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A COALITION TO WIN

## AN OPEN LETTER TO BRITISH COLUMBIANS: A COALITION TO WIN THE 2005 ELECTION

We live in an extremely wealthy and beautiful province, rich in natural beauty, wildlife, minerals, fish, trees and talented people. There's enough for everyone to have a decent, healthy and fulfilling life. Yet we are in danger of losing much of what we have.

After winning an election by promising a "New Era" the BC Liberals have proceeded to close seniors' facilities, hospitals, schools, welfare offices, courthouses and forestry offices. They have cut services, broken contracts, rewritten labour and environmental codes, and eliminated the Human Rights Commission. Now they are in the process of privatizing parts of BC Hydro.

The response to the government's agenda has been clear and powerful. Tens of thousands of British Columbians have acted on their anger, their frustration and their concern for one another. In virtually every city and town in the province, from Victoria to Vanderhoof, from Penticton to Prince George, people have been building coalitions to advocate for a better British Columbia.

These aren't just reactions to massive cuts in service. They reflect our belief in community responsibility and our rejection of the values that motivate the cuts. The government's program is an attempt to profoundly and permanently change the lives of the people of British Columbia. It's an attack on community in favour of private corporations. The growing popular resistance across the province is a reaffirmation of the values British Columbians have held for decades.

Across the province people are asking: Where do we go from here? Certainly British Columbians will continue to engage in all kinds of demonstrations and community actions. But we also need to make sure the government isn't re-elected. The polls show clearly that the people of BC oppose the extremist policies being implemented by the BC Liberals.

We need to start now to ensure a new government is elected and that the progressive vote is not split. We need a way to express our unity in 2005.

That's why we have to discuss a provincial electoral coalition even more inclusive than the community coalitions taking shape today across our province -

an electoral coalition based on the fundamental belief that we share responsibility for one another and that together we can make the needed changes.

We need to invite people from diverse faith communities, First Nations, women, seniors, students, rural and small town residents, environmentalists, advocates, volunteers, union members, other workers and young people who understand the effects of globalization, to be part of this strategy.

Thousands of British Columbians who voted for the Liberals but are today appalled by where they are taking our province should be invited to participate. The strategy should include the New Democratic Party and the Green Party and British Columbians who have never been involved in electoral politics before.

Such a coalition would need to reflect a broad set of guiding principles, the common ground we share, leaving room for discussion and diversity. Of course the development of these principles must be the work of all those who become involved. But here are some tentative ideas of what a coalition might call for:

- . increased support and resources for public health care and public education
- . a sustainable, diversified economic strategy
- . levels of social assistance and publicly-funded, community-based supports and services that provide security, dignity and inclusion for all
- . public services that are accountable to and meet community interests and needs
- . a healthy and sustainable environment.
- recognition of the rights of Aboriginal people
- . the right of workers to participate in free collective bargaining and have negotiated contracts honoured
- . a system of proportional representation



We are not calling for a new political party. We're not asking for the NDP or the Greens to step aside or park their own programs. But the people of British Columbia cannot afford to split the vote against the Liberals in 2005. We must find a way to work together to build our province.

This is a challenging and unique idea. What makes us optimistic, however, is the widespread understanding of the need for such a coalition. It has the potential to unite British Columbians from various walks of life who are determined to protect everything the current government has put at risk.

Many complex questions present themselves - the kinds of questions that can only be answered as thousands of British Columbians in scores of communities across our province build the movement to defeat the Liberals in the next election. For now, the task is to begin the conversation, to start discussing these ideas seriously, in homes, at workplaces and places of worship, in our clubs and community organizations, in every coalition and organization that is resisting the government's actions.

This process doesn't belong to any individual or organization, but it had to start somewhere. We hope that everyone who gets a copy of this letter will pass it on to friends and neighbours and begin the conversation that can become a movement.

This is a work in progress. We hope it will lead to a large provincial meeting some time in the not-too-distant future. But for now most of the tasks to be done are at the local level. We need to begin the difficult work now to make sure we win the 2005 election.

If you are interested in the idea described above, or if you would like to participate in the discussion, we ask you to do three things:

1. Add your name to this statement. If you agree with the idea of a united electoral coalition, visit <http://www.coalitionforbc.ca> to add your name to the list. You can also email your name and address to [info@coalitionforbc.ca](mailto:info@coalitionforbc.ca) or FAX 604-874-1036. We'll keep you informed of developments as this movement grows.

2. Send this statement to anyone you know who might be interested. Bounce it to your e-mail lists. Take it with you to your community organizations, to social events, to your classmates and workmates, to your union meeting, to your NDP or Green Party meeting, to your yoga class or your theatre group or your volleyball game.

3. Convene a meeting in your community to discuss the ideas and questions in this statement. Invite local NDP and Green members and leaders, and people who are neither NDPers or Greens. Let us know what happens.

Signed by, (Organizational affiliations for identification purposes only.)

**Lisa Barrett**, Mayor of Bowen Island

**Marion Best**, Naramata

**David R. Boyd**, environmental lawyer and professor, Pender Island

**David Chudnovsky**, past president, British Columbia Teachers' Federation, Vancouver

**David Coles**, Vice-President, Western Region, Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, Van.

**Murray Dobbin**, Council of Canadians, Vancouver

**Patty Ducharme**, Regional Executive Vice-President (BC), Public Service Alliance of Canada

**Claire Kujundzic**, artist and hunger-striker, Wells

**Dr. Gabor Maté**, physician, Vancouver

**Ellie O'Day**, past chair, Alliance for Arts and Culture Vancouver

**Robert Smith**, former moderator, United Church of Canada, Sunshine Coast

**Ben Swankey**, executive board member, Seniors' Network of BC, Burnaby

**Jean Swanson**, Anti-Poverty Activist, Vancouver

OK...



### **Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program**

It is on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12  
Starting Feb.6 and running for 6 weeks at  
Strathcona Community Center.

**To be involved you must pre-register.**

Call Brenda or Gaye at Crabtree Corner

**689-2808**

## *No mercy for those with zero power*

Luckily for George W. Bush, he never had to rely on Ontario's welfare system.

If ever anyone has been given a second chance, it is the U.S. president, who managed to attain his current office despite a revelation, just prior to the election, that he had previously been convicted of drunk driving. [See Gordie! (and you thought you were like Abraham Lincoln...)]

Right-wing media pundits rushed to point out that this shouldn't deter Americans from voting for Bush because he had since given up drinking - as if the issue wasn't his callous, irresponsible behaviour but whether, as president, his driving would pose a danger to the nation's highways.

Bush also went missing while enlisted in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. The media decided not to make an issue out of his prolonged absence, even though, technically speaking, it left him open to the charge of desertion (a crime that, during war time, can be punishable by death in the U.S.)

Born into a wealthy, well-connected family, Bush is walking proof that, with sufficient resources, no intellectual or character deficiency need be an obstacle.

Bush's patrician, sheltered life is about as far as one can get from the harsh, deprived world in which Kimberly Rogers lived and died. As we saw last week, that's a world where there are no second chances. Rogers apparently committed suicide in her sweltering Sudbury apartment, where she was under house arrest after being found guilty of welfare fraud

Her crime was that she collected welfare benefits while also receiving a student loan. (She had just graduated with honours in social work at Cambrian College.) Originally her welfare benefits had been cut off for three months but, because she was pregnant, a court ordered them temporarily restored.

At the time of her death, the amount of her fraud was being deducted from her welfare payments, leaving her, after rent, with \$18 a month to live on. If this strikes you as pretty soft treatment, you'll be pleased to know that the Ontario government has since tightened the rules considerably. In April 2000, it introduced a zero-tolerance lifetime ban for anyone caught defrauding the welfare system for any



reason. In future, there will be no Kimberly Rogers types out there flagrantly throwing around \$18 a month.

Now let's just state clearly that what Rogers did was wrong. But on a scale of 1 to 10, in terms of abusing the system, I'd give it about a 2. She was, after all, just trying to get an education, and wasn't endangering anyone by, for instance, driving drunk. [!/]

It seems less offensive than the well-known practice of many business and professional people who routinely deduct part of the cost of their personal entertainment from their taxes. This forces the rest of us to pay more tax, so we end up subsidizing their often-extravagant private outings to expensive restaurants and sports events. And not so they can get an education.

As Osgoode Hall tax professor Neil Brooks once observed: "I'd bet more fraud takes place on any given night at the SkyDome than at all the welfare offices in Ontario."

And when prominent people are caught ripping off the public purse in one way or another, they're rarely subject to lifetime punishments.

Environment Minister Chris Stockwell was forced earlier this year to repay \$3,000 for food and liquor that he and his staff inappropriately billed to their government expense accounts - but he's still in the cabinet.

But the most desperate, powerless members of society are held to a higher standard. From the beginning, this Conservative government has shown no mercy for the poor. Almost before Mike Harris located the washroom in the premier's office, he slashed welfare benefits by 22 per cent - thereby

5 abruptly stripping the province's poorest citizens of one-fifth of their incomes.

The Rogers inquest has been the first meaningful examination of what the Tories have done to the welfare system. And after eight weeks of testimony, the jury came back with the recommendation that there should be no lifetime welfare bans, that cases should be dealt with individually.

But the government was ready; it quickly moved to smash any hope there might be a moment of reflection on the subject by those who make decisions with life and death consequences for the most helpless members of society. Before the afternoon was out, Social Services Minister Brenda Elliott outright rejected the jury's recommendation.

So it's clear - second chances will remain the preserve of the privileged, zero tolerance the fate of those with zero power.

By LINDA MCQUAIG



### *The Chinese New Year in Chinatown*

There are three traditional, important festivals in China; one of them is Chinese Lunar New Year. When this festival is on every year, all Chinese have to hold a ceremony which is celebrated everywhere throughout China and also in the Chinatowns of some other countries. The Chinatown in Vancouver is no exception: It also holds a celebration of Chinese New Year. On the eve of the New Year, the Chinese here celebrate the same as in China, because

the festival is a family get-together. All members of the family long to return home for the celebration. They sit at a round table for dinner. After the dinner, the eldest person gives lucky, money-filled red envelopes to the youngest ones. This aims at family reunion.

In addition, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the first moon is believed to be the God of Fortune's birthday. It is said that on this day he brings a bag of fortune to Earth to spread around. At that time, the merchants and those who live in Chinatown hang vegetables and lucky money in red envelopes on the top of their gates. They light off firecrackers and bottle rockets. Their purpose is not only to attract the God's attention but also to welcome the lion dancers coming in front of their gates. The lucky money and vegetables are taken by the lion dancers. The merchants feel very happy because it will bring prosperity to their business. In short, because the custom of Chinese New Year has changed only a little, we still enjoy it.

By Shang Liao

(\*Editor's note: Shang wrote this in 1992 while attending a Social Studies course at Vancouver Community College. They were impressed with it and included the article in subsequent course textbooks. Shang is still involved and attending classes to expand his abilities with English.. He is 87.)



## The Homeless

A stack of papers like  
Wings fallen off angels  
Sit on an old wood desk  
With so much history  
The craftsman that used  
Special wood from trees  
In Gods care for centuries  
Strong metal file cabinets  
Like giant robots, modem  
Day warners protecting  
The important documents  
From all of the abuse of  
A careless new generation  
That lives so dangerously  
The hard core drug addicts  
Who never got much love  
And are homeless sleeping  
In beds in a dormitory of  
The Catholic Charities and  
Couldn't help but notice how  
Beautiful their feet were and  
All of them, God's children.

Daniel Rajala

## True Love

Pressure to become, to change  
Pressure to join, to be with you  
I will stay but out of your range  
I do not want to exactly be reviewed.

It's no always easy to be for real  
Although you can often get on a run  
It depends on the day and how I feel  
Then it'd happen: I could be shunned

Take a second to ponder, a minute to decide  
Sself-analysis – does something seem amiss?  
Gaze off yonder; are you tearful, have you cried?  
Is it turmoil you envision, love or just bliss?

Cut th deck/roll th dice/push th button if you wish  
Solve th puzzle/answer th riddle if you like  
Dream a dream/kiss th frog something's amiss  
If it's our destiny then lightning will strike.

You are a woman and out of your time  
For the record I love you and cannot do without  
If you can, think of me once in awhile –so fine  
I can't bear to be alone, just me and my doubts.

Robyn Livingstone

## Blonde Yuppie on 2nd Avenue Vancouver BC Canada 2002\$\$\$

She frog-marches past  
my outdoor pseudo-cafe  
table.  
Her smile is exactly like a  
spasm  
of one miserthin tightlipped  
mouth.  
My ice-cold cold mug of  
beer  
smiles a frothy smile back  
at her!  
But its smile is infinitely  
more  
ALIVE!

john alan douglas



i want to live  
i want to feel  
no drowning in sorrow  
day by day  
getting colder  
made up my mind  
i'll keep it up  
to cheat the grave  
intoxicated  
infatuated  
emotions coming apart  
no more waiting  
breaking the silence

captivating  
simple and true  
alone  
on the highway  
dead or alive  
out of luck  
no woman to love

charles fortin

## Limpet Mine

My poetry is  
a limpet mine  
placed on wall of  
your complacency  
as you sit glued to  
glassy plastic monitor  
of computer/internet  
tv screen video game  
or brain Rotting  
ubiquitous cellphone  
my verse will  
implode explode  
import export  
your closed  
laziness of  
spirit mind  
intellect &  
cattle prod  
(moo to U lisette!)  
you out somewhere  
anywhere  
into the real life  
of streets alleys  
sidewalk neon gutters  
so that  
before you pass  
back into sub-  
media sterility  
you MAY have  
tasted  
seen  
felt  
been . . .



**News from the Library**      *Happy New Year  
to all our patrons from the Library Staff*

**New Titles received**

**Hesperus series of classics** has been purchased. This is a new series of works little known in the English language. These are short significant works each around 100 pages in length and establish a dialogue between ancient and modern in that the subjects are still topical. They include works by Gogol, Zola, daVinci among others. We hope you enjoy these.

**Poor People** by Fyodor Dostoyevsky: Call#891.73 dos  
Written as a series of letters by an author considered by many as being one of the greatest prose writers of all times, this is Dostoyevsky's first original work. It is not a happy story and may upset sensibilities but then perhaps the subject warrants this.

**Last Day of a Condemned Man** by Victor Hugo:  
Call # 843 hug

Another of the Hesperus Series this profound and moving tale was deeply shocking in its time. Hugo was a leading figure of the Romantic movement in France and like his other works this is an important piece of social commentary.

**What's Left Us** by Aislinn Hunter: Call#823hun  
The short stories and novella by Hunter show why she is acclaimed as one of the brightest talents in B.C today. Some of tales have great whimsical moments and others catch the poignancy of love and loss with unforgettable detail. Stories are set in Ireland, London, Vancouver and Ontario.(ps. *Aislinn is a former staff member of VPL*)

**Atonement** by Ian McEwan Call # 823.9 McE.  
This haunting novel, nominated for the Booker is finally in paperback and has become an International bestseller. Its depiction of childhood, war and class in England is enthralling and most readers find its depiction of the difficulty of absolution penetratingly crafted.

**Thriving after Breast Cancer** by Sherry Lebed Davis Call # 616.99 day  
This work highlights important exercises for a healthy recovery after breast cancer. Written by a breast cancer survivor and her two physician brothers it has been recommended as groundbreaking therapy by many in the health field.

**Changing Ones** by Will Roscoe. Call# 305.3 ros  
Changing Ones challenges many assumptions about the nature of human sexual and gender diversity. In place of stereotypes of hyper masculine warriors and

submissive women, this work describes individuals with complex sexual and gender identities playing key roles in their tribes. Roscoe's book is a lively, readable account of the presence of people in native North America whose gender identities do not fit into neat categories as defined by anthropologists. Roscoe includes well-documented depictions of the lives of individuals such as Hastiin Klah, a prolific Dine artist who collaborated in the founding of the Wheelwright Museum, and Lozen, a skilled warrior woman who fought with Geronimo

Mary Ann Cantillon Carnegie Librarian



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**The Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood  
Safety Office Is Moving!!**

The Safety Office is moving from 12 East  
Hastings to 47 West Cordova on December 18.

Due to the move, office set up and Christmas  
Holidays we will not reopen until January 6th.  
Our phone number will remain 604-687-1772.

We would like to thank DERA and B.C. Housing for  
giving us a home for the past seven and a half years.

We would also like to thank the Portland Hotel  
Society for providing us with a home to go to!

**Happy Holidays and see you in the New Year!**

## ***Why you should apply for Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits***

\*Unlike provincial disability benefits, Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits is not asset tested, and there is no limit to the personal assets you can have;

Receiving income from other sources (with the possible exception of employment income) will not disqualify you from receiving CPP disability benefits;

Unlike provincial disability benefits, you will keep your CPP disability benefits if you become involved in a dependent relationship – e.g. if you get married;

Most people receiving disability benefits will still get a top-up from the Ministry. This means that you will not lose your medical coverage and annual bus pass when you qualify for CPP disability benefits;

You do not have to apply for CPP early retirement benefits at age 60 if you are already receiving CPP disability;

You can attend school or perform volunteer work without jeopardizing your CPP disability benefits;

If you move to another province, your CPP disability benefits go with you;

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\*\*Contact **Advocacy Access** for information about CPP disability benefits and for one-on-one assistance with applications, appeals and tribunals.

**Local calls: 604-872-1278**

**Advocacy Access is a core program of the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities.**



HEY MAN!  
AREN'T YOU TUNED IN YET?

**The Last thing:** Sosan is saying that language is possible if time is; language is the same *gestalt* as time. That's why language has three tenses – past, present, future – just like time.

Language is time, is divided into the same categories as time, and life is beyond. Life is not past. Where is past? You cannot find it.

Sosan is right. He says: Neither past nor future nor present; he is saying there is no time. And the whole language depends on time, on past, present, future.

**Language is a creation of the mind.**

**Time is also a creation of the mind.**

-submitted by Videha



## ***23 and counting!!!***

On Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Carnegie Community Centre. The New Year also brings the 100th Anniversary of the Carnegie Building. The year is an opportunity to celebrate the history of a remarkable public building, and a remarkable community.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary will feature a presentation of the 100th Anniversary Events, Music, Drum Ceremonies, the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cultural Sharing Program and a presentation of the Carnegie Button Blanket. There will be Basketball Games, Photo Exhibits, Home Movies, and an Evening Dance. There will also be some special guests and familiar faces.

The Community Play will be a big event this year, and there will be many events to take part in before the performance in November of 2003. On January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be presenting a **phoenix and puppet building workshop with Karen Wong and Zhong-xi Wu** (and anyone who wants can help), and the community play writers will be in attendance to gather stories, and folklore about Carnegie and the Downtown Eastside. The play is about our community, our stories, and everyone's participation is essential to make the play the process, and our anniversary year a success. This year is a chance to dance, create, play, make noise, make an impact, get good press, show that we are more and if nothing else...have a good time!



## *The Downtown Eastside*

Chinatown\*Gastown\*Hastings and Main\*Japantown\*Kumkumalay\*Luk`luk`i\*Strathcona\* Victory Square  
**Community Play**

*Join us in making a new play for and about the Downtown Eastside!* The Carnegie Center and Strathcona's Vancouver Moving Theatre are joining forces -with a host of other downtown eastside organizations, artists and just plain folks - to create a community play about the whole downtown eastside. It's planned as part of Carnegie's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

### *What is a community play ?*

A community play involves as many people as possible and a small group of experienced theatre artists working together to create a work of art that expresses our community.

### *What will the play be about?*

Our play will celebrate the downtown eastside's history and peoples, its struggles and triumphs and its cultures and art forms. The play will be specially written for us, with your help, by a team of writers who wish to hear your concerns and interests. If you've heard any interesting funny and amazing stories, let us know!

### *How big will it be and who will be participating?*

Huge! There are 16,000 people in the downtown eastside, but we're going for 150 performers. We want you to be one of them or one of hundreds of people involved backstage and in building the show. So come out to act, sing, dance, build sets, make costumes and be part of the play.

### *Can I join in if I've never acted*

Yes, it's your play! If you've ever had a secret yen to be involved in theatre, this is your golden opportunity. There's an opportunity for every interest, age and background.

### *When will it happen?*

Performances will be in November, 2003. During the year, lots of workshops and special events will be held. Rehearsals and building begin in September, 2003.

### *Who are the artists?*

We're happy to announce that we've found a wonderful director (and co-writer) in Jimmy Tait, who worked on a big community play for the folks in Enderby, B.C. He brings with him tons of experience, enthusiasm and a great sense of humour. The rest of the co-writing team includes Savannah Walling (25 years in the DTES), Adrienne Wong (artist in residence at the Fire Hall Arts Centre) and Renae Morriveau (first nations documentary film maker, actress). Marina Szijarto (13 years in the DTES) will design costumes, props, puppets and set.

### *Who will benefit?*

All of us! People will share their memories and skills, discover new talents and bring old ones to light, meet new people, learn new things, have lots of fun. The play will express to the outside world our concern and love for the downtown eastside, our respect for its people and our pride in its history and culture.

### *Who do I talk to?*

Savannah  
 Messages 604-254-9611 or thunter@axion.net  
 Vancouver Moving Theatre  
 P.O. Box 88270, Vancouver V6A 4A4

Rika  
 604-665-3003  
 Carnegie



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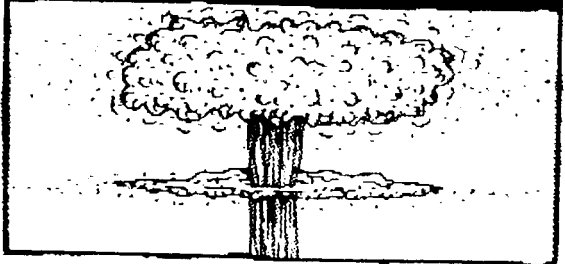
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THAT HALF A  
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HAVE DIED...

...WE THINK  
THE PRICE  
IS WORTH  
IT.



"60-MINUTES"  
INTERVIEWER  
LESLEY STAHL



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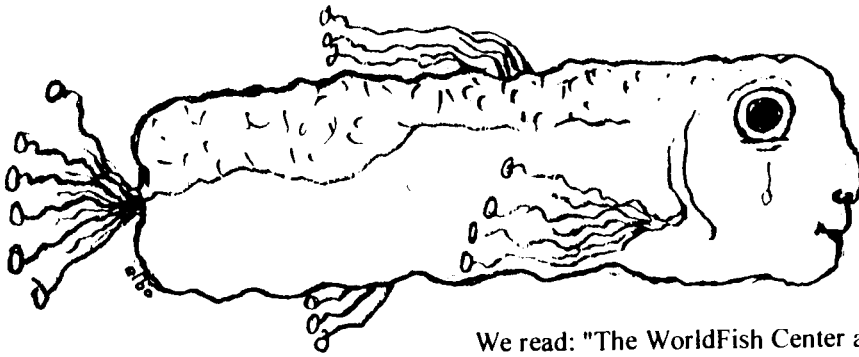
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...AND A BUNCH OF  
OTHER OCCASIONS  
THAT WERE MORALLY  
OKAY BECAUSE GOD'S  
ON OUR SIDE!



## SOMETHING FISHY...

### THE GOSSELIN DECISION:

*Canada's Supreme Court is out of touch with economic, environmental and poverty realities.*

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled on the Gosselin 'welfare' rights case. And it would seem that Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin believes we could end poverty and all peoples' dependence on welfare income if people like Louise Gosselin would only learn a skill such as fishing.

The Gosselin case challenged a 1984 social assistance regulation by the government of Quebec which reduced people between the ages of 18 and 30 welfare benefits from the bare subsistence level of around \$466 a month to about one-third of that -- \$170 a month.

In a newspaper article, journalist Janice Tibbetts writes: "Gosselin said she was forced to rely on shelters and soup kitchens because her benefits were cut to \$163 per month."

*(See "Court's welfare ruling worth billions in taxes," by Janice Tibbetts, Southam Newspapers, Times Colonist, Victoria, BC, Dec. 20, 2002 page A3.)*

Many people continue to believe that poor people are 'poor' because they lack job skills. And in deciding against Louise Gosselin, the Supreme Court used the old Chinese proverb: 'Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a life-time.'

However, Meryl Williams, director-general of the WorldFish Center states:

**"THE WORLD'S FISHERIES ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE."**

We read: "The WorldFish Center and the International Food Policy Research Institute estimate that fish production would have to double in the next 25 years to keep up with population growth.

"They say this is virtually impossible, and warn the shortfall could have disastrous consequences for more than a billion people in developing countries.

"The problems have been compounded by overexploitation of the seas, with restrictions now being placed on fisheries to preserve existing stocks.

Hundreds of millions of people are either unemployed or underemployed all over the world. We read: "At the start of a new century, poverty remains a global problem of huge proportions. Of the world's 6 billion people, 2.8 billion live on less than \$2 a day and 1.2 billion on less than \$1 a day"

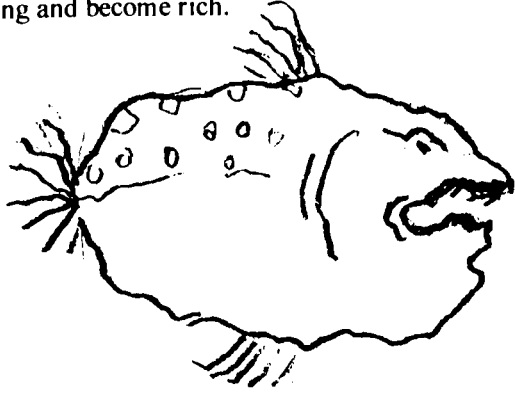
Obviously, many hundreds of millions of people would go fishing -- tomorrow -- to get food and money if they could, but the attempt to grow the world's economy to create full 'sustainable' employment has failed miserably.

And yet, with Gosselin, the Supreme Court has ruled that Canadians do "not have a constitutional right to guaranteed minimum income from the state." Apparently, a majority of Supreme Court judges believe that work-fare schemes will create full employment -- presumably, at decent, living wages and thus end the need for welfare income.

"Work-for-welfare programs are a 'common sense' initiative to break the welfare cycle of dependency and despair" Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin wrote for the majority, here making the comparison of such schemes to the Chinese proverb about fishing.: This truly bizarre "common sense" economic insight on the part of Canada's Supreme Court will no doubt come as a tremendous shock to the many thousands of Canadians who already know very well how to fish and yet can't go fishing.

Canada is using legal sanctions including being arrested, 'judged' and jailed precisely to 'stop' people from going fishing. For example, we read: ".the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans announced that the Esgenoôpetitj Mi'kmaq food fishery near Burnt Church, N.B., would, at 11 a.m. the next morning, "become illegal."  
"After a 1983 federal court decision upholding Ojibwa rights to fish for walleye in traditional fishing grounds before the sport season opened, there was outrage among non-natives. Militant anti-treaty groups began to carry signs reading "Spear an Indian -- Save a Walleye."  
(*The Globe and Mail*, September 14, 2000.)

Obviously, the world's Indigenous peoples were fishing to stay alive for thousands of years before people were able to get paid many thousands of dollars a month to be Supreme Court judges. But now the world's waters are quickly running out of 'products' for us to harvest, or, surely, given the price of a lobster dinner or a salmon steak, we'd all go fishing and become rich.



There are now over six billion people on the planet, and can you imagine the fate of the world's fish if tens of millions of additional trawlers were to cast their vast nets into the world's waters?

Indeed, the idea that the world's poor people can solve their poverty problems by being taught how to fish -- or how to farm, log, mine or 'manufacture' is the height of economic and intellectual dishonesty.

Can you imagine if tens of millions of unemployed and underemployed 'poor' people were taught how to use chain saws in welfare job clubs and then funded though work-fare schemes to work really hard at cutting down ever more trees?

Can you imagine the glut of farm products if all of the world's fallow lands were planted with wheat, corn, soya beans and other crops through work-fare schemes?

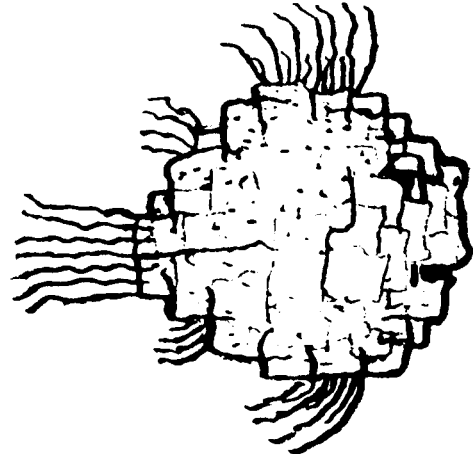
Can you imagine the further glut of milk, eggs, chickens, pigs etc. if tens of millions of people started 'work-fare' farming tomorrow?

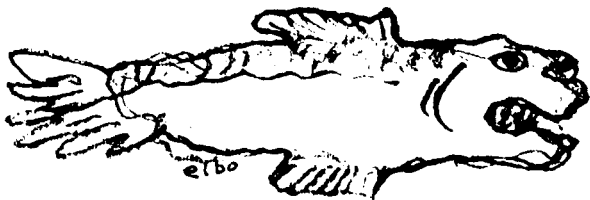
Can you imagine the further glut of coffee, tea, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, cocoa beans, sugar cane and maybe even poppies, cocoa leaves etc. -- if even more of these 'cash' crops were planted through a world-wide work-fare scheme?

Can you imagine the further glut of manufactured goods such as cigarettes, soda pop, alcoholic beverages, candy bars, lottery tickets, TVs, video games, guns, bombs, daily newspapers, pornographic magazines and videos and so forth if we built more and more factories, breweries, distilleries and printing presses etc. through work-fare schemes.

Can you imagine the further glut of junk food restaurants, liquor stores, bars, gambling casinos, shopping malls, office space, parking lots and prisons if governments used work-fare schemes to just build and build -- with no thought as to whether there is a rational, health-giving, ecologically sustainable 'demand' for the things we are told that we 'must' work ever harder to produce.

The persistent and completely destructive belief that people are poor because they don't possess 'jobs' skills represent the complete failure of the world's governments to protect poor peoples' health and 'welfare' in the face of the business sector's ever increasing demand to be given control over all of society's resources to make more profits.





Even though hundreds of millions of people desperately need fresh water, good food, decent homes, health care and the other things we all need to stay alive, the world's business sector wants to build even more luxury hotels, ski resorts, yachts, golf courses, multiplex sporting arenas -- while mining for more gold, diamonds and drilling for more oil.

The world's politicians know very well that there is no shortage of 'goods' or 'services' for sale, and they also know that there is especially no shortage of lawyers who would sit on the Supreme Court.

Moreover, the myth that average people lack the skills to find jobs also represents the stunning failure of the academic 'social-work' and religious 'charity-based' solutions to poverty. But because of the use of machines to do more and more of the world's 'manual' work, countless millions of people -- everyone from judges and religious ministers to poverty experts and politicians -- are now completely dependent on the continuation of poverty for their livelihoods.

The 'poverty-related' job equation is an exacting one, for if there were no poor people then there would be no need for welfare workers such as BC's Human Resource Minister Murray Coell. And, obviously, we could all stop writing about poor peoples' problems if we had the political will to put an end to the social conditions that cause poverty.

This will never happen unless we all begin to tell the truth about poverty, now, today. And unless we tell the truth, we will all be responsible for sacrificing the lives of countless millions of people on the altar of economic lies.

Furthermore, we will all be responsible for the continued destruction of the very physical processes and other life forms that make our good health and our full lives possible.

Clearly, beyond fresh water, nutritious food, decent shelter and other health-giving things, there is no scientific or moral principle that compels us to harvest natural resources, process them into 'products' for

sale and then go to the store to buy them just to make business people rich or provide other people with jobs.

This means that we have no choice but share the world's resources in a sustainable manner, and in a way that would make it unnecessary for us to destroy the world's fisheries just for the sake of jobs.

And yet, with the Gosselin decision, the Supreme Court of Canada has just issued an edict that compels 'poor' people to try and go fishing etc. or face homelessness, hunger and eventually starvation.

Finally, the vast majority of 'poor' people are young children, mothers, sick people, elderly people and people who are labeled as being 'disabled.' This fact of life should be ample evidence that being 'job-ready' has nothing to do with being poor.

Historically, mothers have not been paid for the vital work they do for society and society refuses to acknowledge that children are workers and that they need access to an income to do the vital work of growing healthy bodies and learning the skills they need to survive.

Many elderly people die in abject poverty after having worked hard all their lives, and, historically, disabled peoples have been rejected by employers because they can't make a profit selling disabled peoples' labour.

For our economic textbooks to have been accurate, they would need to be printed in blood. The blood of indigenous peoples destroyed so their land could be taken, bought, and sold. The blood of salmon, beaver, and buffalo commodified and killed for the money they have come to represent.



The blood of all of us whose lives are diminished in the act of commodifying others. The blood of slaves and wage slaves who spend their lives toiling so their owners may have the leisure that is the birthright of every living being.

The blood of the land itself, poisoned by "externalities," those cumbersome details too dark or difficult or inconvenient to take their place in the economic equations that guide so much of our lives.

The blood of everyone who is silenced by economic theory. In the same vein as our science and religion, the most obvious function of our economics is the erection of a sociopolitical framework on which to base a system of exploitation.

(This article was shared with the world through povnet.org. The author's name was lost during re-formatting, but thanks whoever you are.)

Anyone who believes exponential growth can go on forever in a finite world is either a madman or an economist. -- Kenneth Boulding



## 2002 in Review

When I look back on last year, I can see us as a community really "making a name for ourself". Willy Pickton was charged with the murder of 2 of our women on Feb.1, 2002. It was a wake-up call to the rest of the world. People outside the area stopped calling them "hookers" and started calling (and seeing) them as "women" and human beings. All along we've called them mothers, sisters, girlfriends, nieces, aunties, cousins, daughters and lovers. A creative theatrical testimonial to the neighbourhood, called "I Love the DTES" had its debut on Valentines Day at St. James Church, and continued to challenge Vancouverites' perceptions of addiction, loneliness, success and love in its following performances around town. And the occupation and subsequent squat of the boarded-up Woodward's building and the streets surrounding it made headlines and TV coverage daily. To paraphrase one of the original organizers 'the most marginalized, forgotten and scorned members of society stood up for all of

us against the B.C Liberal government." Mainstream media depicted the squatters as homeless (read: "human being") rather than degenerates, dope fiends and a danger to the rest of society for a change!

Nettie Wild's documentary "Fix" exposed the War on Drug Addicts on our streets, starring our very own locals, in a passionate plea for safe injection sites. I believe "Fix" was a major player in the COPE victory, which though it was city-wide, felt like it was *ours!* Two of our bravest warriors, Margaret Prevost and Liz from the Portland, accepted Queen's Jubilee medals for all the fighting they've done for the most marginalized, forgotten and scorned members of society.. We made the news! Well we do anyways, always, but it felt so good to get the recognition. I felt pride as I stood in front of Woodward's, grinning in solidarity as we waved to honking traffic. It feels like I have participated in some way in every one of these baffles, I *know* many of us have.

By DIANE WOOD

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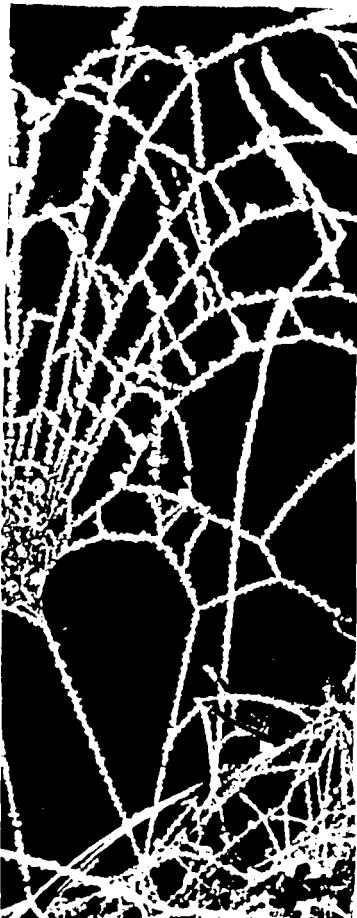
**Come to the Dera office at 425 Carrall Street or  
phone us at 682 - 0931**

**DERA has been serving the Downtown Eastside  
for 29 years!!!!**

## DERA buttoning down

The present and future of the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association is being assaulted by the many funding cuts of Campbell's government. It's not alone, by any stretch, and similar hard decisions are being made at virtually every non-profit in BC.

At the January General Membership meeting, Ian MacRae outlined current changes. A Community Services grant has been discontinued, one that funded Dera's training program for Building Service Workers. It also causes the end of the office training that kept a receptionist in place. The outreach work and tenant organising done has been stopped by funding cuts and one of the management positions has also been phased out due to lack of money to pay that person.



In the Housing part, Kim Kerr (Housing Portfolio Manager) began with a report on the closure of Marie Gomez, a 69-suite building on Alexander. It had been sold to Dera over a decade ago for \$1 and, on the upside, provided a great place to train people in all manner of maintenance problems; on the downside it was a bad deal even for a buck.. About the only positive thing was that it provided housing for hundreds of people, but the building itself was breaking down around their ears. There were heroic measures taken over the last few years to keep things functional, but no funding agency or government department would commit to trying to correct all the faults. Kim stated that all but 2 of the tenants were found replacement housing in the neighbourhood.

DERA is also on the move – going to the space just vacated by the Neighbourhood Safety Office at 12 E Hastings. This will have prt of the operation and the other part (what exactly is as yet unclear) will move into the Call /n Post at 16 W.Hastings.

The Advocacy Services will be continuing but with the co-operative spirit. The cuts and burning of Liberal seams is leaving thousands of people in dire need, and many more need assistance in fighting back. As Lisa said, "No one should give up. Part of the government's plan is to discourage people from standing up for their rights. There are advocates and ways of responding." The Law Foundation renewed the funding of advocacy, but as always it's short of the actual costs. In the past Terry Hanley, Dera's Executive Officer, had to raise \$300,000 a year just to keep the doors open. This's the ongoing challenge with Dera and End Legislated Poverty and the many Women's Centres and daycares and a host of other necessary services and agencies and organizations throughout the Lower Mainland and BC - how to keep the spirit and material operation strong in the face of this hellish government.

As Chris Laird said, Campbell asks for sympathy and Compassion from us but has no sympathy or compassion for us. What a dismal excuse he is.

By PAUL R. TAYLOR

(PS: Diane thinks Gordon Campbell should check into Harbour Light Detox, for the warm welcome if nothing else!)



## A Woman's Version of the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the kitchen;  
I was cooking and baking and moanin and bitchin.  
I've been here for hours, I can't stop to rest.  
This room's a disaster, just look at this mess!  
Tomorrow I've got thirty people to feed.  
They expect all the trimmings. Who cares what I need!  
My feet are both blistered; I've got cramps in my legs.  
The cat just knocked over a bowl full of eggs.  
There's a knock at the door and the telephone's ringing;  
frosting drips on the counter as the microwave's dinging.  
Two pies in the oven, dessert's almost done;  
my cookbook is soiled with butter and crumbs.  
I've had all I can stand, I can't take anymore;  
Then in walks my husband, spilling rum on the floor.  
He weaves and he wobbles, his balance unsteady;  
then grins as he chuckles "The eggnog is ready!"  
He looks all around and says with total regret,  
"What's taking so long....aren't you through in here yet?"  
As quick as a flash I reach for a knife;  
He loses an earlobe; I wanted his life!  
He flees from the room in terror and pain and screams,  
"MY GOD WOMAN, YOU'RE GOING INSANE!!"  
Now what was I doing, and what is that smell?  
Oh darn it's the pies! They're burned all to hell!  
I hate to admit when I make a mistake,  
but I put them on BROIL, instead of on BAKE.  
What else can go wrong? Is there still more ahead?  
If this is good living, I'd rather be dead.  
Don't get me wrong, I love holidays;  
It just leaves me exhausted, all shaky and dazed.  
But I promise you one thing, if I live 'til next year,  
You won't find me pulling my hair out in here.  
I'll hire a maid, a cook, and a waiter;  
and if that doesn't work, I'LL HAVE IT ALL CATERED!

Author Unknown



To the ignorant and fear-filled police department:

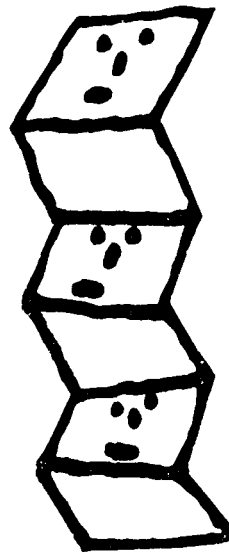
If you have any interest in stopping the drug trade,  
why don't you just go down the street, why don't  
you arrest the heroin dealers? There are dealers but  
Shhhh! it must be a secret – arrest the dealers and stop  
beating up on the poor and Natives.

- the crown prince of cool

Although apparently born here on earth  
I am just visiting this planet.  
Although I seem to exist in the  
Downtown Eastside  
I am only passing through a kind of  
Bardo or Dark Knight of Soul  
in order to crucify experience  
and be beyond all manner of illusions,  
conversion and subterfuge,  
set up by the programmers  
of separateness.  
May all Beings be free of their sufferings  
and Happy Be Cause of It.

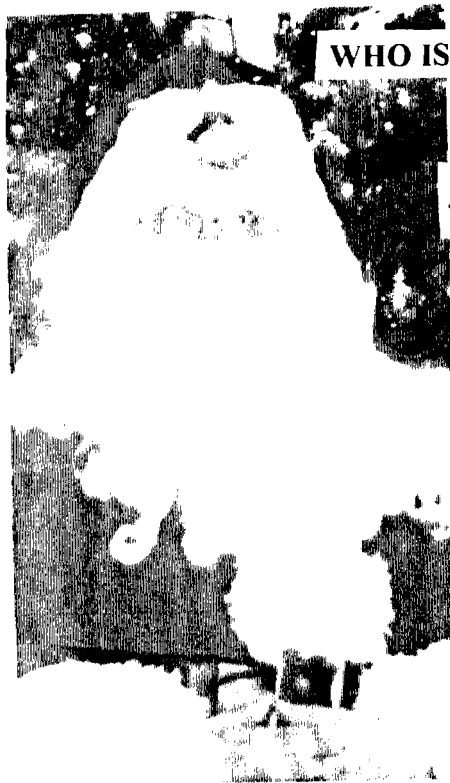
(Happy New Year)

Sunn Gyan



a tantalizing promise  
experience the thrill  
effective in the extreme  
sensible  
reasonably powerful  
something to master  
in contrast  
on the battlefield  
the best  
a crusader  
a disaster  
swift  
comprehensive  
recovered  
repaired  
a fearsome toll  
the changing balance  
penetrating  
barely human  
only holding on

charles fortin



WHO IS DTES SANTA ?????



← NOT HER...

We all know that the jolly red suited Santa Claus image we see today ad nauseam is a brilliant marketing cash cow, created by Coca Cola and developed to boost Christmas sales; the commercial Christmas message. This Santa Claus encourages consumption and flies through the air from the North Pole. But *Santa Claus belongs to childhood*

On the other hand, St Nicholas, a patron saint who encouraged compassion and charity, walked on earth caring for the needy. St. Nicholas was a profound gift-giver who focused on giving rather than receiving and loved children. He embodied cheer, happiness, fun and gifts. *St. Nicholas models for all of life.*

Observing and working with our very own DTES Santa for the past four years ( a Santa who wishes to remain anonymous, and most certainly would be appalled by any comparison to a saint of any kind) it has been near impossible to not detect a similar motivation (of course puffing aside the odd hissy fit and not too many curses). I believe our Santa's many kindnesses come from a root of compassion and charity. *He* certainly walks on earth, loves children and embodies cheer, happiness, fun and an endless supply of gifts that seem to appear out of some secret bottomless stash.

Whoever you are Santa, I cannot let another year go by without thanking you for bringing so much joy and pleasure to many.

Santa Claus is not bad.

St. Nicholas is just better.

With Appreciation, Colleen

Gordon Campbell has been on every front page and news program since the weekend and being caught driving drunk. You can get opinions up the ying-yang and certainly don't need mine too.

"He wants the sympathy and compassion of the people of BC, but he's shown the people of BC neither sympathy nor compassion."

- Chris Laird

"I heard that Campbell's own company is rushing to market tote bags with his mugshot picture on them. If this is true, it means that he's figured a way to profit from the growing number of people who despise him. It's despicable."

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## BOOK REVIEW

It's strange, doing a book review, when somehow you feel you should be inside the book.

**Brother Bill and the Vets** is a story about a man named Bill Hennessy. I knew him myself, and I'm sure many of you did, too.

The book was written by a man who should have known him better than anyone: Peter Hennessy, who was his brother, but that is beside the point.

Until I read the book, I never knew exactly how much he had done for that many people, in spite of severe hardships against himself.

Bill worked as an advocate for poor people in the Downtown Eastside, and elsewhere, too. (By the way, Bill Hennessy Place, at 501 E. Hastings Street, was named after him.) One day I saw him, he said:

"Come over and see me in my office, Mr. Rich." He always called me Mr. Rich, and he was going to help me to obtain adequate housing.

To make a long story short, he got me into the place where I'm now located. Let me get back to the book.

At that time, Bill was working for the Royal Canadian Legion. Bill's injuries were actually brought about as a result of war service.

Peter Hennessy says on page 46: "Was it also God's will, then, that his company of soldiers was struck by a bomb while on church parade in Nijmegen? Go figure."

All I know is, if Bill Hennessy hadn't been blown up by a bomb in Holland, I would have still been living in that fleabag room, and I probably would have gone crazy.

You go figure.

Is this what they mean by the interconnectedness of all things? I don't know. I do know I literally owe Bill Hennessy for the roof over my head.

A lot of people owe Bill for a lot of things. Bill was no armchair traveller. He had to fight for some of the things he was getting for people. Bill would go right to Parliament, (letters, telegrams, etc.) to get things done.

Peter says: (pg. 187) "The politicians and bureaucrats felt the sting of his reproaches for forty years. ..." "Enough of them took him seriously that there is an impressive record of legislative and regulatory change to his credit."

All this goes to show that if you let your voice be heard, we can get things done. What I hate, is when people say: Does all this demonstrating and lobbying really do any good?"

Apparently it does.

Peter states: (pg. 129) "Not only have the improved benefits made a significant difference in the living standard of these aging veterans, their widows and non-veteran disabled people, but they have greatly appeased the sense of grievance that many of them felt against what they perceived as an insensitive bureaucracy and an ungrateful country."

Bill Hennessy did many things for many people. He sure as hell helped me. I wasn't a member of The Legion at that time.

By Robert R. Rich

## TWELVE STEP SHUFFLE ?

The most common addiction treatment method is the twelve step program. Millions of individuals around the world have enjoyed relief from problematic substance use employing twelve step techniques, and widespread participation in groups have led it to be called the largest growing spiritual movement in North America. Despite it's overwhelming popularity, however, having little but twelve step principles to turn to has possibly harmed many more assistance seeking addicts than it has helped.

That the Minnesota Method twelve step philosophy is the only option for everyone addicted to drugs is fundamental to its doctrine, and responsibility for its failure is placed solely on the relapser. There is a lot of feeling now that much blame instead should be on one-size-fits-all rhetoric and the glaring under-representation of other approaches to drug addiction.

Although revolutionary in its day, our understanding and experiences have grown and changed beyond the fundamentals charmingly laid out in the big book of 1939, with it's somewhat supernatural Christian-rooted faith-based ideology. We are realizing factors to addiction beyond the disease model that include (but aren't limited to) socio-political, economic and nutritional considerations. Options should be available for twelve step 'failures' and others for whom it is inappropriate.

Young people, for example, are very adversely affected by the lifelong stigma of labeling oneself once and always an addict. Many women experience associated trauma that demands relevant attention. Persons experiencing significant benefit from drugs might appropriately lower their use to non-problematic levels. In short, many people's treatment needs are neglected with what is typically offered.

Basic elements of physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social health should be at the foundation of lifestyle change, and provisions should discriminate along a broad spectrum of addiction involvement. Addicts who're deeply submerged in the subculture of the street in the Downtown Eastside need a thoroughly comprehensive system in place that not only inspires the high level of motivation vital to the tasks of life conversion, but provides opportunity for a stake in society that enables the

realization of a healthy, happy, new identity. Getting clean and sober to stand in the breadlines is an absurd scenario that is sadly the current reality.

If the three levels of government are conscientious in their commitment to ameliorate the crisis in the D.E. with a pragmatic and civil plan, they will have to make gestures as Herculean and challenging to the human spirit as those being demanded of the addicts themselves.

By SHAWN MILLAR

### **Local Government Bars Corporate Involvement in Governing! Pennsylvania Township's Rejection of Corporate "Rights" a First in U.S.**

A few days ago, I forwarded to you the exciting news about Porter Township, PA's extraordinary step forward in barring corporate involvement in governing - a corporate "right" that corporations have been claiming for more than a century now.

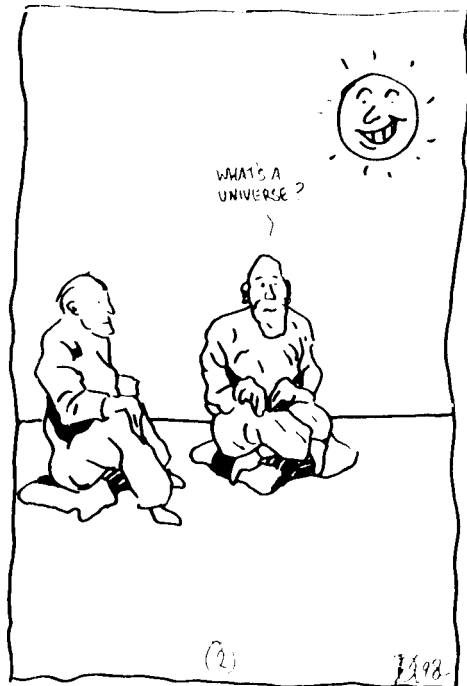
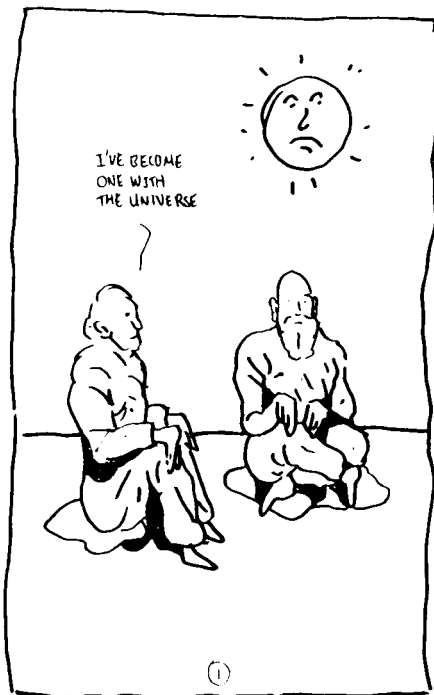
In the section below, you will find a link to more info about it, including the full text of the ordinance! This comes from Jeff Milchen who is a director of Reclaim Democracy! in Colorado. They have one of the most impressive websites in the country of groups focusing on challenging corporate authority and building democracy. They've even developed a special section about the controversial position taken by the ACLU in its endless defense of corporate free speech (a "right" of corporate personhood): <http://www.reclaimdemocracy.org/kasky/>. Check them out!

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THE STATE OF THE WORLD -



cartoons by Bruce Ray



From our South American correspondent

## *Saludos amigos y amigas,*

Well, here I am again in the wilds of Ecuador with a



group of stout-hearted tree-huggers from the Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA). In our own B.C.-like way, we're trying to save the tropical cloud forest from being cut down for firewood. There are more plants and birds and other animals making their home in these woods than in any other place on earth - it's called biodiversity.

For the past month, we have been planting papaya and guava trees to attract birds, and organic shade-grown coffee (very ecologically-correct) to replace bad old sugar farms. We have also been working with a biologist who studies frogs. This involves walking around in the jungle in the pitch dark listening for little croaking noises, and dipping through pools of water counting the mosquito larvae and tadpoles.

On Christmas morning, we visited the local village. The kids were all dressed up for the occasion with homemade wings for the angels, drawn-on mustaches and beards for the wise men, confirmation dress and dark blue suit and bow-tie for Mary and Joseph. The kids marched from the church to the village square, but somehow one of the bulls got loose in the middle and the kids scattered in all directions. The teacher had her hands full gathering them up again and getting them all back in line so the nativity scene could proceed as planned.

By the time you read this, Mugs will be back in Carnegie with lots of photos. She'll be glad to show them to anyone who asks.

And speaking of photos, it's time to start getting ready for the first annual Carnegie Happy Days Exhibition, starting March 15 on the third floor. So dig out your best teen picture of yourself and pass it on to Yvette in the library for inclusion in the show. Or give it to me when I get back, around mid-February.

Until then, *hasta luego*.

Roberto Sarti

## To #130 – The Vexatious Neighbour

My hotel neighbour is a thorn  
His reputation since he was born  
He drinks and fights with ghosts and states  
He has forgotten the responsibility it takes.

To detoxify and choose a road  
That will not compromise my abode  
My home's my castle; don't wake me up at night  
With drunken stupors, craving a fight.

You broke my door, inflicted fear  
I've got your file, your name a smear  
I'm getting ready Neighbour Fear,  
Without cause or reason, just excessive beer

I'll handle you with reasonable cause  
If you don't care or even pause  
To think about the seriousness  
Of my reaction to make you less.

To evict you or put you in jail  
You know that freedom is placed on bail  
If danger or loss of life becomes imminent  
"Your Honour, I swear, it was not my intent."

You have a chance to make amends  
The hope is there to still make friends  
To change your ways and rectify  
Before something happens to justify.

Neverending hate... or brotherhood...  
May your decision be for the good  
for both of us that's all I can say.  
What will unfold, I'm ready either way.

George K.

## **Live Band**

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- The Palestinian situation
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-For OIL, Canada allied with the US and played a role in the killing of more than 100,000 Iraqis in the Gulf War and the death of more than 1,200,000 men, women and children during 12 years of crippling economic sanctions;

-For OIL, Bush's war will kill up to 260,000 people, according to the report "Collateral Damage"

-For Peace and Justice we demand the implementation of UN Resolutions calling for an end to Israeli occupation of the occupied territories;

-For Peace and Justice, Canadians want social spending, not war making.