) Stark Raven will cover prisoner issues Monday, August 5th at 7 pm.

Tune into Prisoners' Justice Day Radio on Co-op Radio, 102.7 FM, Saturday, August 10th from 11am to 6pm. Redeyo Will host the first hour, America Latina al Dia hosts from noon to 1:30pm, and then the Sound Resistance! Collective brings you insightful interviews, letters from prisoners, and lots of great music from 1:30pm to 6pm. Call 604-684-8494 to help a prisoner become a member of Co-op Radio!

For more information, contact:
Prisoners' Justice Day Committee
P.O. Box 78005, 2606 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5W1
604.682-3269 ext3019



There was a radio interview by Bill Good with a Ms. Bain and a Ms. Porteous, both of whom are directly involved with Legal Assistance and Victim Services in BC.. They commented on the direction given in May by the head of the Criminal Justice Branch to Crown Counsel to use more discretion to divert spousal assault charges, even where there is a reasonable likelihood of conviction, and on the cuts to 35 of 69 specialized victims services programs in the province announced on the previous Friday.

The Attorney General wrote this in response:

Dear Ms. Bain:

I am writing to respond to comments you made on CKNW radio June 25, 2002, much of which consisted of irresponsible, ill-informed and dangerous fear-mongering.

As you noted in the interview British Columbia has a strong criminal justice policy to both prevent and deal with violence against women in relationships. But I believe we also have an opportunity to make a good policy better.

Right now, as you know, half of charge in spousal abuse cases are stayed. That is as unacceptable to me as I am sure it is to you. So we are looking at ways to make our policies more effective. One of the ways we can do that is to make it more flexible so other appropriate measures can be taken in cases where a stay in charges is likely.

Our intention is to protect women, not put them at risk. Our goal is to reduce the level of violence against women, not save money. In fact, as you are well aware, it may actually cost more money to improve the system by instituting alternative measures. Moreover, giving the Crown the option of diverting offender to alternative measures programs, can be as much, if not more, of a deterrent as a criminal charge or going to court.

The changes to victim's programs in the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Safety will provide better, more accessible services for all victims of crime throughout the province. Overall, there will be victims services in more communities in BC than there were before. In some communities, there was an overlap with two or more programs providing similar services. Now funding will be based on population size of a community which will make it more fair, equitable and transparent. Overall funding for victims of crime has not been cut. It has been kept at the current level of \$9.3 million.

You also commented on the \$18 million victims surcharge fund. As you know, money from this fund is used for one-time projects for victims of crime, not on-going program support. For example, it was used to modify court rooms to make them more user friendly for children to testify through closed-circuit TV. Another project was to develop an assessment tool used in determining who is at high risk for violence, and who, therefore, could qualify for protective/security services.

I welcome a constructive dialogue on the issues you raised on the radio. To put it bluntly, however, some of your comments were simply inflammatory.

Yours truly,
 Attorney General Geoff Plant

Anything that receives a personalized response from the "gestapo" means you have found another chink in their armour.

To be accused of making inflammatory comments by Geoff Plante is a compliment, as are accusations of being 'ill-informed, irresponsible, fear mongering'. What he MEANS is they have not secured the strict obedience they had hoped for (through their non consultative processes) and we are reminding them (and the public) that "if they say it, it is true" is not a mantra we're willing to accept.

Geoff Plante welcoming constructive dialogue is gratuitous, kind of like an executioner asking for last wishes

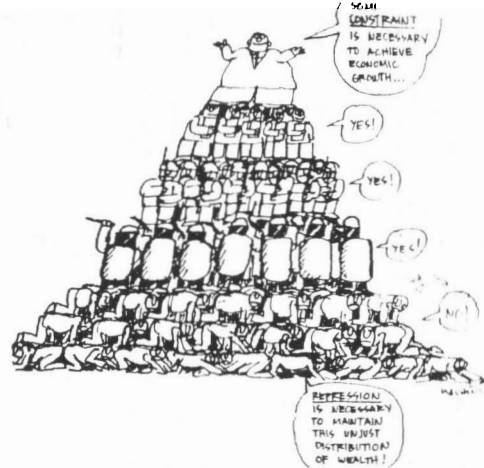


New CCPA study calculates British Columbians' "cost shift"

Study details how people fare after one year of tax and spending cuts, provides on-line tool for individuals to calculate their personal bottom line

(Vancouver) The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives released a major new study today called **Cost Shift: How British Columbians are paying for their tax cut.** The study examines a dynamic the Centre calls "cost shifting"--the transfer of costs off the government books and onto individuals, families and in some cases employers. It reveals that while some people remain ahead financially after the tax and spending cuts, the gains of most are either precarious or have already been wiped out.

The study compares the size of British Columbians' income tax cuts, depending on their income, to the



major new costs they are now facing, including: increased MSP premiums, de-listed health services, higher drug costs, higher post-secondary tuition fees, and higher childcare costs.

"Most people's tax cuts weren't very large to begin with, and as a result, they are quickly being whittled away by increased costs," says the study's author

Sylvia Fuller, public interest researcher with the CCPA. Based on the income breakdown of British Columbians in 1999 (the most recent year for which detailed income data is available), almost half (47%) of British Columbians receive a tax cut of \$425 or less, and about three quarters (77%) receive savings of \$869 or less.

The study profiles 9 hypothetical individuals and families with different income and cost scenarios. **In addition, the Centre has developed an on-line web calculator that allows individuals to calculate their own personal "bottom line," available by going to www.policyalternatives.ca.**

"What the profiles and the calculator show is that the gains of those with low and middle incomes are already non-existent or precarious. A course of physiotherapy, a child entering college, or a baby in daycare can mean the difference between breaking even and falling deeply into the red."

For example, a single individual earning \$30,000 loses more than she gains if she requires a course of physiotherapy and an eye exam (net loss \$31). A family of four with a household income of \$35,000 loses more than the value of their tax cut *just* with the MSP premium increase (net loss \$359)-if they have daycare expenses and physiotherapy they are deep in the hole (net loss \$780). A family of four with a combined income of \$60,000 remains ahead even after the addition of MSP, eye exams, and a course of chiropractic treatment, but not by very much (net gain \$130). A single individual earning \$150,000 remains well ahead after the MSP increase, an eye exam, and a course of physiotherapy (net gain \$4,529).

"Taken as a whole, the effect of the new tax and spending regime is to make BC much more unequal, says Fuller. The income tax cuts make BC's tax system more regressive (by giving upper-income earners a larger benefit), and the cost shifts magnify this trend by piling greater burdens on the shoulders of low-income earners and the sick.

"This dollars and cents analysis is only the tip of the iceberg. As cuts continue, and more and more people face higher personal costs, a general decline in environmental standards and the quality of government services, and a more unequal society, even those who still hold onto modest gains will ask: were the tax cuts worth the price?"



Our One and Only Legendary Davor Zizic
Shortest Tenure in the history of Carnegie at Seniors
By-election, June 20, 2002 ! Sir Zizic was President
of the Seniors for an astonishing 14 minutes and 56
seconds!!! A big congratulations goes out to him.



HepHIVE

Carnegie Centre - July 18th - 3PM-5PM

HepHIVE will be presenting a workshop on HIV
co-infection with hepatitis C. Joining them will be
BC Persons With Aids members

Everyone is welcome. Snacks provided.



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**COMMUNITY ACTIONS
A COMMUNITY DIRECTIONS
NEWSLETTER**

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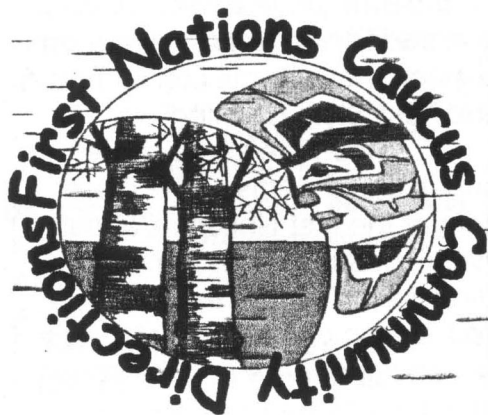
The Aboriginal Strategy for the First Nations of The Downtown Eastside

The Listening Forum was brought about by the concerted effort of the members of Community Directions' First Nations Caucus Working Group. Part of Community Directions' mandate is to provide a bridge between cultures and recognize barriers between those cultures for what they are. Well the First Nations Caucus Working Group has members that are one of those focus groups that Community Directions has a privilege and an honour to serve and converse with.

The First Nations Caucus Working Group is well aware of the struggles its' members have within and without their community to live, work and play in the Downtown Eastside. This is why the Listening Forum was conceived. The forum was to show the First Nations of the DTES, the municipal, provincial, and federal governments and their partners that Aboriginal people have all the rights, responsibilities, and privileges

that are accorded to other people. We want the wider community to aware of the potential within us to effect positive growth and change "In a good Way"!

To do that we need a place to call our own. A place to call home. A little refuge from the hussle and bussle of



the urban setting in all its' glory. We call this the DTES Aboriginal "Front Door". The "Front Door" will provide the base from which we can come together as

The Aboriginal Strategy for the First Nations of The Downtown Eastside

First Nations residents involved in the community. Though it will provide services, we want it to be an informal place where we really can be ourselves. Within the "Front Door" we will provide access to a variety of health and wellness programs designed by and for First Nations such as an Alcohol and Drug program, Elders' Council, H. I.V./A.I.D.S./Recreation programs, homelessness and Single Room Occupancy projects, education, and traditional healing, and a concession that will mix contemporary and "Old Style Cooking".

These are some of the hopes and dreams of the members of the first Nations Caucus Working Group and Community Directions. Only by the Creators Will, the on going effort of the participating partners and the continued drive of the Aboriginal community will these things come about.

Volunteer Appreciation Week



From left to right—back row:

•Volunteers: Greg Liang, Rodolfo Marroquin, Ilona Ferenci, Joan Morelli and Community Organizers: Gustavo Carcuz, Fred Arance

From left to right—front row:

•Volunteers: Ahjahla Nelson, Victor Alonzo



Community Leadership Training

Strength in Circles

Curiosity led me to Community Directions and that first Community Leadership Training session in February: "The History of Struggle and Oppression in the Downtown Eastside/Strathcona". Since then I have spent most Wednesday mornings within this beautifully diverse circle of people. Through this circle wisdom and insight flow easily and I have gained strength, hope, inspiration, and friends.

On the first day we passed the 'talking rock' and each told a personal story about the DTES. It felt like coming home. A place without 'class'. And what colorful representation! Women and men, youths and seniors, first nations, latino, black, asian and white, addicted and recovering, clear and confused, poor and not-so-poor. After that first day I wrote in my notebook "We were all there in our hopes for collective prosperity... it was a beautiful experience full of stories and truth, colors and creeds".

Unlike most urban communities, the poorest neighbourhoods seem to embody the values of mutual aid, cooperation, genuine concern, and

for the residents of the Downtown Eastside

a belief that people should be free to be themselves. The wealth of knowledge brewing at these sessions made it clear to me that other communities have much to learn about development from the citizens of the DTES. Even the guest facilitators seemed to leave with more than they came with. So impressed with our wisdom was one facilitator that she adamantly reminded us to organize from our many strengths and to trust our own insight. It's made me realize that when a group of people gather out of genuine concern for everyone, including the most isolated and excluded, the solutions are intuitive and the voice is powerful.

We worked hard as a group. In some instances we gained practical knowledge and tools, like how to facilitate a meeting, how to communicate effectively, and how to face oppression and break down that massive goal of social change into something more workable. At other times we shared our stories of resistance, expressed our sadness and frustrations, and supported our collective dream of a DTES where everyone thrives.

The Leadership Training experience has reaffirmed my belief that we must not sit back while corporations and their puppet governments turn citizens into either 'consumers' or 'clients'. We must be ourselves. The DTES has its own wealth to share -- our women, our elders, the first nations people, and anyone else interested in strengthening the community can help lead the way to creating a model of solidarity and good living for all.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

julie brassard

I WANT TO GET INVOLVED!

We are the majority of the community—those who don't own big businesses, don't have the ear of the media, and don't have a say in what happens around us. We are the people who live here. Vote here. Lets work together to improve our community!

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✓ Yes, I / we want to join Community Directions in finding solutions that work for the residents of the Downtown Eastside / Strathcona.

- ✓ Yes, I / we want to join Community Directions in finding solutions that work for the residents of the Downtown Eastside / Strathcona.
- ✓ I / we agree with the priority of putting the needs of low-income residents first. In particular, I / we support the rights of low-income tenants to decent housing in the community.
- ✓ I / we agree with the goal of preventing the displacement of low-income residents through revitalization.
- ✓ I / we agree to work together to find positions of broad based consent on the issues that face the community.
- ✓ I / we agree to respect the diversity of opinions and interest and to address our differences openly in an honest and constructive manner.

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Group: _____

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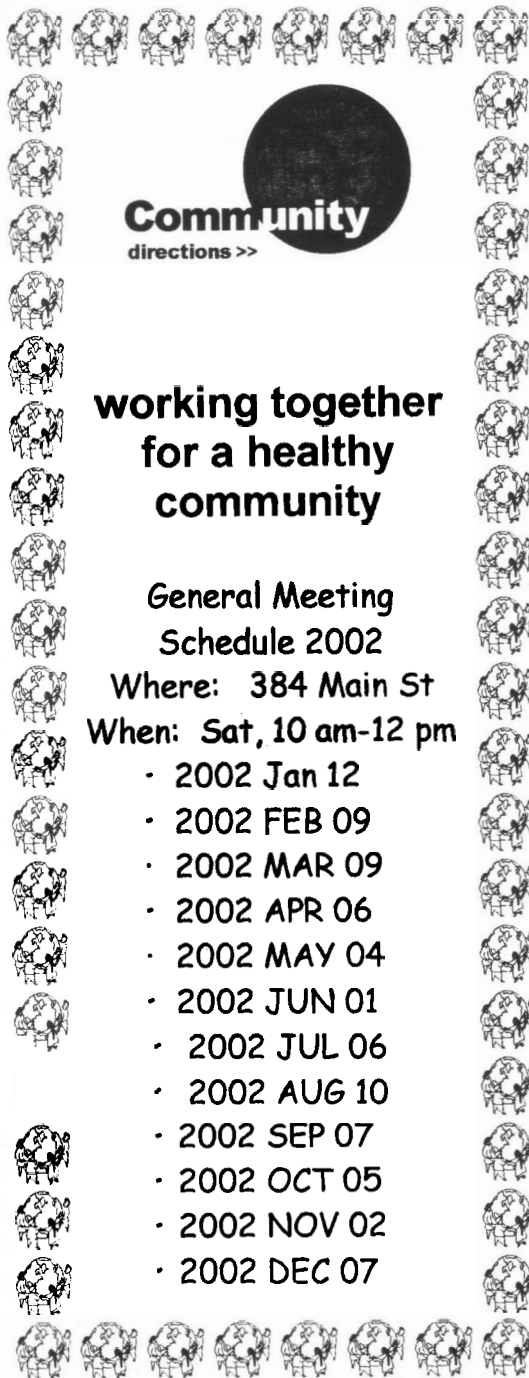
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Resident Yes No



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**working together
for a healthy
community**

**General Meeting
Schedule 2002**

**Where: 384 Main St
When: Sat, 10 am-12 pm**

- 2002 Jan 12
- 2002 FEB 09
- 2002 MAR 09
- 2002 APR 06
- 2002 MAY 04
- 2002 JUN 01
- 2002 JUL 06
- 2002 AUG 10
- 2002 SEP 07
- 2002 OCT 05
- 2002 NOV 02
- 2002 DEC 07

Benefit units must come from Information Purification Directives.....

"we have created, for the first time in all history, a garden of pure ideology. Where each worker may bloom secure from the pests of contradictory and confusing truths. Our Unification of Thought is more powerful a weapon than any fleet or army on earth. We are one people. With one will. One resolve. One cause. Our enemies shall talk themselves to death. And we will bury them with their own confusion. We shall prevail!"

In Ontario Anderson Consulting came up with the term 'Benefit Unit' to describe a family on welfare, naturally (and in the documentation) people become: Benefit Unit Members.

I was speaking to a DS about the entertaining EAC (Employment Assistance Counsellor?) acronym. He pointed out that EAC is not actually the name - it's Employment Assistance Worker or - here we go again - EAW - or more appropriately...EEE-aw! (What ass thinks this stuff up?) He also said that the Ministry for Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism is now the Ministry for Settlement and Multiculturalism - otherwise known as the Ministry for S & M...



"Extreme . Dance . Party"

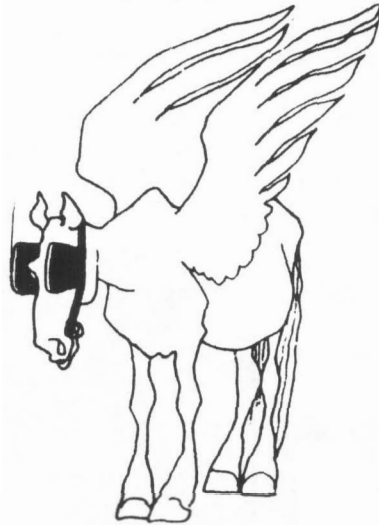
DJ MIX
&
Friends

Friday, August 2, 7pm
Carnegie Theatre

It's Summer time -the days are longer, the sun is out So enjoy the summer months

Every summer we have to talk with the media 'cause our community is always busy with people who believe they are coming here to save us. Excuse me but if we wanted to be saved we would ask for help.

Our people with addictions suffer on a daily basis. It is these addictions that 'inspire' the summer Jesus people to come to our neighborhood. GUESS what? we **DO NOT** want you people in our neighborhood



— Thank you very much. Why not go over to Jennifer Clark's community.

Oppenheimer Park is a place for our people to enjoy and not be pounced on by bible people. These so call Jesus people are supposed to have an office on Hastings.. Guess what? When I go off to my garden I pass their business/storefront and it's always messy outside and not kept up.

To our community: Beware of people offering food for free, with the exception of the regular food services in our community.

Downtown Eastside Community Activist

[Editor's note: This whole things reeks of disrespect that these so-called 'Jesus' people have for others. If anyone chooses to give you an ear, have the decency to get your own space and not impose on the rest of us while spewing forth. The so-called 'March For Jesus' is this kind of thing to the nth degree. What part of no don't you understand?!]

Dear friends,

The next time you wonder how it is that children are bought and sold like cattle to wealthy pedophiles in Vancouver without anyone stopping them - or how native people today can be thrown off their land by their own chiefs, or murdered by goon squads working for multi-national corporations who want their water rights - or how those who seek the truth can be silenced by lawyers and judges in the pay of these criminals ...

1. If you're in the Vancouver area, tune in to my regular radio program this Monday, July 15 at 1 pm at 102.7 FM (Co-op radio), for a fuller discussion of this fight for land, water and free speech.
2. Come to the regular meeting of The Truth Commission into Genocide in Canada, on Wed, July 17 at 7 pm at the Canadian Autoworkers Hall in New Westminster, 326-12th St.

Kevin Annett

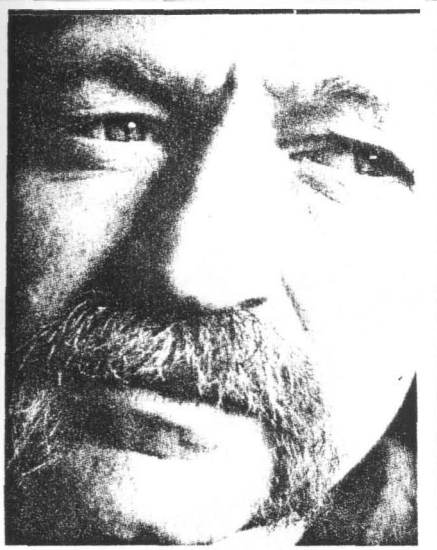


Morality

The creation of art implies moral awareness
From the ramparts of cave paintings
To the finest contemporary conceptions
Art, by its emotional power, depicts morality
Artists then lead in moral purpose
Beauty appealing to all senses is the good, the right,
order and vitality in timeless quintessence.
But surely right and wrong are easily distinguished
Hot 'n cold, Soft 'n hard; but the subtler difference,
a more difficult definition -
How to calculate shades of grey, errors of perception
If we prove morality is meaningless, good pursued is
obscured by misperceptions; wrongs accumulate,
choice of right is more difficult, ability to survive
weakens, life slows, gets incomprehensible...
We must understand the effect of mistakes

So slow is progress, tho' our aim is true,
Hard to accept but easy to do
For the miraculous quality of life
is living and judging questions as this.

A.Kostyniuk



A hero is not a sandwich

The man pictured here is Jose Bové. He just began serving a 60-day sentence in France for dismantling a McDonald's restaurant in 1999. Seems that he and 9 co-defendants went to this place, which was under construction at the time, and took it apart bolt-by-bolt and carted it away in the full glare (and to the delight of) television cameras and audiences.

A bit of history – it was done to protest the high-handedness of US trade practices, US imperialism and the food/production practices of this (and other) megacorporate food chains – hormones, growth stimulants, pesticide-laden and genetically modified organisms that are part and parcel. The trade thing is that the US slapped crippling import duties on certain French items, like Roquefort cheese, when the French government refused to permit US beef into their country due to it being hormone injected.

The French term is *la malbouffe* (lousy grub).

Bové is a small farmer who, like hundreds of other small farmers in his own area and thousands across France (and millions across the world) want fair trade practices that don't permit corporate giants to steamroll and crush such small, independent producers by use of market and monetary weight, instead of quality and diversity.

The French people have loudly cheered and applauded Bové all through the lengthy appeals process, and the case has won international recognition. McDonald's was not and is not amused, just as

it wasn't in England a couple of years ago when it pent over \$10 million to drag two guys through court for handing out pamphlets stating that McD's food was lousy and people shouldn't waste their money.

Bové again got international cheers when, at his last appeal, one judge asked "What exactly is 'dismantling'? Was the restaurant broken?" Bové responded saying "What did it mean when they 'dismantled' the Bastille (the infamous French prison that was torn down by the people during the French Revolution)?" The people in court guffawed

The latest scene in this (almost) comedy was Bové riding to prison on his tractor, going 15 kph and with a huge procession of farmers and people supporting him. He and his co-defendants chained themselves together and made a hilarious show of the ludicrous scenario – the might of the just-elected French government being concentrated on them as its first act after taking office. While free during the appeal process, Bové had attended demonstrations in the US, Europe and spoken at events in the US and India all to do with the corporate theft and sleaze of so-called "free" trade and the WTO.

We recognize ourselves and our friends as being truly global. Pain and sorrow can only be matched and overcome with laughter and joy.

PRT



I Saw Jesus Again Today

I saw Jesus again today
He's still begging at the Library
Living under a bridge
Has no I.D. so Welfare cannot see him.

He showed me his wounds
Said he would be going to jail
I pressed a coin into his dirty, hardened palm
Along with my regrets
He asked my name; where I could be found
If I lent him money he would repay Teusday

Maybe he's a junkie
Maybe he's a con-artist who believes his own stories
For sure, he is desperate; for sure he is Jesus.

Wilhelmina



OWLS

As proof of their soundness owls:

hate crows

sleep all day and prowl at night

find mice to be delicious, kill them cleanly and devour them whole

like scratching their heads

smell funky

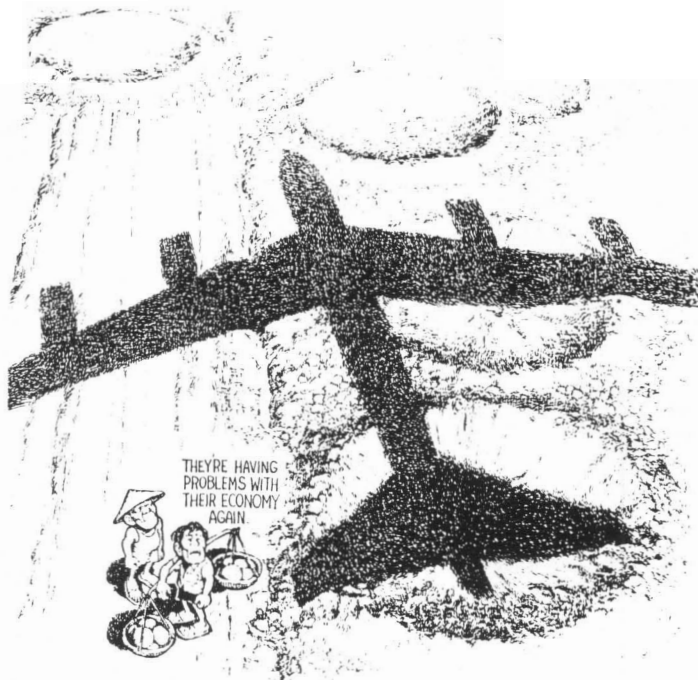
sing atrociously

preen sporadically

Copulate furiously

and wink profusely

Ken Morrison



Insufficient Funds

G8 Super8 Stupor8, multi-national corporate crazies

Looting and plundering the resources of this earth

Stripping and rockin the world's poorest

Hiding and hoardin the booty leaves a hollow dearth

Corporate corruption, confusion, delusion, rotten to the core

Cutting a swath of fear over boundaries, borders and time

They plead innocent to these charges yet rob us more and more

'Trickle down' 'shake down' they're one and the same serious crime.

Enron, World Com, Nortel – scams – they sell off their stock as fast as they can

Options, Assets, Junk Bonds, Deficits – it's the same shell game

...played until all your savings are gone.

There's no room at the top for the "bottom-feeders" who have

invested their life savings until the numbers drop – Crash!

Pension Plans vanish – poof – like a cloud of smoke...

According to these grifters, the 'master plan' is Buy Low & Sell High

They reap windfalls in soiled cash while reducing yours to little more than trash

As shareholders scatter like ashes blown out of a hot dust bin

Only to be put down and condemned by the powers-that-be

These same 'powers' shall quite rightly and deservedly be damned

And in the new age we'll finally know what it is to be free.

Robyn L.

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Presents

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Canadian Beat Poet

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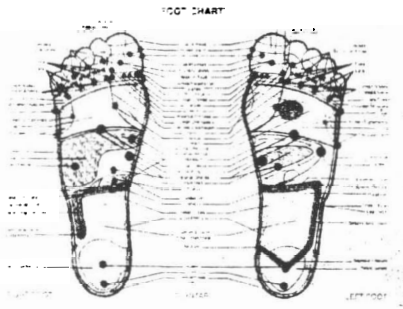
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- July 17 - Brave Waves, a fun hour of bagpipes, tabla, piano, sax, harmonica and flute
- July 20 - Funkypox playing funky cover tunes
- July 24 - Armadillo (Classical strings) Quartet
- July 27 - Dale Rasmussen on Acoustic guitar playing jazz, folk & original compositions
- July 31 - Dave Davies Quintet - laid back jazz

.....take part in some other upcoming activities:

- July 15&16 - Tiny Bike races at 12 noon.
- July 18 - Fun for kids 11:30 a.m. - 1p.m.
- July 19 - Music Jam 12 - 4p.m. join in.
- July 25 - Fun for kids 11:30 a.m. - 1p.m.
- July 26 - Music Jam and Stage Party 12 - 4p.m.

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Why I Write

Marvin Gaye made an important record in the 1970's called "What's Going On?" I write to figure out what's going on.

The hopes for which ordinary men and women fought for, and sometimes died for, in the Second World War have been betrayed by the business elite that has taken over our province and our country.

I write to expose this betrayal.

I write to reject their definition of who I am, to find my voice to share my story in the community of those who are making new roads drawing new maps building a home where the bottom line is justice.

I write to forgive, to reconcile and to include, as Robert Rich wrote in his story "Somewhere, My Love" (1) in which he turns back to hold the hand of a dying person. There is more truth in Robert's story than in all the weapons of mass destruction owned by the American Empire, in all the spin-doctoring of politicians,

or in all the high-tech expertise of medical entrepreneurs.

Tell your stories, friends. Give them away where they are needed. Our stories are like water in the desert, like a map that will bring us home.

Sandy Cameron

(1) "Somewhere, My Love," by Robert R. Rich, Carnegie Newsletter, July 1, 2002.



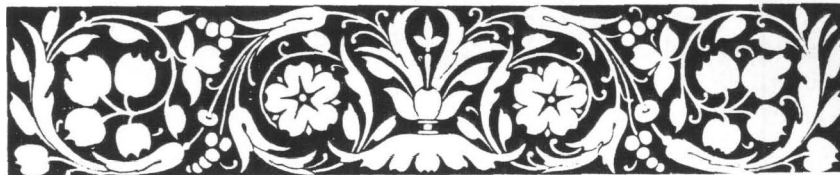
Sunday Afternoon Soul Sessions

You only see the miraculous if you seek to see the handiwork of the Spirit, under the 1st Ave bridge at Clark 2 ravens sat unafraid as I stopped with Marco in tow to smoke and swallow some water, feeding Marco milkbones One raven spoke to me briefly, walking calmly the dog lost in treat-time, myself amazed to see the raven spirit touching down long enough to talk to me in a voice I'd never heard before.

The woman was welcoming, sending me to PetroCan for coffee The daughter describing my 2 ½ year-old granddaughter's antics in the malls and parks of New West, transfixed wishing I had a child driving me crazy.. like old times... Their rent is paid (for once) sigh relief As I walked the girl to the Drive, I find food 2 bags left by forgetful busriders – my luck.

As I rode the bus on a found transfer thinking Jeez, life can be okay sometimes, middle of chaos change just keeps on changin' as we struggle to adapt to the new set of rules God makes up everyday.

R. Loewen



Poverty

I wish those "Welfare Bums" would stop sucking off the Public Tit.

'They' are ruining our nice land

Along with those pushy squeeze kids

And those unwashed panhandlers.

Why don't they get a job, or at least a haircut?

They make my shopping trips uncomfortable

Those children on the cold and damp pavement

Why don't they get a job?

Why aren't they in school?

Do you suppose they are doing a survey of public compassion?

On Broadway and Granville I talked to an older man

Pushing his stuff in a Safeway cart.

He told me his story - about his job, about the company's ruin

The loss of his West-side apartment

And then about his own fall from grace.

There are many stories out there,

But the people are getting less and less able to speak our language-

The language of the roof-over-our-heads

The language of warmth-in-winter

The language of food-in-belly

A clean clothes kind of dialect.



wishes are cancers

there is a reason

it's of the moment

a serious look deep inside

so don't turn off the lights

i'll be up

i've got cigarettes and cold water

i have to

off with her head

she's crazy and i know it

it'll surely pay off

just to think it

just to say it

just to do it

can't i believe it?

i'm going to spend all my money

i need a relationship like that

ther's more coming

it was great

impossibly inevitable

i'm amazing on it

i did what i set out to do

it carries me back

been lonely too long

it is finished

charles fortin

Wilhelmina



(for Marcel Bertrand)

dreaming & waking merge into 1

I don't know which 1 is which 1 is which 1

waking with you, 2 me is a dream

in reality I could scream

4 the nakedness, wholeness, of UR bouquet

when UR knot with me, every day

Anita Stevens

Presents from Nowhere

-inspired by Mark Knofler's current hit

I'm lost deep in the lyrics now; there's no coming back I know. And even if there were, even if, even if there were, I'll take a pass.

Lost, dumb, thunderstruck and hypnotized; grasping at drums - that's where I'm living from in the downtown eastside.

When I sold my soul - like everyone else - I missed some fine points. So happy, so easy as the earth spun away... I said 'yes', a Molly Bloom & Zarathrustian 'yes' to the presents from nowhere.

Charlotte St? Charlotte St!! Thanks Mr.Knofler. Purchase renewed.

It's embarrassing how little it takes to make me happy.

Stephen Belkin