

## An open letter to readers of 7 News

Dear readers:

7 News needs your help. And we need it urgently.

This year's supporting membership campaign is almost over, and we are still well short of our target.

This is despite the fact that the response to our appeals has been very gratifying. It's just that like everything else, our costs have risen substantially in the last year. We simply can't get by any more on the level of support that has sustained us in the past. We need more money than we used to to survive, and that means we have to ask our readers to dig deeper into your own pockets.

7 News was started as Ward 7's own newspaper, and it has always tried to be that. And we know that many of our thousands of readers do think of the paper as theirs in some special way. But now your paper is really feeling the financial squeeze, and it's up to you to decide just how much you do see the paper

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something you really want to read, a paper that means something to you and your community? Is it worth the effort of filling out a coupon and writing out a cheque? Is it worth a few dollars to you?

If only a few dozen more of you decide that 7 News is really important, important enough to save, then we'll once again have enough money to at least scrape by for another year. We don't need much more money, but there isn't any

room for further cuts in our budget either. Not when each issue now costs us about \$1800.

Please do something to make 7 News your community paper in a real way. Invest a few dollars in its

Any amount will make you a supporting member, although we urge you to contribute at least \$10, or as much more as you can afford. Just fill out the coupon.

And then keep on reading 7

### Last issue until August

Can Ward 7 get along without 7 News? Well, the 7 News supporting membership campaignisdesignedto make sure that Ward 7 won't have to get along without 7 News.

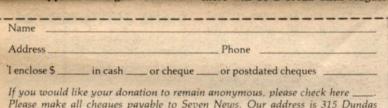
But, for a month-and-a-half this summer, Ward 7 will have to do without 7 News anyway, because we're taking our SUMMER BREAK.

The next issue of 7 News, which will be the last one before the summer, will appear on June 29. Then there will be a break until August

24, when the next issue will appear. It will still be possible to contact the office during the summer, but full-time operations will not get under way until August 13.

IF THERE IS SOMETHING HAPPENING BETWEEN JUNE 29 AND AUGUST 24 WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE LISTED IN THE COMMUNITY CALEN-DAR, OR IF YOU HAVE SOME STORY INFORMATION, OR AD WHICH YOU WANT TO GET INTO THE PAPER BEFORE AUGUST 24, THEN YOU HAVE TO GET THE INFORMATION INTO THE OFFICE BY MON-DAY, JUNE 25 SO THAT IT CAN GET INTO THE JUNE 29 ISSUE.

Just send the information to the 7 News office, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2, or call the office at 363-9650. The deadline for the August 24 issue is Monday August 20.



### Please make all cheques payable to Seven News. Our address is 315 Dundas St. East, Toronto M5A 2A2.

# News across the ward

#### Money for Drop-in

The City Grants Review Board has tentatively awarded \$3,999 for a salary for a part-time co-ordinator for a drop-in program at the Parliament Street Library House. The drop-in, long a popular service in the neighbourhood, was discontinued in the spring of 1978. Now it could be re-opened on an assured financial basis for the period October 1979 to May 1980. However, the Library Board still has to approve the re-opening of the drop-in. The Library Board wanted it closed down originally, and so far has resisted efforts to get it going again.

#### Hospital gets art

Through its ongoing Wintario Art Project, the Princess Margaret Hospital has acquired 75 prints and paintings which now hang in patient and general reception areas of the hospital on Sherbourne and Wellesley. All works in the hospital collection are by contemporary Canadian artists and have been selected and hung, not to create an art gallery within the hospital, but rather to enrich the hospital's living and working environment for patients, staff, and visitors.

#### Birds blasted

Toronto Island airport staff shot 240 gulls, terns and geese last year as part of a safety program to reduce bird hazards to aircraft. According to airport manager Jerry Thornton, walking or vehicle patrols are conducted daily, or as requested by the control tower. It is believed that some 50 birds died in collisions with aircraft.

#### South St. Jamestown Park

Residents of South St. Jamestown have voted to approve the first phase of a park concept at



Good news for baseball fans - landfill operations are underway in Riverdale Park. Gone forever are the swamp waters that engulfed the diamond and created a new landmark, Pitcher's Island, out of the mound. Photo by Cherry Hassard

Winchester School. Work will begin this summer on the first part of the project. The vacant land along Ontario Street at Winchester School will be graded for a playing field. A portion of Ontario Street has been officially closed and work will commence soon to convert it to a pedestrian walkway. Further improvements will be made in the existing area. Proposals have been worked out by a working committee which includes Anne Fodden (chairman), Iain Hunter, Mike Jones, Stephen Went, Graham Mudge, Charlotte Mudge, David Rounthwaite, John Carter, John Lewis, Joyce Purdon, Cameron Garthe, Doreen Dewart, Alan Buck, Brian Prior, and Olga Les. The committee will continue its work on the second part of the project in the fall.

#### Don Mount Park

Don Mount Court residents have voted for the development of a new park along Carroll and Thompson streets. During the spring a working committee of Don Mount residents came up with several design proposals, which were enthusiastically supported by the residents at the meeting. Members of the committee include Danny Andru (chairman), Anne Potvin, Petrie, and Barbara Leonhardt. The alderman's office and the city staff will be working this summer to obtain the land.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

Jim Renwick (NDP MP Riverdale) distributes information sheets on correlation of high blood lead levels and learning disabilities.

## Lead pollution worries residents

"People are no longer going to be satisfied with the uncontrolled use of chemicals." In this way Jack Shapiro, Chairman of the City of Toronto's Board of Health echoed the sentiments of many of the 100 persons attending a meeting on lead pollution caused by the Canada Metals plant on Eastern Avenue.

The meeting heard Dr. Harry ticularly shocking since many area Parrott, the Minister of the Environment and officials of his Ministry, emphasize that "average monthly lead levels" had not been exceeded in the vicinity of the plant for some time. They did acknowledge that daily readings had been above acceptable standards in December of 1978 and the spring of this year.

But most people at the meeting expressed genuine concern with lead levels in the area and questioned the Ministry's standards. Speaker after speaker referred to new evidence which suggests that the old standards are too permissive.

Bob Rae, MP for Riverdale, said 'recent studies show that the effects of lead absorption may be much greater than previously thought." He suggested that the emphasis on lead poisoning which is measured through blood testing has ignored the question of whether chidlren's performance would significantly be affected by lower levels of lead ab-

A study by medical researchers in levels of lead have had their health. learn and perform affected in a significant way. Children who did lead absorption, performed considerably better.

Pre school toddlers, pregnant mothers and school age children are the most susceptible group to lead pollution. These groups are encourgaged to take blood tests which are conducted every June in the Canada Metals area.

Anna Fraser, an area resident suggested that these tests be held twice a year: as late in June as possible and in early October to better determine the affects on area children who had been playing outside all summer.

The meeting was organized by the South Riverdale Community Health Centre after it was learned early this year that the soil on a number of lawns in the area was contaminated with unacceptable levels of lead. This news was par-

houses had their soil replaced in June and July of 1977

The concern with lead pollution at theCanada Metal's plant goes back 10 years. In that time the Ministry of the Environment has issued 2 control orders against the plant, has installed a number of monitors to determine emissions and have organized the soil clean up.

Yet today the Canada Metals plant emits higher doses of lead into the surrounding area than Canada Smelters and Refiners and Prestolite Batteries, 2 other plants that have been a source of problems with lead in Toronto. The Ministry of the Environment doesnot know why this is the case.

In response to the concerns expressed at the meeting Dr. Parrott committed his Ministry to do anything that is technically feasible to determine the scope of the problem. He also committed the Ministry to issuing a control order once the source of the high lead levels were identified.

Doug Hutton, President of-Massachusetts has shown that Canada Metals was asked by a children who have absorbed mild resident of the area to give the cost of pollution abatement equipment their behaviour and their ability to installed by his firm as a percentage of profits. Mr. Hutton said that his firm had spend 1.5 million dollars not have a discernable degree of on abatemnet equipment since 1972. His company's return on sales amount to about \$2.5 million in

Mr. Hutton described his firm's efforts to control the lead problem and emphasized that he was willing to commit more of his firm's resources to tackling the problem. He described a new 6 person environmental unit attached to his plant as an example of his company's com-

But not all of the audience was impressed. One area resident described conversations he had with people in the vicinity of the plant. He said that the levels of frustration and anger in this area had risen to the point where they "were interested in direct action, not relying on politicians."

Z. Juan Smith

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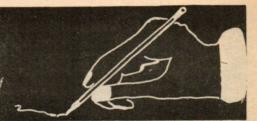
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## Clean up Cherry Beach

Let's clean up Cherry Beach. Over the years, oil tanks and other polluting industrial uses have spoiled this beautiful area. Few citizens can enjoy Cherry Beach. What a crime. It's so close to down-

After the present dirty industries are gone, an industrial park with trees and flowers should be established for light and service industries. Thus jobs would not be

The Neighbourhood Information

Post volunteers would like to thank

the many Ward 7 residents who

contributed their time and goods

toward N.I.P.'s 3rd Annual Fund-

rain, the Sale finally took place un-

der sunny skies which drew large

crowds of bargain hunters on June

2nd. Profits from the Sale will en-

sure the continued delivery of

N.I.P.'s services over the summer

months. Other fund-raising events

will take place over the next year.

This letter is written in the hope

that our staff can calrify our

reasons for the mass transfer re-

numerous attempts over the past

several years to focus attention on

the multitudinous needs of the

children. We, as inner city teachers,

are committed to improving the

quality of education for all inner

city children.

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quests. This was yet another

After one cancellataion due to

Raising Garage Sale.

lost by the re-locating of the present plans.

The feasibility of a light-rapid transit line running along the lake should be studied. This line would serve Cherry Beach, the CN Tower and the planned development around the CN Tower, Ontario Place and the C.N.E. By developing such a line, the entire lake front will become an alive part of the city year round rather than only a sum-

Any residents interested in taking

part should contact Cindy Wilkey

tunity to express our appreciation

for the support that 7 News has

given to N.I.P.'s programs and

activities in the past, and par-

ticularly for the excellent coverage

of our Sale which undoubtedly

there is a need to look at the inner

city school structure in general. Im-

proved and relevant programming,

for the children are crucial. For

these reasons we have risked

publicly stating our concerns. We

are now and will remain committed

to these responsibilities.

Susan Seaby,

Garage Sale Committee

Yours sincerely,

The Staff of Park School

Chairman.

greatly contributed to its success.

We'd also like to take this oppor-

mertime treat for a few.

Peter B. Pocock

### Sorry, I made a mistake

Re: Broadview YMCA SITE

It has been pointed out to me that the sale of the Broadview YM-CA was occasioned by financial considerations which did not involve a flow of money from the City of Toronto to the suburbs. I regret that I made such a statement to your reporters as I now realize this was based on misinformation, and I wish publicly to apologize to the YMCA for perpetuating this misunderstanding.

> Yours very truly, Janet Howard Alderman - Ward 7

#### Keeping up with the news

Yo u have a very good paper and I like to read it and keep up with things downtown. Now I have moved away but I come down at least three times a week to the Second Mile Club, and I like to get all the news. Thank you all for your

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#### Lieutenant-governor visits Jarvis school

The students and staff of Jarvis Collegiate were honoured on Friday, May 18, 1979 when the Honourable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario visited the school.

The occasion of the visit was a concert given by students from Needham High School of Boston, Massachusetts. During the visit, the Lieutenant-Governor presented the Needham music director with a message of welcome from the Premier of the Province, and in a short address to the students the Lieutenant-Governor commented on the high standard of performance while adding her own personal welcome to the Needham group.

On behalf of the school, Ray McKenzie presented Lieutenant-Governor with a matched set of bookends bearing the school's emblem, while Eldon Lehman of the music department gave the Needham director a Canadian flag. Following the concert, a reception was held in the school library for the guests.

The May 18 concert was held as part of an exchange between the music students of Jarvis and Needham, and followed a visit, early in May, by Jarvis students to Boston, during which they presented several concerts and had an opportunity to tour Boston and the surrounding area.

C. Nash

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To help celebrate Hospital Day, the Wellesley Hospital organized a tour of the hospital for boys and girls from the Gerrard Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club. They visited a number of medical departments — from rehabilitation to the nursery — and some of them ended up having an education (and fun) time with a skeleton in the Radiology Depar

## Bain Co-Op: One way to beat high food costs

Many people were surprised at the Bain Food Coop's general meeting, specifically at the steady rate at which people have been joining the three-month-old organization. Chris Wilson, the treasurer and one of the Food Coop's founders, announced that the membership had doubled to 160 members during its intital three month period. As well, its' sales have doubled over their original estimates.

The Bain Food Coop was formed to help stem the rising cost of food. It has additionally become a social phenomena in that its members are working together for the development of a common goal: reduced food costs. The savings are considerable if looked at over a period of a year. The average saving is between 10% and 25% of retail food prices as at Dominions or Loblaws and the quality is comparable. Often the Food Coop takes the cake when it comes to pumpernikel bagels, wholewheat breads, farm fresh eggs, organic meat, fresh cheeses and dry goods such as flours, grains, dried fruits, nuts and beans. Produce is similar to that at the large food chains because they are both purchased from the same food terminal. Most foods are purchased through the Toronto Federation of Food Coops, who purchase in huge quantities for other coops like Bain.

#### Quotations to Remember

Those who try to make you uneasy by talk about atom bombs are regarded as trouble-makers, as people to be avoided, as people who spoil the pleasure of a fine day by foolish prospects of impossible rain. -Bertrand Russell

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Consumers spending \$20 on an average basket of Supermarket goodies can expect to save \$3-\$4. That's at least \$175 over a year period. That not only sounds good,

There are obligations that each member makes when they join the Bain Food Coop. Each member is asked to work two hours per four week period. Responsibilities vary from recieving goods and ordering new supplies, to working the store when it's open, which is Friday and Saturdays presently. It now costs \$12.00 a year per adult member.

A snack bar creating delicious goodies from available foods to home prepared treats are offered at very reasonable prices. Members often drop by for a coffee and a bagel while doing their shopping. If you're still skeptical, the Food Coop lets you shop once for a trial

The Food Coop is not without its problems. Lack of support by some of its members requires other members to assume greater responsibilities. This is not unusual to most food coops across the country. The level of enthusiasm at Bain though is promising. Steady increases in sales have allowed an expansion of inventory that makes the store increasingly convenient to shop at.

Anyone who is interested in dropping by to visit this Ward 7 phenomena, can do so at 100 Bain Ave. at No. 5 the Aberdeens, on Friday, 4-8 pm; and Saturdays,

### Will seniors live safely?

Sherbourne Manor, the senior citizens' building being built at the corner of Sherbourne and Dundas Streets, has been one of the concerns of the Downtown Interaction Group (D.I.G.). D.I.G. was concerned mostly about the security and safety of the tenants who will be moving in. To discuss how to help people to feel comfortable and feel able to cope with a move into an area that perhaps is completely strange to some of the elderly, meetings have been held with the ward alderman, Janet Howard and Gordon Cressy, and with representatives of Metro Housing and Metro Social Services. As a result, there will be a security guard in the building for a six-month trial period, and a video intercom system will be installed. There will be office space for a doctor and nurses to use, a kitchen to prepare food and other minor benefits for tenants. The building will be ready for occupancy in the spring of 1980.

#### It's Our Mistake

The vote total attributed to Ann Cools in Don Vale & Polls South of St. Jamestown (66; 137-148) should have been 730, not 630.

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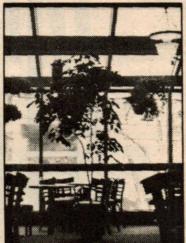
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## What's the cost of revolution?

It's hard to decide which is more intriguing: Theatre Plus' production of "Occupations" by British playwright Trevor Griffiths or the response of the local media to the

"Occupations" is about an unsuccessful attempt by Italian factory workers to reproduce the Russian Revolution on their own soil in 1920. Almost to a man, local critics have decided the play is a heavy-handed socialist polemic that cannot fail to bore Toronto's apolitical theatregoers. Of what possible interest is a play which debates the central dilemma of Communism? In the language of Toronto literary criticism, zilch!

Director Marion Andre, king-pin at Theatre Plus, may be the real devil in this curious media response

to the play. Rather than allowing the play to speak for itself, he presold it in the best tradition of the political pamphleteer. Not content with issuing a press kit containing everything any self-respecting commissar would want us to know about the Communist movement in Italy — and a lot more besides — he devotes a page of program notes to a personal treatise on revolution and social justice. Then to rub salt into the old capitalist carcass, a note in the program underlines the fact that the production was made possible by financial assistance from such Liberal-Democratic icons as the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council and Wintario.

This needless propaganda diverts attention from the play and the crucial question raised by playwright Griffiths - What price social change? For Kabak, the Soviet official who has come to Turin to fan the bush fire of insurrection into a revolutionary conflagration, the answer is simple: Capitalism must be destroyed no matter what the cost. Such an attitude does not sit well with the leader of the Italian workers, Gramsci, who sees no value in a revolution which succeeds in destroying the very people - the workers — it seeks to free. The two men argue back and forth in Kabak's ornate hotel room while unspeaking on the bed lies Kabak's mistress Angelica, a deposed aristocrat whose long-drawn-out death - the play's only heavyhanded touch - is a metaphor for the decline of capitalism.

Gramsci eventually refuses to sacrifice the workers lives in a general uprising: Kabak ridicules Gramsci's sentimentality; Gramsci regrets Kabak's cold-hearted pragmatism - the dilemma of social change is laid bare.

As the chance of revolution passes, Gramsci returns to the shop floor to continue to fight for

workers' rights while Kabak, ever the pragmatist, invites an executive from Fiat to his hotel room to discuss building an auto plant in the Soviet Union in return for access to the Russian market. Neither Gramsci nor Kabak have lost their commitment to the cause. "Will they never stop" a disembodied voice repeats as the play ends - a thought which apparently is not worth the time of day in apolitical Toronto.

The production beautifully realizes the intense personal conflicts that occur inside the hotel room

and at the same time evokes the drama on the streets outside as Turin totters on the edge. Supporting performances are uniformly well done, and the principals are never less than arresting: Ken Pogue's well-modulated performance as Kabak keeps the play moving beautifully and the sadness in his eyes is that of a man who has put ideas before people; Sean Hewitt is the quintessential European intellectual of the far left; Diana Barrington is remarkable as her doomed Angelica fades away in a death bed scene that must be among the longest in theatrical history.

The play runs until June 16.

Clive Morgan

## The wild frontier

The Wild Frontier: Tales from the Remarkable Past Pierre Berton, McClelland & Stewart

Most of the historical narratives in this book may have been related

before, but they have never been told as well as they are here. Pierre Berton's descriptive gift for words makes these stories seem alive and



Quotations, taken from the journals, memoirs, and notes of those involved are an important part of the book, but what ties it all together is Berton's vivid prose.

The stories range over most of Canada, and span a period reaching from about 175 years ago until practically the present day. The main characters are also of many different types, including natives and immigrants, Canadians and visitors who happened to be in Canada when the events described presented, so that we are able to recognize them and in some ways ideltify with them as we do with similar people we have met.

Heroism, steadfastness, generosity and savagery - all human traits - are displayed for the reader in the various stories.

A reader must see that in all cultures of people, we are basically

Young Canadians - usually quite familiar with American folk heroes, but generally ignorant of our own - should be encouraged to read this book. For entertaining reading or for telling stories that any Canadian should be familiar with, this book would be hard to

### Lots of plays

The Actor's Lab is moving from Hamilton to Toronto and to herald their move the company is presenting an elaborate Theatre Exploration Festival. "The Actor's Lab is a research and performance company which seeks to extend the boundaries of theatrical expression and explore new forms," says Richard Nieoczym, Artistic Director of Actor's Lab who co-founded the company seven years ago. "The purpose of our Theatre Explorations Festival is to bring the artist and the general public together in both performance and non-performance events," Nieoczym adds. Classified as one of the most experimental companies operating in Canada, the Actor's Lab has produced twenty-one plays over the years and has brought the concepts of many important international theatre practitioners to this country. The Theatre Explorations Festival will introduce Toronto to the Actor's Lab during a twomonth long round of performances. master workshops, actors' training courses, and special public events - all geared to explore the nature of the theatrical process.

David Allen

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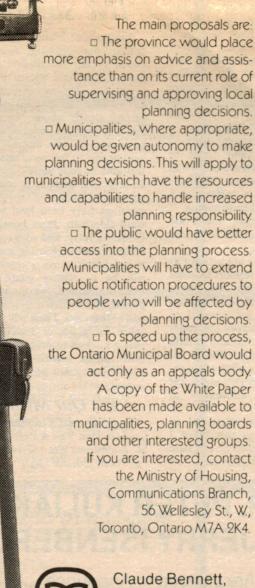
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In recent years, however, the provincial government's role in municipal planning has been changing. A committee established in 1975 took a close look at the Planning Act to see how it could be adapted to suit the changing needs of the municipalities as well as to make the procedures more efficient.

After getting reaction to the report of the Planning Act Review Committee, the government has now produced the White Paper outlining its position on revising the Act.





Minister of Housing

William Davis, Premier

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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#### Saturday June 16

Today is the last day of Theatre Next Door's performance of three one-act plays in the auditorium of 240 Wellesley St. E. Tickets are \$3; \$2 for senior citizens. The three plays are "Impromptu", "A Phoenix Too Frequent", and "Special Guest". Call 483-3995 for information and reservations.

The Scallywag Cafe at the 519 Church Street Community Centre is having an open mike format tonight. Interested performers should be present before 8:30 p.m. At 519 Church St., starting at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$1.50. For more information call Aldo at 444.503

The City of Toronto and Metro are having a public auction today at 64 Murray Road, Downsview (4th west of Dufferin north of Wilson Ave.: it's a service yard). On the block will be typewriters, office equipment, cars, trucks, lawnmowers, construction equipment, farm equipment, tractors, and many more items. For more information call 367-7329.

#### Sunday June 17

The speaker at today's St. Luke's forum will be Dr. Tyrone Turner, who will be speaking on "cutbacks in medicare". Everyone is welcome to attend the forum, which takes place at 2:30 at Allan Gardens, at Carlton and Sherbourne. (In case of rain, in St. Luke's Church across the street.)

#### **Monday June 18**

Canadian films continue today and tomorrow at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West, with the showing of "Stages" and "Outrageous". At 7:30 p.m. \$1 admission

The South Riverdale Neighbourhood Improvement Program will hold a major public meeting today at 7:30 p.m. at 765 Queen St. E. (at Saulter). The steering committee had received seven proposals for using roughly \$650,000 of unspent funds in the budget. The proposals were: 1. improvement of existing parks; 2. improvement of school playgrounds; 3. additional costs for Old Post Office; 4. additional costs for Woodgreen Centre; 5. improvements to Boston and Eastern Avenue; 6. a second day care facility; 7. improvements to Queen St. strip. Residents living in the area bounded by Broadview, Dundas, Jones-Leslie, and Lakeshore Boulevard are eligible to vote on these proposals, and are invited to attend.

#### **Tuesday June 19**

Imperialism and social transformation in the Caribbean will be discussed at the Cross-Cultural Communication Centre, 1991 Dufferin St., at 7:30 p.m. Resource person is Franklin Harvey, editor of Caribbean Dialogue.

Central Neighbourhood House is holding its annual meeting tonight from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 349 Ontario St.

"The Glass House", a prison drama starring Alan Alda and Clu Callager, will be the feature movie at Woodgreen's Free Tuesday Night Movie, at 7 p.m. Extra added attraction is "Legacy of Ann Frank".

The Toronto Clarion is holding a workshop on Labour, with discussion about such issues as overtime and surveillance in the workshop. Call 363-4404 for complete details. In the Clarion office, 96 Gerrard St. E. (basement).

The Riverdale Intercultural Council is having a general meeting. All welcome. For further information call 469-1819.

#### Wednesday June 20

The Toronto Dance Theatre presents a Choreographic Workshop featuring new works by company members, at 80 Winchester St. The workshops run today, and June 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, and 30. Admission is \$3. Call 967-1365 for more information.

#### Thursday June 21

Paul Busato, organist, will be featured at the **Thursday Noon Recital** at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E.

#### Friday June 22

Free Friday afternoon films at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E. at 2 p.m. Today's 1940's feature is **Topper Returns**, a comedy/mystery starring Joan Blondell and Roland Young.

Today is the First Annual Strawberry Festival in Jimmie Simpson Park (on Queen St. E. near Logan). The festival, presented by Woodgreen Community Centre, will be on from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will feature the Jack Fowler Orchestra, Strawberry Shortcake, a bake sale, homemade jam, crafts, door prizes, and a raffle. Admission is 50¢.

#### Sunday June 24

The African National Congress of South Africa presents two recent films on Apartheid tonight: Apartheid Inside Outside, and Voices from Purgatory. The films will show in the OISE auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W., at 8 p.m. Call 361-0193 for tickets.

Rev. Gordon Winch of the Distress Centre will be the guest speaker at St. Luke's Church Forum, in Allan Gardens (Carlton & Sherbourne) at 2:30. (In St. Luke's Church across the street in case of rain.)

Starting today, and running until July 1, the Young People's Theatre Centre presents a special week of performances to celebrate International Year of the Child. A wide variety of plays and presentations are being put on daily starting at 10 a.m. and running into the evening. For performance information, call 864-9732.

#### Monday June 25

The Canadian film festival continues at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay, with the showing of **Paperback Hero** and Blades and Brass. Time 7:30. Cost \$1. The same movies are showing again tomorrow night, same time and place.

#### Tuesday June 26

You are invited to give blood at Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave. (one block south of Danforth) today from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The final episodes of "Roots" will be shown at the Woodgreen Tuesday night movie at 7 p.m. At 835 Queen St. E. Free. A special added attraction is "Got to Tell It", a tribute to the late singer Mahalia Jackson.

#### Thursday June 28

John Tuttle, organist, will be featured at the **Thursday Noon Recital** at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. Free.

#### Friday June 29

Free Friday afternoon films at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E., at 2 p.m. Today's feature is "Meet John Doe" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Gary Cooper.

There will be an **open house** at the CBC on Parliament Street (Below Winchester) today from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

#### General

The Riverdale Intercultural Council is looking for people who emigrated to Canada as children during the last 70 years and who would be willing to be interviewed about their childhood experiences of adapting to Canadian society. The interview material will then be used in the production of a slide-tape show about immigrant children. If you are interested, please call Nancy or Pat at 469-1819.

The Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area is holding its fifth annual "Cabbagetown Cultural Festival" on September 14, 15, and 16. The festival will include sidewalk sales, art shows, theatre matinees, street dances, musicians, and community exhibits. In addition, the International Year of the Child will be recognized. If you would like to know more, or if you would like to discuss an idea or receive help with it, call Jenny Wells at 968-1807 or 489-3777.

A directory of all community groups and services in the downtown east of Toronto has just been published by the Neighbourhood Information Post. It contains information on almost every major activity and group in the area bounded by Logan, Bloor/Danforth, Yonge Street and the Lake. In addition many groups and services in the surrounding area have been included. If you would like a copy, you can get it at the NIP office at 265 Gerrard St. E., or by phoning 924-2543.

The Bloor-Bathurst Information Centre has copies of a new book entitled "Survival Guide to Toronto Housing" which provides help in finding housing, emergency skills, subsidized housing, etc. Copies are free if picked up from their office at 1006 Bathurst St., but there is a charge of \$1 for phone orders. Call 531-4613 for further details and to place orders.

Meals Here and There, the east Toronto branch of Meals on Wheels has been serving hot, nutritious meals to the elderly shut-ins for 11 years. The project is dependent on volunteer support to deliver meals three times a week between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30. Both drivers and non-drivers are desperately needed on a weekly, monthly, or on-call basis. Volunteers are also needed for a Friendly Visiting Service. If you could help with any of these things, call Heather or Mary at 466-0587.

The Arab Community Centre will be holding an ethnic festival this summer, June 22 to June 30, despite their non-participation in Metro International Caravan. This event will be called the Al-Quds Festival, and will be held at the East York Community Centre at 1081—1/2 Pape Ave. For further information call 922-6776. Hours are 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends. Admission is free.

"Worlds Removed", porcelains by Maryanne Cain, is on display at Dexterity, 214 Carlton St., until June 20.

The Christian Community Centre is presenting again this summer its "Super Summer Adventure" program for children between the ages of 4 and 17. The morning program from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for children includes crafts, Bible stories and activities, special outings and events, and a week of daycamps at Bronte Provincial Park. The afternoon program for teens includes crafts, Bible lessons, sports, and games. For

more details phone Steve Chew or Duane Westacott at 929-9614.

The rate of suicide in Metro is increasing. 388 people killed themselves in 1978, an all time high. The Distress Centre is trying to do something positive in Suicide Prevention, and it serves the community in this function 24 hours a day. Their phone numbers are listed inside the front cover of the phone book: 598-1121 and 486-1456.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is pleased to announce the introduction of a new summer recreational service for blind and multi-handicapped children in Metro Toronto. We are currently in the process of recruiting applicants for the position of "volunteer counsellor" for the summer. We are eager to hear from anyone 16 years of age or over who might be interested. Just call CNIB Summer Recreational Services at 486-2682 during work hours for more information.

The Gerrard Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club at 101 Spruce St. has a varied and busy summer programme from July 3 to August 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program will include assemblies, a games room, gym, crafts, active games, swimming, park play, camping, a teen club, and various special activities and trips. An information folder is available.

Are you aware of the medical and dental services offered by the **Don District Community Health Centre?** If you are an area resident, you may want to use the services of the centre, located in suite 102 of 295 Shuter St. (in the Moss Park Apartments). The telephone number is 364-1361. Hours for medical services are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Hours for dental services are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 numbe 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 ins 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 tigether. 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?

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.

There has been a proposal in South Riverdale to set up a non-profit day care centre for pre-school children. If you might be interested in using such a service please leave your name and number at 461-1168.



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Why do I say that? Well, in the first place only a fraction of the complaints lodged with the federal Department of Consumer & Corporate Afconcerning misleading advertising and business practices are ever investigated. Some months ago the Ontario regional manager of marketing practices pointed out that his department received 3,600 complaints a year, while the investigating case load is 25 to 30 at one time. In the nine month period ending on December 31st there were 40 prosecutions with 37 convictions and 3 acquittals. In the same period 33 new cases were started. The Ontario manager advised that he had only 8 investigators for the whole province and he admitted that they were able to deal with a mere 18% of the complaints brought to their attention.

The story seems to be much the same with the provincial government's Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. Their bureaus received 17,000 complaints in 1978, and although they say that all are investigated their director advised that they employed only 11 investigators and could use 50 more. That does not sound as though the provincial government is on top of the problem either.

Then there is the question of what happens in the courts to cases involving consumers' rights. There was such a case recently in which the manufacturer, General Mills Canada Ltd., was charged with misleading the public because its boxes of Betty Crocker cake mix were slightly more than half full. The learned judge, who shall be nameless, threw out the case on the grounds that the contents of the box was printed on it, and therefore the public was not likely to be mislead by the size of the box! That decision leaves unanswered the question of why, the manufacturer would go to the expense of using a box that was far too large if it DIDN'T MISLEAD THE

The defense in this case was that General Mills had not received any complaints about the amount of cake mix in the box. That point re-inforces the argument that in the battle for consumers' rights the front-line troops are the consumers themselves. If consumers are well-informed and alert they have a much better chance of not being misled in the first place. In that way they can avoid having to trust to under-staffed government departments and law courts that are too sympathetic to big business to properly defend the interests of consumers.

In another column we will take a look at what consumer protection laws say - and don't say.

**Howard Huggett** 

### Summer camps for kids

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Dixon Hall is offering a number of summer programs, funded by various levels of government. A day camp will run from July 3 until August 24, and is open to both sexes between the ages of 6 and 15 years. Multicultural awareness is the theme, and the out-of-town trips will include hiking, swimming, crafts, cooking and so forth. Cost is \$1 per week.



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Also planned is a tiny tot program for children aged 3 to 5 years. The program will run from July 3 until August 24. There are two sites for the programs — one at Dixon Hall and another at Regent Park United Church. Contact Dixon Hall for additional infor-

### The 519 Church Street Community

519 Church Street, 923-2778

The contours have shifted in Cawthra Square Park behind the 519, and it's now equipped with a wading pool for children, a sandbox and a variety of summer programs designed to make maximum use of the space. The 519 has received funding to hire five students to co-ordinate a summer day program for school-aged children. Puppetry, music, theatre, drama, and crafts are some of the planned activities, which will run throughout the summer months. For more information contact Dawn Elliot at 923-2778.

#### Central Neighbourhood House 349 Ontario Street, 925-4363

Central Neighbourhood House is offering a day camp for children aged 6 to 12 years from July 2 until August 31. Children will go to various places in the city such as Centre Island, High Park, the Beaches, the Metro Zoo, the Science Centre, the Museum and Wilket Creek. Cost is \$2 per week, and children are to bring their own lun-

#### **Woodgreen Community Centre** 835 Queen Street East, 461-1168

Woodgreen is offering a day camp for children aged 4 to 13 years from July 2 until August 24. The sites are located near Pickering, Ontario, and the children are transported out each day by bus and back each evening. Cost is \$22 per week but subsidies are available. Activities include hiking, swimming, crafts & wildlife sessions. Contact Pan Bollard at Woodgreen for more information.

#### Black Heritage Program Regent Park United Church 40 oak Street, 363-4234.

The Black Heritage Program will be a cultural, recreational and educational program geared towards Black youth in the Regent Park area. The youth will participate in soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc. as well as drama, arts & crafts, music & educational activities as they relate to West Indian culture, the African experience & Black history in Canada. The program will begin on July 3 and continued until August 31. Special emphasis will be placed on utilizing community resources.

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## More power for school staffing committees

School staffing committees should broaden the range of their activities. This was the general opinion of Ward 7 parents currently serving on school staffing committees, who met together recently to compare notes at the end of a difficult year.

All the schools have presented their final staffing models to the area superintendent. However, parents believe that the number of teachers allocated to their schools do not adequately meet the needs of the children.

Trustee George Martell chaired a lively meeting that dealt with the questions of proxy voting, equal representation for parents on school staffing committees, and the new Toronto Teachers' Federation (TTF) proposal that would broaden the powers of the staffing committees.

The TTF proposal is currently under negotiation as part of a new collective agreement, and parents were clearly impressed with the teachers' priorities.

Menno Vorster, president of TTF, discussed the teachers' proposal in detail. The main aim of the proposal is to allow the staffing committee in each school broader areas of discussion and decision-making powers.

The staffing committee's name, under the new proposal, would be changed to 'the school committee' to indicate the broader scope of its powers. At least 10% of the staff in the school are to be involved, plus the principal and vice-principal. Parent representation will remain

School staffing committees ould broaden the range of their tivities. This was the general the same, that is a maximum of 1 parent for every 2 teachers on the committee.

The school committee would have the same staffing responsibilities. However, the new proposal would allow for a more decentralized allocation of teachers.

At the moment, the Board of Education has a Central Staffing Committee composed of teachers, trustees, and Board Administrators. This committee receives its allocation of teachers from the Metro Board of Education according to a metro-wide staffing formula. It then decides what teachers will be taken from the regular classroom allocation to supplement such programs as Special Education and English as a Second Language (ESL).

Under the teachers' proposal Central Staffing would no longer have this power. Instead, the naming of extra Special Education and ESL teachers would occur at the local school level. The local school committee could take teachers from the regular classroom if local needs indicated more special education or ESL programs were of value in that particular community. But this would be a *local* decision and not a central administrative one

In addition, the school committee would receive budget information, and have some say over how coordinator funds are used; make recommendations on curriculum and program; and propose models for the use of 5 Professional Development days.

The program for these Professional Development (P.D.) days is currently decided by the local school staff or the area superintendant's office. There are 9 P.D. days in total, but 4 of these are officially determined and will remain unchanged.

The new school committee models for the 5 days would be voted on by the school staff, and then forwarded tothe area superintendent who could veto the suggestions, but who could not impose something else. A vetoed model would return to the school committee for further consideration. In this way it is hoped that parents will help to create P.D. days that they see as genuinely worthwhile.

The TTF proposal was greeted with considerable enthusiasm by the parents present, the majority of whom had had positive school staffing committee experiences. Most did not feel that equal parent representation was a crucial issue as they had not found teachers and parents voting in blocs.

As a Rose Ave. mother put it, "Parents may be outnumbered, but we're not intimidated."

After some discussion, the parents concluded that equal representation would be fine, but only if the teachers felt comfortable with it. They said it wasn't necessary as teachers and parents were not on opposite sides of issues. A Winchester parent indicated that teachers need not feel threatened by equal representation as only the teaching staff can vote on acceptan-

ce or rejection of proposed staffing models.

Some parents had found it difficult to attend all staffing committee meetings (as many as 13 meetings in some schools), so the issue of proxy voting attracted considerable interest. Rose Ave. and Frankland schools had used proxy voting successfully because parent alternates had kept each other fully informed of the events of each meeting.

The parents expressed an interest in a September meeting to compare staffing models across Ward 7 and to further discuss the TTF proposal. They wished Mr. Vorster and his negotiators success in their bargaining with the Board of Education. It was heartening for parents to see the teachers' committment to local decision-making so clearly expressed.

JoAnn Hutchison

# School teams display a good team effort

Eastdale held its first Sports Award Banquet and its fourth Community Banquet as a combined affair on June 1, 1979. The Sports Awards definitely won the first round. All the school teams — girls' volleyball and baseball, boys' hockey, volleyball and basketball — were well represented.

The coaches and captains entertained the audience with details of the efforts of the players, their moments of glory and disappointment. For a small school Eastdale has begun to make its mark as a determined, competent and sporting participant in the Toronto HighSchool sports' scene. Credit must be given to each and every team member and this part of the evening was devoted to recognising and congratulating them for their efforts. It was pointed out by all of the coaches, some of whom come

into the school from the community to coach the students, that team members showed remarkable pride and perseverance in the face of quite overwhelming odds. Other larger schools have more students from whom to select their players but at Eastdale most who are willing get to play. This democratic approach hasn't been a drawback because Eastdale was able to field a competitive team in most events. It's quality not quantity that counts at Eastdale.

The rest of the evening was devoted to good eating and great dancing.

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