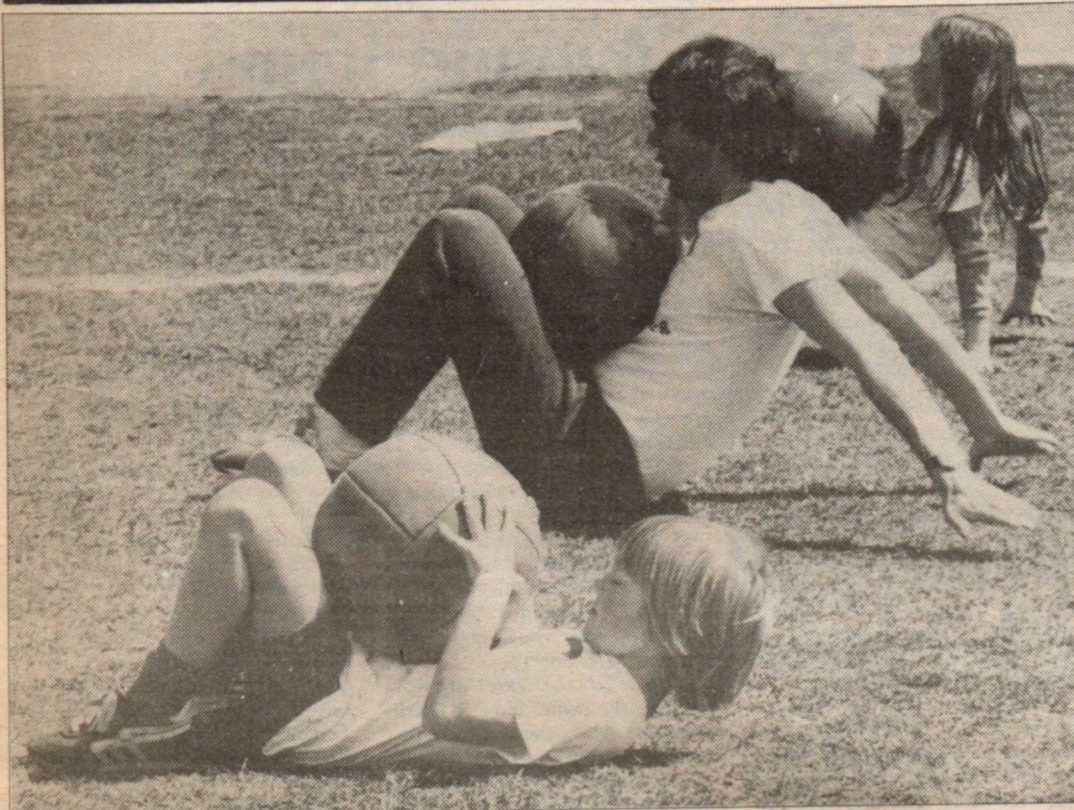




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The "crabwalk". Some find it a little easier than others. The above scene was part of the field day in Riverdale Park which launched Volunteer Week for the Children's Aid Society. The field day was supervised by Bruce Kidd, one of Canada's best-known runners. The day's program, on April 21, featured four-way soccer, a workshop on running styles, relay races, and medicine ball games.

Photo by Cherry Hassard

NIP elects new board

Susan Scott was elected president of the Neighborhood Information Post at the information centre's annual meeting on May 10.

Scott a chartered accountant, became interested in the work of N.I.P. when she took part in its voluntary tax clinic two years ago. She served on the Board of Directors last year as Chairman of the funding committee.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Jean Wright, vice-president; Theresa Deveau, Secretary, and Blair Parsons treasurer.

New Board of Management members are Michael Anderson, Ted Ball, Bud Lane, Dr. Rhonda Love, Naomi Smith, Dr. Ty Turner, Valerie Veinotte and Suesan Way.

Honorary members are Lynn Gardner, past president; Don Flowers, Jim Hayman, Gerry Solursh, Jim Bamford, Mary-Lynn Lotimer, Polly Evans, Don Harrison and Susan Seaby.

Main item of discussion was N.I.P.'s third annual Garage Sale and Flea Market, which will be held May 26 (the following Saturday if it rains). Any one who would like to rent a table, help serve, donate goods or otherwise take part is invited to telephone Cindy Wilkey at the N.I.P. office, 924-2543. The sale will be held in front of the Library House, next door to the Parliament Street Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

N.I.P. is a volunteer group operating from donations and grants to provide help and information in the Ward 7 area. Anyone with a question can get an answer at 924-2543 or 924-3544.

New name for old post office

Remember the old Postal Station "G" at Queen and Saulters? The place where you can't get stamps now? It is currently the site office for the South Riverdale N.I.P. and planning staff and home of the tool rental post, the Child-Parent Drop-In, the East End Library Area office, and the Thursday night building permit service. By next May, it will be transformed into a multi-service community centre. But they don't want to keep calling it "The Old Post Office" so N.I.P. is holding a contest for a new name. They want the building to be identified with the south Riverdale community, to have a name that people will find familiar and easy to identify. Send your suggestion(s) to N.I.P., 765 Queen St. East, Toronto. The successful author will receive two tickets to the movie of his choice.

Alderman Gordon Cressy is asking for written submission to be sent to him at City Hall. For information, contact Naish McHugh, the Industrial Development Officer at 367-7570.

'We won't take it anymore'

Parents, teachers fight for jobs

After an exciting meeting May 3rd, the Toronto Board of Education voted not to fire 108 teachers.

There was a feeling of intense excitement in the Education Centre as parents, teachers gathered to watch what would be an historic Board meeting. In the past two years, 294 teachers had been fired and programs drastically cut. This night parents and teachers united to say "enough".

3,500 parents and teachers had just marched on the Toronto Board demanding an end to the program cutbacks and teacher firings.

53 parent delegations spoke in 4 1/2 hours of intense presentations. The two Ward 7 trustees, George Martell and Barry Tulip, had backed the parents from the beginning, as had the other "coalition" trustees. But at least 4 other trustees were clearly swung over by the parents' arguments. At the end of the evening, in a 15 to 5 vote, the Board kept its badly needed elementary teachers.

CROWD

The administration was clearly shaken at the size of the crowd. They had been expecting 1500 people, but 3500 showed up, and over 1000 of these were parents.

The Director and his staff appeared to be badly prepared, and were unable to provide answers for specific questions about particular schools. They were only prepared to speak in general terms and seemed to have two contradictory sets of figures from which they operated. As a result, they found it hard to respond to specific questions.

STATISTICS

The Board's staff reductions appeared particularly baffling when applied to particular situations.

Rhoda Hill (Park School) wanted to know why a declining enrolment of 20 students meant the loss of 3.5 teachers. Director Duncan Green claimed that according to his second set of figures Park would likely lose 41 students, and that their loss of 3.5 teachers depended on a "mix and match" formula — an

answer which satisfied no one. Green added that he could not adequately reply because he had no prior knowledge of the specific figures parents would use.

Bob Johnson (Winchester) also found the Board's formulae unreasonable. Winchester School, with a projected loss of 5 students, was slated to lose 2 teachers. Johnson stated that he had considered this to be a "computer aberration", but now it appeared that other schools had similar problems when statistics translated into real situations.

TURNOVER

High teacher turnover due to cutbacks and bumping procedures was another issue that concerned Ward 7 delegates. Vern Harper (Wandering Spirit Survival School) pointed out that the "alternative native education program" offered at his school was jeopardized by the constant turnover. Within a very small staff, he had seen 3 new teachers in 3 years, which made it difficult to build a viable alternative program.

Sprucecourt's Sharon Vernon also cited a nearly 50 per cent teacher turnover in 3 years. Such a situation makes it difficult for students to develop long-term relationships of trust and caring with teachers who care about their educational success.

SMALLER CLASSES

Another clear priority was smaller class size. Linda DiCarlo (Lord Dufferin) emphasized that smaller class size would allow more time for the teacher to help individual students who might otherwise fall behind. In classes of 37 (the current grade 4 size at Lord Dufferin), she felt that the teacher could not possibly give the individual help needed.

Rene Souery (Withrow) stated that parents were "extremely angry", paying higher taxes for a smaller per pupil grant allocation.

Queen Alexandra's Marion Kirkwood "strongly object(ed) to classes of 35." In a senior school, *Con't on page 12*

Forsythia friends prevail

The day was cold and windy, and rain drizzled consistently, but Ward 7's annual Forsythia Festival went on as planned.

Despite the conditions, the festival was a modest success. The small number of people who turned out refused to let the weather dampen their spirits. A sing-along was started but was quickly abandoned for the bike and wagon decorating contest.

Briget the Clown was her usual funny self. M.P. David Crombie, M.P.P. Margaret Scrivener and actress Barbara Hamilton were there and helped in the planting of Forsythia bushes and the judging of the contests.

The bike decorating contest was won by four-year-old Zoe Campbell, who won a free ice cream from Jeremiah's Ice Cream Store.

The mutt show was the last and most entertaining event of the day, featuring a collection of dogs of all sizes and colours.

Prizes were given to the owners of dogs who did the best and the most tricks, who had the waggiest tail and the loudest bark. The best groomed went to a dog named Benjy which was dressed as a Red Cross nurse.

Seven-year-old Erica Sessel and her Yaffa won the look alike con-

test because they both have red hair. Finally, the prize for the best mutt went to Patsy Klein's dog Cindy.

Grace Cameron

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What's new

Is anything happening with your community or service group, in your church or sports team, in your bingo club, or on your block, which you think other people in Ward 7 might like to know about? If so, why not send us a paragraph or two, or just call us on the phone and let us know what's going on? That's 7 News, 315 Dundas St. East, Toronto M5A 2A2, 363-9650.

Community Meetings

The Riverdale Action Group (RAG) is having a meeting on Saturday May 26 at the Old Post Office, 765 Queen St. E., from 1 to 5 p.m., to talk about problems such as unemployment, pollution, and parking.

The Non-Nuclear Network is sponsoring a rally to protest the further construction of the nuclear reactor at Darlington, 40 miles east of Toronto. The rally begins at noon on Saturday June 2, at Darlington Provincial Park. Buses will be leaving from St. Paul's, 121 Avenue Rd., at 10:30 a.m. Call 922-3011 for reservations. If you can't make it to Darlington, there will be a simultaneous rally at Queen's Park starting at 11 a.m.

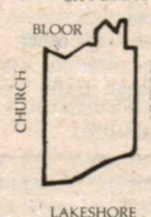


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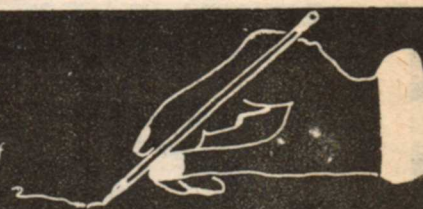


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Conditions "deplorable" in Rose Avenue home

For some time now, local community workers, nurses, doctors, etc., have been disgusted with the shoddy care being given to residents of the "Rose Ave. Rest Home."

As a community worker, who visited regularly, I can testify that the place always smelled and was absolutely filthy! Meals consisted of heated up canned food. The old people were responsible for their own laundry, and so most of them lived in the same clothes every day. There were constant complaints about the management not giving enough money back from their cheques. They have been taken to court four times, but were only fined and allowed to continue.

At the end of April, the long need clean-up finally came, but the improvements were not intended for the residents. The residence itself is being turned into apartments.

What happened to the residents? In typical impersonal fashion, the manager gave sudden notice to the residents to leave, even though he had said earlier that they could remain there during the renovations. Jim Wright was given his notice, of eviction, on Sunday, April 29th. Beds were taken away on the next day. He would have been taken to Seaton House, an emergency men's hostel, but he did not want to go.

For the next four nights he slept on the floor, until myself and Carmel Hill, also from the Christian Resource Centre, discovered his situation and relocated him. Mr.

Wright, who has a bad heart and is 69 years of age, was exhausted by the experience.

And the others? On April 30th a worker, from Metro Social Services, came to make arrangements to place one lady in a home and was told that she would have to be out by the next day. It was then that Metro Social Services began emergency placement for remaining residents. Local workers, doctors, and agencies involved were given no notice of this final closing.

If it all happened too quickly for us, just imagine how the old people themselves felt!

It is unfortunate that 27 Rose Avenue was allowed to remain open long enough to deal this final blow. Any why? Apparently, under the present legislation, owner-occupied buildings are not required to be licensed. In the case of Rose Avenue, the owner did live on the premises. Also, there is not very much attention given to personal care standards in our current public health act. However, it is stated in section 101 (2) that, "If upon examination it is found that the rooms, or premises, occupied are filthy or in unclean state... the medical officer of health may order the owner, or occupant, to remove the inmates from the premises..."

I find it difficult to believe that the medical officer of health, Dr. Moss, has not been able to close the place before now, despite sketchy legislation. He claims that whenever his inspectors have gone in, the premises have been clean enough to pass inspection. I visit regularly and have never found the standards of cleanliness less than deplorable.

It is too late to do anything about Rose Avenue. However, we can see that the situation does not repeat itself and that there are some decent alternatives for low income people who need minimal care and want a small private setting in this area. Proposed by-laws will be going before Metro Council, to improve personal care standards and require operators of lodging houses to have a licence. A special subcommittee, struck up by Alderman Gordon Cressy, is presently investigating inadequacies in current legislation affecting boarding and lodging houses and the havoc that has resulted.

What kind of care do you propose? I urge you to write to Alderman Cressy if you are familiar with cases of poor care such as Rose Avenue or any other lodging house in Ward 7.

Pat Trudeau

Look, look, see what our kids are reading

Although many people complain that schools no longer teach children to read I have been very impressed to see how well my daughter and her friends in the grade one class at Winchester have been learning, and must give full credit to her school and her teacher. At the same time I am very upset to see the rotten books which the Toronto Board of Education permits into the classroom.

The first book children learn to read in grade one (in most if not all Toronto schools) is "What a Dog". This is a book about nice white middle class kids who live in an attractive suburban home and play with a dog. The second book is "Meet my Pals" here these same nice white middle class kids introduce the reader to their nice white middle class pals. The third book, "Take a Peek", is more of the same. A black child and an oriental child are drawn in a group scene illustrating a poem but have no role in the story and certainly are not introduced as friends of the central characters.

The treatment of handicaps is equally revealing. All of the children and adults in the first two books are "perfectly normal" in every way. In the third book a blind man is introduced, not as a person, but as an object of pity to be helped across a street by the nice children. We never see the blind man functioning (in fact we never even see his face). Rather, all attention is focused on his handicap and his resultant "inadequacy".

Books such as these teach children a terrible lesson by their omissions. If children are taught in school that the normal person should be white, middle class, healthy and from a two parent

suburban home they will begin to wonder about those of their classmates who are different. When I look at my daughter's class I see many children who are black or brown, come from poor families, live in apartments and flats, have only one parent, or are physically handicapped. How do these children relate to those presented in the books? Do they see the children in the books as models to point up their own inadequacies? Is a sense of not belonging to the main currents of Toronto life heightened? And what lesson do the nice healthy white middle class kids from two parent homes learn about the types of people who are left out of the story books? Do they begin to suspect that there is something wrong with these children? Will they begin to worry that they should not play with such children (as the models in the book never play with such children)?

It would be wrong to expect schools to teach moral values to replace those which children should receive in the home. At the same time it is wrong to permit school books to present a view of life in Toronto which is in conflict with the realities of this cosmopolitan community. Parents who encourage their children to look at other children as people regardless of their race, religion, income, parentage or health should expect support from the school curriculum. All parents should expect to see texts which portray their children and not just some fictitious majority. Most importantly, the junk that is used to introduce children to reading should be thrown into a garbage can and be replaced with books with which all children can identify.

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Service stations lack service

I was especially interested in your news item about the St. Jamestown Texaco station, which offers such convenient service to those who do not wish to serve themselves at gas stations, and which is being switched to self-serve.

Good service and customers obviously mean rather little to Texaco and Esso for they have just shut yet another of their excellent service stations. I refer to Tak's Esso on Sherbourne just above Wellesley.

Is it a coincidence that each time a service station offers exceptional service its lease terminates? This has happened to two other Esso stations near by — one on Avenue Rd. and then the famous "Tom" at Roxborough and Yonge. Tak offered honest, fair prices and served many frail elderly customers who counted on him and his predecessor for years. The same station lost thousands of dollars because of the City and the developers closing Sherbourne Street not just for months but years. Neither compensated the dealer for this. Now, at last, he was making money again, and then to the surprise of staff and customers his dealership was terminated. When I called Imperial Oil about whether they find new jobs for these people I was told that they relocate the staff, sometimes in convenient places as Aurora! The mechanic told me he would be going to unemployment insurance.

Obviously Imperial Oil as well as Texaco is insensitive to the nature of the mid-city where good service means as much as if not more than dollar bills.

Mrs. K. Fells
Nanton Ave.

New developments, traffic and an alderman's life

By Janet Howard

South of St. Jamestown Traffic Changes

Massive confusion has struck South of St. Jamestown in the wake of new one-way street regulations necessitated by the closing of Ontario St. for construction of a park.

Although the changes were planned in consultation with local residents, this process happened some time ago and many people had forgotten until the new signs went up. It always takes some time for traffic patterns to settle down and drivers to develop new habits, so Gordon Cressy and I will be calling a meeting in the fall to hear suggestions of any further changes that area residents think would be useful. In the meantime, if you live in South of St. Jamestown, you might care to clip out the map and, if you notice things like an increase of traffic on your street that could be corrected, it would be helpful if you mark the map with your suggested changes close to the time when, with the help of the City's traffic engineers, we will review the new pattern.

Broadview Y Development

The Seven News article on this development attracted a lot of interest. (City TV did a story on it.) My week was brightened considerably by news from a local resident that hostility towards the new residents has died away almost completely. Tenants and homeowners have always lived side by side in South Riverdale on friendly terms, and it looks as if this civilized practice will continue. The houses are renting quickly, and when most of them are occupied, I shall be approaching one or more community groups to see about some kind of social event where the newcomers can meet their neighbours.

An Alderman's Life

And a couple of comments on what an alderman should or should not be doing, the way I see it:

From time to time someone will approach his alderman to use his or her influence to give preference to that person for things like parking permit waiting lists, City housing, civil service jobs, and other matters that operate on a first come, first served basis, or other clear and uniform system. People making such requests, if they really think about it, would not want services to run on the basis of who you know at City Hall. For example, I don't know if I would even be able to get preference for anybody on a waiting list for a parking permit because I've never tried. It would be grossly unfair to people higher up the list, whose need might be even greater, if I were to interfere. (If there has been a mistake of some kind, I will check the situation and try to correct it, but that's the only reason I get involved.)

As to jobs, many people think you get them on the basis of who you know. I'm proud to say the City of Toronto doesn't operate that way. It would make nonsense out of our personnel policies if applications of qualified people were shelved in order to accommodate some politician's friend, and while I deeply regret the desperation of my many unemployed constituents, most of them realize that the who-you-know system would usually work against them.

The latest example of things I won't do regards bus shelters. Several storeowners have approached me to prevent shelters from going up in front of their windows. My position is that I will certainly negotiate moving the shelter a few feet one way or the other if that will help, but I have a larger responsibility to the transit-using public. The 500 bus shelters going up throughout the City this year are a result of strong public demand, and I will not consent to any of the Ward 7 ones being taken out of the programme.

Sorry to sound like Hard Hearted Hannah — there really are many things I will do for constituents, so please keep calling.

Cabbagetown boxers hit

A team of ten junior boxers from the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre travelled to Sudbury to take part in the 1979 Ontario Junior Boxing Championships held May 12 & 13th. A total of four gold medals, one silver, and one bronze were won by the club.

In the "A" division (11 & 12 year olds), Don Dill, 90lbs., and Warren McKeown, 85lbs., earned championships. John Caverley fought well but lost out in his first bout. John has recently defeated the boy who emerged as champion in his weight class.

In the "B" division (13 & 14 year olds) Asif Dar, 110 lbs., won a championship via a dramatic TKO victory in the third round. John Shaw, 75 lbs., won his fourth junior championship in two years. Radcliffe Lee, a novice, garnered a bronze medal. Another novice,

Robbie Terrell, boxed well in his third bout ever in a close event with a much more experienced opponent.

In the "C" division, Terry Begley and Tim Haney lost out in a well-fought preliminary bouts. Vince Pileggi earned a silver medal in the 132lb. class.

The highlight of the weekend for

Cabbagetown was the awarding of the "most improved boxer of the year" trophy to Asif Dar. Asif took up boxing less than two years ago in order to help himself cope with racial prejudice. He has been so successful in his endeavors that he is now presumed to have a highly successful career ahead of him in amateur boxing.

Ken Hamilton



Asif Dar—"The Pakistani Panther."

Filipino parents get new rules

After a good deal of controversy, the Filipino Parents' Association of Metropolitan Toronto has adopted a constitution. The constitution, which came into effect April 1, was framed by a committee of 15, chaired by F. Ben Brillantes. It provides for a 9-person Board of Directors, and separate executive officers headed by the president. Visiting Filipinos who have children in Toronto can now be accepted as "honorary" members, although they cannot be given the right to vote or be elected as officers. The parents' association, which was started up 8 years ago, is now the most militant and powerful Filipino organization in the Toronto area. The committee members who framed the new constitution were F. Ben Brillantes, Pete Bangcaya, Purita Cruz, Cipriano Rey Hipolito, Magdaleno Almeda, Jose Asis, Bonifacio Cuevas, Teresa Edralin, Honesto Fenol, Ed Lim, Ampara Liwanag, Moises Maravilla, Buenaventura Navarro, Pablo Rosales, Guillermo Udasco, and Loreto Valencia.

1000 balloons above Withrow

One thousand balloons took off from the Withrow Schoolyard on May 8. The occasion was a contest organized by the Inner City Angels, the idea of which is to see which balloon travels the farthest. Each balloon is identified with a tag which asks the finder to let the sender know where it was found. In previous contests, balloons have been recovered hundreds of miles away. The contest also serves as a fundraising project for the Angels, and in this Withrow School's pupils have surpassed all records: they got sponsors to pledge \$1,100 dollars.

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1. To receive and consider the report of the Directors, President, and Executive Director;
2. To receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1978, and the report thereon of the Auditors, Clarkson, Gordon & Co.;
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- b) to receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1978 and the report thereon from Hilborn & Co. Auditors.
- c) to elect Directors.
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 us kids.
 This is the way I live.
 These two people are my parents.

I don't know how much longer I
 can take this.
 You know half my time I want to
 slit my wrist!
 Oh, God hear my plea,
 Someday soon set him FREE!!!!!!

*Anonymous student
 at Contact School*

As We Share

The clock ticks away
 as we share
 a plastic pepperoni pizza
 and freeze dried wine.

As we laugh,
 I look at you
 thankful,
 you are real.

Tom Clement

Why?

Why do I let myself
 get caught up in
 things like love?

Is it because I don't
 get love at home.

Why do I let
 myself lie?

Is it because
 other people lie, and hurt me
 or is it because I don't want
 to get hurt?

Why do I go on
 living?

Is it because people

say they love me,
 or because I want
 more time to explore?

*Peanut
 Peanut is a student
 at Contact School.*

High

Yesterday I was straight
 Today we smoked eight
 I keep falling, falling,
 When will I hit the ground?
 I got to slow down!

The teachers must all know
 I feel as cold as snow
 Everyone keeps looking at me
 Oh god, I want to be free!

*Beth Irving
 Beth Irving is
 a student at Contact School.*

(poem for Gail Fox, committed to the Kingston Psychiatric Ward for dancing with a knife)

"sanity" invades
 my life
 quietly
 the battle
 rages
 i hear stories
 of women
 in mental hospitals; E.
 with her mind
 systematically
 fried out
 by shock treatments; "she can't
 remember
 or write like she used to", Cogswell
 says;
 another friend
 committed to
 the Kingston psychiatric
 ward
 for dancing
 with a knife; sanity
 invades my life; i watch
 these smug glib
 ones, the sane; i wait
 for the moment
 to turn their knife
 on themselves; sanity
 invades my life; i buy
 chargex cards
 & live
 in their world; i am
 "sane"
 you see (&
 rehabilitated);
 their nuclear families
 & college professions
 stand in jeopardy
 before this
 knife-dance

*Gwen Hauser is a local poet.
 She is a founder of Goldflower Press.*

Gwen Hauser

As I look at your face
 I see how much it has aged
 over the years
 short years to me
 Now there are so many lines and
 wrinkles
 You were once a handsome young
 man
 and I know I helped to age you
 with my boldness
 late nights, parties, booze, drugs
 You're still here when I need you
 your shoulder to cry on or a helping
 hand
 If I had a chance to start over
 I would probably do the same thing
 It's just a part of growing up
 but I don't have another chance

I guess this is my way of saying
 thank you
 And that I am sorry,
 I love you Daddy.

Anna Hunter

Me, Myself and . . .

I may not be perfect,
 I may not be smart,
 I'm not phoney
 but I'm not me
 because inside of me
 there are five or six people,
 Will I ever let them out?
 They are at my throat
 telling me to let them out
 but I won't.
 Me, myself and . . .

*Ruth Mainville
 Ruth Mainville is
 a student at Contact School*

A Free Bird

If I were a bird,
 I'd fly to vast lands
 across oceans and seas.
 I'd never stop
 because I'd know that I was free.
 I would glide
 and let the wind
 sweep me away from my problems.
 I would fly
 through the fleecy white clouds,
 It would be like magic
 to be able to
 soar,
 dive,
 and swoop.
 If I were only a bird
 A FREE BIRD . . .

*Peanut
 Peanut is a student
 at Contact School.*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday May 20

Today's St. Luke's United Church Forum features Tom Whang speaking on **life in Korea**. At St. Luke's United Church, Carlton and Sherbourne, at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.

Tuesday May 22

Episodes 9 and 10 of "Roots" are being shown at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E., at 7 p.m. All welcome. Free.

Cathedral Court Co-operative Homes, a **non-profit housing co-operative** in the new St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, is inviting interested people to become members of the co-operative and to live on this new community. 59 housing units are expected to be ready for occupancy by September 15. A public information meeting will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in Suite 401, 49 Wellington St. E., for anyone interested. Call 869-1249 for more information.

Thursday May 24

John Tuttle plays at the **Thursday Noon Recital**, 12:10 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. free.

The Second Mile Club is holding a **spring bazaar** today from noon to 4 p.m. at the club, 192 Carlton St. There will be a tea room, crafts, baked goods, books, and white elephant items. All welcome.

Friday May 25

Free film at the Parliament St. library. 269 Gerrard St. E., at 2 p.m. Today, the musical *Pot O' Gold*.

Memories and Overdoses, a new play by Chris Hallgren, presented by Another Theatre Company, is showing in Harbourfront's York Quay Centre, today and tomorrow at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30. The play concerns five characters who share a collective memory of an intense three year communal experience.

Dixon Hall is having an **Open House and Reunion** today from 7 to 10 p.m. at 58 Sumach St. You'll get a chance to meet the staff, board, and see what is being offered at Dixon Hall. Refreshments will be served. Other activities will include an auction and a treat from Jane's music students.

Saturday May 26

The Riverdale Action Group (RAG) is sponsoring a workshop to discuss issues and concerns raised at the first workshop. (**Unemployment, pollution, parking and others**). Today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Old Post Office, 765 Queen St. E. (Saulter & Queen). Everyone welcome. For more information, please call 463-7094.

Vendors and donations of goods are needed for the huge third annual Neighbourhood Information Post **Garage Sale and Flea Market**, which will be held all day today on the lawns in front of the information post office at 265 Gerrard St. E. near Parliament. Proceeds will go towards supporting the information and referral work of this charitable organization. You can find out more by phoning 924-2543 or 924-2544. In case of rain, postponed one week.

The **Young People's Theatre** presents Hans Christian Andersen for a five-week run starting today, starring Tom Kneebone and Veronica Tennant. The play is a heart-warming musical about the Danish storyteller. Call 864-9732 for ticket information.

St. Mathew's Lawn Bowling Club is holding an **80 anniversary tea**, today from 2 to 5 p.m. The club is at Gerrard and Broadview, in front of the Don Jail.

There will be a **bazaar and rummage sale** at St. Peter's church today from 1 to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Ward 7 Business and Professional Association. 190 Carlton St.

There will be a **free community health screening clinic** today at Harbourfront, 222 Queen's Quay West, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be testing of vision, hearing, blood pressure/stroke, sickle cell anemia, and information on nutrition and various health topics.

Folklorico Filipino, the Filipino dance troupe, will be performing today and tomorrow at West Park School auditorium, 1515 Dundas St. West near the Dundas subway station. Today at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., tomorrow at 7 p.m. Call 423-4843 for information.

The women's section of the African National Congress is holding a **spring fun-**

draising bazaar today in the St. Barnabas Church basement, 175 Hampton Ave. (at Danforth) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be stalls with food, crafts, books and records for children and adults, games, etc. The money goes to refugees from South Africa. Call 444-3061 for more information.

Reggae at the first annual May 26 festival, featuring live Toronto's best reggae band: Ernie Smith's Roots Revival. Today from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Brigantine Room at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. Admission \$3 for students and unemployed, \$5 regular.

Today is the first day of the **Theatre Explorations Festival**, which runs to July 28. The festival will feature a performance week, master workshops, and special events. The festival is designed to serve as a vehicle to bring the artist and the general public together through both performance and non-performance events. All events will take place at the Factory Theatre Lab, 207 Adelaide St. or at the Theatre Centre, 95 Danforth Ave. Registration is today, tomorrow, and June 2. For further information, contact 364-2442.

Kids! Today is the **pet show** at the Parliament St. library, at 2 p.m. Bring your pet. If you want to know more about it, call the library at 924-7122. The library is on Gerrard just west of Parliament.

The **Cabbagetown Art Show** continues today with much of the action centered around Parliament and Carlton. Get out and see what local artists are creating.

There will be a big **garage sale** today at 558 Gerrard St. E. (near Broadview) in aid of underprivileged children. Please come and plan to spend. Noon to 4 p.m. Organized by the Families and Friends Centre, the social agency which helps the families of inmates of the Don Jail.

Sunday May 27

Rev. Dick Nellis of the downtown Youth Centre will be speaking today at **St. Luke's Forum**, Carlton at Sherbourne, at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.

There will be a **thank you tea** for 20 years of service to the brownies and girl guides of Simpson Avenue United Church at the church today for Mrs. Elizabeth Wynne. All former brownies, guides, and parents are invited. For more information call Marsha Cressy at 463-9277.

Monday May 28

Today is the first day of "**Bike to Work Week '79**", which culminates with International Cyclists' Day on June 2. Cyclists are being encouraged to travel in caravans from where they live to their place of work in the city. Many people who own bicycles do not use them to commute to work for various reasons, including poor parking and security arrangements, not knowing good bicycle routes and the general lack of recognition given those who appreciate this mode of transportation. This event will provide encouragement, information on routes, etc. and companionship from cyclists who make commuting by bicycle a daily practice. For more information call 367-7903.

South Riverdale N.I.P. will have a major public meeting today at 7:30 p.m. at 765 Queen St. East at Saulter Street. The meeting will discuss and vote on the \$400,000 set aside for services for children and for the community cultural facility. Any N.I.P. area resident is urged to come and participate.

Tuesday May 29

A **double bill** tonight at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E.: "The Devil's Triangle" and "The Sloane Affair". At 7 p.m. Free.

There will be a multicultural **Withrow School potluck dinner** for the Withrow parents and children today from 5:30 to 7:30 at the school. For more information call Marsha Cressy at 453-9277.

Thursday May 31

Thursday Noon Recital today at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. Artist to be announced. Free.

There will be a benefit today for Goldflower Publishing Company, a **new socialist-feminist publishing house**. The benefit will feature such poets as Miriam Waddington, Mia Fiamingo, Judith Merrill, Joy Wayman, Ted Planting, Mary di Michele, Bronwen Wallace, Tom Wayman, and Susan Musgrave. There will also be two bands play-

ing, Ma Quillya II, a women's rock-band and a reggae band, Tropical Experience, with female lead singer Fabienne. This event is happening at Harbourfront, 7:30 p.m.

Friday June 1

Planned Parenthood of Toronto is holding a **fund-raising book sale** today from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Harbourfront (222 Queen's Quay West) and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Over 10,000 used books and magazines will be on sale.

Saturday June 2

There will be an **oriental fair** at Harbourfront (222 Queen's Quay West) beginning at 10 a.m. The fair will include a flea market, sale of tropical plants, Filipino delicacies and native handicrafts, make-up demonstrations, fashion shows and demonstrations by the Polynesian Dance Co. Admission to 6 p.m. is \$1.50. In the evening there will be disco dance and contest from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$3.00.

The Adult and Senior Citizen's Bingo Club of 41 Oak Street is having its annual **Grand Island Tour** to Buffalo and Blossom Tour today. The bus leaves 41 Oak St. at 8 a.m. sharp, and returns at 10 p.m. The bus is a 47-passenger deluxe with washroom. There will be a stop-off to view Niagara Falls. Reserve your seat as soon as possible: \$8.50 for members of the Bingo Club, \$9.50 for non-members. For more information call John Sanlon at 366-8942.

The Senior Citizen's Club will be having a **bazaar and bake sale** today from 11 — 3 p.m. at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. There will be crafts, tea room, bake table, raffle (box of groceries) and white elephant booth. All proceeds to the Dixon Hall 50th Anniversary Fund.

The **Non-Nuclear Network** is sponsoring a rally to protest the further construction of the nuclear reactor at Darlington, 40 miles of Toronto. The rally begins at noon today at Darlington Provincial Park. Buses will be leaving from St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd., at 10:30 a.m. Call Greenpeace, 922-3011 for reservations. If you can't make it to Darlington, then come to the simultaneous rally at Queen's Park starting at 11:00 a.m.

Today is **International Cyclists' Day**, which is intended to focus attention on the critical role cycling has to play in the development of urban transportation that is equitable, energy efficient, non-polluting, appropriate to community lifestyles and simply a pleasure. At 1:00 p.m. today cyclists can gather at Greenwood Park, High Park and Bloor, or Lawrence Park, whatever is closer, then ride together to Queen's Park for a rally at 2:00 p.m. From there cyclists will ride en masse to City Hall for speeches, displays, and entertainment. For more information call 367-7903. (See also May 28).

General

Island Fun is just a ferry boat away with the East City YMCA. If you want a wholesome, active experience for your child, or if you need good, safe, creative day care, Hanlan's Point Day Camp is the place to be this summer. Subsidy is available to single working parents. Brochures are available. Call Michael Brady at 694-1159 for information.

It's bingo time every Tuesday until May 29 in the main floor lounge of 41 Oak St., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come on over and enjoy an afternoon of bingo. Admission 50¢, includes 2 cards. Extra cards 3 for 25¢. Free refreshments. Bingo stops for the summer and resumes August 7.

Every Tuesday at 77 Howard St. there is a **friendly game of euchre** in progress. If you would like to join the group then come on out. The cost for the evening is \$1 and this covers the cost of refreshments and prizes.

The Regent Services Unit at 63 Belshaw has a number of ongoing activities, including rummage sales on the first and 20th of each month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and used clothing sales every Friday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

There is **bingo** at the Regent Park School every Thursday at 7 p.m.

The South Riverdale Child-Parent Drop In Centre is an informal place for parents to come with their infants and pre-schoolers, for coffee, conversation, and play. It is located in the Old Post Office at 765 Queen St. E. and is open Monday to Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Once a week there is

a speaker and discussion on various topics. For further information, call 469-3776.

A group of seniors gather together every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the 200 Wellesley recreation room to **sing the old songs**, socialize, and have a good time together. Why not come and join in?

There is a **free store**, open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on 375 Bleecker St. main floor.

The **Senior Monday Club**, a social club meets each Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the 200 Wellesley recreation room. Why not come down for a game of cards, bingo, or coffee and a chat?

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape Ave., has a variety of regular **programs for boys and girls**. Pre-school story hour is Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Pre-school drop in is Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Films are shown Thursdays at 4 p.m., and various programs take place Saturdays at 2 p.m. Tuesdays a 7:30 p.m. the library presents the People and Places film series for adults. Quebec is featured May 22, Rumania May 29.

The Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Ave. at Gerrard, has **programs for children** each Saturday at 2 p.m.

From the People: An Exhibition of Gifts to the City of Toronto, is showing at The Market Gallery, in the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. The exhibition is organized by the City of Toronto archives, and is open free Wednesday to Friday, noon to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This July, an "adventure in bilingualism" will take place for students between the ages of 12 to 17 inclusive: a "twinning" of students between Toronto and Neufchatel (a suburb of Quebec City), whereby the students live in each other's homes for two weeks. The **Bilingual Exchange** is organized by the Board of Education. Call 598-4931 ext. 606 for more information.

The YMCA and Colgate Palmolive co-operate in running a **minor soccer league** in the inner city area. The emphasis is on skill development and on fair play and sportsmanship. This year the league will have eight teams in two divisions, 8-10 and 11-13 years old. Practices will start near the end of May. Boys and girls who are interested should call the East City YMCA for more information.

Tickets are now on sale for Dixon Hall's **Moonlight Boat Cruise** which will take place on July 20. Call 863-0499 soon to reserve your tickets.

There is a library and free store within the St. James Town complex and it **could use your help**. If you are moving or just cleaning house we can use any books, magazines or pocket books, also any good used clothing or household utensils. Just drop these items off into the YMCA office, 260 Wellesley St. E.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have something to announce just send your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E. or call 363-9650. The deadline for the next issue, the June 1 issue, is Monday May 28. That issue will announce all events up to June 15.

Grants Made

The Canadian Macedonian Place Senior Citizens Association has been granted \$26,155 in a New Horizons Grant from the federal department of Health and Welfare to organize and maintain a drop-in and activity centre. The program will feature crafts, music, movies, discussion groups, exchange visits and special work with shut-ins.

The Second Mile Club Shufflers at 192 Carlton St. have been awarded a \$6,588 New Horizons grant to establish two shuffleboard courts. Tournaments will be organized and teams from various senior citizens clubs will participate in the competitions.

Dixon Hall Appeal

The Dixon Hall 50th Anniversary Appeal is well under way as the Sumach Street settlement house looks for funds to help it into its second half-century. The appeal was kicked off in April with a reception attended by Mayor John Sewell, as well as by the "Mayor of Sumach Street", Joe Boland. The chairman of the appeal fund is Donald S. MacDonald, who urged everyone present to help in any way they could to put the campaign 'over the top'. The Dixon Hall Music School Concert Band played with enthusiasm. The canvass of corporations and foundations is now underway, and other parts of the campaign will take place through May and June.



RON B. THOMSON is the NDP candidate in Rosedale. An editor and lecturer, he is 32 years old. Thomson particularly stresses a number of elements of NDP policy, especially job creation. He says the NDP would cut personal income taxes of low and moderate wage-earners as an economic stimulus, expand job opportunities through municipal works, housing and transportation programs, and provide financial aid to assist small business expansion. He also stresses greater domestic ownership and control of Canadian industry. He wants to see Petrocan strengthened so that it can properly manage petroleum resources. He and the NDP oppose cutbacks which support social programmes. He also wants the federal government to use pressure to force the provincial Conservative government to live up to its agreement to supply universal medical services through OHIP, and to keep doctors from leaving the system. Thomson also stresses programs to provide equal opportunity for women, including equal pay for equal work, equal access to jobs, a system of compensation for full-time homemakers, and access to pension schemes. The NDP program lists a number of basic principles, including full employment: a job for every Canadian who wants to work; decent housing, health, education, and nutrition for all Canadians; greater social equality; greater regional equality; efficiency in the public sector; and better economic develop-

Rosedale Riding

ment.

They say Rosedale voters are turning to the NDP because they don't want to help Joe Clark become Prime Minister by voting for Crombie, and because the Liberals don't have a "credible candidate". Thomson is also critical of Crombie's constituency service record, calling the Tory MP "David Where?"



DAVID CROMBIE is the Progressive Conservative candidate and the incumbent M.P. He is the former mayor of Toronto. Crombie's campaign literature, which doesn't mention Joe Clark at all, incidentally, calls for a long-term industrial strategy and cuts in personal taxes. He wants to stimulate the construction industry and wants homeowners to be able to deduct mortgage interest from their income tax. Crombie says he wants to "develop the unique and significant role of small business" and to reduce the federal sales tax. He favours "increasing assistance for research and development." He is calling for a national enquiry into the uses and safety of nuclear power. He wants curbs on government spending growth, and calls for "freedom of information legislation to allow all citizens reasonable and clearly defined access to government documents."



ANN COOLS is the Liberal candidate. As Tory candidate Crombie avoids mentioning his leader, Joe Clark, in his literature, so she avoids mentioning hers, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. (He does appear in a picture.) Cools has nothing to say about the record of the Liberal government, and offers mainly general comments about the issues. She wants constituent involvement in the nomination of party candidates, greater accountability of the Civil and Public Service to constituents, and "greater recognition of the constituent's role in the political process". On the economy, "Anne Cools believes that we must aggressively unlock the flow of capital." She wants "a serious examination of health care, social service, and quality of life institutions." She wants members of Parliament to uphold "trust, honesty, and candor". She wants "re-affirmation of the individual person as the centre and purpose of politics," and "restoration of the faith in politicians and the political process." She thinks "the issue of this Election is the issue of the survival of Liberal Democracy in this country."

HANS BLUMENFELD is an independent running in Rosedale as a peace candidate. Blumenfeld is a well-known city planner and writer on urban affairs. Blumenfeld argues

that the continuous build-up of armaments by both NATO and the Soviet bloc is a "vicious spiral" which increases the probability of war and which robs people in all countries of resources needed for urgent social priorities. Blumenfeld wants Canada to take some leadership by voting for prohibition of the neutron bomb; by calling for a substantial reduction of the military forces of the two blocks now confronting each other in Europe, and by working for an "agreed proportional reduction of the military budgets of all powers." On the home front, Blumenfeld wants Canada to cancel the allocation of \$2.35 billion for fighter planes, to reduce our military budget to the level required for "supervision of our frontiers, missions for the United Nations, and disaster relief." He also wants Canada to leave NORAD and NATO. Blumenfeld wants voters to make a statement by supporting his program. He knows that he won't be elected but he says that this doesn't mean a vote for him is a wasted vote: "To the contrary, you are wasting your vote by casting it for any of the other candidates. Everybody knows whom Rosedale will send to Ottawa: the incumbent, David Crombie. So, if you favour Dave, you are wasting your vote, because he does not need it. And if you favour any of the other candidates, you are wasting your vote, because they won't get in anyway. Blumenfeld sums up by saying "The politicians promise you this or that to make your life better. But they avoid the most important question: will there be any life left for you and your children and grandchildren?"

DAN GOLDSTICK is the candidate of the Communist Party. (This is the pro-Moscow Communist Party, not to be confused with the Maoist "Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)" which is also running under the "Marxist-Leninist" label.) The Communist

Party's election program calls for the creation of "one million new jobs", for a "vast low-income housing program of 300,000 units annually", for "Canadianizing" the economy by stopping takeovers by foreign interests, and public ownership of resources. They want price controls to curb inflation, tax reductions on incomes below \$20,000, and an end to restraints and cutbacks programs. They want to "save the family farm", "a new made-in-Canada constitution", equality for women, and parliamentary control over the RCMP and its activities. The promise to implement "Democracy for the People". Although their current program shows few signs of it, the party still considers itself the heir of V.I. Lenin, who once commented that "in politics only imbeciles believe what others say".

SEAN HOWES "wants to cut your taxes — a lot!"

ALAN EAGLESHAM is the candidate of the "Libertarian" Party, which believes that government should run the police and the military and leave literally everything else to private enterprise.

ALAN MILLER is the "Marxist-Leninist" candidate. Their campaign slogan is "Make the Rich Pay".

JOANNE PRITCHARD is an independent candidate. We have received no information about her.

ANN LADAS is the candidate of the so-called "Nationalist" Party. The party's founders have been associated with Nazism. Supporters have opposed non-white immigration, have painted "White Power" slogans on hoardings, hate Jews, and admire Hitler. Their current campaign is downplaying these delightful associations, with the result that a number of people have been maneuvered into putting up their signs who would not have done so had they known what the party really stood for.

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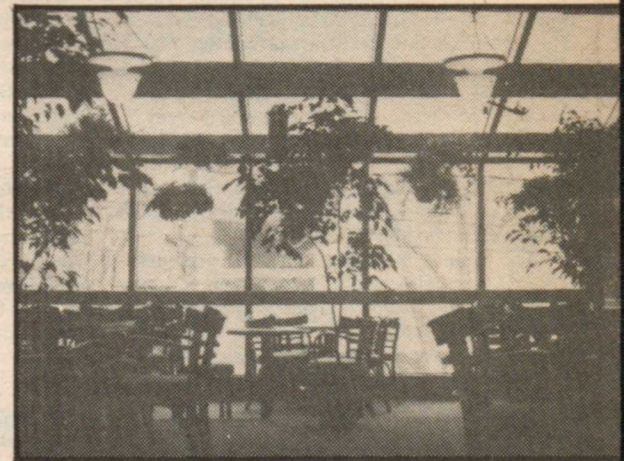
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The first is that whether you bother to vote or not, or whoever you vote for, things will stay pretty much the same after the election. No matter what the outcome of the election, there will be few basic changes in the way life is lived in Canada. Your boss will still be your boss, your landlord will still be your landlord, unemployment will continue to be bad, food will cost more, pollution will get worse, and the sun will keep shining. Fundamentally, things will stay the same.

But the fact remains that elections do determine who will run the government of Canada for the next few years. And while it may seem that there just isn't all that much to choose between the different brands of politician running, there are still some differences between them. And these differences can be important. For example, if one party proposes to cut U.I.C. benefits while another proposes to keep them as they are or improve them, then that can be very important to you if you are unemployed or think you might be. The same goes for party policies on a whole range of issues.

So it is worth looking at what the candidates and the parties have to say on the issues. It is also worth noticing what they *don't* choose to talk about,

because that can tell you a lot about their priorities. They may *officially* favour decriminalizing marijuana, for example, but if they never mention this policy during the election, you can safely bet that the policy will do nothing more than collect dust afterwards.

At the same time, it is also necessary to look *very* sceptically at what the candidates and the parties are promising. You have to decide whether you can believe the promises they are making. In the last federal election, for example, the Conservatives ran on a policy of bringing in wage and price controls. Trudeau and the Liberals hammered them on the issue, promised they would never bring in controls, won the election as a result, and then promptly brought in controls. So who can you believe? That's something you have to think very carefully about, always looking at the previous record.

There are three parties who have any hope of electing members to Parliament in Toronto: the Liberals, the Conservatives, and the NDP. (A fourth party, Social Credit, also has MPs in the Commons, but doesn't exist as a party in Ontario.) There is no reason why you have to vote for candidates who have a chance of getting elected: you may want to express your views by voting for a "fringe" candidate. But if you want to use your vote to try to elect somebody, those are your choices. The candidates of the three major parties are profiled here, with Rosedale riding and Broadview-Greenwood riding appearing separately. The "fringe" candidates are dealt with more briefly as well.



PHILIPP VARELIS is the Liberal candidate in Broadview-Greenwood. He is the owner of his own accounting firm. Promising to "fight for your concerns", he says that "it is the responsibility of society to provide a job for everyone who wants to work, and to protect the youth and senior citizens." He says "The basic Human Rights and equality of opportunity for all Canadians must be safeguarded." He wants "improved liaison between government agencies and you, the constituent." He believes "we should give more emphasis on the importance of small business in the Canadian economy."

According to Varelis, "the economic and energy policies of the Liberal government are based on the need to serve all of Canada, to correct regional disparities, to invest and create new jobs. Energy is the lifeblood of our society."



BOB RAE is the NDP candidate in Broadview-Greenwood, and the incumbent M.P. He stresses a number of key issues, including:

Broadview - Greenwood

Food, where he proposes to deal with rising food prices by having "a fair prices commission with the power to actually roll back price rise rip-offs". He says that "the other parties have proposed monitoring agencies to tell us what we already know — that prices are high."

He sees medicare as another key issue. He wants the federal government to act to make sure that the Ontario government doesn't allow further erosion of OHIP. In the matter of fuel, Rae and the NDP want Petrocan to expand into refining and to be the sole importer of oil. On housing, Rae wants the government and the banks to make mortgages available at 8 per cent. He wants to "use excess profits to deal directly with the problem of high interest rates." And he says that "the assembly of land should be public. Among other issues, Rae also mentions equality of opportunity for women, and providing training, jobs, and education for Canada's youth.



MICHAEL CLARKE is the Progressive Conservative candidate in Broadview-Greenwood. Clarke is running hard to beat the NDP's Bob Rae, and he is directing some of his heaviest attacks at the NDP. He argues that a vote for the NDP is wasted because it can't form the government. He is putting particular

stress on a local issue, the Pape Avenue level crossing. He says the Trudeau Liberals don't care about the problem because it isn't in a Liberal riding, and he faults the NDP for not having achieved an underpass, although he is unable to deny that the NDP has been working for it for years. But, he says, the NDP, "took no for an answer". He takes issue with Bob Rae's comment that "the protection of life was more important than the profits of any particular local developer", which he says was unfairly directed at Gerrard Square.

On other issues, Clarke supports his party's proposed tax cuts as a way to stimulate the economy. He wants to outlaw strikes in "essential services", and says he supports equal rights for women. He wants to bring back "honesty and openness" to Ottawa. He wants to see Canada self-sufficient in energy by 1990, by "emphasizing improved conservation and by encouraging development of new Canadian supplies." He seems to favour restoration of capital punishment, and wants policies to encourage small business. He says he is personally opposed to wage and price controls.

JOHN BIZZELL is the candidate of the Communist Party in Broadview-Greenwood. An architect, he says that a vote for him is "a vote for Real Change".

DOROTHY JEAN O'DONNELL is the "Marxist-Leninist" candidate. Their campaign slogan is "Make the Rich Pay".

WALTER BELEJ is the "Libertarian" candidate. They believe that government should run the police and the military and leave literally everything else to private enterprise.

MILORAD NOVICH is an independent candidate. We have received no information about him.

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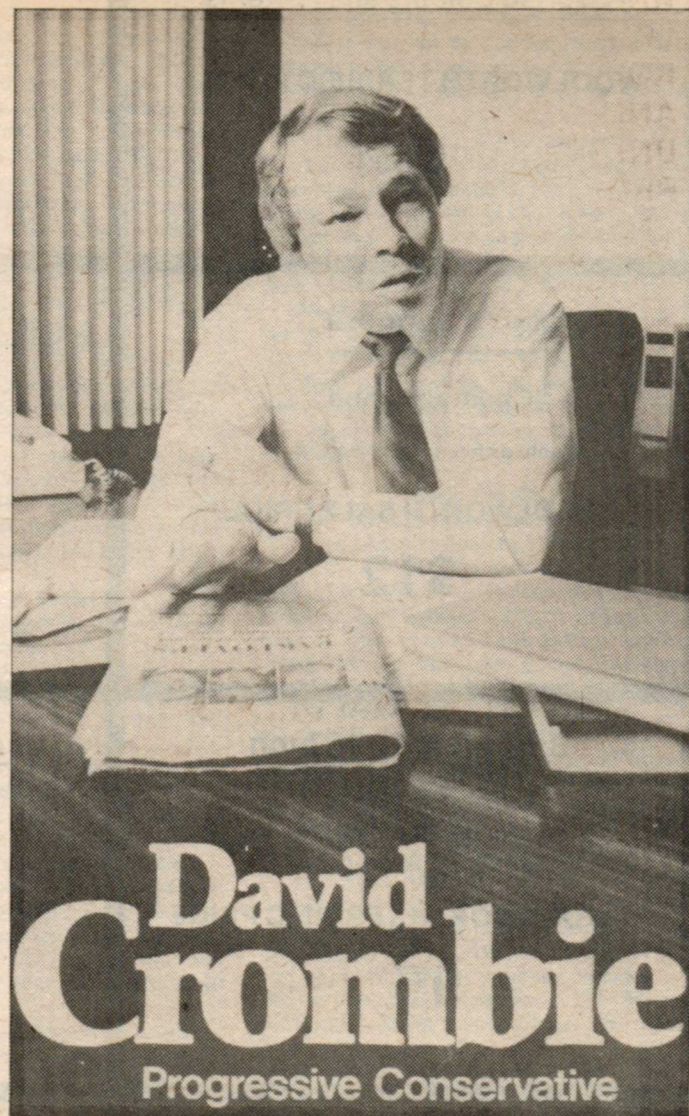
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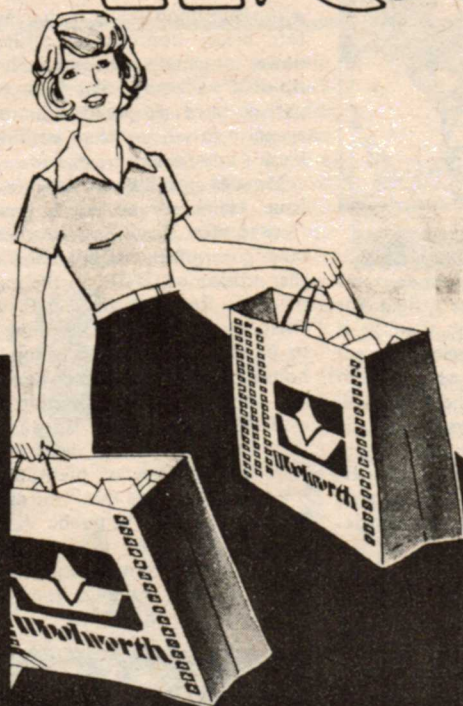
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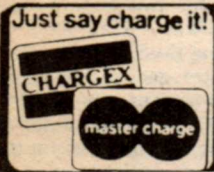
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South Riverdale N.I.P. budget

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The quarterly budget report of the South Riverdale N.I.P. (Neighbourhood Improvement Program) was presented at the April 23 meeting of N.I.P.'s steering committee. Items reported on by Ed Kothring include:

Renovations on the Health Centre were completed at the end of February at a cost of \$182,500. There was a grant of \$10,000 for medical supplies. So far, \$4,800 has been spent. \$5,100 was paid for relocation during renovations and \$5,606 was put away for additional repairs making it a sub total of \$203,206.

\$600,000 was originally allocated to Services for Children. There was a grant of \$400,000 to Woodgreen Community Centre. \$50,000 has been advanced to cover architect fees. \$1,133 was used to buy toys

for the drop-in centre out of an amount of \$2,500. \$197,500 is still left.

The Post Office had an allocation of \$779,852. Out of this, \$76,000 was allocated for renovations and \$73,450 has been spent. \$14,500 will be spent for architects' fees. \$3,355 was spent on office furniture.

And \$179,023 was allocated to community participation and administration, of which \$150,063 has been spent.

Much discussion at the meeting centred around a lack of a detailed breakdown for two large budget items — the \$182,000 of renovations at the South Riverdale Health Centre and the \$400,000 grant for renovations at Woodgreen Community. A more detailed breakdown is to be provided for the next steering committee meeting on May 28 at 7:30 in the Old Post Office at 765 Queen St. E.

Another controversial item the proposal by the N.I.P. Green Committee to use the remaining \$197,500 from the Services for Children category to develop shared-use open space at Morse and Bruce Public Schools, at Dundas and Queen Alexandra Schools, and for fixing up the Queen Street commercial strip. Several residents felt that not enough research had been done to determine if another children's service facility was needed. This too will go to the May 28 meeting.

South of Carlton: things are hopping

Spring is here and along with the flowers there are changes and new developments popping up all over the South of Carlton area.

231 Seaton Street has been designated as historical by the Toronto Historical Board. The house was constructed by William Dudley, a builder, in 1869 for his own use, and was one of the first houses to be built in this area as development expanded to the north (from the King and Parliament area.) This designation means that the City can delay demolition of the house.

A proposal has been brought before the South of Carlton Community Association (SOCCA) to build 14 new houses at 214-222 Berkeley Street. Seven attached townhouses will face onto Milan Street and six onto Berkeley Street; they will be rented. The developer, Quetico Homes, must go to the Committee of Adjustment at City Hall to request permission for some variances from the zoning such as set-backs (from the front and sides) and height.

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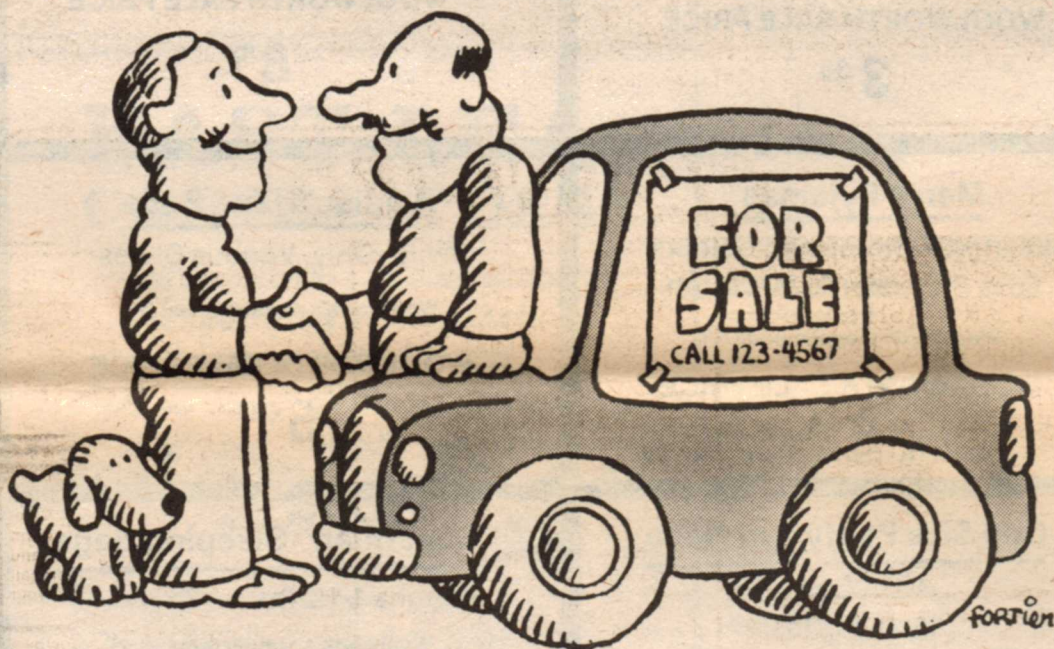
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Our energy dilemma

One of the most frustrating aspects of this long and boring commercial that is referred to as Election '79 is the fact that many vital issues are either not dealt with as thoroughly as they should be or are ignored altogether. That is why it was so encouraging to attend the meeting held at the St. Lawrence Centre on May 9th. The topic of this meeting was the dangers of radioactivity resulting from nuclear reactors. This is a matter that has been neglected during the election campaign, despite the fact that the accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania has dramatically brought to the attention of the whole world the frightening possibilities that face us all as a result of our nuclear program.

The meeting began with the showing of a National Film Board picture entitled "No Act of God", which examined the odds of having a major nuclear disaster. This was followed by a very informative talk from Gordon Edwards, National Chairman of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility. Both film and talk were excellent, but what was also encouraging was the size of the crowd. There have been many meetings at the St. Lawrence Centre recently on subjects of great importance, such as OHIP and the problems of senior citizens, but they did not attract the numbers of people that they should have. On May 9th the hall was almost full, the largest crowd I have ever seen there.

But more important still was the character of that crowd, which became apparent during the discussion period. Often in the past the question and discussion part of such meetings has suffered because of many of those who participated were merely emotional or expressed their discontent without showing much evidence of having tried to think the problem through. At the May 9th gathering, on the other hand, almost everyone who asked a

question or discussed the matter showed that they were already informed to a considerable degree as to the problems caused by nuclear fission. What is more, some of them indicated that they had done some thinking about finding solutions to those problems, and they made suggestions for action.

The superiority of the question and discussion period at this meeting was no doubt due to the presence in the audience of members from such organizations as Energy Probe and Greenpeace, which have been actively campaigning for some time to acquaint the public with the dangers of nuclear reactors. One of the contributors to the discussion hit the nail right on the head when he said: The government refuses to act because the nuclear program is not a political question. It is up to us to make it a political question." There was loud applause. It is evident that citizen concern about the dangers of radioactivity is alive and well.

What was also significant about the meeting of May 9th was the recognition that the problems of nuclear reactors was only part of a larger situation, that is the inability of ordinary people to exert any control and direction over the system under which we all live. That indicates, I think, that these people are on the right track.

Anyone who is concerned about the dangers of radioactivity and wants to obtain more information or become involved should get in touch with organizations that are now active. Energy Probe is located at 43 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto M5S 2C3, telephone 978-7014. Greenpeace can be reached at 121 Avenue Road, Room D, Toronto M5R 2G3, Phone 922-3011. Greenpeace is organizing a demonstration at the Darlington nuclear reactor near Bowmanville on June 2nd. The Canadian Council for Nuclear Responsibility is at 2030 Mackay Street, Montreal.

Howard Huggett

Oops and oops! We sure goofed

Thanks to a mix-up, some invoices relating to the May 4 issue of 7 News referred to the issue as "Volume 10, Number 1". In fact, the May 4 issue was Volume 9, Number 25. This issue, the May 18 issue, is Volume 10, Number 1.

There were two typographical errors in the book review of "Like Normal People" in the May 4 issue of 7 News. The article should have said that approximately one per cent of the population has some form of retardation, and that almost 90 per cent of them are only "mildly retarded".

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where remedial reading is often a key to success in high school, she demanded smaller classes "where teachers can plan programs more sensitive to their students' needs."

ESL

Another clear priority, eloquently expressed by Gus Rodopoulos (Frankland), Rene Souery (Withrow), Mr. Christopoulos (Jackman), and Mrs. Joyce Chu (for Dundas Chinese parents), was the overwhelming need for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for the newly arrived immigrant and for those children born in Canada who grow up in non-English-speaking homes.

The ESL cutbacks over the last 2 years have been the most drastic of all program cuts and appeared to be the area most likely to be slashed again.

The projected figures for Frankland were shocking. Of the children entering Junior Kindergarten, 64 per cent have little or no English and 46 per cent have no English at all. As Mr. Rodopoulos summed it up, almost half the children speak "not one word of English", yet Frankland was allocated .68 of 1 teacher for ESL for September 1979.

The figures for Withrow were no more encouraging, with .53 of a teacher slated for ESL in a school with a large number of Canadian-born ESL students. The Metro formula does not allocate teachers for ESL students after they have been in Canada for 2 years, whether or not their English is sufficient to cope with the school program.

At Jackman, Mr. Christopoulos cited 150 ESL students, of whom 35 were being serviced. Over the last two years, the school has lost 3.5 ESL teachers and is slated to lose .5 more, leaving it with .5 of an ESL teacher for September, 1979. "Just how low on the priority list are our children?" Mr. Christopoulos demanded.

GOVERNMENT CUTS

The Conservative Ontario government, which has cut back educational grants throughout the province, came under fire from Rose Avenue's Jan Tukker. He denounced the Davis government as "ignorant" for not recognizing the educational needs of children, and invited the Board to join parents and teachers in "the campaign for our children's future".

Mr. Tukker urged the Board to have the "guts" to stand up for our children's educational needs. He denounced those administrators who might be "afraid of some autocratic politician firing you from

your job... Our children come first."

Later in the evening, Trustee George Martell came back to this theme, pointing out that we are facing a Ministry of Education "determined to gut the school system." Martell cited the need not only to change the Conservative government in Ontario, but to inform all parents of how the system actually works.

On May 3rd, it was the parents who made it happen. As Merylie Houston (Toronto East Community Council) stated, "a lot of parents will never be excluded from the decision-making process again."

"SAVED" TEACHERS

The Board subsequently met on May 10th, and voted on how to allocate the 108 teachers.

The largest number (34) went to English as a Second Language, clearly a first priority city-wide. This restores a number of ESL programs cut over the past 3 years.

16 teachers went to inner city programs, to be distributed on the basis of greatest need.

14 went to Special Education, which restored those programs scheduled to be cut, and added 2 reading clinics and 2 learning centres. This broadens the Special Education service by increasing the most productive programs for the largest number of children.

6 teachers went to the Core French program (20 minutes per day, grades 4 to 8).

The remaining 34.5 teachers were assigned to "area flex" — which means that the area superintendents will place them in schools and programs where the need is greatest.

The funding for the 108 teachers for September to DECEMBER, 1979, will be found by slashing other areas of the budget such as "furniture and equipment", "summer curriculum writing", etc.

In 1980, if the Ontario government and the Metro School Board cannot be moved, it may be necessary to resort to a local tax levy which will work out to about \$2.00 per household. The next step is clearly for the parents, teachers, and the Board of Education to rally together to make demands on the Ontario government for adequate funding. Minister of Education, Bette Stephenson, claims to be reviewing the grant structure, and she needs to hear the message so clearly expressed on May 3rd to the Toronto Board. The first battle has been won, but the war remains to be fought, and it has to be fought at Queen's Park.

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