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northern christmas

It was the fall of 1929 shortly after my sixth birthday. I and my sister were told by our parents that we were going to a boarding school at Fort Williams, Ontario. I did not want to go and went only after our parents had promised that they would come for us around Christmas time--we would be home for the festive season.

Mary and I waited for long weeks, and wishing we were home already. When my Dad and mom brought me a beautiful pair of beaded moccasins. My mom must have spent long hours in their making they were so beautifully made. I have not yet seen a pair to match their beauty.

Just prior to leaving, Mary and I were given a lot of goodies; at the airbase we were bundled up warmly for the cold flight home. They had to have that large plane to accommodate all the groceries dad had bought in way of provisions. My dad had a trampoline about seventy(70) airmiles north of Port Arthur, Ontario.

When we reached our destination, we were greeted by our brothers and sisters. I was especially glad to see my brother George. We helped by unloading the plane, but mostly by just staying out of the way. After supper, we sat around and chatted about school. I was eager to sell George the idea that he should go to school also. But George did not want any part of it.

Meanwhile we were filling ourselves to bursting capacity with soda pop and sweet biscuits. Then, I needed to go to the toilet but I was so fearful of the foreboding darkness outside that I timidly asked my dad if I could use the slop pail to pee in. I got a lecture that it was unsanitary and that I should go and use the outside toilet. I had a tear-jerking tantrum. But that did not work. I left the door ajar so I could reach back in if I needed to. I walked out with one of my brothers moccasins accidentally tied to my feet. I felt so alone when I got outside, the only light was a faint glow from the curtained window and the moon. An owl hooted. My being scared caused my senses to be honed to a sharp edge...

I heard dad's booming voice, saying go directly to the toilet. Just then, I heard a slight rustling sound behind me. I glanced back and I could not see anything. So I made my way again towards the toilet, and I heard the sound again. This time it sounded awfully close by! I spotted a dark object behind me, as I edged away from it, it would move too. So I gave a great jump ahead and as I did so this object came slapping against my leg. Well that was too much -- so I started hollering and screaming, something was after me. I was doing my best to kick it away, which is near impossible when the object is tied to your foot.

Dad had an axe, and he must have severed the lace. And he proceeded to pound the object into the snow. And when he was through, he said don't cry, I've killed it, whatever it was...

Brother George was sent into the house for a flashlight. When the light was shone, he exclaimed, "hell, its nothing but a darn moccasin". And everybody burst out laughing--with the exception of me. I had been truly frightened.

Even years afterward when dad was sitting by the fire-side, he would suddenly burst out laughing. And I would ask, what was so funny dad. And he would reply that he was just thinking about the moccasin that scared the "piss out of me", and he would laugh some more.

JOE BOUCHER



Gordon Gladstone '83 Cheekadee's

Waglisla, B.C.

HUDSON PARK:

HUDSON PARK IS MELTING IN THE RAIN

In a community with statistically the lowest amount of green parkspace per person, the Downtown Eastside is losing parkspace.

Recently, Hudson Park, a small triangle of pine trees, shrubs and wooden roundhouse have been demolished. The wooden roundhouse was built by volunteers on the first YIP Grant in Vancouver. The McLeans people, Spota and Strathcona went to City Hall to get the park leveled. The reason given was that there were people drinking alcohol in the park. Its true that people did drink in the park but rarely in numbers exceeding three and rarely in a manner other than quiet and subdued.

The McLeans Park people had to pay for the upkeep of the small park, and that seems more likely the real reason the park was abolished. Also the park is said to be part of a street widening of the Georgia Viaduct roadway. The park did not seem much used by prostitutes as the trade is with car traffic with men from outside the Downtown Eastside area picking up women on East Georgia street.

The park was not heavily used but was positively used by cats, children, birds and elderly Chinese people practicing Tai Chi. It cost thousands of dollars to tear down the park. Can we really afford to lose these little oases' of green space in the stressful urban core?

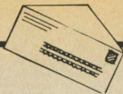
Or is the also a safety measure for ALRT and EXPO 86 users who are being encouraged to walk from the Thornton Park Station (a park that has been claimed for EXPO 86 users and ALRT users by Social Planner, Rob Jenkins)...to commercial Chinatown? The community is less for the loss of this park regardless of the reasons.

HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS

Workmen are still busy with the new Vancouver Vocational Institute building (the one with the mirrors on the front) at Dunsmuir and Hamilton. VVI is across from Queen Elizabeth theatre and the post office and a block west of Victory Square park.

Mens haircuts go for one dollar (\$1), you can get your hair styled for three dollars (\$3). A shampoo for your hair goes for fifty cents (50¢) and facials for fifty cents (50¢) also. And you can get a scalp treatment for fifty cents (50¢).

Womens hair styling ranged from five dollars (\$5) to seven dollars (\$7). Weekdays from 8:15 a.m. to noon. Haircuts are available on the first floor of VVI. Give a student a chance to trim your hair.



TO THE EDITOR:

LETTER TO EDITOR,

As a Native Indian resident in the Downtown Eastside I constantly see and hear how the Eastside is put down.

People often put down a place, or different kinds of people without really taking time to find out anything about the people or the area that they are writing about.

After reading the Sun newspaper article on Oppenheimer Park, I realized that is what the writer is guilty of. The writer uses the word "apathy" in the sense of a place where nobody cares anymore.

If he would come down for more than just an hour he would see that his thinking wasn't alright..

Sure there's a skid row with its crooks, druggies, and bars, but, the whole Eastside is not what most people perceive it to be. About the "apathy" and Oppenheimer Park... If people only knew how much caring for people that goes on down here they would have a completely different attitude towards the Eastside.

Oppenheimer Park is the most used park in Vancouver, during the months of April to the end of September. There is so much activity happening down here that sometimes there just isn't enough space. There is everything from a twelve team softball league and a endless number of pickup games. This park services over 2,000 people per week while the park staff is working. The word "services" means helping someone out in some way or just loaning out park equipment...or helping out some oldtimers with their horseshoe tournaments.

And when the park staff is not there, it is opened by volunteers during October (eg. Mike H. and Jean B.). Then the people have access to the equipment.

I would say there is more caring about people down here than any other part of Vancouver, so the word "apathy" may fit the story and what the writer thinks the area is like, but that word DOES NOT DESCRIBE THIS AREA.

FRED ARRANCE

SHORT NEWS SHORT NEWS SHORT NEWS SHORT NEWS SHORT NEWS

Early rumors. Early rumors say that the 10,000 elderly people, many with handicaps from working days, are not going to get a Waterfront Park.

It is difficult to understand the lack of human sensitivity to 10,000 low-income, fragile people who live around the Main and Hastings area; these people live in tiny steamy cockroach rooms...usually with no windows, no cooking facilities whatever.

Their community has the lowest percentage of parks in Vancouver. And Ray Gainer, Project Manager has the guts to say that he can see no use for open green spaces. That's another name for parks. Gainer plans for cement ramps, roadways, and a tourist walkway to the waterfront with probably a tourist lookout. The Port of Vancouver Board is made up of the following people: Mr. Marion L. Robson, Mr. C. Cosulich, Mr. Alan F. Campney, Mr. N. Cunningham, Mr. D. P. Garcia, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. P. S. Plant. Surely these people who never met with CRAB or the community still can see the desperate need for stress reducing green space in the urban core. Or, the two years of planning was simply another Government megaproject crown corporation farce with no democratic input in reality.

We await the Master Plan to see if the above rumors or no Central Waterfront Park where Vancouverites could view the actual working of their harbor, is true or not. Again, the park is not blank, green space as Gainer suggests. A long fishing pier, a wooden bandshell for music, benches and tables, pathways, a monument to Seamen and to the Japanese community would be on the site, plus the existing Columbia street wharf would be preserved for fishing and a viewing. A childrens play has long been included in CRAB plans for the site, plus a possible bird marsh like Jericho Beach. A attendants home would also have to be built to upkeep the park. A shallow wading area was in our plans. Hardly just a simple natural park, although that too. No, it would be an active as well as passive space, used by workers for noonhour lunches from the garment industry and port workers. Watch your newspapers for this news..

...If the rumors are true, and there is no real park for us, check Carnegie Centre for posters and at the info desk for how you can respond. Community groups will likely join with CRAB, to ensure that the community is not ripped-off of this stability producing park, in a community threatened by cement megaprojects.

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LETTER TO EDITOR:

By way of introduction, I am writing to you at this time on behalf of approximately 43 Native Brothers presently incarcerated at Mountain Institution, a Canadian Federal Penitentiary, located near the community of Agassiz, B.C. in the Upper Fraser Valley.

We are vitally concerned and most interested in obtaining any or all information as to the function(s) of your organization, with the view we can make use of portions of your programs to assist us in our endeavors to up-grade ourselves towards the day when we will return to our communities to live normal lives once more.

We are very interested in most aspects of community life, including: Native Brotherhood activity, Christian groups, Alcoholic Anonymous sessions and any educational programs, particularly where it involves Heritage of our Native Nations.

It can be said, we are very proud of the many accomplishments we have been involved with these past few months, especially the construction of a 53 foot Totem Pole which received wide press acclaim during the recent "World Council of Churches" convention held in the Vancouver area this past summer. This hand carved pole is now on its way to Geneva, Switzerland where it will stand at the Headquarters of the WCC.

As a group, we feel confident we can absorb and learn to everyone's advantage, all the information you would wish to impart to us. We then could apply ourselves diligently to this learning ability of being NEW SELVES, both in heart and soul.

Towards the above aims we have outlined, may we suggest if possible to have one or more of your spokespersons attend our various levels of meetings such as: Native Brotherhood 'AA' meetings, and speak to us directly on your ideas and programs which we could incorporate into our activities here.

In conclusion, we would be pleased to forward to you all pertinent information as to time and days of our various meetings and activities. We will send to you the admission forms and other data required to entering this Penitentiary to give talks or to show demonstrations of art or cultural works.

On behalf of ALL Brothers at Mountain Institution

I am theirs and your servant.

ROBERT DESJARLAIS
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LETTER TO EDITOR:

In reference to the issues of the poor people in the Downtown Eastside, and the Rentalsman and his office, and the Human Rights Commission, the Rentals Grant, etcetera, it was my understanding that we, the people of the SOLIDARITY COALITION, as of August 10th, 1983, we were to stand together.

We were not to be sold out by one part of the COALITION. I'm referring to Mr. Munro, for it is my opinion, contrary to the common-aims of the different parts of SOLIDARITY, we were sold down the river.

And it was more than just without a paddle, for he took the very boat from underneath us. Thanks very much, Mr. Munro!

Do you think we are going to sink? No! We will continue swimming and fighting despite your sellout, because there are many people like myself down here who will never give up.

BOB ELLIS

LETTER TO EDITOR:

The NDP must be made aware that their presence in civic elections can only act to lose many potential pro-citizen votes, when in fact, people who have no choice will move over to TEAM.

COPE has managed over the years to form an alliance of progressive elements in the city: citizen groups, tenant groups, and labor unions.

In my opinion, a slate of citizen, tenant, and labor candidates will be more beneficial to the city than running candidates under the banner of the NDP. Surely, the lesson on Operation Solidarity and the Solidarity Coalition has been significant.

For the NDP, running candidates has meant making abortive attempts at taking over TEAM because the leftwing of the NDP had control of the Vancouver Area Council.

The NDP has forced many young people to leave it, over the question of civic politics...these young people have moved to either TEAM or COPE.

A politician who is not tied very tightly to local citizen groups for campaign funds and campaign organization, or whose social life does not revolve around friends in the groups, is a likely candidate for the property industry should it need his vote.

RON SOSTAD

GROUND ZERO---THE COREPLAN---

The Vancouver Coreplan talks about what might happen to the Downtown Peninsula of Vancouver over the next few decades. The Downtown Eastside is part of that area.

As a piece on the Coreplan says, "Vancouver faces a real crunch in the coming years. Put simply, office space and employment can't continue growing in the core much longer without forcing some major citywide changes... basically, there are three possible choices to deal with this problem: (1) Limit the core's future growth, (2) Accommodate continued growth by building major new transportation facilities for suburban commuters, (3) Accommodate continued growth by allowing more housing for people to live within the city..."

At a Carnegie Centre meeting, city planner, Cary Huthula said that "more housing is needed in the Downtown Eastside community". The planner warned that in five to ten years "gentrification" of the Downtown Eastside by professional groups (i.e. lawyers, doctors, business people etc) - people with money could well happen. People with money "attract Real Estate interests" according to Mr. Huthula, making "rents much higher".

The city planner foresees 5,000 units of housing around the Oppenheimer area, where 3,000 units exist now. In the area now DERA is building 55 units on Alexander st. and First United Church is building 70 units on Hastings. A member of the audience at the Carnegie meeting noted that the new units at Carrall and Hastings, across from Pigeon Park, are too expensive and are still nearly empty. It was noted that a building at Gore and Pender was vacant. A problem noted by the city planner in the Oppenheimer area is commuter parking... people from outside the area parking their cars on Powell and busing Downtown.

Vancouver must protect its existing neighborhoods. The Downtown Eastside is almost completely surrounded by megaprojects (i.e. very large projects). ALRT, Expo 86, B.C. Place Stadium, B.C. Place, and Port of Vancouver Master Plan, Canada Place (Pier B.C.) are the Government projects. The B.C. Place Stadium gives the Downtown Eastside an hour of honking cars and shouting crowds after full Stadium events. The Stadium has by observation and newspaper reports, alcohol problems... People are getting drunk in the Stadium.

BOOK REVIEW

BOOK: RANKINS LAW, 'RECOLLECTIONS OF A RADICAL'
BY HARRY RANKIN, NOVEMBER HOUSE, 1975.

Harry Rankin was elected to Vancouver City Council in 1966. In 1968, the Harry Rankin Election Committee and the Vancouver and District Labour Council formed the Committee of Progressive Electors (COPE).

This is a book about Rankin - in the army, in politics, as a lawyer, as a trade unionist. This is his biography, a book about a man who has fought injustices - especially for those, for lack of money or white skin or unaccepted ideology, have been denied their basic rights.

He makes some very dramatic points in the book. Two of which include: the fact that he and Bruce York worked together for a Grievance Board for tenants at City Hall... "We got hold of a copy of the Rent Control Act and used it as a model to force council to set up a Board for tenants abused by unscrupulous landlords".

Rankin has been called various names by people because of the way he does things and because of his sometime abrasive personality. The following is an interesting quote from his book:

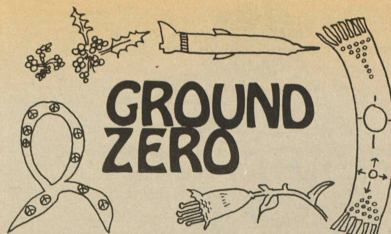
"The apparent compromises have allowed young radicals to attack me quite regularly for entering the political structure as it now stands. This argument is that the 3 or 4 party parliamentary system is wrong, that socialism is the correct answer and that a socialist should stay outside the system to fight it..."

"Of course, massive changes in the system are needed, but in Canada, voting is still representative of peoples wishes, and government at certain levels is still very representative of peoples wishes and demands for change. A lot of young ultra-leftists talk about the seizure of power. What force do they represent. They would be imposing a system on people not prepared, not educated for it."

Rankin states that people engaged in reforms come to realize the need for massive changes in the system, (need) to accelerate the changes in the community and society.

This book is worth reading to learn more about a leader of Vancouver's Reform movement.

RON SOSTAD



COLE BAY PEACE CAMP-ANTI CRUISE MISSILE PROTEST, IN SASKATCHEWAN:

On the border of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Canadian Government has set aside a huge tract of land in order to test the Cruise Missile. The missile will be tested this coming January.

This land, taken from the CREE PEOPLE, is going to be treated with defoliants. This effectively strips the vegetation of its foliage. As in Vietnam, chemicals can produce cancer and birth defects.

About ten (10) miles from the proposed testing area, in the tiny village of Cole Bay, an all-women permanent peace camp is in existence. Unlike the large, well-publicized camps that are established in Greenham Common, England or, Seneca Falls, New York state, the Cole Bay camp is tiny and almost unknown outside the area. This article is to inform Carnegie Centre members and area residents that an anti Cruise Missile peace camp does exist in Canada (and to describe my two visits to it).

In August I left with a group of Vancouver women who had chartered a bus and organized a six day trip there. It was entirely a coincidence that I saw a pamphlet and decided to join the trip. But I wanted to meet other women who were for peace. I believe that isolation is a curse, as it makes a person believe they are weak and alone. I also feel anger when I see so many unemployed, and millions of dollars poured into perfecting mass death.

The campsite was in a birch forest. Soon we were participating in workshops, bathing in a small river, and visiting the proposed bombing site. At our camp, decorated boughs made an arch under which we passed. A pit had been dug to contain fire. Around, was laid a blue cloth.

Chanting, we circled the fire. As we stopped chanting one woman described what was going to happen, and showed us the stone which when held, allowed us to speak.

First we had thrown five peices of paper on which was written or drawn, our anger and fear of the military establishment. Next, we spoke of the things or people that empowered us. Finally, we were asked to donate something to the blue cloth, and the resulting collage' to be called the NEW WORLD QUILT.

One woman poured some flour so everyone would be fed, another a peace scarf and a Cree woman gave a beautiful beaded belt. Others gave pins, flowers, and berries.

Early next morning we loaded up in the bus and, leaving a few women behind to keep the camp going. It would be a two day return journey. At lunchtime we stopped at the Cold Lake military base for a viril. We weren't surprised to be met near the base by some of Canadas finest. A car had been following us for some time. In a way it was pleasant to be noticed.

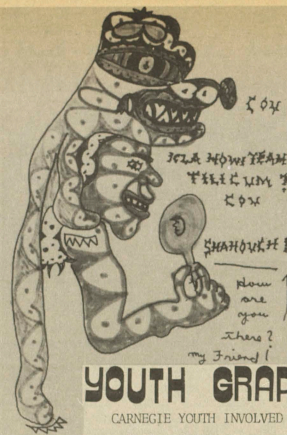
I returned to Vancouver later, but decided to go back to the Peace Camp. In late September, six of us drove there in a converted school bus. The Peace camp was now situated in a small house within the community of Cole Bay. It was the first time I had ever lived with Native people; I saw first-hand some of the problems they had to deal with. The bureaucratic insanity of the System that installs shiny aluminum sinks and modern bathroom plumbing in a village that has no running water. A contractor made a lot of money.

On October first and second there was another camp protest ritual at the original campsite. Here there was mainly Saskatchewan women. At the end of the ritual, one of the organizers shovelled soil on the fire and explained that she was burying the Cruise. She wanted weapons instead of people buried.

At present there are three women at the camp. Along with Cole Bay women they take turns visiting Northern Saskatchewan villages to share information on uranium mining and nuclear weapons. In Saskatchewan and here in Vancouver there are support groups for the Peace camp.

Canadian women are adding their voices and time and energy to the massive, international opposition to the Cruise and other MASS DEATH WEAPONS...

HELEN TURBETT



YOUTH GRAPEVINE

CARNEGIE YOUTH INVOLVED IN UNIQUE

SOCIAL PLANNING.....

The physical, emotional, and economic life of the whole person is high priority at Carnegie. This colossal mandate by Carnegie workers through the Downtown Eastside Youth Project, now in its second year, can be measured by the confidence and cohesion it has achieved. Youth from most local agencies, Ministry of Human Resources, other community resources, being referred to Carnegie for counselling and resolution of problems. Although functionally geared towards teens, elders and preteens are not turned away in crisis or need situations. Ninety(90%) of clients find their way to these services through the "grapevine" of Carnegie staff or members, or are just "walk-ins" off the street.

Coming to grips with estranged children (runaways), suicide attempts, prostitution, and being "locked up", besides landlord and tenant disputes, and just plain "bitching", are part of the daily routine of Carnegie workers who must bear the brunt of the increased stress of social assistance cutbacks...resulting in lack of support services for their clients.

Carnegie worker, John Turvey deplores the elimination of the Child Abuse Team. "A large percentage of prostitutes were sexually abused as children", said Turvey. "This and poverty drives them into prostitution (drugs are a side product) and this group accounts for a large number of homeless teenagers". Negotiating between child and parent or Ministry of Human Resources is part of the work and trying to place the child in a safe environment. This part of the work included 24 young persons in a seven month period ending July 31, 1985.

The staggering responsibility placed on the shoulders of Carnegie workers includes liaison with Native Indian and child welfare organizations plus Manpower, Drug and Alcohol agencies and the courts (sometimes a worker attends with a client). Legal Aid, hospitals, medical and dental clinics, Lookout, and Ministry of Human Resources are also contacted with.

Lately, Carnegie is experiencing a much welcomed increase in the female ratio. Last year, the sex ratio was about 50-50, but this year counselling and assistance for young women increased by 20%. Among the services required by women are those in connection with birthing and raising our next generation; school upgrading, nutrition, counselling.

Activities are running in a joint effort by workers and volunteers. Community volunteers offer their skills for dance and, some of the older youth act in a role of helpers and security staff. Last summer a West Coast Trail trip for eight days went down Vancouver Island led by Fred Arrance, for the Carnegie Cougars ball team. There was also a seven day trip to Hornby Island with youthworker Rayleen Solvansen and five Native youths. Two trips were made with Dave Martin on his sailing boat.

Music In The Park on July 24th at Oppenheimer Park drew about 3,000 local people. There were over 100 volunteers and 11 groups of musicians.

Team sports organized by Carnegie workers included mens floor hockey for young adults, basketball, softball... a mens fastpitch team. A \$1,000 grant from H.A. Simon made the mens floor hockey happen at Strathcona Community Centre.

Exposure of Downtown Eastside youth to age diversity, ethnic cultures, and persons of various locals and experience provides a unique education...in public relations and self-development.

MARY LAKES



PAUL TYRE AND LONESTAR STAFF LEFT A SIGN ON THE DOOR WINDOW OF THE LONESTAR HOTEL, THEY SAID THEY WENT TO MEXICO FOR THE TWO WEEK CLOSURE, THE LONESTAR WAS FOUND GUILTY OF PRACTISING RACISM AGAINST NATIVE PEOPLE.

LONESTAR WINDOWS

The Lonestar Hotel at Carrall and Hastings has a new sign on their window these days. It says they have won some fast money on a Loto ticket because they were weeping up at City Hall that they could not afford to pay the two Native Youthworkers, Veronica Butler and Fred Arrance the money they were fined for the Lonestar practising racism. Nor could owner Paul Tyer afford, apparently, to keep his hotel closed for two weeks as part of his fine. He closed for two weeks, but a real estate listing showed his Lonestar Hotel to be worth nearly one million cool dollars. Plus, the closure would happen to take place during the Grey Cup week and certainly the Lonestar Hotel planned to make a bundle during that time and would now miss out.

The Lonestar Hotel or pub is now in fact a B.C. Place Stadium spinoff pub which doesn't really warmly welcome locals from the Downtown Eastside. Signs on the windows state such clever things as: "Doing It Right On The Wrong Side of Town, View Pro Sports Here, We Have The B.C. Spirit, Congratulations, B.C. Place Stadium Party". Cactus plants sprout in the window beside war bonnets. Its a place for after Stadium drinking by people already partly intoxicated.

The Lonestar got off easy. They could have had to pay a \$5,000 fine. As John Turvey, youthworker, said, "East Hastings is called 'Indian street', we need to see a visible kind of action to this community." A Race Relations Committee member (a City Hall committee) said that "we must pursue this case vigorously, I believe that if the Lonestar is seen to get away with this the residents will lack confidence in this matter of race relations". A Black Solidarity spokesperson said that they "give full support to the Native people with this case concerning the Lonestar...it is a vote to tolerate racism if the license is not revoked."

Alderman Harry Rankin said that the defence by the Lonestar was poor: "his evidence was so ridiculous, it was an unbelievable performance, there was general laughter, this man is a slow learner". Rankin stated that Indian people were "lost in terms of their rights" and "actions are going to be the only things that are going to be impressive".

Alderman Libby Davies, a product of the Downtown Eastside, said that "the Native community in the Downtown area has suffered enough. The Human Rights Code has been abolished, so the City is going to have to make some pretty tough decisions".

But George Pui, May Brown, Marguerite Ford, and Don Bellamy voted to have the Lonestar Hotel not close down for two weeks, but reduce the penalty to one day per week over twelve weeks. Their motion was only defeated by the narrowest margins. Mayor Mike Harcourt felt that the Lonestar Hotel had suffered enough and that this example was not creating a favorable climate for investors for the upcoming EXPO 86 Worlds Faire. It was a discouraging speech by the Mayor of this multi-cultured city, a speech that gave indication that business and money come first and dignity and human rights come second in out town.

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MONTHLY MEDITATION COLUMN WILL APPEAR NEXT ISSUE.



MONTHLY THOUGHT: "I've seen too much hate to want to hate myself."

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



INGRID KOLSTEREN teaches class at CARNEGIE CENTRE.

EXPORT A DRUNK

Export a drunk. "Expo 86 will show the world that British Columbia means business, and that business means British Columbia". These are the words of Premier Bill Bennett, October 20, 1983.

Guess what folks. The Provincial Government says that its willing to shell out some extra money for the Downtown Eastside! The Provincial Alcohol and Drug Program and/or Mike Harcourt's Special Task Force on Alcoholism has come up with a scheme that Tom Campbell (ex-Vancouver Mayor) might have dreamed up as part of one of his attempts to "clean up" Vancouver. Nor surprisingly, Bennett and his cronies are willing to foot the bill.

The proposed treatment system for chronic alcoholics would allow the authorities to force "habitual" drunks to undergo compulsory treatment in such exotic places as Vernon, Abbotsford, and Mission.

If this program were applied to members of the Provincial Legislature, the N.D.P. just might pull off a successfully vote of non-confidence. But seriously, if the Premier wants to show the corporate world that the business of B.C. is business, then he and his pals also have to try to show the world that Vancouver's labour force is docile, God-fearing, and sober.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Harcourt appear to be of one mind when it comes to working class society. Tony Mears, head of the Task Force on Alcoholism, told the Province newspaper: "For some chronics, the further we send them the better". One wonders if Mears plans to negotiate with the Provincial Government of Newfoundland.

But hey, fellas, why stop with alcoholics? All the corporate bar-flies who visit Expo 86 would likely be delighted to find that Vancouver boasts a labour force which contains no handicapped people, no homosexuals, and no chronically ill people at all. Why not ship all these nasty people as far away as possible?

...Then we'd have a city that even Walt Disney would have been proud of.

SAM SNOBLEMAN.

LEARNING

"ENLIGHTENMENT IS PERFECT UNDERSTANDING, AND WE CAN AND SHOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS NOW. A POSITIVE EFFORT IS NEEDED, AND THE WAY TO ENLIGHTENMENT IS TO UNDERSTAND TILL IT HURTS": Christmas Humphreys

EDUCATION AT CARNEGIE

OR

WHAT GOES ON IN THE CLASS ROOM----

A lot of exciting educational programs are happening at Carnegie Centre. We have a fulltime adult education class, part-time English language; G.E.D. (General Education Development, grade 12), and, most recently, the learning centre.

BEST

Have you wondered what it is we do in classroom everyday? Well, read this and find out about Carnegie Adult Education program..

Its called BEST (Basic Employment Skills Training) and the instructor is Ingrid Kolsteren. We meet everyday, Monday to Thursday, 9:30--4:30. The course is open to women and men of all ages. And it is geared to the Downtown Eastside. The course is eight (8) weeks long--and theres a new group starting every two months.

Adult education is different than school as you remember it. Here you learn at your own speed, and you begin at your pace. Here are some of the things you can learn in BEST--

- * HOW TO COMMUNICATE BETTER.
- * HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS AND STRESS.
- * HOW TO LOOK FOR WORK.
- * HOW TO DO A WORK INTERVIEW.

Best is for you if youve been thinking of going to school, but are not sure where to start. It is for you if you want to upgrade yourself; if you want to go to school or work but feel scared... then BEST is a good place to begin.

BEST graduates receive certificates from King Edward Campus. A good number of BEST students go on to further training in different trades. For grade 8, 10, 12 or to work.

If you think you'd like to join or find out more-- see INGRID on the third floor of Carnegie. Sponsorship is available. THE NEXT COURSE BEGINS: JANUARY 23.

*SOME PAST STUDENTS COMMENTS:-----

"Since I've taken the BEST course I feel a lot more confident. I can speak up and know what I am doing". and, "I met some good people and made friends. Also, I feel surer of myself", and, "BEST got me started and helped me figure out where to go".

INGRID KOLSTEREN

WHAT HAPPENS IN CLASSROOM ONE

..THERES MORE..

In the evenings from 4:30 to 10:00 classroom one stops being the home of BEST, and becomes the LEARNING CENTRE.

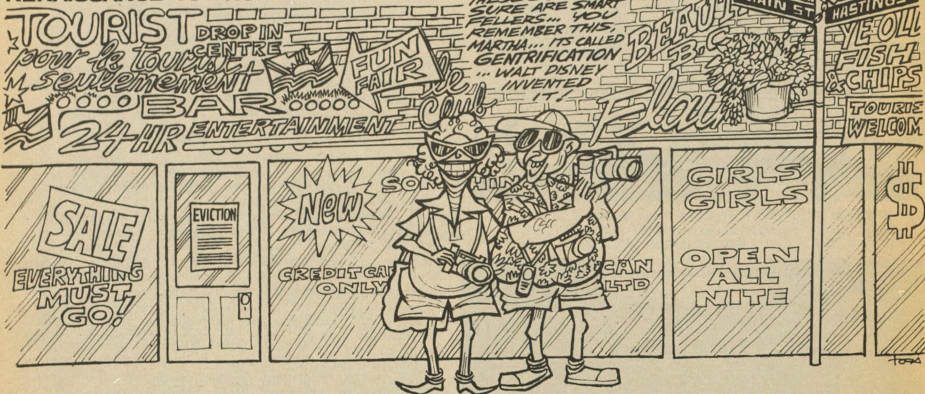
The LEARNING CENTRE is a quiet relaxed place where the atmosphere is open for all types of learning. It will be staffed by enthusiastic volunteers (largely from the Downtown Eastside area). They are ready and willing to try and help you with your basic Math, English, and BEST homework. Also, any questions concerning forms applications letter writing, and general information.. are more than welcome. We are here to serve...

In the future, we of the LEARNING CENTRE, have made some informal plans towards internal programming. Some ideas are parley francais, book and film reviews, open forums, and guest speakers. The next guest speaker should be interesting. His name is Richard Darville, and hes' going to talk about Nicaragua and education there.

THATS NEXT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th AT 7 P.M., 3rd. floor.

CAMPBELL DELONG.

RENAISSANCE TOWNSITE



TONY GORDON WILSON turns wood into interesting art forms; TONY WILSON is a local resident.

CARNEGIE CENTRE LIVE THEATRE PRESENTATION:

Carnegie Centre provides space for live theatre. "BROKEN CIRCLE MOVING COMPANY" is producing a play called: "CREW---AN ALLEY TALE, IN ONE ACT". BY, DANNY VIE. "CREW" is an experimental theatre/dance performance which borrows from traditional mythic narratives to tell a story of the "new world". IN THE THEATRE: DECEMBER 10, at 8p.m. ADMISSION IS FREE.

VANCOUVER NATIVE INDIANS: NOTICE

Looking for persons 16-26 interested in entering our Mr. and Miss Vancouver Indian Contest. Categories are: formal wear, natives dress, talent ability. Each contestant does a three(3) minute speech on Indian culture. Prizes and awards will be made. Drop-in, phone or write in your name, age, address and tribe to:

VANCOUVER INDIAN CENTRE,
1607 East Hastings. Phone: 251-4844.

Ask for: Pat Norris or Len George. Must have been a resident of Vancouver for at least one year.

-- KATHY NORRIS

NO RENAISSANCE

THE RENAISSANCE ARRIVES ?

There is a group of opportunist businessmen called, "Vancouver Townsite Renaissance Corporation" who according to an article in the Sun newspaper on September 29/83, want to "promote the area by encouraging landowners and developers to take commercial and residential activity there and to recycle and renovate its older buildings".

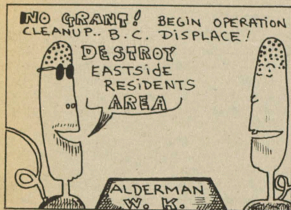
Everyone would of course like to see the buildings in the Downtown Eastside upgraded and cleaned up. But not at the expense of removal of any existing residents. First and foremost the people must not be evicted from their own homes, as poor as their homes may be. Ray Gainer of Port of Vancouver and Paul Manning of B.C. Place are two members in the Townsite Renaissance Corporation board. Neither have shown a sensitive understanding attitude towards the community here.

According to Jim Green, organizer for DERA, the Renaissance Townsite Corporation is a Government Crown Corporation, to "turn the Downtown Eastside into boutiques."

Premier Bill Bennett, however, thinks Renaissance Townsite is just wonderful, he says, "it gives me a great deal of pleasure to congratulate Vancouver Townsite Renaissance Corporation on the leadership they have shown in spearheading a programme to revitalize the historic northeast section of downtown Vancouver". A long name for one Mr. Bennett apparently doesn't know...the Downtown Eastside.

Considering the kind of "vitalizing" the City did with Gastown, the people of the Downtown Eastside must laugh at this process of so-called "revitalizing". Gastown has been in a bad slump ever since they received all their improvements; local residents were pushed out of their living quarters and now stands empty office warehouses.

Also, this group has plans for the Waterfront area from the seabus to Main street. Perhaps they have not heard of the two year local efforts by CRAB (Create a Real Available Beach committee) to get a simple, natural, walk-to, water-level park on this site? Another business venture is not what is needed at this time by a community almost completely surrounded by Government megaprojects. We hope to get further information on this had to find group for a future issue of the CARNEGIE CRESCENT.



FOR NPA ALDERMAN WARNETT KENNEDY
ON OLD DOGS AND OLD TRICKS

To prove there's nothing new beneath The Sun,
Behold:here's Pete McMartin on the run
To cry "Our old dog Wornout's missed the point!
Not Dera, but Jim Green, is out of joint!"
Wornout just grins and blinks his bleary eyes:
'Old Pete forgets its' DERA I despise
As much as Green. They all can rot!
I'll treat foul means as fair to smash that lot!
So,Pete, chew on the leader if you wish,
I'll not forget that DERA's my main dish;
This old dog knows that any bone will do,
As long as DERA's gone when we're both through!

Perhaps I'll red bait. 'Suits a mangy mind:
Green,red, it's all the same -I'm colorblind!'
And sure enough,he snarls "These DERA mugs
Are all a bunch of commies --Fireplugs!
To redbait just an old dogs trick,I'll own
I'd do the same if they should hire Saint Joan;
As long as DERA fights for peoples rights,
I'll bark and howl as if I still could bite!
(For voters ears I make such fearsome sounds:
I fear next year they'll send me to the pound!)"

And in the DERA office? All is calm;
To stop us they'll just have to drop The Bomb;
Poor Wornouts growls are such a dreadful bore,
We've heard them all a hundred times before.
So what if Green makes Wornouts fleas jump up?
What use would DERA have for some tame pup
To please old Wornout who (no ifs or buts)
Is proud to play the slumlord's faithful mutt?
Yet heres McMartin: runs into the street,
Claps hands to sound alarm and stamps his feet
And shouts "Beware! This hound is lean and mean!
He'll eat you up unless you fire Jim Green!"
And all the Downtown Eastside turns to stare:
Does some fierce beast approach us unaware?
But no! Just Wornout! Still a dog, in truth,
But sadly dull in claw and long in tooth.

GLEN HULLARD,
DERA PRESIDENT.

MOCK A MOWER

Please don't mock my mower,
For its' a very efficient machine.
Mendels pea plants don't stand a chance,
When my mower strikes its cutting stance.

My mowers name is "Eugene",
And hes' a very close friend of mine.
I've known "Eu" since he was new,
And my lawn has never yet overgrown.

Orange and maroon is how he's hued,
And a flashy set of magnesium wheels.
He looks so great,he really does rate,
That's' "Eu" the mower,my mate!

HAROLD JOHNSON

PAY THOSE DEBTS:

IN REGARDS TO THOSE WHO BORROW MONEY FROM SENIORS
AND OTHERS...PEOPLE SHOULD SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION
BY PAYING IT BACK AS SOON AS THEY CAN,AND
NOT MAKING USELESS PROMISES. PROMISES WON'T BUY
A DARN THING.

-----JOE BOUCHER.

SOME TIME DOWN

Some time down
In places
Where I've never been
I will search
And search again
For what I've lost
Or maybe never had
And look at life
And weep at all the
sorrow and despair
That I see in the faces
of the lost
Crying for a better way
Surely life is not fair
But yet why am I looking
here
Who do I see standing there
It is people that I see
And seeing,I see me
Coming back from everywhere.
GEORGE SHEFFIELD

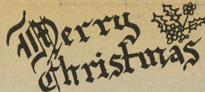
TOUCH ME GENTLY

Touch me gently--
I am in a rage.
Touch me gently,
I am fighting for my life.

Insanity is such a release,
I'd go mad again,
but I would be Gods' fool
to play with Satan.

Touch me gently.
I am almost
out of control.

A.L.TODD



PRETENSE

harness the dogs
we'll race across
the canvas of snow
even in the rain
dog bones will feast
on us eventually
but the cold
will always
devour them
and spit us out
without our parkas
GORDON WILLIAMS

VORTEX

It is difficult when
you are alone with
no friends left--no
place to go--only to
come across people you
recognize --familiar faces--
no conversation--save
"can you spare a dime".

So--I seldom venture
save for my bit of
shopping and what I
can afford--a bottle of wine?

My thoughts are swirling.
Bits of paper swirling
only to be ejected
down an endless stream
of memories and past
mistakes --someday they
might ascend into new heavens.

GERALD GORANSON
19/9/83.

neo environmentalist manifesto

We circle and circle
the earth
We circle and circle
until one day
we can leave
as a healer
As the sun in his journey
will deliver us
to another sun
Life delivers us
to another life
We have been here forever
We will populate the universe

LALO-----

NOTE: YOU ARE INVITED TO:
"THE NEO-ENVIRONMENTALIST EXHIBITION "of
PAINTINGS AT CARNEGIE CENTRE GALLERY
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO 15th.

***** CARNEGIE CRESCENT *****

If you worked in any way(writing,typing,
layout work) for the Carnegie newspaper
during the last three issues,you are
cordially invited to a coffee,cake,and
talking gathering on:

THURSDAY,JANUARY 12th,1984,
THIRD FLOOR,CLASSROOM #2.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR POEMS,DRAWINGS,AND
ARTICLES LAST YEAR. WE HOPE TO BRING
THE WRITERS & WORKERS TOGETHER MORE IN
THE COMING YEAR AND PERHAPS,BRING IN
QUEST WRITERS AND REPORTERS SO WE CAN
EXPAND OUR OWN PERSONAL, UNIQUE STYLES.

Carnegie Centre Hours:10-10,everyday.
CARNEGIE COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION
PHONE: 665 2220.

The Carnegie Centre is funded by
the City of Vancouver. The Carnegie
C.C.Association is and elected Board
of local people who work to make
this Centre YOUR CENTRE. You are
welcome and encouraged to attend
Association meetings--

BOARD MEETINGS: Every first

Thursday, 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Are posted on
board by information desk.

VOLUNTEER MEETING: Every 2nd,

Sunday of month, 7:30 p.m.

SENIORS MEETING: last Tuesday,4.

Membership in Carnegie is \$1
for local residents, and \$2,others.
Membership gives you free access to
most Carnegie events and programs.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Meet Dec.11,7p.m.
to plan a season of songs.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER AND DANCE:
Dec.24, 5:30.

Complements of Seniors & Volunteers.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FEATUE FILM:
Dec.25. 2p.m.

*NATIVE DAY: Dec.29,2-10p.m.
--A Day of Native food,music & issues

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY: Dec. 31 st.

Bring in the New Year with old friends
music,dancing, and lots of cheer.

CARNegie NEW YEARS DAY DINNER

Start the New Year well satisfied with
dinner,by Victor. Jan.1st.5:30pm.

COST: \$3.

SALUTE TO ELVIS PRESLEY:Jan.10, 7-10.

Can you imitate Elvis? Show your
talents at The Cabaret.

CARNegIES 4th.ANNIVERSARY:Jan.20. 2pm.

Join in the celebrations.

CARNEGIE EVENTS

CARNEGIE CENTRE 401 MAIN.
PHONE: 665 2220.
HOURS: 10-10 Every day.

ARTS AND CRAFTS AND HOBBIES:

CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP:
Help decorate Carnegie for the Xmas season. Expert help will be on hand.
Time: Dec. 4, 6:30-9:30.
Dec.10, 1:30-4:30.
Dec.17, 1:30-4:30.

ART GALLERY:

Enjoy original art. Shows change every two (2) weeks.
Daily, 3rd, 10-10.
DRAWING FROM LIFE:

INSTRUCTOR: RICHARD TETRAULT.
Wednesd. 7-10pm.
per class- Cost: \$2.50
Classroom 2.

FIGURE DRAWING CLASS:

Shared cost for live model.
Mondays, 7-10p.m.
COST: \$2.50/per class, Cl.#2.

POTTERY:

Experiment with clay.
INSTRUCTOR: VAL KALK. Sundays, 3-5p.m.
In the basement. COST: \$1 per class.
SENIORS POTTERY CLUB:
Everyone welcome.

INSTRUCTOR: DONA NARATA. Basement.
Saturdays, 11a.m.-1.

WOODWORKING:

INSTRUCTOR: PIERRE HENRIE and
MIKE HAYCOCK. basement.
Thursday 6:30-9:30; Saturday 1-4pm.

WOODWORKING FOR MEMBERS:
SUPERVISOR: ALAN RUSSELL.
COST: \$5/a year. Tuesday, 6:30-9:30.

FIILMS:

SHORTY FILMS: Friday, 2:30-4p.m.
NFB Films on a variety of good topics.
CANTONESE FILMS:
Old time Cantonese language films.
Friday, noon-2pm.

In the theatre. COST: Carn. membership
FEATURE FILM:

See your favorite flick!
In the theatre. Fridays, 7p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT FILMS:
Saturday evenings. 2nd floor.

SPECIAL SHOWINGS:
Watch for poster first floor.

WOMEN:

MOTHERS GET TOGETHER:

Join with other mom's for fun and learning. Free child care. 2nd floor.
Thursday 2-4 p.m.

YOGA FOR WOMEN:

Stretch, balance, and strengthen.
Free child care. Sundays, 1-3 p.m.
INSTRUCTOR: VALERIE KALK.

WEIGHT LIFTING:

Want to start a womens group?
See, Cindy Carson.

WENDO:

Learn self-defence. classroom #2.
Saturday, Dec. 10 & 17. 10- 2p.m.

MUSIC AND DRAMA:

ACTING-DIRECTING WORKSHOP:

Improvisation, warmups, monologues.
On the third floor. Sundays, 6-10.
THEATRE GUILD:

Play readings, "cold"-reading, rehearsals.
Anyone can join, but once given a part, must remain committed. Tuesday, 7-10pm.

MUSIC GUILD:

A dedicated group of musicians and music lovers. Tuesday & Thursday 2-4.
CABARET COFFEE HOUSE:
Experience a wealth of local talent.
Drop-in for open mike time. Theatre.
Tuesdays, 7-10p.m.

PIANO LESSONS:

INSTRUCTOR: GRETA YARDLEY. She invites new students to attend. Theatre.
COST: Carn. membership. Tuesd, 10-30-12.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

G.E.D.: Grade 12 equivalency certificate
This course prepares people to write tests in English, Math, Special Studies and Science. Monday, Wednesday 1:30-3:30
COST: \$20. Registration: Jan. 16. Clr. 3.

B.E.S.T.:
Adult Education, involves discussions, reading, writing & arithmetic; how to look for work, tours, speakers, films and lots more. Monday to Thursd, 9:30-4:30. See Ingrid or Alan on 3rd floor. for info. Sign up now for Jan. 23/84 session. E.S.L.:

English Language Training, for beginner thought to Advanced. Classes held every Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30. Next registration: January 9th. COST: \$10.
... Lots of spontaneous educational programs are in the works. So please check our main billboard for upcoming event.

EDUCATIONAL COUSSELLING:

See Alan Creighton-Kelly. In rec office on 3rd floor. Mondays to Thursdays.

LEARNING CENTRE:

Quiet study area, one to one tutors, help with job applications and letter writing, and other educational resources
Monday to Friday, 4:30-10pm. Cl. # 1.

HANDWRITING IMPROVEMENT:

Tips to improve handwriting.
INSTRUCTOR: GRETA YARDLEY. 3rd floor.
Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.

CALLIGRAPHY:

INSTRUCTOR: AL WILSON.
Mondays, 7-9. 3rd floor.

DANCE:

BALLROOM DANCING:

INSTRUCTOR: BOB JONES. He teaches traditional and contemporary dance steps. Mondays, 1-3. COST: Membership.
CARNEGIE SENIORS TROUBADOUR DANCE:
Live music. Lively dancing.
Refreshments. everyone welcome...
Mondays, 7-10 p.m.

SELF HELP AND SERVICES:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

Everyone welcome. Reorganized.
*Thursdays 7-8pm. Classroom #2.

NARCOPTICS ANONYMOUS:

Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, 12-1:30.

YOUTH WORKERS:

Counseling, referrals, and assistance for youth. Ask for John, Fred, Rayleen.
* DAILY: Noon to 10 p.m.

SEWING:

Get "mom" to mend those holes.
WORKER: KATHERINE KOSTA. Clothes must be clean. Minor alterations only please.
*DAILY: 11a.m. to six. 3rd. floor.

TYPING:

Typewriters can be signed out at the info desk on the first floor with a membership card & piece of I.D.
Check rec office for help getting things typed FOR you.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE:

WORKER: ERIC ERICKSON. An advocacy program for victims of crime. Leave message for Eric at Carnegie info desk.

NATIVE LEGAL ADVICE:

UBC law students can help you with many legal matters, problems. Tues. 7-9.

MOVE IT:

BOXING CLUB:

Boxing lessons with coach
GILLES RIOUX. Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 7-9. COST: \$5 month.

WEIGHTLIFTING ROOM:

Universal gym. Drop in. 10-10 Daily. GYM.

Members may borrow basketball, volleyball, ping pong balls. GYM is usually open for people to drop in.

FLOOR HOCKEY:

A league for 8-15 yr. olds. See, Fred

Arrance or John Turvey.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE:

Dozen team Downtown Eastside League. Coed league. At, Carnegie, Native Centre and First Church gym. Scheduled games.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM:

All aspiring basketball players between about 15-22 yrs. old come to practice. *We hope to go to Bella Bella for a Tournament at end of January. Contact: Veronica Butler 665 2220.
Scheduled practices: Mon. & Wed. 4-6 gym.

RELAXATION:

POOL:

Two tables available. second floor.
COST \$5/per year. Daily 10-10p.m.

GAMES:

Chess, Go, Checkers, and more. Borrow them at info desk (1st floor). with a membership card. from 10-10 p.m.

SENIORS DANCE:

Over 40? Relax in lounge. 2nd flr.
Daily 10-10

LIBRARY:

Have a good read. Take out books with a library card. 1st floor. 10-10.

AURAL HISTORY:

Tell your life story to LAUREL KIMBLEY. We are collecting stories of Carnegie oldtimers. Ask for her at the Info desk, 1st floor. Saturday 1-5.

BINGO:

Bonanza games... Throwaways. Pick your own numbers. COST: \$1 admission, extra cards, 50¢. Wednesday 7-10 Theat.

GOOD EATS:

DINNERS:

SENIORS FUNDRAISING DINNER: Thursdays.

VICTORS DINNER: Fridays.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING DINNER: Saturdays.

VOLUNTEERS FUNDRAISING DINNER: Sunday.

ALL DINNERS AT: 5:30. FOR: \$2.50.

SENIORS HOTDOG SALES:

All afternoon Wednesday. 1st floor.

BRUNCH:

Enjoy Sunday mornings' breakfast at Carnegie. Time: 11a.m. Cost: \$1.50

VOLUNTEER COOKIE SALE: Tuesdays*

KIDS:

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Santa Claus comes to visit Carnegie kids. Pick up your free ticket from the Info Dsk. after, Dec. 6th. Event: Dec. 21, from: 2-5 p.m.

SURPRISE KIDS PARTY:

Make your own hand puppets. Mom's invited to join in the fun, and have lunch too. January 15th. 2-4 p.m.

KIDS' ROYS:

Crafts, toys and games can be enjoyed by your children-while you are in Carnegie. Sorry, we can only accept children whose parents are IN THE BUILDING. Open Daily. 10-10 p.m.

WOODWORKING FOR KIDS:

See: MIKE HAYCOCK. December Only.
Saturdays, 11-1 p.m.