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Betrayed! Doctors Hospital fights back

BY DAVID PERLMAN

We sit talking in the lobby at Scadding Court Community Centre after the "Save Doctors Hospital" rally March 20. I ask Bev Smith how she feels. "Betrayed" she says. "In one word, betrayed!" Ana Carvalho, seated with us, nods agreement.

Bev Smith and Ana Carvalho are members of CUPE local 1475 and long-

time workers at Doctors. Smith has been there for 26 years, Carvalho for 12.

Ana Carvalho and her family have lived right in the Kensington area all of her life. Bev Smith found Doctors Hospital by accident.

"I went to school at Central Tech" she says. "A friend was in the nursing program there in those days and wanted someone to go

with her down the street to Doctors to put in an application. They brought out two application forms by mistake and I said why not?"

"Betrayed how?" I ask.

"The hospital of the future' is what they told us we were going to be. 'Community-based health care for the 21st century.' And we believed them."

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DRUM AT A GLANCE

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並藉此能加強
對讀者的服務

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TAMBOR À PRIMEIRA VISTA

(DRUM at a glance
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vos oferecer
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RESUMO

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os nossos leitores.

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*Sweet signs of spring at Iberica Bakery. Traditional Portuguese
easter treats. Folares (sweetbread with whole hardboiled eggs)
and almond candy. L. to r. Elvira de Jesus, Maria Esteves, and
Alice Leonardo. For more market matters, see pages 9-16.*

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TAMBOR à primeira vista -- Resumo em Português

(Drum at a glance -- Portuguese Digest)

- Página 1, 8 **Betrayed! Doctors Hospital workers wait [Atraícoados! Trabalhadores do Doctors Hospital esperam]**
À cinco anos que os trabalhadores do Doctors Hospital têm estado a preparar o futuro deste hospital como "um modelo de cuidados de saúde de carácter comunitário para o século 21". Agora a província diz encerrar as portas e entreguem tudo ao Toronto Hospital
- Página 2 **Talking DRUM [À cerca do TAMBOR, Opinião do editor]**
Nós estamos orgulhosos em introduzir TAMBOR à primeira vista--resumo. Uma comunidade informada é uma comunidade forte.
- Página 8, 30 e 31 **Círculo de notícias desta área**
 - **[Toronto Hospital vai encerrar o forno próprio para cremação]**
Toronto Hospital já confirmou que o forno próprio para cremação localizado no Toronto Western vai encerrar para sempre no dia 28 de Março de 1997
 - **[O Colégio Universitário George Brown na Kensington]**
Fonte de confiança disse que no dia 21 de Março novos donos tomarão conta "dentro de poucos dias"
 - **[A garagem do parque de estacionamento da Kensington irá entrar em obras]**
A garagem entre a Spadina e St. Andrew irá re-abrir antes do fim do mês de Abril. Entretanto comerciantes podem telefonar a pedir 25% de desconto para estacionamento no Dragon City e em Bellevue.
 - **[Plano de 3 anos para arranjar a Kensington]**
Plano para ser discutido na reunião organizada pela cidade no St. Stephen's no dia 25 de Março. Espera-se grande audiência.
 - **[Serviço de carro eléctrico na Spadina]**
TTC diz que o LRT provavelmente começará em serviço no dia 28 de Julho mas pode haver um atraso de até 6 semanas.
 - **[Um novo conselho de directores foi eleito no Alexandra Park]**
 - **[A tentativa de projecto para a maneira como separar o lixo está na segunda fase]**
Uma experiência é a de separar os restos de comida do outro lixo e depois usar vermes com os restos de comida para fazer o adubo (compost5)
 - **[Novo director no Scadding Court]**
Residente local vitalício, Kevin Lee, foi nomeado.
 - **[A polícia chama à atenção para os fogos posto nas trazeiras das casas]**
Mais de 50 fogos postos aconteceram nesta área desde Janeiro de 1996.
- Página 9 **Kensington Market Working Group report [O relatório do Grupo de Trabalho do Mercado da Kensington]**
Um grupo local de voluntários sem fins lucrativos faz reuniões públicas em assuntos que dizem respeito à área da Kensington.

- Página 10, 11 e 12 **Market matters [Assuntos do Mercado (o modo de vida dos negocios no mercado)]**
 - **[Este ano é um ano melhor para o Mercado da Kensington]**
Depois de termos passado por tempos muito difíceis este ano aparenta ser um pouco melhor.
 - **[Um exame para testar o seu conhecimento à cerca do trânsito]**
Patrocinado pelos comerciantes do Mercado. Ganhe prémios.
 - **[Consumidores protestam]**
 - **[Comerciantes fazem comentários]**
- Página 14 e 15 **Market arts [Mercado de artes (música ao vivo e peças de arte)]**
 - **[A música local em cena]** Colin Puffer escreve à cerca dos clubes
 - **[Contribuição para Mary Hawkins]** Andrew Scorer relembra a talentosa artista um ano após a sua morte
- Página 16 **Enough [Chega] (Opinião: não há "direito" que se fume)**
Uma residente (que ela própria fuma) fica zangada com as queixas dos fumadores
Remembering Sonny's Work [Recordando o trabalho de Sonny]
Ragini Sharma paga contribuição para Alexandra Park's Sonny Atkinson
- Página 17 e 18 **Save our city campaign [Campanha para salvar a nossa cidade]**
Informação à cerca de acções locais para a oposição à lei provincial 103 para juntar as cidades
- Página 19 **Metro Report [Relatório da Cidade]** notícias do conselho cidadão
Olivia Chow diz que o envolvimento dos cidadãos ajuda a manter vivos os serviços para os idosos, crianças e polícia
Programas escolares em perigo
John Campey e Tam Goossen do conselho escolar explicam como é que os planos provinciais irão afectar programas nas escolas do centro da cidade
- Página 20 e 21 **Fun 'n games [Jogos e divertimentos]**
A página das crianças
- Página 21 **Scadding Court Report [Relatório de Scadding Court]**
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Um relatório especial à cerca do novo centro de saúde comunitário Queen West
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Três mães na nossa comunidade que preferiram dar peito em vez do biberon
- Página 24-26 **Special report: What you can do to help Doctors Hospital [Relatório especial: O que é que nós podemos fazer para ajudar o Doctors Hospital]**
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DEAR PATIENTS

Many of you are calling us worried that The Doctors Hospital is closed and you will not be able to receive treatment and care by your doctor or clinic staff. We want to reassure you that **The Doctors Hospital is open.** We continue to operate at full capacity. Our doctors and clinics are here to serve you. For up-to-date information on the status of The Doctors Hospital, call Carmela Galloro at (416) 963-5203.

PUBLIC CAMPAIGN TO SAVE DOCTORS HOSPITAL

The Doctors Hospital is appealing the recommendation of the Health Services Restructuring Commission to close Doctors Hospital and transfer our programs to The Toronto Hospital by December 1998. The community has started a public campaign to save The Doctors Hospital's distinct community health care mission and programs. For information on how you can help, call the **Community Campaign Hotline at 963-5271.**

CAROS DOENTES

Muitas pessoas estão a telefonar-nos muito preocupadas porque O Doctors Hospital está fechado e as pessoas não terão oportunidade de receber tratamentos e cuidados dados pelo seu médico ou pela clínica. Nós queremos dizer-vos que O Doctors Hospital está aberto. Nós continuamos a funcionar a tempo inteiro e nas nossas capacidades máximas. Os nossos médicos e clínicas estão aqui para vos servir. Para informação em alterações nesta situação do Doctors Hospital, contacte Carmela Galloro pelo telefone (416) 963-5203.

CAMPANHA PÚBLICA PARA SALVAR O DOCTORS HOSPITAL

O Doctors Hospital está a fazer um apelo à recomendação da Comissão de Reestruturação dos Serviços de Saúde para fechar O Doctors Hospital e transferir os nossos programas para The Toronto Hospital em Dezembro de 1998. A comunidade começou uma campanha pública para salvar os serviços distintos de saúde com carácter comunitário e programas do Doctors Hospital. Para obter informação em como pode ajudar, contacte a Community Campaign Hotline pelo telefone 963-5271.

親愛的求診者：

你們多次來電，表示擔心關閉醫生醫院，及以後你們將不能接受醫生及診所內員工治療及護理。在此，我們再向你們保證醫生醫院仍然繼續開放，我們亦會繼續全心全力地工作。我們的醫生及診症室是為你們服務的。

查詢醫生醫院的最新情況，可致電 Carmela Galloro，電話：(416) 963-5203。

社區拯救醫生醫院行動

醫生醫院現正對醫療服務改革委員會所作的建議 -- 關閉醫生醫院，及限期於一九九八年十二月將我們所有的服務轉移到多倫多醫院去 -- 進行上訴。社區已展開公眾行動拯救醫生醫院的獨特社區健康護理使命及服務。查詢如何可以參與及協助，請電社區行動熱線 963-5271。

DRUM at A Glance - DIGEST

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第 1, 8 頁	Betrayed! Doctors Hospital workers wait 醫生醫院員工前途未卜 過去五年，醫生醫院員工工作出努力為使醫院成為廿一世紀的社區康的典範。如今省政府卻宣佈關閉醫院將一切事務移交多倫多醫院。
第 2 頁	Talking DRUM 編者的話 我們為首次推出文摘引以為榮。一個能傳達訊息的社區就是一個鞏固的社區。
第 8, 30, 31 頁	Neighbourhood news roundup 社區消息 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 多倫多醫院焚化爐將會關閉 -- 多倫多醫院證實位於西方醫院的焚化爐將於一九九七年三月廿八日後將永久關閉。 佐治布朗書院肯盛頓校舍最新消息 -- 據可靠資料來源透露新業主會於日內接收業權。 肯盛頓停車場按計劃建成 -- 停車場位於士巴丹拿街及聖安德魯街交界，將會在四月底前重開。在此段期間商戶可致電索取龍城中心及 Bellevue 停車場的七五折扣券。 肯盛頓區的三年重整計劃 -- 市政府將於三月廿五日在聖士提反社區中心開會討論計劃。估計參與人數會很多。 士巴丹拿街街車服務有期 -- 多倫多公車局宣佈輕鐵(LRT)估計可於七月廿八日投入服務，但可能會延遲約六星期。 亞歷山大社區中心新董事局經已選出 垃圾分類的試驗計劃進入第二階段 -- 此計劃是將食物廢料與其他垃圾分開，再利用蟲使食物分解成有用的肥田料。 西城社區中心新董事 -- 在本區土生土長的 Kevin Lee 獲委任為該中心的新董事。 警方呼籲市民小心後巷縱火狂徒 -- 自一九九六年一月至今，在本區已發生五十多宗縱火案。
第 9 頁	Kensington Market Working Group report 肯盛頓市場工作小組報告 本區的一個非牟利義務組織舉行公眾會議討論有關肯盛頓區內之事宜。
第 10, 11, 12 頁	Market matters 市場點滴 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 肯盛頓市場展望美好前景 -- 經過了一段艱難的日子後，這新的一年看來會稍為好轉。 考驗你對公車的常識 -- 由市場的商戶贊助，可贏取獎品。 顧客訴心聲 商戶表意見
第 14, 15 頁	Market arts 音樂與藝術 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 肯盛頓市場音樂特色 -- Colin Puffer 介紹本區聽音樂的好去處(Clubs) 悼念 Mary Hawkins -- 在她死後一年 Andrew Scorer 寫出對這個甚有才華藝術表演者的懷念。
第 16 頁	Enough 讀者意見 -- 沒有吸煙的權利 一個吸煙者表示不滿她的同好者抱怨謂新的禁煙條例太苛刻。 Remembering Sonny's work 永遠懷念 Sonny 對社區的貢獻 對亞歷山大社區中心的 Sonny Atkinson 的頌揚。
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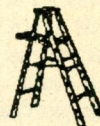
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SENSE OF BETRAYAL AS DOCTORS ORDERED TO CLOSE

From page 1

"Five years we worked towards that goal" Smith says. "Job cut after cut, convincing our members to go along with it. And where is the 'health care of the future' now? It seems like it was all talk." Ana nods again.

All around us tired volunteers and campaign workers are still busy, folding chairs, taking down banners, putting away all the '90s-style campaign props: the leaflets, the buttons, the petitions, the donation buckets.

One worker packs away the fax machine set up in the lobby for people to let Jim Wilson, Minister of Health know how they fell about the Health Services Restructuring Committee (HSRC) recommendation to close Doctors.

FIRESTORM

The meeting, organized by the Doctors Hospital Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was a success. There were hundreds of people, a strong call to action, brave words of defiance. But the eyes of people leaving told a complex story: anger mixed with uncertainty.

"You get the feeling they don't know whether to keep fighting or just to be allowed to start grieving," says Carmela Galloro of the hospital's public affairs office. "I know. I'm going through it myself. One minute I'm saying it's hopeless, the Toronto Hospital is too powerful, their minds are made up. And then I remember what we actually do for our community. And I say *no*. Dammit there has to be a way to make them see."

Lee Zaslofsky, the long-time community worker who chairs the CAC, was in no



PHOTO: KAREN STEYR

mood for gloom. "There is going to be a firestorm of protest," he says. "People are not fools. They know that putting primary and community care into the big teaching hospitals isn't going to work. It will just get swallowed up. And they will fight for health care that respects their language and their culture."

EMPIRE BUILDING

People's harshest words at the meeting were reserved for the Toronto Hospital. "Empire building," "power-hungry," and "cynical" flew around. "All of a sudden they're interested in community medicine" said a high-ranking Doctors Hospital physician who did not want his name used. "Do you think, for one minute, programs like our ours will survive, competing with bypasses and transplants for scarce budget dollars? All they want is our money and patient base."

Gus Sinclair, a Sussex-Ulster resident and member of the CAC was equally angry. "The HSRC recommendations are almost word for word what the District Health Council recommended after years of study" he says. "Except for

this one thing. The DHC said move Doctors into the Western building, but don't close it. Let Doctors Hospital control its own programs. Otherwise they will just get swamped."

"You have to wonder why this is the only sell-out in the report."

COMMUNITY

Back out in the lobby, Ana Carvalho is ready to talk. "What I want to know is what happened to what we used to say: 'We are the hospital that speaks your language'. That's what can't be replaced."

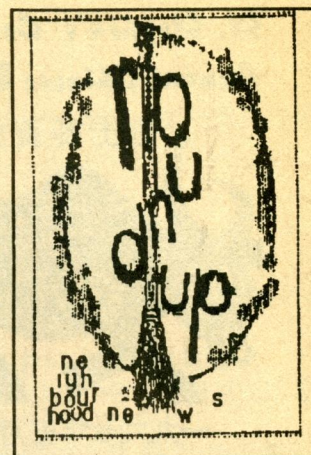
"It didn't matter what area of the hospital you came to, the doctor or nurse or whoever could stick their head around the corner and say 'I need someone who's got Polish or Portuguese or Vietnamese' or whatever. And there was always someone who could, because we, the workers, were in our community as well. You can't invent that from the top. That's what people need. That's what we have to fight for."

THE BIG QUESTION

The fax machine is packed, the chairs all folded. Little knots of neighbours remain, talking quietly--in several languages. But does the government understand any language except power?

Note: DRUM contacted the Toronto Hospital to ask what the HSRC meant when it talked about Toronto Hospital's multi-cultural and community focus. First response was that multicultural meant that "our patients come from all over."

When I asked for details of specific multi-cultural programs, I was advised by a hospital spokesperson that the Toronto Hospital is preparing a submission to the HSRC, and will not comment further until that submission has been made.



PLUGGED FOR GOOD

TORONTO HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES WESTERN INCINERATOR SHUTDOWN

A spokesperson for the Toronto Hospital has confirmed a March 28 1997 permanent shutdown of the incinerator at Wales and Leonard Ave.

The incinerator, which has no scrubbers, used to burn in excess of one million pounds a year of "biomedical waste" (including syringes, plastics and chemicals) for Toronto Hospital and up to 140 other institutions.

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by John Willis

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Critical!



MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

If you live in Kensington, you should have received the city's colourful notice for the **KENSINGTON REVITALIZATION MEETING**, at the St. Stephen's Community House, 91 Bellevue, at 7pm on Wednesday **March 25**. Our efforts can get a real boost by tying into the work of the City Development Department, and we should all turn out to get the City moving in the right direction.

There hasn't been very much activity on Market issues for a while, but things are heating up again. The Kensington Market Working Group has scheduled two open meetings (and we're changing their name to Town Hall Meetings) to deal with issues like neighbourhood safety, the George Brown College buildings, the LRT and parking garage openings, and efforts to promote business for the Market.

The first **Kensington Town Hall Meeting** will be held at St. Stephen's Community House, 91 Bellevue, at 7:30 pm on Thursday **April 3**.

The **Annual General Meeting**, when a new Board of Directors will be elected, will be held at St. Stephen's Community House, 91 Bellevue, at 7:30 pm on Thursday **May 1**. Anyone in the neighbourhood who has attended two meetings in the past year is eligible to vote at this meeting.

CHANGES

We've had a change on our Board of Directors: Mark Delaire, who headed up the neighbourhood watch effort, has moved out of the neighbourhood. The Board nominated Barbara Morrison to fill his role until the next elections. Barb runs Stone Soup Studio at Baldwin and Kensington, and was listed by Toronto Life as the best music teacher in town. She's taking over Mark's portfolio, so if you have any questions about neighborhood watch and safety issues, you can call her at 979-8800.

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(and sometimes breaks)
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Market Rising -- signs of spring, signs of hope

BY MASHA BUELL

Walk the market from top to bottom in weather that delivers a mixed message. It's spring! Noope. It's winter. Spring's coming! It's never coming.

Look at the shop windows and the message is the same. The Market is bringing forth new life. The Market is dying. Brand new businesses rub elbows with old familiar friends. Tattered real estate signs in empty windows give way to taped up newspapers hiding the new life within.

AUGUSTA SLICE

The top part of Augusta Avenue is a real slice of the state of things. Bread, billiards, laundry, pizza. And then like a bulb in a perennial garden there's the South African Centre with a window chock-a-block with garments and crafts. And there's Eza Wear - an atelier and clothing shop with a clutch of spring-like flowers painted on a old brick wall, and bright one-of a kind garments in the window, made right there.

Bikes on Wheels Co-op, just arrived from Nassau Street adds to the cheer, occupying large bright premises now, with plenty of free parking (for your two wheeler!). And then there's "The United Smiles of Kensington" - Drs Nazon and Harari's upbeat multicultural dental practice with a name to match.

And someone is renovating at 299 Augusta, long

deserted. We hear there's going to be a Flamenco School and studio in there!

REINVESTMENT

One day at Chataqua, I find Meredith Cudney, ready to talk with energy and interest about the natural, botanically dyed fabrics she uses in her work. Nothing is chemically softened or bleached. She uses blends of cotton and hemp - selling her wares and passion for "exploring textiles" to a local and world market.

She feels strongly about the effect that re-investment has on neighbourhoods like Kensington.

"There have been a lot of empty retail spaces in the area to be filled. Property owners need to foster improvement - it increases property values and benefits everyone else. When people start to see improvement, they feel more confident about making a similar effort."

And then ironically, Chataqua is leaving 303 Augusta, so recently renovated. (You can reach Meredith at The Old Toronto Carpet Factory, where her studio space will be located. 960-9546). Same old Kensington story? hello and

goodbye, please come again?

THE MORE IT CHANGES...

All the way down through the market the story is the same, in various guises. You favourite produce market is gone? Never mind, there is fresh spring asparagus,

artichokes, and enormous imported strawberries everywhere else you look.

No more flowers at the corner of Augusta and Nassau? Try

the corner of Nassau and Bellevue. Wait a minute, didn't you people used to be the Oxford Fruit Market? What are you doing down here at Nassau Street?

There will probably be the traditional Good Friday fish barbeques on the afternoon of March 28th. But where is the George from Peoples Fish (now Coral Sea and looking like it's always been there) who used to put on such a great spread? George is gone.

DOWN ON KENSINGTON Down on Kensington Avenue the cafes ("smoke-free" at this date) have people in them. But Essence Natural Foods, in Kensington as long as we've been, is gone. Sits like a missing middle tooth.

Lower Kensington spins

like a top. Black Market out. Archive in. And where is Shakti? Noise and Lilith's Garden have spread their wings (or hedged their bets) a bit--both have new stores on Queen St.

And at the Lsat Temptation there's some students from York University meeting to talk about making part of Kensington Ave a pedestrian mall, part of the time. Will it be different this time?

AS OTHERS SEE US

At **Courage My Love**, Stewart Scriver shows me a five page colour spread on Kensington from a glossy Italian fashion and culture magazine- Collezioni. Spring 1997. About 14 or 15 businesses are mentioned. There are several inviting, upbeat photos of cafes and shops. It makes us all look good. And the funny thing is, everything in it is real.

"This magazine costs \$69, and kids come in here to shop with it under their arm. And there was another piece about Kensington in a Japanese magazine called Walking the World about 3 years ago," says Stewart. "And I still probably see 5 Japanese young people a day in here."

"People say the Market's dying" he says. "If you think you're dying, you probably will. You do have to find your niche, and be different. You do have to be optimistic. But it's amazing how people hang on".

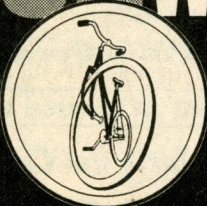


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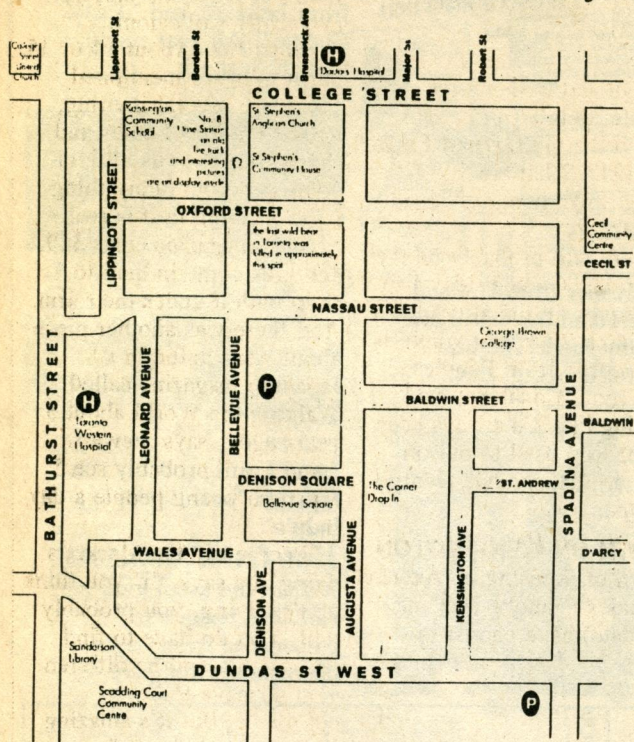
PRIZES!!! PRIZES, & MORE PRIZES!

It's always a good idea to make the best of things.

So although the *weather* is **lousy**, the **PARKING GARAGE** is still **closed**, and the **LRT** hasn't opened yet, we've decided to have some fun.

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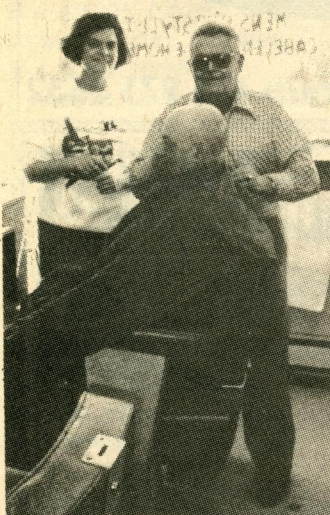
JUMBO EMPANADAS

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come on in!

253B Augusta Avenue
977-0056

talking shops



Faustino and Helen Coelho with longtime customer and friend Jose Campos

Don't say goodbye...

Faustino Coelho says....
Thank you for 28 years of support. Now I'm going to rest and enjoy myself. It's both sad and happy that I'm retiring but we're still in the community so its not really goodbye.



Solly Stern, Max and Son
Solly says...

Good meat is marbled -- that's those little white streaks of fat in the meat.

**WANNA TALK SHOP?
PHONE 603-DRUM**

talking shops



Mike Pavao, Animal House
Augusta Avenue

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variety and inexpense, air, exercise, and
people-watching.

But it's getting just too hard on the
sidewalk. Sometimes not enough room for
two people to pass; sometimes not enough
room to pull ny buggy past the baskets
I've seen your customers - people like

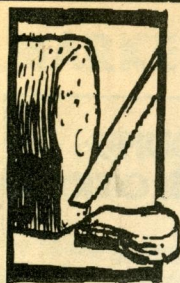
me and parents with babies. They stop to
buy, find themselves jostled. So they move
on because there is no room to stand and
choose. And if they can't even get through
your door to pay? Must they leave their
babies outside?

Attractive displays attract customers.
But what's the point if we give up and
leave without buying anything at all? Who
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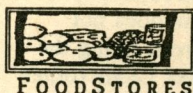
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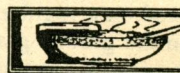
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MARKET ARTS: Music, dance, spoken word

BY COLIN PUFFER

Let's start by peeing on a few trees. The block bounded by College, Bathurst, Dundas, Spadina -- this is the DRUM art section's area of interest. Within this block are a number of venues where excellent live music is presented on a regular basis.

From the grubby grandeur of Grossman's Tavern to the bagelish boho ambiance of Free Times, from passionate flamenco at Don Quixote to the beards and banjos at Sunday's Ragged But Right presentations at the Oasis, this small block is rife with a musical diversity that is a microcosm of Toronto's arts scene.

AND THE OTHER STUFF

Although much of what appears on these two pages in this issue is music-related, live music will not be the only focus here. There's dance, cinema, spoken word, and karaoke (yeah, karaoke probably deserves a whole issue on its own!) in the Market.

The heavy music focus, at present, is primarily a result of the quickness with which this issue has come together. (Thank Mr. Harris for that. The threatened closing of the Doctors Hospital was something that the DRUM could not let go unchallenged and we're rushing out this issue to help support this vital part of our community.)

PREJUDICES

I have a very obvious conflict of interest, so I'd like to state it at the outset. I have a hand in booking the Oasis. And since what I book into the Oasis is music, and the Oasis is in the Market, I'll be covering (plugging) music at the Oasis on a regular basis.

When I'm not a highly

paid DRUM reporter, I moonlight in the music business - in what I guess would be called the Canadian folk/roots/pop division. This does not prevent me from liking the music of Silver Chair (other things prevent that), but it does mean that I'm more familiar with the music of Ashley McIsaac than the Smashing Pumpkins.

THE OASIS

The Oasis is located at 194 College Street, just a couple of blocks west of Spadina. The club is divided into two separate rooms, the front half being the restaurant and the back room serving as the entertainment area. The restaurant is licensed and serves an excellent selection of very tasty and very reasonably priced Middle Eastern dishes. You can eat and drink in the entertainment room too, but one of things that has made the Oasis so successful is the respect accorded performers when they are on stage. The Oasis is one of the city's few real listening rooms.

You'll find entertainment at the Oasis on just about any night. The club has taken an interesting approach to its programming. No one person books the club. Instead it's booked by different people on different days. There are currently three regular features at the Oasis: Shake the Monkey Tree; Thursday at the Oasis; and Ragged But Right.

Shake the Monkey Tree, a cabaret style evening hosted by Neil Muscott, takes over the back room every Wednesday. It's an evening of stand-up comedy, clowns, rants, idiocy, poetry, music and storytelling. Doors open at 8:30 and the shows start at 9:00 pm. For information phone 416-482-2485

Thursday at the Oasis, takes place, somehow not too surprisingly, on Thursday. The entertainment is varied but tends toward singer/songwriters. Over the past year the series has presented Bob Snider, Garnet Rogers, Meryn Cadell, Paul Geremia, the Wyrd Sisters and Swamperella. A bit of this and a bit of that. Doors open at 9:00 and the shows start at 9:30 pm. For information phone 416-515-7740.

Sunday afternoons, from 4:00 - 7:30 pm, Ragged But Right takes the stage. The series, organized by Arnie Naiman and Cathy Reid-Naiman, presents a broad range of traditional acoustic music styles. There are sometimes as many banjos on stage as there are bottles of beer on the tables.

Next issue, I dunno, how about a look at the Patios of Kensington? The winter will surely have broken by then.



Gloria Blizzard at the Oasis
Thursday, June 12

Gloria Blizzard plays an exotic blend of rootsy music with strong Afro and Brazilian influences. She'll be sharing the evening with Broken Arrow, which is fronted by former Blue Peter leader Paul Humphrey.

AROUND THE BLOCK

ElMocambo

The venerable Elmo presents a Saturday Matinee every week featuring the sounds of that original motorgrass band, Jughead.

Free Times

April 13 sees singer/songwriter Rachel Kane in at the Free Times and on May 9 & 10 the incorrigible Joe Hall returns. Music that bites and cuts.

Friends of the Lubicon

The Friends of the Lubicon have been hit with a multi-million dollar lawsuit and the artistic community is showing its support with an art show an auction at A-Space Gallery (401 Richmond St. W., Ste. 110) April 4-5. For information phone 763-7500

Grafittis

Best-bets include roots/rocker Mellwood Cutlery, Friday, April 11, Fastfolk innovators Agnelli and Rave Sat March 26

Kensington Carnival

Previewing May 6&7 and opening May 8 is the Kensington Carnival production of The Human Zoo, a new play by Victoria Ward. 'Til May 25, Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst. Information phone 504-9971

Oasis

Quebec-based Hart Rouge will be in at the Oasis for a rare Toronto appearance for two nights on Thursday May 1 and Friday May 7. Information 515-7740. Shake the Monkey Tree comedy cabaret presents their "Best Of.." evenings on Saturday, April 26 and May 31. Information 482-2485

Poetry Workshops

Market poet Eric Layman is presenting a series of poetry workshops Saturdays from 10-noon and Sundays from 2-4 pm at 54 Kensington Avenue, Apt. 2-6. For information phone 416-598-1273.

...MARKET ARTS

MARY CATHERINE HAWKINS 1957-1996

BY ANDREW SCORER

Mary Hawkins lived on Roxton Road and for many years frequented the Kensington Market area.



Known to most as "The Hawk", Mary Hawkins, actor playwright, radio and television producer, journalist, and animation artists, died on April 13, 1996 from an aggressive cancer of the brain at age thirty-nine.

There will be a gathering at 3pm, Sunday, April 13th, 1997 at Humber Bay Park East on Lake Ontario (at Park Lawn road and Lakeshore Blvd. West) where a tree and a bench have been dedicated to her.

Her work in film and theatre was imbued with humour and intelligence. Sky Gilbert elaborates, "there was something raw and beautiful and honest about her spirit -- a quirkiness that was hypnotic."

She played Tamara in the first production of Tamara in the early 80's (Necessary Angel Theatre Company) which was praised by international press and spawned further productions in other countries.

In *Murder/Lover*, produced by Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, she played Kate Hepburn and a

glamorous alter-ego. In a *Globe and Mail* review, Carol Corbeil wrote, "Miss Hawkins plays Hepburn to perfection and the vignette is an extended staging coup."

She flourished in performances which demanded either grace or eccentricity. A *Maclean's* Magazine reviewer wrote of her performance in *Of Ice and Men* at Theatre Passe Muraille, "Mary Hawkins is outstanding in these bizarre sequences as both gum-chewing prostitute and as No-no, a green-wigged dwarf, who serves as Harold Ballard's sexual mascot."

Her witty, imagistic play, "Limb Darkening", produced by Factory Theatre, won the 1980 Fireweed Magazine women's playwrighting competition. Five other plays followed -- all produced at small theatres in Toronto in the 1980's.

She branched out into radio and was one of the main producers/interviews working on *Radio Heartland* which won a national radio award in 1988 as the best program on radio. She co-created *Telepersonal Radio/Radio Rendezvous* -- the first interactive radio show in Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton.

Open Stage at Scadding

Starting April 17th, Scadding Court Community Centre will be hosting an Open Stage venue for artists and performers, Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

Any artists interested in performing are encouraged to contact George Prokos at Scadding Court Community Centre. Phone: 392-0335.

THURSDAY at the

Oasis

April

3 Tanglefoot

10 Chris Warren

17 Cate Friesen &
Susan Crowe

24 One Horse Town

May

1 Hart Rouge
& Fri. May 2

8 Noah Zacharin

15 Ray Montford

22 Max Woolaver and Village Dogs
& Merbecke

Oasis - 294 College St.

Information: 416-975-0845

www.cpreal.com/oasis

MARKET SAY-SO

Enough of this 'rights' b.s. smoker says

Today a letter in the Toronto Sun about smoking really made me mad, saying adults who hang out together in restaurants and pubs agree to smoke or not.

When do they agree? I was a nonsmoker for four years and the only way I could avoid smoke was to avoid my friends and family. With no smoking in my house no one would come visit or they would come for dinner then run to a where they could indulge. We had to designate the porch a smoking area and sit out there in the smoke to get to talk to them.

So what is this "draconian" crap? We have laws which say bars must cut people off. We have pollution laws (however feeble)--laws that some people fought for, to protect their lives and families. So why do smokers bring up other polluters as if one cancels out the other.

Tobacco consumption is an addiction, not a right. Defending your "right" to smoke is being so driven by your addiction as to defend the right of tobacco companies way more powerful and way nastier than any government to poison you and those around you. Politicians given the choice would take the tobacco money and shut up. The political will for these new smoking laws is coming from the people.

My well loved and trusted partner of fourteen years, who quit for four years with me, started again in secret. Eventually I went back too. I say to my friends, maybe smoking outside is a good new habit. Most just get angry. I want to quit again and I want my children to quit -- all of

Remembering SONNY'S WORK

Sonny Atkinson, President of the Board of Alexander Park Residents Association passed away on December 30, 1996 at the age of 68 after a year's battle with cancer. Last year Sonny received the Gardiner Award from Metro Toronto for his outstanding public service to the Alexandra Park Community.

Writing in the Alexandra Park Residents Association Annual Report, Centre Director Ragini Sharma had this to say of Sonny.

"Everybody in the community knew Sonny. He was always available to tenants to listen to their personal problems and to help resolve issues with housing, around rent and maintenance and security. He specially cared for the youth in the community. He worked 14-16 hours a day at the community centre to ensure there were programs and since 1990 to convert the project into a housing co-op."

Atkinson had a profound impact on the Residents Association helping

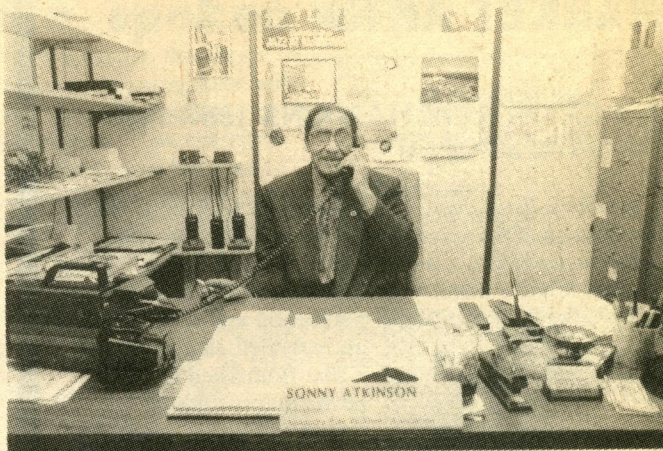


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revitalize an organization that had fallen into debt.

Ragini continues: "When Sonny took over the Association in 1990, the Association had a debt of \$85,000 and Sonny was very proud of the fact that it had all been paid or forgiven by 1994. During those lean days, Sonny mopped the floors, ran bingos and met with government and funders to fight to keep the organization from folding. In fact, with the support of the board, he was successful at bringing the organization back to life."

At Sonny's funeral there were over 350 people - family, residents, friends, politicians and government officials who came there to pay tribute to him for his tireless dedication to the community. He will be greatly missed.

them smoke, including the 13 and 15 year olds. (Listen to addicted children defend their "right" and then listen to yourself!)

The restaurant owners and the nonsmokers and especially the children need you the smoker to say a step and say o.k. I can't smoke in movie theatres and banks or public transit or office buildings and that didn't kill me so I can get over this as well.

By the way folks, even though we smoke, our step is we smoke outside. Our house is still a smoke free place and my children, who all smoke to my shame, do not smoke anywhere near

our new grand child. So we have begun a new process of respecting the rights of others and treating ourselves at least a little better than we did before.

Think here people, you are not a free person if you smoke, you are a slave to the tobacco companies. There is no other addiction so seductive, exploitive and extensive. There is no other addiction supported by so many powerful people. Do we listen seriously to any other addicts demanding their "right" to abuse themselves in public -- demanding their right to be exploited by their dealer? So why this one?

You can change this. Remember the people who fought for their right to own slaves and beat their wives? These "rights" were wrongs and so is smoking.

**"F. Mayr"--
a neighbour**

**SAYS WHO?
SAYS YOU**

MARKET SAY-SO.

Mail or fax.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WARD 5
**SAVE OUR CITY
CAMPAIGN**

Ward 5 Megacity hotline 392-4124



**NO MEANS NO
MEGACITY**



Tell Isabel Bassett to Respect the Vote!

Telephone, fax, or visit Isabel Bassett, the Tory MPP who represents much of downtown Toronto.

Call 326-9092

Fax 325-1584

Visit 720 Spadina Ave., Suite 303, TO M5S 2T9

Come to Queen's Park for the Debate!

JOIN THE DEMOCRACY WATCH by sitting with us in the public gallery of Queen's Park from April 1 - 4, 1:30 - 6 pm. All eyes will be focused on the Tory MPPs as we watch how they vote.

Already called or written Isabel Bassett?

Already committed to joining the Democracy Watch the first week of April?

Here's how you get even further involved!

Get your friends, family, and co-workers to phone or fax a Tory MPP.

Citizens for Local Democracy will meet nightly April 1st to 3rd at 7:30 pm at the Metropolitan United Church (Queen & Church). For ongoing anti-megacity activities call 977-8736.

March from Nathan Phillip's Square to Queen's Park every Wednesday at noon (for more information call 977-8736).

Support the Citizens' Legal Challenge. For more information call George Stephenson at 922-2951.



**Respect
our vote.**



A MESSAGE FROM THE WARD 5
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Dear Neighbours,

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to the *overwhelming referendum vote against* amalgamation. The message to Mike Harris could not be any clearer. 76% opposed a megacity. Yet, Harris insists that the citizens of Metro must be confused. It sounds more like Mike Harris is confused.

Some of you may be wondering if it's all worth it. The answer is "yes!" Already Tory backbenchers are showing clear signs of discomfort. In Hamilton-Wentworth, an area also designated for amalgamation, the local Tory MPP stood up for his constituents' views and opposed the amalgamation. As a result, Al Leach now appears ready to stop the Hamilton-Wentworth amalgamation. Clearly, *pressuring Tory MPPs can have an effect*. Let's make sure Metro's Tory MPPs also act on our concerns.

Bill 103, the government's amalgamation bill, is scheduled for a final vote on April 1st through 4th. *If it passes into law*, the effect on Metro's residents will be devastating. Sure, the Tories are proposing amendments, but none of these change the overall effects of amalgamation.

The government has said they will introduce and pass amendments to the bill *in one hour*. This is hardly enough time to have a meaningful discussion. What about input from the public on the amendments? The bill as amended is then *limited to one day of debate*. The arrogance of such an action is astounding, and yet Mike Harris has every intention of *ramming this through*.

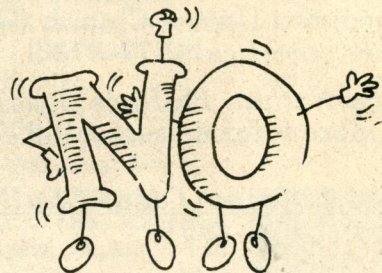
Send your message to Isabel Bassett, the Tory representative for much of the downtown. Her telephone number is 326-9092. Tell her she must *respect the results of the referendum* and oppose Bill 103.

Once you've voiced your opinion with Isabel Bassett, *join us at Queen's Park* where we plan to pack the public gallery for the first four days of April. Make your presence felt.

Working together we were successful in winning the referendum. Let's continue working together to *make sure Bill 103 is defeated*.

Sincerely,

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NO MEANS NO MEGACITY

When you speak out, government has to listen. by Metro Councillor Olivia Chow

In these first days of spring, signs of a rebirth of citizen involvement is everywhere.

Two hundred downtown volunteers canvassed their neighbours and called their friends to bring out a 75% No vote against the undemocratic and hurtful MegaCity plan. I was honoured when the downtown Save Our City campaign (the NO MegaCity group) picked my office as a base for their activities. So, for several months, in my office I saw enthusiastic volunteers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds busy making phone calls, planning, designing, photocopying and picking up literature. Sign crews with frozen fingers went out in the icy cold putting up the bright yellow **No Mega City** signs. The excitement of knowing that their involvement will make a difference is exhilarating.

The same kind of energy could be felt in two huge meetings organized separately to save Doctors and the Women's College Hospitals. Hundreds of our neighbours and friends gathered to oppose the plan to lay off nurses and close these hospitals.

For some strange reason, our Provincial and Federal representatives don't quite understand why people are upset when their health care, education and jobs are hurt, reduced or eliminated. Here is a logic I can never quite understand: "job creation is our number one priority," so says Jean Chretien and Mike Harris. "But to get there, we have to laid off 40,000 workers and cut health and education spending." Contradiction, you say? I think so. It is similar to the logic that a 75% No Mega City vote means yes, and allows them to ram the bill through Queen's Park.

Among all this insanity there were some small victories with the Metro budget. Ambulance service, TTC, senior homes and care for the poor are kept alive. Police, child care and homeless hostels got a slight increase. This was accomplished because thousands of residents across Metro spoke out and got involved.

Thank you for your tireless effort in building healthy and safe communities downtown.

School programs in danger



John Campey and Tam Goossen

School Board Trustees, ward 5 and 6

If you like what Mike Harris is doing to our community hospitals, you'll love what he is about to do to our local schools. The megacity debate and hospital closings have had most of the public attention recently. But Bill 104, the "Fewer School Boards Act", and promised legislation to end local funding of education will devastate our local schools.

Under the Harris plan, public education in Metro Toronto will lose about one quarter of the money currently spent. Even if you eliminate absolutely every school board expense outside our schools (trustees, administration, central library resources, teacher support, adult education and adult ESL literacy) you still wouldn't meet that target.

So local schools would also have to lose all of their language, music, physical education, nutrition, conflict resolution, after-four and parenting programs. Almost all of our education assistants would vanish. Every school would lose a number of teachers, causing class sizes to skyrocket. We will no longer be teaching, we will be warehousing students.

Schools in Toronto will not be able to cope with the needs of students from diverse language, racial and economic backgrounds. The extra support we have been able to provide so far has meant that our students do as well as students from anywhere else. The Harris changes guarantee that our students will receive a second-class education. It shortchanges their future to pay for a tax cut for the wealthiest people in our Province.

Not surprisingly, opposition to this plan is widespread and growing. Over 1,000 people and groups requested to speak to the Legislature hearings on Bill 104 -- only 100 or so were permitted to speak. The Toronto Board of Education held its own hearings, at which over 75 individuals and groups made their opposition to this legislation very clear.

Groups organizing against this short-sighted destruction of our schools include the Ontario Education Alliance, People for Education, the Metro Parents Network, the Toronto Portuguese Parents Association, Toronto Chinese Parent's Association, Spanish-Speaking Parents of Toronto, and the Toronto Association of Student Councils (TASC.)

For information on how to contact any of these groups, please contact our office at 416-397-3060.

FUN 'N GAMES

Hi.
We are Sophia (11),
Luca (8), and Asa (5),
the DRUM kids.

We thought of the fun 'n
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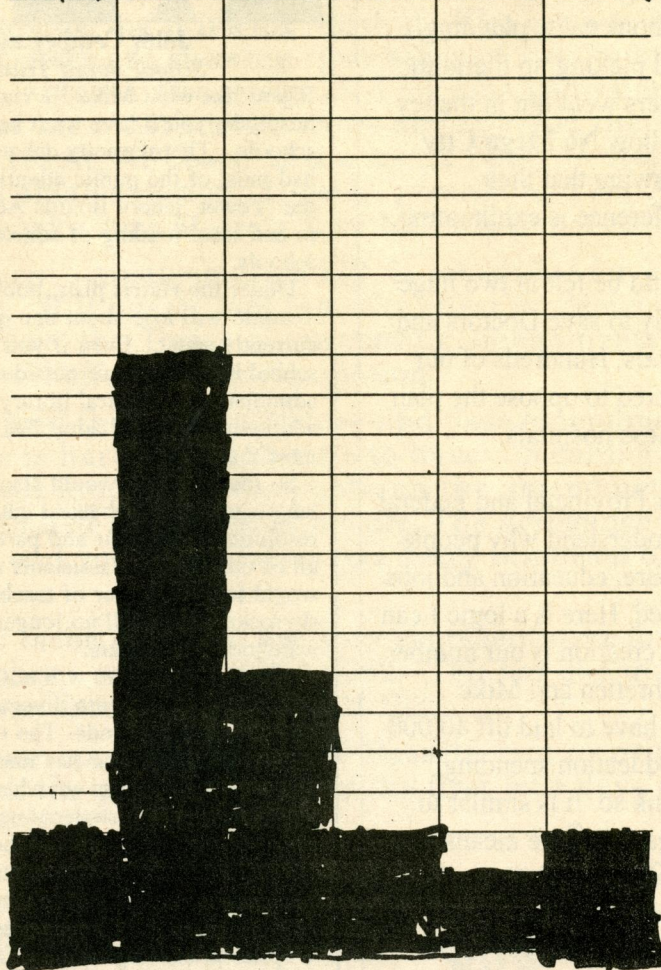
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by Luca Perlman

CITYPET SURVEY #1

BIRDS CAT DOG FISH REPTILES OTHER



Hi I'm Luca.

Me and my friend
Mike at the Animal
House are going to tell
you how to keep your
city pets happy.

I did a graph of the
different pets people in
my class had. When I
did the survey it was
very interesting
because only two
people had any kind of
reptile.

This is out of 22 kids
so way more kids
owned pets than didn't.

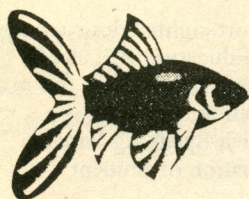
When I showed Mike
the survey this is what
he said:

"The best pet to start
with if you've never
had one before is a
gerbil because they are
very easy to take care
of then you should
move on to a budgie"

Then he told me
about sleeping
quarters. "Cats and
dogs need their own
place to sleep. For
instance my dog has
his own spot on the
couch".

When my family
bought turtles
Mike told us something
interesting:

"If you put a turtle in a
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but if you put it in a
big aquarium it can
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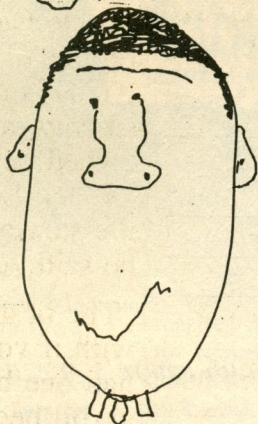
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two-way pictures by asa, age 5

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PICTURES THAT GO
ONE WAY AND ANOTHER
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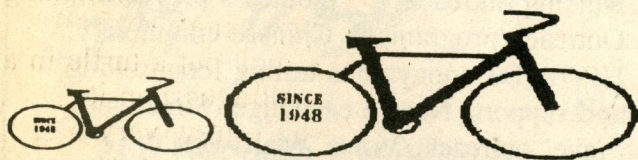
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Niagara and Alexandra Park Health Centres on the move!



Community members celebrate the announcement of the health centre's new name.

On April 15, 1997, the doors will open at a new community health centre at 168 Bathurst Street, just south of Queen St. West. The centre joins together two health centres that have been active in the west downtown community for almost 30 years: the Alexandra Park Health Centre, now at 64 Augusta and the Niagara Neighbourhood Health Centre at 674 Queen St. W. The new health centre will have:

NEW NAME

Queen West Community Health Centre

NEW ADDRESS

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See you in our new building!

Note: We will be closed on April 11, 14 & 15 for packing and moving.

Breast-fed is best fed, but the question is ...

HOW DO WE STOP THE FORMULA PUSHERS?

BY MELANIE FOX

You might recall a recent court battle between Mead Johnson and Ross Products, both infant formula companies. The court ruled that the Ross formula campaign was misleading for touting their formula as "being clinically proven to offer benefits previously associated only with mothers milk," a very misleading message, especially for uninformed new parents.

It was a bit of a victory for advocates of breastfeeding, even though it took the legal clout of a rival formula-pusher to achieve it.

THE BAD NEWS

But it was only a small step because the fact is that in our society women feel tremendous pressure from formula companies.

For example, welfare gives free formula to mothers on request, food banks are distributing formula, and doctors, even right here at Doctors Hospital, are giving gift packages containing infant formula to their patients.

Research shows that by the time the free supply runs out the baby often could not suckle and the mother had

trouble lactating and thus depended on the formula.

"The one person who has the absolute most power over a new mother is her family doctor", says Judith Andrade a Lactation Consultant at Doctors Hospital.

When a doctor gives out free samples to new moms they are giving them the message that formula is just as good as breast milk. New moms must be aware of this and look out not just for the formula companies but for health professionals as well.

NOT ALL BAD.

Meet three real people in our community.

Wendy and Elaine are sisters-in-law. Wendy is a 31-year-old mother of two, age 3 years and 8 months. Elaine, 36, is also a mother of two. Her children are 3 years and 8 weeks. Both of these women breastfed their children. All four babies were breastfed until five months of age and the 8 week old is continuing to breastfeed to date. The necessity of returning to work finally forced these women to give up breastfeeding.

Ironically the main reason they were able to choose to breastfeed was because it was cheap. They found this initial choice hard because they said "in Hong Kong the Chinese prefer using formula

because you have to buy it and if you can afford to pay for your child's food then it must be better for your baby."

Despite this belief Wendy and Elaine decided to breastfeed and did so until it was no longer possible in their lives.

Now meet Laura, also from this community. Laura is a 40 year old mother of two. She gave up her career after her second baby so she could dedicate herself to her children.

Laura breastfed her first child until 18 months and she is still breastfeeding her 3 year old. She chose to breastfeed for convenience sake, "no muss, no fuss." Laura has great advice for new breastfeeding moms. "Persevere, because the emotional satisfaction you receive is far greater than anything you can imagine, and the nutritional benefits are an added bonus. No mother should miss out on this feeling. It's your time with your new baby, nothing else compares."

SUPPORT

All three of these women used the Pre- and Post-Natal Clinic at Doctor's Hospital as a main resource while breastfeeding. They utilized the advice of the lactation consultants, the special breastfeeding classes, and

drop-in appointments. All of these services are free.

All of these women ran into advertising for infant formula. Laura said "in the two hospitals I visited, the nursing stations and the patient kitchens were stacked with cases upon cases of prepared infant formula" making it extremely accessible for new mothers. Laura also mentioned that if you sign up for new parent programs advertised in magazines that you get free samples in the mail.

Wendy and Elaine said that they did not encounter any free samples at the hospital or at the doctor's office. However, Wendy did notice that there was persistent advertising in new parenting magazines that would probably persuade some new moms to switch to the bottle.

Research and real life stories of these women demonstrates that the distribution and advertising of infant formula is common. No Canadian hospital is truly baby friendly. Despite the tactics of the formula companies, these three women, were all able to breastfeed their children and know that they gave them the best possible start in life. All these women should be commended for their efforts and determination against the formula companies.

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LONG LIVE DOCTORS HOSPITAL

by John Willis

The Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) decision to close Doctors Hospital flies in the face of the detailed and thorough examination of Toronto's hospital sector presented by the District Health Council in 1995. The DHC not only recommended keeping Doctors, but pointed out that it should be strengthened and allowed to retain its own governance and funding to ensure that the innovative programs which Doctors is delivering could become a model for health care across the whole region.

While re-affirming every other DHC recommendation, the HSRC has disavowed only the one dealing with Doctors Hospital. Instead it has recommended that Doctors Hospital be merged into The Toronto Hospital (TTH), and that Toronto Hospital provide the same programs at its Western General site.

The reason that over 200 people showed up at a public meeting (20 March 1997) to express their opposition to a merger of Doctors with TTH is that the TTH has no history of sensitivity, let alone real commitment, to overcoming the barriers of language, culture, and economic status that lie between patients and professionals in the health care system. People simply don't trust that TTH can provide the same high level of access to community programs as Doctors has done.

Can patients of Doctors Hospital feel confident that TTH will meet their needs for accessible multi-lingual primary and secondary care? What exactly has the HSRC said to Toronto Hospital? It is worth looking at the HSRC's actual words to get a clearer answer to these questions.

To accomplish the forced expropriation of assets which have been dedicated to the local community for over one hundred years, the Commission not only has to order Doctors to close up shop and turn over all of its assets to TTH, it also has to order Toronto Hospital to absorb Doctors.

TTH is ordered (Paragraph 2) to present a plan to the Minister to 'ensure' that the Doctors Hospital community — 'with regard to their demographic, linguistic, cultural, economic, geographic, ethnic, religious and social characteristics' is reflected in the governance structure of TTH.

However, there is no clear mechanism for ensuring that this happens. In Paragraph 3 of the HSRC Order, the TTH is required to present a plan to the commission — but not to the Doctors Hospital community of patients and health care professionals — to establish a standing committee of the TTH Board 'with a focus on preserving and strengthening the ambulatory and community-oriented programs' of Doctors Hospital, but it is not stated that the TTH Board must heed any advice from this committee, nor who sits on the committee, nor its formal powers to influence decisions of the Board.

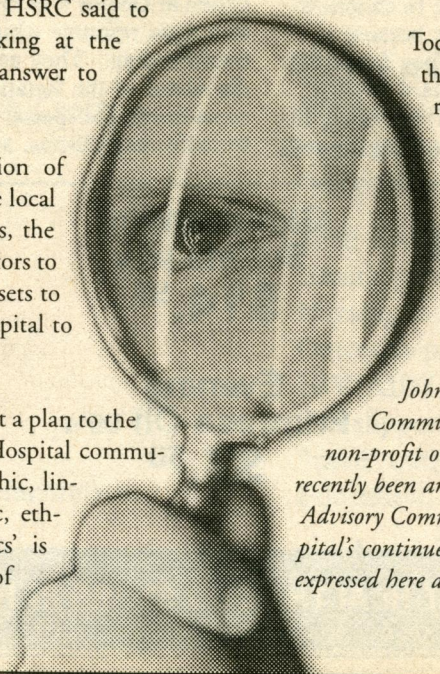
Nowhere in the Order to TTH does the HSRC even refer to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), the body which now provides the main route for community participation in the governance of Doctors Hospital. The CAC has done more than any other body, apart from the Doctors Hospital Board, to turn Doctors into "Toronto's only pure community-care facility" (Toronto Star, 16 March 1997) and its total lack of presence on the HSRC's radar screen is a clear indication that the community will be valued much less in the new mega-hospital.

The history of Doctors Hospital is tied intimately to the academic teaching hospitals on University Avenue: it is a mirror. The founding doctors who gave their collective name to Doctors Hospital were turning away from the elite teaching and research focus of the major institutions and dedicating themselves instead to primary health care in the community.

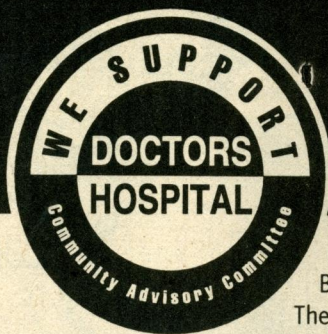
Today we are witnessing, in the angry reaction to the HSRC's order to close Doctors Hospital, a re-dedication to those ideals of equality, access for all, and primary health care centred on individuals and their families.

Long live Doctors Hospital. ☉

John Willis is an Associate of Strategic Communications, a consulting firm that works with non-profit organizations in Canada and abroad. He has recently been an advisor to the Doctors Hospital Community Advisory Committee which is mobilizing support for the hospital's continued role in health care in Toronto. The views expressed here are his own.



Please, help us save your hospital...



On March 6, the Health Services Restructuring Commission said it intends to close Doctors Hospital. Doctors Hospital is, in the words of the Toronto Star, "Toronto's only pure community-care facility".

Please, take just a moment right now to voice opposition to the closing of Doctors Hospital:

Mail, phone or fax Dr Duncan Sinclair, the head of the government-appointed Health Services Restructuring Commission, Isabel Basset, the local MPP, and Jim Wilson, the Minister of Health. Tell them what you think about the decision to close Doctors Hospital.

Dr Duncan Sinclair can be reached at: Phone 327-5919, Fax 327-5689. His address is 56 Wellesley Street West, Twelfth Floor, Toronto, M5S 2S3.

Isabel Basset, MPP, St Andrew-St Patrick is at: Phone 326-9092, Fax 325-1584.

Jim Wilson, MPP, Minister of Health can be reached at: Phone 327-4300, Fax 416-326-1571.

Better yet, **visit** Jim Wilson and Isabel Basset in person and tell them your views. They can be found at the Legislative Buildings at Queen's Park, M7A 1A5.

Donate to the Community Campaign for Doctors Hospital to help us cover the costs of the campaign. We take cheques, VISA or Mastercard, by phone, fax, mail, or in person. Our Hotline number is 963 4271, our fax number is 963 5337, and our address is

Community Campaign for Doctors Hospital
Suite 624, 340 College St.
Toronto, M5T 3A9

Participate in our petition drive, Saturday, March 29, starting at the SW corner of Bathurst and Bloor (Honest Ed's). And keep in touch with the effort to protect health care programs in our community. Call our Hotline anytime for information on upcoming events, or fax us any comments which you want us to deliver to the government.

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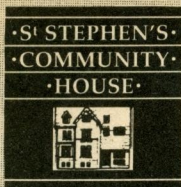


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Early Intervention Means Prevention

Early intervention prevents long-term social and economic costs. That's the underlying message of many of the new initiatives currently under way at St. Stephen's: mediating landlord-tenant disputes and preventing evictions and homelessness, helping youth resolve conflicts through mediation rather than violence, and assisting the homeless to secure stable housing instead of temporary shelter. This issue highlights the many ways that St. Stephen's is actively involved in working with the community to develop constructive conflict resolution approaches and solution-oriented programs that involve early intervention and the prevention of problems.

A Message from St. Stephen's New Executive Director

As your new Executive Director, I would like to extend a warm 'hello' to all of you—our donors, volunteers, neighbours, funders and friends of St. Stephen's. It is a great honour to serve the community which was my home for over ten years, and to take over the reins from our past Executive Director, Wyn Chivers, who provided exceptional leadership to the House for the past eight years.

It is a bitterly cold February night. As I ride the streetcar home, thankful for this brief respite from the harsh winter, I am overcome by the sight of so many bodies huddled over the air vent on Queen Street near University Avenue, an all too familiar sight these days, and one that I will never get used to. How is it that in a city as wealthy and sophisticated as Toronto, we can allow this to happen? With deep cuts to education, health and social services, increasingly we will see people—whether they are youth dropping out of school, single mothers in need of daycare, those on the streets with mental illnesses or isolated seniors—unable to access the community supports that they need.

Helping Landlords and Tenants Resolve Conflict: Preventing Evictions and Homelessness

Mediation, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, are fast becoming a popular alternative to legal action. In addition to saving time and cost, mediation can lead to understanding and harmony, and reduce conflict.

In cooperation with the United Way, a *Landlord-Tenant Mediation Project* is now being offered by St. Stephen's Conflict Resolution Service. Aimed specifically at problems caused by non-payment of rent, the program seeks to demonstrate that community mediation is a viable alternative to the courts in resolving some rent payment disputes.

The project provides preventative conflict resolution services to both

landlords and tenants by applying St. Stephen's successful model to the landlord-tenant relationship.

It provides an opportunity to reduce the dislocation of low income tenants by intervening early when evictions are imminent, thereby avoiding the costs and trauma of homelessness. In the event that families have to move, the program helps the tenant maintain their dignity and provides them with information and referrals to services that can help them through the transition to new housing.

Mediation is also an effective alternative for landlords, faced otherwise with the considerable delay, cost and red tape of taking legal action.

Mediation works best early in a dispute, so the project urges people to look for early warning signs of rent payment problems: late or partial payment of rent, tenants losing jobs, changes in social assistance benefits or major rent increases.

In contrast to the optional mediation service already built into the landlord-tenant court process, this project seeks to help out earlier in disputes, before legal action becomes necessary.

Volunteer mediators trained in both mediation and landlord-tenant relations provide people with a confidential, safe way to talk and understand each other's point of view and solve problems themselves. For more information, contact Peter Bruer at 926-8221.



Liane Regendanz

At St. Stephen's, we recognize the importance of prevention in creating healthier communities, as well as saving costs. In this issue, the theme of prevention is highlighted along with some of the innovative programs that the House has implemented in the last year, many of them in partnership with our community.

At the same time, we also know that a compassionate society is one that cares for those among us who are less fortunate, for whatever reason. To that end, we continue to provide intervention services such as food and shelter for the homeless, or supportive counselling for people from the Portuguese community with HIV/AIDS. For us, prevention, intervention and advocacy go hand-in-hand. On behalf of the staff and Board, thank you for supporting our work, our community, and our vision of a brighter future.

Ms. A is a single mother who gave birth to her first child in December. Soon after beginning her maternity leave, her rent increased and she realized that she would soon fall behind on her payments. Unable to borrow from friends and relatives, Ms. A desperately applied for public housing, only to find there was a five-year waiting list. She then turned to the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Project.

With the help of a project mediator, Ms. A was able to talk to her agent about her situation and work out an agreement. The agent allowed her to fall behind in her payments for several months and then begin paying back the arrears once she returned to work. The agent was satisfied, and Ms. A—and her newborn—remain in the peace and security of their apartment.

Community Discusses Impacts of Downloading Social Service Costs

Welfare, family benefits, daycare, social housing and long-term care. Major Ontario cities, such as Toronto, will have to foot substantially higher costs to secure these community pillars if the province goes through with its declared intention to download the costs of social services to the local property tax base.

That was the message of panelists speaking at a community information meeting on downloading held on February 26th and co-sponsored by SSCH, Kensington Market Working Group, Sussex-Ulster Residents Association, and St. Stephen-in-the-Fields Church.

"Taxes will go up in Metro Toronto and services will go down compared to the 905 areas," said Ernie Ginsler, Vice-President of Allocations, United Way of Greater Toronto, who itemized the impacts on everyone from seniors to poor children to single parent families.

"A sense of community.... a city that we can imagine in our souls is what

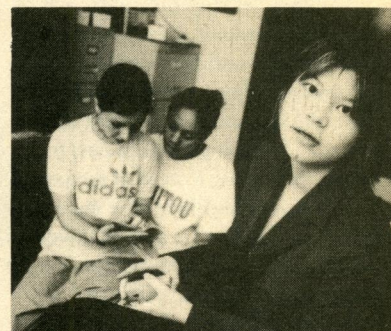
we are trying to hang on to," said Mr. Valpy, Globe and Mail Columnist and SSCH Board Member who argued that a dangerous combination would result if downloading and the proposed amalgamation (blending all the municipalities in Metro Toronto into a megacity) were to be carried through by the province.

Outlining a scenario that would see seniors without services such as meals on wheels, longer waiting lists for lower standard nursing homes and limited access to local councillors who have fewer resources to help the community directly, Metro Councillor Olivia Chow said, "It's really important to protect our city, but it is just as important to ensure that democracy prevails."

Noting the property tax is a regressive form of collection and the need for social services is progressive and volatile, MPP Rosario Marchese stressed the income tax is a more progressive form of collection and therefore should pay for social services. "Disentanglement (which includes the Ontario government's proposals on amalgamation and restructuring of the administration of education) has made things more tangled."

Big Changes in Youth Employment Programs

St. Stephen's Youth Employment Centre (YECC) has been reshaped due to the streamlining of youth employment services in the City of Toronto. The new *Career and Employment Preparation Program* (CEPP) will provide Information and Referral and Employment Preparation and Planning services. It is expected that the number of clients served by the new program will increase from 680 to 1530.



Youth working together at St. Stephen's Drug-Free Arcade

Helping Youth Resolve Conflicts: Preventing Violence

Helping youth who are at risk of becoming involved, or are involved in violence, is one focus of St. Stephen's *Youth Deserve Better*, a project initiated in 1995 with the support of the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, Imperial Oil Charitable Foundation, The Samuel & Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation, and the Doctors Hospital Foundation.

The new project is part of St. Stephen's youth services provided at the Drug-Free Arcade at 340 College Street. In addition to conflict mediation, the *Youth Deserve Better* project helps youth identify and take advantage of employment opportunities and access specialized health and social services to ensure they are getting the help they need.

The conflict mediation part of the project was developed in response to an alarming increase in the number of youth seeking solutions to every day conflicts with their parents, peers, teachers, police and community members.

St. Stephen's found that existing services were not able to address these

needs. Board of Education mediators are not able to meet the demand for their services. In addition, many of the youth's conflicts are unrelated to school and happen outside of school property.

Working closely with local elementary schools, the project is focused on conflict mediation education to develop constructive skills among youth aged 11 to 15 years to assist them in successfully resolving conflict. Between April and December 1996, 50 workshops were conducted for 450 youth.

St. Stephen's has made a proposal for a second year of funding to continue to provide workshops as well as develop and implement a peer-based conflict mediation service for youth under eighteen.

The service will enrol four youth mediators from each school who have participated in the workshops. The youth mediators will be provided with support and education from each other and staff at The Arcade.

Confronting Causes of Violence: Preventing Repeat Offenders

Helping youth deal with conflict in a positive way is an ongoing focus of St. Stephen's *Community Service Order Program* (CSO).

Through the CSO, young offenders between the ages of twelve and sixteen carry out service for their community to compensate for their actions. They also participate in educational workshops on healthy sexuality, drug education and conflict resolution.

To better help youth deal with conflict, program staff have been trained in a new conflict prevention program called 'Chill Power.' The program is designed to empower young people to develop their own style, language and constructive skills to confront violence, racism and negative peer pressure.

Chill Power was developed by Bruce A. Miles and is endorsed by the Metropolitan Police Services Board, The Toronto Raptors and the Canadian Association for Safe Schools.

Growing and Sharing at The Corner Drop-In

New services, more access, and greater support for the homeless and marginally housed—that's what *The Corner Drop-In* has achieved during the past few months.

Since 1986, The Corner has provided day time shelter, meals, housing and addiction counselling, social and recreational activities and access to community, health and legal services to marginally housed and low income people. These services are currently supported by the Ontario Ministry of Health, City of Toronto, The George Lunan Foundation, The Ben and Hilda Katz Charitable Foundation and The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation.

Now open on weekends

Thanks to funding from Metropolitan Toronto's Emergency Support Fund, The Corner is now open on weekends, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturdays and 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sundays, from November 1996 to April 1997. These extended hours come at a time when the need for shelter and support is rising. Within two weeks of the welfare cutbacks, the number of people using The Corner Drop-In increased from 250 people each day to as many as 400. At the same time, St. Stephen's faced significant provincial funding reductions.

The arrangement is a result of a coordinated effort with major drop-ins in the west end. Complementary hours have been worked out with the Scott Mission and St. Christopher House to ensure the homeless will have access to a warm place and food all day.

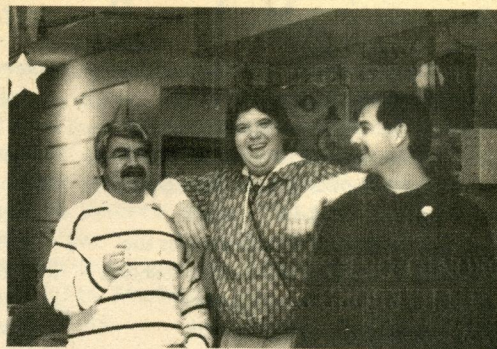
Housing for Everyone

Moving from providing short-term and emergency shelter to long-term housing solutions for the homeless is the focus of St. Stephen's new *Housing for Everyone* Program.

With funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Community Partners Program, resources will be targeted to assist chronically homeless people in the community through outreach, counselling and active work with landlords.

The program will operate from The Corner Drop-In and serve two customer groups. The first group is 75 chronically homeless people. The program will help them *find and keep* housing.

The second group is 80 landlords who rent to low income tenants and are willing to accept referrals from the program. Assistance to landlords will include the referral of ready tenants, the provision of conflict mediation and financial counselling to ensure rent is paid, and regular check-ins and ongoing counselling of tenants.



Sharing Through Donations

Thanks to supporters of our new direct mail campaign, our donor base has increased from 845 to 1800 people. This has provided much needed funding for The Corner Drop-In and Youth Department programs.

Our thanks to all of you who donated. In these tough times of government cutbacks, your support is so important to us. To those of you who haven't yet sent us a donation, it's not too late to help out. Your support is needed so that we can continue to provide programs and services to the most vulnerable people in our community.

For more information about how you can make a donation please call Carol Roberts at 925-2103, ext. 256.

Sharing at Christmas

A special donation from The George Lunan Foundation and help from corporate donors, volunteers, clients, and staff, enabled St. Stephen's to host a Christmas Party on December 19th for the homeless and marginally housed at The Corner Drop-In.

Because of these generous donations of time and money, 240 people enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Volunteer musicians played Christmas music and Santa handed out donated gifts of hats, gloves, scarves and socks.

Sharing the Warmth

The Corner Drop-In has also benefited from the *Share the Warmth* Program which has provided funding for heat and hydro. *Share the Warmth* is a cashless charity which channels 100% of all donations from the public through participating utilities—principally gas and hydro—to relief agencies and recipients in need.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of St. Stephen's Community House will be held at 91 Bellevue Avenue, Toronto, on **Thursday June 12th, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.** (Refreshments at 6:00 p.m.). Members must join the House by **May 13th, 1997** to be eligible for voting and must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the Meeting. For a membership application, contact George McKenna at 925-2103.

Nominations are being accepted for membership on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in being a member of the Board or would like to nominate someone in standing, please contact the Executive Director at 925-2103. Nominations must reach St. Stephen's Community House by June 2nd, 1997.

How Can I Help?

There are many ways you can help us to help others. You may choose to give:

- ✓ A direct donation
- ✓ A gift donation for a friend or family member
- ✓ A donation in memory of a friend or family member
- ✓ A bequest in your will

For more information please contact:

Carol Roberts
Director of Development
at (416) 925-2103 ext. 256

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Supporting Mothers: Preventing Health and Social Problems

Community collaboration and partnerships maximize services, avoid duplication and reach a greater number of pregnant women and new mothers in need. That's the basis of the **West Downtown Perinatal Support Program**.

The program is operated under the umbrella of The City of Toronto Coalition of Perinatal Nutrition and Support Programs and in partnership with Scadding Court Community Centre, Niagara Neighbourhood Community Health Centre, Cecil Community Centre, City of Toronto Public Health Department, Doctors Hospital, and Harbourfront Community Centre. Funding has been provided by the City of Toronto, Health Canada, the J.P. Bickell Foundation and the Treble Trust Fund of the Toronto United Church.

Staff at St. Stephen's were invited to administer and coordinate some functions of the program which works with pregnant

women and recent moms who are at risk due to financial, nutritional, cultural and other social difficulties. Presently, 50 women and their children are registered with an average weekly attendance of 24 women and 16 children.

Women are encouraged to take a leadership role and help design a weekly curriculum of presentations by professionals involved in the partnership arrangement. Topics of interest so far have included day camps, child care resources, family drop-ins, local food banks, clothing exchanges, library resources, English classes, housing and immigration.

Women have also learned about pre- and post-natal exercises, labour preparation, care of a newborn child, preparing the older child, breastfeeding, breast self-examination, birth control, nutrition, and meal preparation. A weekly food voucher of \$10 is given to each participant to assist with their grocery shopping.

"I was feeling quite isolated and quite anxious. This is my first pregnancy. My family is very far from Canada. The group allows me to meet other pregnant women and gives me the opportunity to ask questions to ease my anxiety."

Community Kitchen on the Way!

Helping women help each other with their food and nutritional needs is the objective of a community kitchen currently being initiated by St. Stephen's. Initially identified as a new service for women participating in the Perinatal Support Program, the community kitchen will also serve women from various SSCH adult service programs. Thanks to donations from the J.P. Bickell Foundation and the Treble Trust Fund of the Toronto United Church the kitchen will be in place in the next few weeks.

Fond Remembrances of Our Friend, the Late Kien Huynh

It is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the death of a great friend of St. Stephen's, Mr. Kien Huynh, who passed away on February 22nd, 1997 at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Huynh was a staunch supporter of St. Stephen's since 1990 when he retired from the Municipality of Halifax, Nova Scotia and moved to Toronto. He volunteered for seniors served by the House, most notably the pilot projects of the Adult Day Program and Neighbours Helping Neighbours. He faithfully volunteered for the well-being of others until the last moment of his meaningful life.

Mr. Huynh's friends of the Adult Day Program and Wah Leun Club, as well as the staff of St. Stephen's, remember Mr. Huynh as a dedicated, capable volunteer; a helper in any business, big or small; a cheerful, optimistic, energetic, 'youthful' person with a big smile; a translator, especially at the blood pressure clinic; a gardener and lover of flowers; a great public relations person for St. Stephen's services and advocate of continued government support for long-term care services; and a good friend.

Mr. Huynh, we will greatly miss you. Your kind deeds and generosity will live in our memories. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Huynh and her family.



A Tribute to Peter Bronfman

St. Stephen's Community House mourns the passing of our friend, philanthropist Peter Bronfman, who died on December 1, 1996.

Peter was a great friend to St. Stephen's over the years offering both financial support and advice through his service as an Advisory Council member. With the help of Peter's leadership and support, we were able to purchase our site at 169 Brunswick, presently the home of our Adults, Seniors and Conflict Resolution Service programs.

In honour and memory of Peter, St. Stephen's will be erecting a plaque at the 169 Brunswick site to let others know of his kindness and commitment to the community. Planned for this Spring, members of his family will participate in a special ceremony.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

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AHI (Action on Hospital Incineration) - Kensington was the neighbourhood group that kept steady pressure on the hospital to phase out the incinerator.

"This is great news" said Deborah Cowman. "But the real big news will be when they surrender the licence as well, so that some future administration at the hospital can't just change their mind."

Josey Panetta, a hospital spokesperson, confirmed that the hospital intends to surrender the licence.

ANY DAY NOW

GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE KENSINGTON CAMPUS DEAL
March 20, Bob Struthers of George Brown College advised the DRUM that George Brown College is "continuing its discussions with Citation Developments regarding the sale of the Kensington Campus. We expect these discussions to conclude over the next few days."

Call us at 603-DRUM for updates.

Parking garage construction on schedule

General manager of the Toronto Parking Authority Maurice Anderson confirms that the St. Andrew/Baldwin garage expansion is "on schedule for a late April opening."

At that point all the original spaces will be available again. The two new levels will open in July.

Meanwhile, merchants can obtain vouchers at a 25% discount (for themselves or their customers) to park in either Bellevue lot or Dragon City lot.

This offer will be good till the Kensington lot re-opens.

Phone Deborah Keane at the Parking Authority 393-7348 to order.

"KENSINGTON REVITALIZATION PLAN" MEETING

Area residents and merchants, working closely with city councillor Dan Leckie and City planning staff have come up with a planning document for Kensington.

More practical than some previous efforts, the plan looks at everything from streetscaping to garbage to pedestrianization of sections of the market.

Most important, it calls for *City money* to be put in over a three year period (if we have a city, of course, but that's another story).

The plan was due to be presented to a community meeting at St Stephen's Community House, 91 Bellevue Avenue, March 25, 7pm. A big turnout was expected.

Info: Suzanne Pringle, planning department 392-0413.

SPADINA LRT UPDATE

A July 28 startup date for the line is the latest word from the TTC. But the way things work there, if they don't sort of scheduling of drivers and shifts six weeks ahead of that date, then the whole thing would get stalled six weeks.

Meanwhile work on Public Art projects up and down Spadina (as part of the LRT design) is well under way.



A normally cynical neighbour who went to see models of the designs on display at Lillian Smith Library says "they're actually quite amazing. We're in for a treat."

"Gateway art" marking the entrances of the market at Baldwin and St. Andrew is part of the design.

For construction updates or concerns, call Ted Zander at the TTC: 393-3894.

WET WASTE AND WRIGGLERS

TRIAL PROJECT TO SORT GARBAGE GATHERING STEAM
It's simple. Rotting vegetables in cardboard boxes are garbage--and Kensington has mountains of it.

But cardboard separated from the rot is a saleable resource. And vegetables separated from the cardboard in time are food, if not for people, at least for worms.

Stan Mazur has been separating cardboard from produce at selected sites in the market area for a year now, and feeding his organic haul to worms--it's called vermi-composting.

"Absolutely for sure" he says "merchants could cut what has to be hauled away as trash by 80%."

"It shouldn't take a crystal ball to see that the days of plentiful free garbage pickups by city or megacity are numbered! Now is the time to be making plans."

Kensington Market

Working Group's Pat McKendry agrees: "our group is definitely interested in being involved with this" she says. "It's a perfect example of how a community can solve something itself better than a big government can."

For info, or to get your business signed up for the next stage, call 603-DRUM.

NEW DIRECTOR AT SCADDING COURT IS "HOME AGAIN"

After a brief stopover at troubled University Settlement House, Kevin Lee is back on "home ground" again--as newly appointed executive director of Scadding Court Community Centre.

Known to many around here as former assistant executive director at St Stephen's Community House, Lee grew up in the area. "I went to Ryerson Public, King Edward, Lord Lansdowne, Harbord Collegiate. This is the place I know best."

He is looking forward to the assignment. "Especially these days, it's going to be a challenge to keep these services alive. But I know from my own life how much they are needed."

"Most of all I like the fact that it gives me the chance to put something back into the community that gave me everything."

MORE NEIGHBOURHOOD, P. 32

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS CONTINUED FROM P.31 BEWARE BACKLANE FIREBUG, WARNS 14 Public's assistance is requested

Since January 1996 there have been around 50 suspicious fires in and around 14 Division says Detective Sgt Bruce Smollett of 14 Division.

Fires tend to be between midnight and 7am. Property damage has been in excess of \$300,000.

Most at risk seem to be garages and sheds left unlocked or with piles of trash, wood, bags, rags and other flammables around.

Police warn that often thefts from unlocked motor vehicles seem to have occurred just prior to a fire

being set.

Police say there are three things to do:

1. Call 911 if you see some crime actually happening, or if you see something suspicious, even if not an actual crime.
2. Call police at 14 Division (808-1404) with any information you have that might help in this investigation.
3. Get involved with your local neighbourhood watch program.

It will likely be through neighbourhood vigilance that this particular person is finally caught.

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Swedish relaxation massage. Tangible touch of the fingers. \$40 (100%gr.) Call 537-2987. Downtown. Marc Heroux. Certified massage practitioner

Seniors information service. Friendly volunteers provide helpful information on financial assistance, housing, home help,

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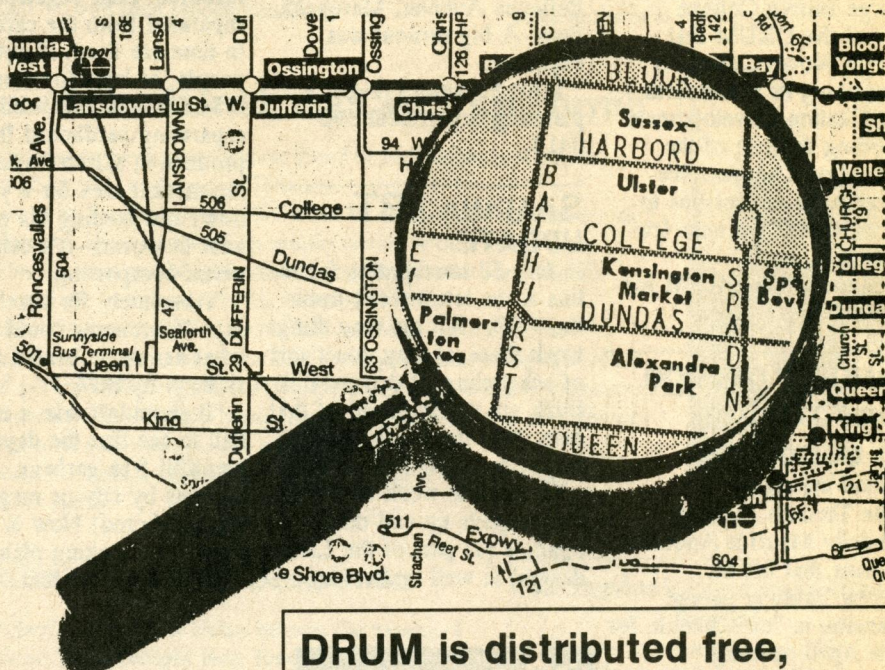
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