Wino' rooming house has neighbours up in arms

By DOUGLAS TATTRIE

The owner of the controversial rooming house at 402 Dundas St. will meet with The Rooming House Tenant Project to try to end the fights and vandalism that have plagued the house.

Speaking to the South of Carlton Community Association (SOCCA) last Wednesday, Owner John Entwistle said that the tenants project would be "a gift from Heaven". The housing project manages groups of hard to house tenants, usually alcoholics

Residents have been complaining about the two deaths, drunken fights, glue sniffing and loud parties centered around the rooming

'The situation is improving" said Mr. Entwistle. He said he had kicked out the worst offenders and replaced the superintendent. Jon Ferrie, a resident of the area, agreed that the problem had gotten better in recent weeks but added that "it may just be the colder weather that keeps it inside."

Mr. Entwistle, while claiming to be a "sincere friend" of his tenants, said that "residents complaints cost me money. Girls that are bent out on glue slash their wrists and get blood all over my walls." They (the tenants) can get five dollars for a fire extinguisher. That's two bottles of sherry." he said complaining of

Many residents said they lived beside rooming houses that were much guieter even though they also housed alcoholics.

I bought the houses as a lucrative gamble," said Mr. Entwistle while remarking later "I'm not a very good manager.'

Mr. Entwistle said that "we are chipping away" at the 100 city work order on his Dundas properties. He denied avoiding being served the orders saying that he couldn't be found because he "is a busy man."

"I will do no more than the work orders!" he said referring to the 100 city work orders against his Dundas properties that are holding up renewal of his rooming house licence. "I will make them liveable for the type of person that lives there"

In other business SOCCA agreed not to oppose two new developments on Ontario St. after Architects made changes to plans suggested at a previous meeting. Some members disapproved that one plan was still up to 30% over coverage. Coverage is the ratio of floor space to yard

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Rallyconfronts racist policies Two hours prior to the demonstra-By Krisantha Sri Bhaggiyadatta

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1500 people (excluding the cops) assembled outside City Hall Square last Sunday, to demonstrate against "Increasing Racism and Police Violence'

Demands that the police involved with the murder of Albert Johnson be charged with murder not "manslaughter"; that the police not investigate themselves; that a Civilian Review Board with ethnic representation review complaints; that the Police Commission be elected not appointed, were voiced during the

Speakers included the organizers of the rally, the Action Committee Against Racism of Pape Avenue, Dudley Laws of the Universal African Improvement Association, and Phil Biggin of the Union of Injured Workers on behalf of Labour, who emphasized "organization" and charged that racism is a ploy to div-

ide people. The main speaker, Kuldip Samra of the Sikh Society, spoke of the history of immigrant and native people at the hands of the police. He introduced the family of the murdered Albert Johnson and a seventy year old man who'd been beaten by thugs, cigarette butts forced down his throat, and eventually arrested by the police, despite interventions by residents (both black and white) on Pape Ave.

tion hundreds of plainclothed and uniformed policemen gathered outside City Hall. Cameras were stationed over the square and from the top floors of the municipal towers. Several black and brown policemen, in casual clothes, were also unleashed from their height and weight closets.

Conversation between a black demonstrator and a black plainclothed cop:

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C: Errr ... no ... yes. D: Well, why aren't you wearing

a uniform? C: because . . people might

D: Is that fair? think you're a demonstrator.

C: We were asked to come . . . D: Oh yeah . . . by whom?

The cop walks away.

Marshals for the demonstration were warned, prior to the rally, of possible police provocation which included the setting up of a fascist organization chanting, "Immigrants Get Out" and "Cops Are

Media coverage of the event, zoomed in and magnified the small confrontation that took place between fascists and members of the CPC (M-L). TV coverage mentioned 500, however the incident involved about 25 people, predomin-

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'No thanks' to 'compromise': Islanders

Toronto Island residents have quickly made clear their opposition to proposed legislation which would eventually wipe out their com-

oto by Cherry Hassard

The proposal was put forward last week by Tory provincial cabinet minister Larry Grossman, who touted it as a "compromise" solution in the dispute between those who want to keep the island community and those who want to destroy it.

The trouble is, the "compromise" still involves destroying all the homes - it would just take longer, and be more gradual. Under Grossman's plan, residents would be allowed to stay, but whenever a resident moved out, his or house would be torn down. New tenants would not be allowed to move in. The process would take years, but eventually the community would disappear.

Meeting last Sunday, over 100 Island residents packed a community hall and made it clear that the "compromise" is unacceptable.

Said Ronald Mazza, the chairman of the Island Residents' Association, "The province seems to have entirely missed the point that it's the community and not our individual rights which we want to protect.

Island residents and their supporters have put forward a strong case arguing that the community is a positive asset which enhances the Toronto Island Park. They note that the presence of a core of permanent residents makes the park safer, and they also cite studies showing that large portions of the islands are presently hardly used at all, with use of the islands not having increased at all in 20 years, a large increase in the population of Metro Toronto. They also point to the discrimination inherent in the fact that the privately owned yacht clubs on the islands, which already use up more space than all the homes, are to be allowed to expand while the homes are to be torn down.

The residents did support

Grossman's efforts to have jurisdiction over the islands transferred back to the City of Toronto from Metro. The City has supported the island residents, while Metro has sought to have them evicted, although numerous public opinion polls have all shown strong public support for the continuation of the island community.

Rent control isn't quite what it

appears to be. That is the message of a study released by the Ontario government control program

The survey shows that in Toronto residential rent increases in 1978 were far in excess of what would be expected with an even moderately effective rent review program. According to an extensive analysis of the study published in Bi-Monthly Reports, an independent business magazine, "the figures indicate the rent review program has become largely cosmetic, and an easing in rent increases when the program was introduced in 1976 has, in the market parlance, been 'corrected'".

According to the study, the Ontario Housing Ministry's Rental Market Survey for 1978, the average Toronto rent level rose by 10 per cent during the 12-month period to October 1978. This is higher than the average rate of increase in the four years prior to rent review.

The survey also indicates that a substantial majority of residential landlords are obtaining illegal increases and avoiding the rent review provisions entirely.

The study corrects the impression given by the Rent Index of the Consumer Price Index which, it now appears, and as Statistics Canada itself admits, understates actual rent increases by one-and-a-half times

It also undermines claims by industry and government spokesmen who have characterized rent increases as "sluggish".

By JOANN HUTCHINSON

"Cutbacks Hurt Ontario's Children". That is the theme of the protest rally planned for Queen's Park at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2ªrd. Those of you who went to the parents convention held at Central Technical School last March heard over and over again that the Government of Ontario is not giving enough money to meet the educational needs of our children. On MAY 3, 1979, over 1,000 of you marched on the Toronto Board of Education to insist that no teachers be laid-off because they were needed to provide essential programs for children. Well, it's time to dust off those protest signs and march again,

This summer 15 parents' groups from schools across Toronto made presentations to the Justice Committee at Queen's Park. They stated very clearly how their children's education is being affected by cutbacks. It now appears that the Justice Committee will not be allowed to report the parents' concerns to the Legislature. In other words, the Ontario Government will not listen to the parents's con-

As a result parents' groups across the city are joining forces with other concerned citizens representing all concerns of children (Day Care, Children's Aid, Mental Health) on October 23rd, the eve of the United Nations' International Day of the Child, to tell the Ontario Government that enough is enough.

The weather is not at its nicest this time of year, but if you care you can't let a little thing like the weather put you off. Rain or shine, the rally is taking place. Dress warmly and come out.

the organizers suggest that you phone other parents at your school to arrange to meet and go together. If your school principal agrees to send copies of a flyer home with the children about this rally, flyers can be obtained by phoning Merylie Houston (461-7066) or Doug Wilson (690-6972, evenings).

There will be a pre-rally meeting at the Central YMCA, 40 College St. (at College Subway) at 6 p.m. on the 23rd.

So bring your kids, and your placards, and take a couple of hours of your time to tell the Ontario Government that our children are our FIRST priority. If enough of us turn up, they'll have to listen.

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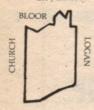
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Be careful when you make your will

I was very interested to see the article "Should you make a will" in your September 21, 1979 issue. At the end of the article the writer tells us that if you chose to draft your own will you have the two options of either purchasing a standard form will or of making a will without any witnesses in one's own handwriting. This last type of will is known as a holograph will.

Although I am of the opinion that there are many things that we can all do ourselves if we just get the proper information, there are danger to making your own will. First there are many items not covered in the standard form will which can be purchased at Grand & Toy and which the average person will not be aware of or think of in making his own will. Such topics as what if you and your beneficiary die together?, who is to be you alternate executor?, what kind of extensive powers do you want your executor to have?, what kind of upbringing would you wish your children to have if both husband and wife, for example, die together? These things are generally not covered in standard form wills and there are many other things which can be brought to the attention of the person making the will by a good lawyer.

In both standard form purchased wills and holograph wills there is the danger that the will not be signed in the proper fashion. You would be surprised how picky the courts can be about this if the will is challenged. In the case of a holograph will, I am sure you can appreciate that if there are no witnesses to a will its chances of being overturned are infinitely greater. The classic case of the holograph will was of the farmer who injured himself in his fields and in his dying moments was able to write on his tractor "everything to my wife". In such a situation, a holograph will is better than nothing.

Few people are indifferent to the fate of their assets upon death.

Generally, most lawyers do wills as a loss leader and a serive to the client. For the time which they take, they are not generally done as a money maker in the office. I think it is worthwhile for people who are concerned about having a will, to shop around and find a lawyer in whom they have confidence to assist them in making the will.

> Yours sincerely. Marilynne Glick

Irresponsible dog owners

One Sunday evening of October 7 two dogs attacked, killed and carried off our seven year old cat, Sheba, who was sitting peacefully by the front porch. The dogs appeared to be part German Shepherd with one being a pregnant female.

the owner of these dogs or of any others allowed to run free should be aware of the hurt they cause to other animal lovers.

Dave Dickey Carlton St.

continued from page 1 ated by policemen. It was over in two minutes. The entire media however concentrated on this fracas. The fear of the rally organizers, of subversion, were to a certain extent

Once the fascists were dealt with, and a cloud of rain filtered through the square's crevices, the sky cleared and the demonstration continued.

realised by this distraction.

Contrary to the long-standing efforts of the corporate media, to reduce the problem of unjust law enforcement to that of a confrontation between a"vocal minority" of "some blacks" and "police", the people who gathered on City Hall Square were a broad range of the people of Toronto, and this does not include the policemen, above, outside, below and inside the meeting.

Marchers streamed up Bay Street, turned west on College and up to Queen's Park, the seat of the provincial legislature which is responsible for the Police Commission, who overlook and institute the conduct of the police.

Chants of "Godfrey, Givens, Adamson: OUT" and "We want JUSTICE, charge the cop with MURDER" were resounded through the march.

"Too bad WE had an open immigration policy", cried Vern Harper from the Native Indian Community. "Someone asked me if we are more oppressed than other

groups", Harper dismissed comparisons, "Oppression is oppression". "Perhaps they (the cops) "Oppression is oppresmistake you (immigrants from India) for us Indians, said Harper, referring to the fact that law enforcers in North America have honed their instruments of repression on Native Peoples.

"Don't let them divide us", was the message of Reverend Brent Hawkes, a member of the Gay community, speaking for the Working Group on POLICE-Community Relations. Calling for a wide alliance of people, he reiterated the attacks on the community's press and gay homes.

Election dollars

Two candidates in the federal riding of Rosedale in the last election have filed their listing of election expenses.

David Crombie, who won the election handily and who went on to become Health and Welfare Minister in the new Conservative government, had 178 contributors to his campaign, chipping in \$1,170. He spent \$970.

The maximum amount a candidate would have been permitted to spend in this riding was \$26,633.25.

Crombie got 18,595 votes on election day, which means that each vote cost him \$1.16. Goldstick got 80 votes, which means that each vote cost him \$12.13.

Rae knocks Tory policies

"The new Liberals are the same old opportunists and the new conservatism is just the old selfishness writ large."

At least, that's what Broadview-Greenwood M.P. Bob Rae, who is also the NDP's finance critic in the House of Commons, claims.

Wading into the debate over the Conservative government's economic policies, Rae hit back at the Finance Minister's characterization of the NDP as "hand-wringers" worrying about inflation and unemployment. "Imagine," said "We actually think the Rae. government should do something about these problems.'

Rae went on to comment that "Crosbie can chuckle, but the real pessimists are not the NDP, but rather these latter day Herbert Hoovers in the Tory and Liberal parties who tell us that a recession is as natural as Hurricane David, and that all we can do is roll with each punch, smile with each lay-off, and grin cheerfully at every raise in the interest rate."

Rae was speaking on the "Nation's Business", a national radio program.

Rae also called for profit controls and a surtax on the banks last week in a motion in the Commons. However an NDP motion can't pass in the Commons, which is controlled by the larger parties.

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"It can be made liveable" was the decision of the board of health and ministry of environment regarding the 88 unit, 41/2 storey apartment building which John M. Lalor and Co. wants to build at Pape and Eastern.

The site is on Eastern Av. near the Canada Metal Company. In a February meeting, neighbours of the site, on which an old warehouse now stands, voiced resentment at the potential loss of privacy which could ensue from the planned building. They could not understand why an apartment should be constructed at that location, considering its proximity to Canada Metal, the noise from Eastern Av.'s heavy traffic, and the smell from the A.R. Clarke Tannery

The planning commissioner, however, recommended that the neighbourhoods committee begin drafting a by-law to permit the building's erection. This was conditional upon the building's being soundproofed to keep out noise and air conditioned to keep out smells, and upon the testing of the soil for lead.

His report reflects the grudging approval of the Ontario ministry of environment and the board of health. The ministry, in its comments to the planning staff, said that, considering environmental factors such as noise, the odors and the proximity of heavy industry, the site is "only marginally acceptable for residential development." It was suggested that stores would have better been located there to serve as a buffer between Eastern Av. and homes to the north.

Jack Shapiro, the chairman of

the public health board, notes that the proposed apartment building will be fairly safe. It stands to the northwest of the lead plant, and because the prevailing winds are frrom the northwest, the lead counts have never been high in that area.

UPDATE: Meeting Tuesday, city council's neighbourhoods committee has recommended that approval of the apartment complex be delayed for at least a year. The decision now goes to City Council for approval. The delay is to be at least until Canada Metal Co. complies with a control order on its emissions. The order won't even be ready for another few weeks, and then the company will have a year to comply

Meanwhile TIW Industries, which owns property next to the proposed housing complex, also opposes it. According to the company's lawyer, Bruce McKenna, the land is "totally unacceptable"

However, some politicians, including Ward 8 alderman Fred Beavis, are all in favour of pushing ahead with more housing in the area. Says Beavis, "If they don't like it, they can move out.

police

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If you live in Ward 7 east of the Don River, you are in the district policed by 55 division. The statior is located at 101 Coxwell Ave.

If you live between Jarvis and the Don River, you are policed by 51 Division, which is located at 30 Regent St.

The number to contact the police department is 967-2222. If you want a specific station, just say which one you want and you'll be con-

Riverdale Collegiate's junior football team, the defending champions, got off to a winning start this season with an 18 to 12 victory over West Toronto, as John Nakamura sped for two touchdowns, a repetition of his feat from last year. Along with John in the backfield is his brother Rance for a one-two Nakamura punch.

Riverdale

A third Nakamura, Doug, plays halfback on the Riverdale senior team. Doug, who was Riverdale's athlete of the year for 1978-79, ran for two touchdowns in the senior game against West Toronto.

One could not blame coaches of opposing teams for wondering if Riverdale is using clones.

On the academic side, two Grade 13 Riverdale students, Wall Fong and Steve Fung, ranked 180th and 221st respectively out of 6000 students who wrote the "Chem 13 News", a chemistry exam sponsored by the University of Waterloo, in May. The participants were from Ontario, other provinces and other countries. Ross Mackintosh

Rights and wrongs of evictions

By RIVERDALE SOCIO-LEGAL SERVICES

The rights and obligations of tenants and landlords in cases leading to the threat of eviction are not widely known. Tenants have more protection since the amendments were adopted to the Landlord and Tenant Act in 1975, but it is often forgotten that tenants too have obligations to the landlord.

Some of the frequent situations which arise are outlined below. In an actual controversy, however, people are advised to check the legislation itself, and if necessary, a lawyer or community legal service.

A landlord cannot tell a tenant to leave at the end of a tenancy agreement without good reason. A landlord cannot evict a tenant without proving that good reason in court.

Do not sign a notice to terminate your tenancy by a landlord. Your may be entitled to retain possession of the premises longer than indicated by the landlord and you should not sign away the rights you may have.

A notice of termination by a landlord to his/her tenant must be in writing, and must be signed by the person giving the notice, or by that person's agent. The notice must identify the premises and state the date on which the tenancy is to terminate.

A notice of termination by a landlord must supply the reasons for the termination and inform the tenant that she/he need not vacate the premises immediately, that is, by the date specified on the notice. Where a tenant does not vacate the premises, the landlord may apply for a writ of possession. The tenant may then dispute in court the landlord's right to the writ of possession.

The Landlord and Tenant Act is exact about the reasons that can be used by a landlord and requires specific notice time for each reason.

1. If the tenant has failed to pay the rent, the landlord can immediately give the tenant 20 days notice to move. The tenant has 14 days from the time she/he is served with this notice to pay. If the tenant has not paid at the end of 14 days, the landlord can then apply immediately to the court for a writ of possession. After this, the tenant can still stay in the rented premises if s/he pays all rent arrears plus court costs into court before the landlord gets final judgement.

2. If the tenant

i. or someone living with her/him, causes "undue damage'

ii. is noisy and interferes otherwise with the "reasonable enjoyment" of the building by the landlord and

iii. does something to endanger the safety and rights of other tenants,

or iv. has too many people living in the place contrary to health and safety standards,

then the landlord can give the tenant 20 days notice to move. The tenant has 7 days to repair or pay-for the damage, stop the activities, or reduce the number of people living there. If the tenant complies then the notice is null and void. If s/he does not do so, then the landlord can apply immediately for a writ of possession. If the tenant corrects the condition, but again within six months lets the same problem occur, the landlord can give the tenaant just 14 days notice and apply immediately for a writ of possession.

3. If the tenant is allowing an illegal act to go on in the rented premises, or is living in government nonprofit housing and lies about his/her income, the landlord can give the tenant 20 days notice and apply immediately for a writ of possession.

4. If the landlord needs the place to live in for him/herself, spouse, child, or parent of him/herself or his spouse, the landlord must give 60 days notice to take effect at the end of the lease or at the end of the month or week if the tenancy is on a monthly or weekly basis.

5. If the landlord wants to demolish the premises, or to convert it to some other purpose than rental residence, or to make such large repairs that the tenants must move, then the landlord must give 120 days notice to take effect at the end of the lease or at the end of the month or week in the case of a monthly or weekly tenancy

In all these cases above, the landlord must prove in court that the reasons are valid if the tenant does not leave voluntarily by the date specified in the notice.

In situations where the tenant wants to move, the tenant must give at least 60 days notice to take effect on the last day of the period that the tenancy comes to an end. When the landlord and tenant agree that the tenant move at a specified time, of course, no notice is required.

Tenants are not required to move at the end of fixed terms of tenancy simply because the tenancy agreement has ended. Under the Landlord and Tenant Act, a tenancy agreement is considered to be renewed automatically on a monthly basis if it comes it an end before a new arrangement is made. In this case, a tenant does not have to sign a new lease.

Honours for Jack Kowalchuk

About 100 people gathered in a Ukrainian meeting hall last Saturday to honour Jacob ("Jack") Kowalchuk on the occasion of his 75th birthday and his 50 years of community service.

Many Ward 7 residents know Mr. and Mrs. Kowalchuk as the always friendly proprietors of Plaza Cleaners on King Street near

Others across the city know Jack Kowalchuk as an indefatigable activist in numerous community causes, especially among the Ukrainian community.

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Theatre

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That the young men seem perfectly amenable to the boss' overtures can hardly assuage your sense of outrage, nor perhaps can the fact that the beast of the piece, Russian ballet impresario Sergi Diaghilev, in truth, has been dead these thirty years - so why dredge up all that filth again, eh?!

Mind you, the play "Chinchilla" by Glasgow playwright Robert David Macdonald, currently running until the end of the month at Theatre Phoenix on Dupont Street, may have a certain antique value. It's about the man, after all, who single-handedly rescued ballet from its pose of conventions at the turn of the century, bringing fantasy, realism in movement and eroticism together in a dazzling new dance form, and, by the by, unleashing the ineffable Vaslow Nijinski on an astounded world audience. A hell of a play, in fact.

Ensconsed with his travelling entourage in a grand hotel in Venice, Diaghilev plots how he can wed his passion for young men to his art. He will choose a lover from among hs dancers, write new ballet for him, and choreograph the fortunate fellow into the hearts of millions.



His business associates groan at the plan, but are incapable of resisting the Russian bear

As fate would have it, Nijinski is Diaghilev's choice for stardom. Played with commendable rein by

Chinchilla unleashes passions

Lawrence Phillips, Nijinski is also no match for the overpowering Diaghilev, and the dancer's pathetic efforts to escape from his mentor he marries a girl in the company he hardly knows - gives the play its harrowing moments. But neither playwright Macdonald nor director Graham Hartley let the action sink into irrevocable tragedy, allowing the eloquent, Wildean bon mots of Diaghilev to brighten even the darkest hour.

Despite a sparse stage setting a few chairs and some other oddments serve for various locales as the play sweeps back and forth in time - the mood of early century

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Europe is strongly realized, thanks mainly to the fine ensemble playing of a splendid cast headed by Robert Benson as Diaghilev. A familiar face to Toronto Theatregoers, Benson has his finest hour here. His Diaghilev is a gifted, posturing man, proud of his sexual appetite and his ability to entertain. It is a richly textured performance, and Benson is perhaps at his most compelling when he lets Diaghilev's mask of omnipotence slip a little to reveal the core of self-disgust be-

The supporting players are firstrate: Claude Bede as the frustrated financier Gabriel, and John

Week." A variety of activities, in-

cluding open houses and special dis-

In Ward Seven, the community

information centre is Neighbour-

hood Information Post, located in

Library House, next door to the

Parliament Street Library. The

venerable Victorian house was

beautifully renovated during the re-

cent renovations of the library it-

self. The address of N.I.P. is 265

Gerrard East and the telephone

numbers are 924-2543 and 924-

Open House

To mark Community Informa-

tion Week, N.I.P. is holding an

Open House all day Tuesday, Octo-

ber 23 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Everyone in the area is invited to at-

tend and refreshments will be ser-

ved. As well, Parliament Street Lib-

rary will have a special display of in-

In addition to the addresses and

telephone numbers of many agen-

formation material from N.I.P.

plays, have been planned.

Gilbert, Daniel Pawlick, Mary Harrison and Stanley Coles as the other members of Diaghilev's travelling circus are all strong enough to prevent the play from becoming a one-man show.

With its homosexual embraces and briefly clad young men, "Chinchilla" is not likely to escape the charges of sensationalism and vulgarity, and, sure enough, it has sent some of the local critical constabulary reaching for their noses; the Globe & Mail was particularly vitriolic. To take such charges seriously is to deny oneself an evening of high and priceless entertain-

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tion post also has pamphlets on many subject for interested persons. Pamphlets are provided free.

This year the post published a new directory of all community groups and services in the downtown east area of Toronto and some copies are still available at the office to interested individuals or organizations. There is a small charge for the directory to help defray printing costs. Another activity is an annual income tax clinic at which volunteer accountants provide their services free to persons within certain income ranges.

Director of neighbourhood Information Post is Cindy Wilkey and her assistant is Jim Smith. Susan Scott, a chartered accountant, is president of the volunteer Board of Management.

A charitable organization, N.I.P. is funded by government grants and by donations. As well, various fund-raising event, such as the annual spring garage sale, are held throughout the year. The organization is at present holding a fundraising drive and donations from the general public are welcome. Businesses are also being asked to

support its valuable work. Much of the work of N.I.P. is done by volunteers who donate whatever time they can spare each month, from a few hours to a great many. One volunteer recently donated her services full-time during her annual vacation.

Volunteers can contribute in many different ways. They can answer phones and give out information. They can type letters, stuff envelopes, fold or distribute pamphlets, or up-date files. They can work on the various committees such as publicity and fund-raising. Or they can work only once or twice a year at the larger fund-raising events.

As conventional means of funding have shrunk, the organization has come to depend more on volunteers. If you would like to donate some time to N.I.P., drop in to the office at 265 Gerrard East or telephone 924-2544.

Mayor John Sewell has given his best wishes to "Community Information Post Open House on Tuesday, October 23.

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The hospital specializes in radiotherapy and chemotherapy and provides much of its treatment on an outpatient basis.

It opened in 1958 with 87 beds for inpatient care and limited outpatient and research space. Today, it has 216 beds and somewhat larger outpatient space. It is currently in the process of expanding again.

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A historic plaque commemorating Toronto's first black politician was unveiled on September 29 at 660 Broadview Avenue.

The plaque recalls William Peyton Hubbard (1842-1935), the Toronto-born son of freed slaves from Virginia. Hubbard was elected to city council in 1894 and served for a total of 15 years, frequently as senior controller. He was a champion of the rights of various minorities and a pioneer in the founding of Toronto Hydro. Hubbard also served in such capacities as justice of the peace, school trustee, harbour commissioner and, for four decades, as a representative to the House of Industry.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday October 20

There will be a Harvestfest Dance at the Woodgreen Community Centre, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cash bar. Tickets at the door. At 835 Queen St. East.

First Flight: an exhibition by women artists of the Bain Co-op, is at the Market Gallery, in the South St. Lawrence Market (Front & Jarvis), East mezzanine level. The exhibition includes batiks, weaving, sculpture, enamelling, photography, jewellry, and silkscreen prints. Today from 10 to 5, Sunday from 2 to 5.

Reidar Nilsson, the Danish director whose company created a stir here in March with its show "Inuit" at Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre, is back in Toronto for a month as the guest of the Toronto Dance Theatre. Nillson has been working with students and company members, creating a piece called "Seven Plus One: Love Stories" which will be shown at the Toronto Dance Theatre Studio, 80 Winchester St., today and tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00. 967-1365.

Bernadette Devlin-McCallisky, the Irish revolutionary and former member of the British Parliament will be speaking on "Northern Ireland: 10 Years of Struggle" at the Trinity United Church, 427 Bllor St. W., at 7:30 p.m.

The five-week long Good Beginnings conference wraps up today with a giant festival for the whole family at Castle Frank High School, opposite the Castle Frank subway station. There will be booths and demonstrations, puppet shows, films, arts and crafts, etc. Admission free; babysitting. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 593-4102 for more information.

Pippin, the Broadway musical, is opening today at the Young People's Theatre, 165 Front St. E., and will run until November 11. Information and tickets: 864-9732.

There will be an arts and crafts show at the Beach Mall, 1971 Queen St. E. (at Waverley) today from 10:30 to 8 and tomorrow from 10:30 to 6. Free. 698-6159 for more information.

A Perfect Relationship, a play presented by the Equity Showcase Theatre at Harbourfromt, plays today and tomorrow at 6 p.m. at York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. Free, but call 364-5739 for reservations. The play is a light-hearted look at contemporary gay relationships.

An all-day seminar on interracial marriage and its ramifications will be held at Ryerson (L72) on Saturday, October 20. The program will include speakers, workshops, and openfloor participation. Topics include "The Inter-Racial Factor and the Offspring", "In ter-Personal Relationships", "Social Impact of Intermarriage", and "The Future of the Japanese Canadian Subculture". Anyone interested in this subject is most welcome to attend and share their experiences.

Tuesday October 23

The annual meeting of the **Don District Community Health Centre** will be held at 7:45 p.m. in the penthouse of 275 Shuter St.

Business will include presentation of the annual report, election of directors, and acceptance of applications for membership in the Don District Community Health Centre. You are eligible for membership and election of directors if you live in the area bounded by Jarvis on the west, Lakeshore on the south, Don River on the east, and Carlton between Jarvis to Parliament and Shuter from Parliament to the Don River.

Neighbourhood Information Post is holding an Open House to mark Community Information Week. The Post will welcome anyone interested, from 10 am to 8 pm. There will be a display of informational material and refreshments will be served. 265 Gerrard St. E. 924-2544.

Join a rally at Queen's Park at 7 pm tonight to protest the Ontario government's cutbacks of services to children. There will be a pre-rally at 40 College St. at the Central Y at 6 pm. Dress warmly, bring signs stating your concerns and bring your children. The rally will take place rain or shine and will last about an hour.

A film, Poetry and Film, will be shown at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E., tonight at 8 pm.

Norman McBeth will be performing in the Lunch Hour Recital (12:00 to 12:25) at St. James Cathedral, corner of King and Church. Free.

Wednesday October 24

The **Toronto East Community Council**, an educational group, will be meeting at Kew Beach Public School at 7:30 pm.

Dixon Hall will host an informational meeting for parents, students and anyone interested in the quality of children's services in our area. The purpose of the meeting is to help us understand what the proposed Local Children's Services Co-ordinating Committees are all about. It will also be an opportunity to discuss our feelings and ideas about the issue, so that we can all participate more fully in the Community Forum scheduled to take place in our area in November. Dixon Hall is at 58 Sumach St. 7:30 p.m. Babysitting provided. More information: 863-0499.

Interested in getting involved in a Ward 7 musical revue, planned for the spring? Then come to a planning meeting at 363 Wellesley St. E. at 8 pm. Call Joanne Campell for more information at 367-7910.

Thursday October 25

The Park Community Education Council meets tonight at 7:30 pm. in the staff room of Park School. Topics on the agenda include a discussion of the senior and special education programs. Parents who are interested in attending this meeting should call Rhoda Hill at 368-2443 for further information. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

The Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre at 603 Whiteside Place (364-4915) has a number of activities for tenants of Regent Park and the surrounding area. These include cribbage, ping pong, shuffleboard, bumper pool, darts. There are a TV and stereo to

enjoy. There is an arts and crafts day for ladies (more are welcome). There is a library with an assortment of books. A bowling league starts up in the fall. Family membership at the centre is only \$2.00 per year. This includes a Christmas Party for children of members 12 and under. The centre is open Monday through Thursday 1 to 4, and 7 to 10 p.m. On Fridays, it's 1 to 4 and 7 to 11 p.m. Feel free to drop in.

Friday October 26

Dance, with Max Mouse and the Gorillas, at St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd. 8:30 pm to 1 am. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. There will be light snacks available, and the event is held under a special ocassion permit of the Liquor License Board of Ontario. Tickets available from 7 News, 363-9650 or Roger Rolfe, 961-3935. All proceeds to 7 News.

Saturday October 27

The Black EducationProject celebrates its 10th anniversary with a wine and cheese party, a children's day full of activities, a dinner dance, and a variety of entertainment for adults such as gospel singers, steel bands, poetry readings, a theatere workshop and a jazz jam session. Today, tomorrow, at Harbourfron. Call 461-6318 for information.

The Toronto Humane Society presents Kids and Pets, an afternoon devoted to children and their relationships with animals. Activities include a poster contest, puppet show, flims, and various displays on animal related careers for children, responsible pet ownership, your pet and the law and pet nutrition. Noon to 5 pm. Free. At Harbourfront, 222 Queen's Quay.

The Riverdale Hospital Auxiliary is holding a fall bazaar. 1:30 to 4. Home baking, sewing, toys, white elephant, tea room and many more. All welcome. The hospital is on St. Mathews Rd., near the corner of Gerrard and Broadview.

Ernie Smith & the Roots Revival Reggae Ban and Chalawa, in concert at 8:30 pm at the Ryerson Theatre, 43 Gerrard St. E. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Proceeds to community groups in wards 1, 2,

There will be a Monte Carlo Night at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. (863-0499 from 7 pm to 1 am. A special occasion permit has been issued by the LLBO.

Kids: make Hallowe'en puppets and hear ghost stories at the Pape/Danforth Library, 701 Pape, at 2 pm.

Sunday October 28

Deirdre Morell is in concert at the Lunch Hour Recital (noon to 12:25 pm) at St. James Cathedral, corner of King and Church. Free.

Thursday November 1

Bill Cameron's Ramble Show opens today and runs through the 4th at the Equity Showcase Theatre at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. The play is abut growing up in Ontario. 8:30 pm. Free, but call 364-5739 for reservations.

Friday November 2

To help the public understand the causes and effects of acid rain and to search for solutions, 22 environmental groups from Canada and the U.S. are co-operating to sponsor a citizen's conference on acid rain today and tomorrow. Contact Federation of Ontario Naturalists, 355 Lesmill Rd., Don Mills.

General

New members are welcoe at the **519 Food Co-op**, at 519 Church St. Hours are 1° to 6 Fridays, 10 to 1:30 Saturdays. Contact Linda Pim at 881-0719, evenings.

Metro Toronto Nursery Schools for Handicapped Children are in urgent **need of volunteers** to work on a one-to-one basis in an early-stimulation developmental program. One morning a week: 9 to 12. Contact Virginia Mills, 361-0773.

The Actor's lab production of Hasid has been held over until October 28 at the Theatre Centre, 95 Danforth Ave. Opening October 31 at The Theatre Centre is Metamorphosis, a score in movement, sound and music based on the poetic and dramatic motifs in the writings of Garcia Lorca. Unitl November 18. Thursdays to Saturday at 8:30 pm, Sundays at 2:30.

Dixon Hall's Home Help for Seniors is available to any senior living in the area bounded by Gerrard to the lake, Sherbourne to River St. Services provided include light housekeeping and laundry \$1 per hour. Trportation to medical appointments and weekly van shopping. Call Elizabeth Fossella at 863-0499.

The Board of Directors of Ward 7 Camp Funding would like to say thanks for your support at our bingos and rummage sales prior to the summer break. Also thanks to those who supported the fund by contributing cash and/or cheque. The winner of the draw was Laurie Robertson of Gerrard St. E. A special thank you to the students of Castle Frank High Bschool for a cash donation to help our cause. Bingos will resume at Regent Park Public School, the next one being November 1 at 7 pm sharp. There will be a jackpot of \$75 cash and share-the-wealth and prizes galore.

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.

St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton St., is presenting Saturday Night movies on the first and third Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Refreshments available.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have an upcoming event which you would like listed in the November 2 issue (any event from November 2 to 16 should go in this issue) send your announcement to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2 or call 363-9650.

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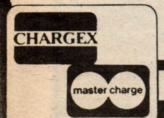
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-Streaming in inner city schools

Those of you who have been questioning the "social promotion" and/or failure policies at your schools might be interested in the Inner City Co-ordinator's recent report entitled "RE: Streaming Students into School Programs from K-13." The report makes some revealing observations about streaming practices in our inner city schools. The statistics in the report are based on a random sampling of 10 Junior (K-6) schols that are rated as "inner city"

Some facts that emerged:

•principals stated that no streaming practices were used wher placing students in the senior schools (grades 7 & 8); however students are not failed more than one time between Kindergarten and

•there is no system-wide policy that determines failure - 80% of the principals interviewed said that failure depended on the "whole child" (level of achievment, potential ability, maturity, age, ability to cope, student's past record, functional reading level, reaction of the student to failure) — only 1 principal of those interviewed failed a child on the basis of the child's functional reading level alone

•80% of the principals interviewed said that streaming (grouping children by "ability" levels) DID occur in the junior grades - students were streamed in various ways: reading groups, split grades, enrichment classes, special education classes, rehabilitation classes, and "balanced" classrooms (all the "low" grade 6's together, for example)

•80% of the principals interviewed felt that the majority of failures occurred in the primary grades (1,2,3)

•to get into a level 4 or 5 high school program (a level 4 can lead to community college, a level 5 to

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university), a student should have functional reading level of grade 7 - this is an "understood" Board policy, but is contained in no legislation - in some schools if a student's achievement is generally better than his/her reading scores indicate, the student may be allowed to enter a stream which his/her reading levels do not indicate

Appended to the Inner City Coordinator's report is "Standard Procedure 34, which all principals interviewed claimed that they adhered to strictly. Standard Procedure 34 deals with the mechanics of promotion from grade 6 to grade 7 and from grade 8 to high school. One can see from examining this document that teachers and principals are encouraged to a large extent to "transfer" students at certain ages and grade levels rather than require them to repeat a year in the same grade. Parents who are against "social promotion" should certainly make themselves aware of Standard Procedure 34.

These are just a few of the points that emerge from examining Standard Procedure 34:

· "successful completion of grade 6" is defined as "functioning at a grade 5 instructional level or higher in Reading and Mathematics.

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calendar year" should "normally be transferred" to senior school the junior school principal is given the responsibility of getting the child's parents to understand "the nature of the transfer" (remember that a grade 7 functional level is needed for a level 4 or 5 high school program, and that this thirteenyear-old is being put into grade 7 with less than a grade 5 functional level in reading and math - to qualify for even a level 3 vocational program the student will need "grade 5 or better" at the end of

•a student is considered to have completed grade 8 "successfully" if he can proceed to a level 3, 4, or 5 program in high school - however, he can go to university from level 5, while only a few community colleges will accept a level 3 diploma

• English as a Second Language students (ESL) are "promoted or transferred" on the basis of "potential learning ability" as well as performance - it is not stated how one determines a student's "potential" under such circumstances

In the end functional reading and mathematics levels seem to be the key to whether your child will end up in a "bottom" stream or a "top stream high school program. Judge for yourself. Here are the functional reading and math levels at the end of grade 8 that will admit your child to a high school program:

level 1 (functions below grade 2 level)

level 2 (functions from grades 2

level 3 (functions grade 5 or bet-

level 4 (functions grade 7 or better)

level 5 (functions grade 7 or better)

All parents should be aware that if they don't wish their child to proceed to the level of program suggested by the school's guidance counsellor, they have an alternative. The alternative is to have the child spend another year in elementary school. Standard Procedure 34 states this clearly.

Although the Inner City. Coordinator's report was based on ten randomly selected (an unnamed) inner city schools, inner city parents concerned with the questions of "social promotion" and streaming might want to discuss the policy at their schools with their school administrators, perhaps in the context of a Parent-Teacher meeting.

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Education Round-U

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The East End Literacy Program begins training its volunteers this week, and if you are interested in volunteering your time to tutor an illiterate adult in the Ward 7 or Ward 8 areas of Toronto, Selinde Krayenhoff would like to hear from you. Volunteers are always needed. Selinde can be reached by dialing 461-6311.

The East End Literacy (E.E.L.) Project was begun in September 1978, when two Community Work students from George Brown College and a Community Worker with Metro Children's Aid Society came together to develop a viable approach to dealing with the wide-spread problem of illiteracy in Toronto's east end. According to the 1971 Census figures, almost 30% of the total City of Toronto population having below grade 8 education lives in Wards 7 & 8.

The Toronto Library Board estimates that almost 10% of the people in the area covered by libraries in the Don District and South Riverdale area have less than a grade 4 education. This latter figure refers only to people whose first language is English. While not everyone with less than a grade 8 education would be classified as illiterate (unable to read most written material, subway signs, application forms etc.), many are so handicapped. One of E.E.L.'s aims is to do consciousness-raising in the community to make people aware of the extent of illiteracy, its causes, and the effects on the illiterate adult.

There is still considerable stigma associated with being an illiterate adult because most people do not understand the causes of illiteracy. The illiterate adult in turn has little control over his/her own life.

E.E.L. sees the need for curriculum material in public and adult educaton which more accurately reflects the real situations and needs of the students; for example, courses on family planning, landlord-tenants rights, welfare rights, trade unions, Native

The primary goal of E.E.L. is to contact isolated English-speaking illiterate adults and enable them to develop the skills necessary in coping with societal demands and everyday living problems. They hope to do this by: (1) developing an individual's reading, writing, and comprehension skills, (2) introducing and encouraging the use of community resources, and (3) initiating the development of community peer support networks.

Tutoring sessions are held in the person's home with one tutor per student. The tutor and student draw up a contract to structure the weekly lessons. Most meet for two one-hour sessions per week. Progress is evaluated regularly and the student is encouraged to move onto group lessons as soon as he/she can manage it.

Group classes will be held in the immediate community, the location to be decided by student input. As students gain confidence in this setting, they will be encouraged to enrol in literacy or upgrading classes, search for jobs, assume an active role in the community, or pursue whatever other aspirations they may have. The measure of E.E.L.'s success will be the student's ability to act on matters in their lives that they feel are impor-

If you could volunteer your services as a tutor, don't be held back from volunteering because you feel that you lack experience, teachertraining, or whatever. E.E.L. trains its tutors to follow a particular tutoring method that stresses the experience story, everyday sight words, phonics, and word patterns. You will probably be reading with your student from a variety of materials such as recipies, the newspaper, or a Family Benefits Handbook. Call Selinde (461-6311) if you can help, and if she's not in, leave a message. She'll get back to

The Homework Program at Parliament St. Library has gotten off to a good start. A special thanks to Mr. Trafford who teaches at Sprucecourt School for encouraging his students to come out and get involved. Your mapmaking exercises intrigued students

and volunteers alike, Mr. Trafford!
The Homework Program runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Parliament St. Library. If you are

in grades 6, 7, or 8 come out and get help with your homework. Or if you're just looking for a quiet place to study, you can find that here too.

Since the last issue of 7 News came out, several teachers have phoned and promised to send us the creative endeavours of their students for publication. We look forward to receiving the student's work, so that we can establish a section in the paper for that purpose. If you know of any student who would like to see his/her stories, poems, etc., in print, please encourage him/her to send them to us. The deadline for our next issue is October 29th. We can't promise to publish them in that issue, but we'll try.

eridian

One of Toronto's - and Ward 7's - largest residential landlords and developers, the Meridian group, controlled by Morton Merkur and Philip Roth, is the subject of nine court applications by their former associate Leonard Blatt, for partition and sale of residential properties in which Blatt has an interest. Blatt says that since 1969 Meri-

dian Property Management Ltd. has been making excessive charges for management and maintenance of the buildings. He says in 1970, he found maintenance and wage charges were being paid to a company called Azteck Technical Services Ltd. "Maintenance and wage costs soared." Blatt says in his court affidavit. "I subsequently learned that Azteck Technical Services Ltd. was a sub-contractor hired and controlled by the Merkur and Roth families, and that these additional excessive management charges were being made for their own services.'

In addition to the partition and sale of the properties, Blatt asks for a "full accounting as to the management of the property, from January 1, 1969 to date.

The case is adjourned.

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