

Family benefits moms march on Queen's Park

By ANGELA CRICHLAW
& ROSEMARIE RAMNARINE

On Wednesday, June 9th, sole support mothers held a rally at Queen's Park to protest the transfer of women on Family Benefits to the municipal welfare system, which will force them out to work without any adequate daycare and job training.

Arlene Mantle, a sole support mother, started the rally with singing, and the moms, carrying placards and banners, joined in. Mothers came from as far away as Ottawa and Hamilton.

Speakers from Action Daycare, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Family Benefits Work Group, the Regent Park Sole Support Mothers Group, and other groups supported the mom's

cause. In a nutshell, the mothers want the right to choose to stay at home and raise their children, or go out and work. They also want to know where the day care, the job-training programmes, and the jobs are.

Frank Drea, the minister of community and social services, was very insulting to the women. He claimed he'd given them everything they'd asked for. Some mothers shouted and booed. Drea responded that he had all day. One of the women said she had all day too, and Frank Drea answered: "That is why I am changing the system because you have all day."

The rally marched from Queen's Park over to the Steelworkers Union Hall, where it broke up into three workshop groups. The first workshop,

organized by the Family Benefits Work Group and the Regent Park Sole Support Mothers Group, discussed ideas on community organizing and how to start up new mothers' groups.

In the second workshop, members of the International Women's Day Committee and the Ontario Federation of Labor pledged their support, and the workshop dis-

cussed how to build links with the women's movement and the trade unions.

How to take political action, especially in the upcoming municipal elections, was the focus of the last workshop.

We all got back together at the end of the afternoon and shared our ideas. Many women seem interested in the Sole Support

Parents' Coalition and further actions like today's rally.

The day sure proved that mothers united are a force to reckon with! (The next meeting of the Sole Support Parents' Coalition is on Tuesday, June 22, 7 p.m. at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard St. East. For more information, call Maureen Adams, 438-7182).

Gov't's Position

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT SAYS:

From an address by Robert McDonald, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community and Social Services to the annual convention of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association:

On the reasons for the proposed transfer of Family Benefits from the Province to the Municipality —

There were two main reasons for this proposed change:

1) To put in place a streamlined delivery system that would reduce or eliminate the existing duplication of effort that now exists since both our respective jurisdictions deal with common clients simultaneously.

2) To rationalize the provision of support services that are necessary to assist applicants and recipients to become independent of social assistance.

On FBA Group concerns:

Concern has been expressed in some quarters about the fact that Family Benefits (FBA) recipients would be transferred to the General Welfare Assistance (G.W.A.) program as a result of this integration. This of course, is not the case. What we intend to do in the test projects is to transfer the administration of Family Benefits to the municipalities. Under this plan, recipients would still continue to receive Family Benefits under the same terms and conditions as they do now.

... we need to recognize that we have not paid enough attention to providing support to persons who may wish to become self-sufficient, but face barriers to leaving social assistance. For example,

many sole support mothers intend to go on assistance for only a short period but end up staying on for longer than they intended simply because there were no supports or arrangements which allowed them to get out of the house to get the education or skills to regain self-sufficiency. In other instances, some mothers face the situation where they are trading the relative security of benefits for low wages, insecure employment and little or no health related fringe benefits.

As a result, we often hear of cases where a mother's last remaining child leaves home and she is left without the confidence, the skills, or education to ever become self-sufficient. She then either turns to welfare or Family Benefits until she reaches age 65, when she becomes eligible for old age security.

In the test project municipalities we sincerely hope to turn that scenario around by providing an array of employment supports.

This range of employment supports will include:

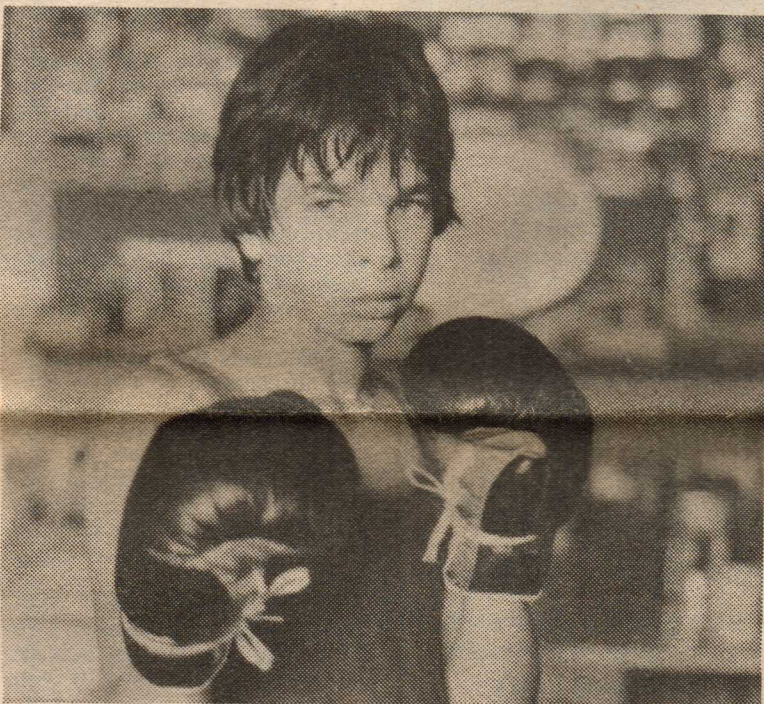
- Employment Services
- Child Care; and
- Employment Related Services.

We are going to provide 80% funding for new employment supports to the pilot municipalities to ensure the delivery of

- Preparation of individualized plans
- Information and referral regarding appropriate programs or opportunities
- Pre-training and pre-employment services (mothers projects) and
- Job search assistance and

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7 News



John Walker, age 14

Boxer wins again

The Cabbagetown Youth Centre Junior boxers now hold a total of seven 1982 provincial championships. At a tournament held recently in Smithville, Ontario, the boys brought three more medals home with them.

Conrad Grey, age twelve, won the 80-85 lb. championship in the Junior A class for eleven and twelve year old boys. This is Grey's third provincial championship.

Anthony Aquan-Assee, thirteen, won the silver medal in the 80-85 lb. class for Junior B boys age thirteen and fourteen. Anthony is a very exceptional novice.

John Walker, fourteen, emerged as the 110-115 lb. champion in the B class by scoring a TKO over his outclassed opponent. This was the fourth bout of Walker's promising career.

Porn protest

On Friday June 4, five women were attacked by bouncers outside the Zanzibar Tavern whilst taking part in a peaceful protest against pornography. The women, along with six other members of POW (Pornography Oppresses Women), were demonstrating in front of the tavern when the bouncers came out of the tavern and began to kick, punch and drag the five women around. One woman was seriously hurt and required hospitalization; in spite of this the police refused to lay charges upon their arrival at the scene.

Prior to the attack the women had been photographing the men who entered, or left, the tavern in an attempt to impress upon them that they were accountable for contributing to the pornographic exploitation of women's bodies.

In a show of support for the original eleven POW members 150 women marched on Yonge St. and picketed the Zanzibar Tavern on Saturday June 12th. The march was well attended by the police and those mysterious photographers without press cards who attend most political functions in this city. There were no incidents of violence in the second march, but hostility was evident, especially the hostility of several young men who burned the leaflets that women passed out to the crowd.

The race is on for NDP endorsement

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Ward 7 N.D.P. held a preliminary candidates' meeting in Castle Frank Collegiate on June 2nd to allow voters to hear and question the various candidates who are seeking the endorsement of the N.D.P. in the municipal election this November. A second meeting takes place two weeks later to decide who gets the nominations.

A similar situation exists for Ward 7 in both the aldermanic and board of education contests. Alderman Reville is standing again but Gordon Cressy is not because he has accepted the challenging job of heading The

United Way. In elections for the board one of the sitting members, Fran Endicott is running again, but David Clandfield is retiring. Two women, Joanne Campbell and Barbara Hall, are trying for the other place on the aldermanic slate, while Tony Barclay and Pam McConnell are seeking the other spot on the board of education slate. Joanne Campbell taught in Zambia for three years before returning to Toronto to take a job with Urban.

Barbara Hall has worked in Central Neighbourhood House and now operates a law office. Tony Barclay works as a juvenile probation officer, while Pam

McConnell has been very active in the field of housing co-operatives and has also taught for 8 years in inner-city schools.

David Reville set the tone of the meeting by giving a quick sketch of the political program achieved in Ward 7 over the years, starting with the days of Sewell and Jaffary. He mentioned the increased participation of the electorate in administration and the success in preserving neighbourhoods. Joanne Campbell spoke of the need to fight against the provincial plan to get single mothers off family benefits and push them into the labour market when unemployment is so high and

there is an acute shortage of day-care centres. Barbara Hall mentioned the need for more co-op housing and spoke of the importance of helping people thread their way through the intricacies of government.

Among the board of education candidates Fran Endicott stated that gains have been made in the past, but the province is trying to cut the city's ability to raise the money for programs that are needed, and she wants to stay in there and fight. Both Barclay and McLeod spoke of the importance of developing better educational programs to keep the kids in

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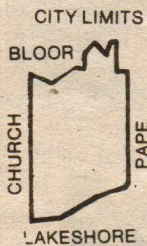


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Foggy fireworks don't flop

By ULLI DIEMER

Watching fireworks in the fog may not be your idea of a spectacularly good time. It certainly wasn't mine.

So it was just as well that last Victoria Day Monday, I didn't know just how foggy it was at the waterfront when I headed for Kew Beach to watch the fireworks. Because if I'd known, I probably wouldn't have gone. And I would have missed a special evening.

For foggy it was, and the closer to the lake one got, the foggier it got. But when hundreds of cars are all heading for the same place, it gets rather hard to turn around. So we went.

The beach was alive as I've rarely seen it, especially at night. The boardwalk a river of people flowing to Ashbridges Bay — wherever that was, in the fog. The beach itself covered with little clusters of people, setting off their own fireworks displays, lighting small bonfires, drinking hot chocolate against the damp cold, or just watching each other. Kids with sparklers dashing about between the groups.

The smoke, fog, and the erratic lighting provided by the fast-fading scraps of daylight and the clusters of fireworks (when one person ran out, another one somewhere else started up the ones he or she had brought) gave everything a quite unusual, almost eerie, atmosphere. Something between a folk festival and an outbreak from Night of the Living Dead.

I especially enjoyed the spontaneous character of it all — people weren't passively waiting for the show to start, they were the show. There's a bit of the pyromaniac in most of us, so fireworks seem to satisfy a definite need. Especially if we can set them off ourselves. It was a happy crowd.

And when the "official" fireworks started, we all cheered. (We knew they were starting because we could hear them.) If you

rushed up closer, right to the water's edge, as I did, you could even see the fireworks. For those of you who missed them because you stayed at home or a few yards farther back on the beach — they

were worth seeing. Different than clear-weather fireworks, to be sure, but striking in their own right.

If it's foggy next year — go down anyway.

federal by-election

Don't hold breath

Don't hold your breath waiting for a by-election to be called to fill the Broadview-Greenwood federal seat left vacant by Bob Rae, now the new NDP provincial leader.

Asked by a reporter last week if he would be calling by-elections soon for the three vacant seats in the Commons, Prime Minister Trudeau told the journalist that he was "incredibly naive" to even ask. Liberal standings in the popularity polls are currently low.

The law allows up to six months to elapse before a date for a by-election must even be set, and the by-election may be set for as much as a year after that.

Broadview-Greenwood riding associations are undeterred, however. The NDP recently nominated Lynn McDonald as their candidate, and the Liberals have

their meeting set for June 16.

Contenders for the Liberal nomination are David Ellis, David O'Connor, Christine Yankou, Philip Varelis (unsuccessful in two previous stints as the Liberal candidate against Bob Rae) and John Iannou. The rumour mills had two other men interested as well: well-worn politician Paul Hellyer and — implausibly — Alderman John Sewell.

The Progressive Conservatives have not yet set a date for their meeting, but apparently seven people are being looked at by a candidate selection committee. The seven: Peter Hesky (unsuccessful provincial candidate in 1981); Michael Hordo; Toronto Sun editor Peter Worthington; former York East MP Ron Ritchie; Giles Muir; Fred Langan; and Patrick Boyer.

Regent Park Day

Regent Park Day was an unqualified success. The parade was fun and the entertainment was great, but it was the fundraising that really shone out.

The day was the kick-off of the fundraising campaign for the Regent Park Community Centre and its goal was to get a minimum of 500 pledges from area families to contribute \$2.00 per month each toward the centre. Fundraisers surpassed their goal by eleven thousand dollars; or as the jubilant red painted message on the fundrais-

ing sign on Belshaw Place proclaims "We did it!" A total of 41,000 dollars was pledged on June 5 and more is expected. Only 590 Regent Park residents have pledged so far, there are still 1,100 who weren't available on Regent Park Day and have yet to pledge. Congratulations Regent Park, it really will be a community centre.

Hours

The rumors are true — summer is lurking just around the corner (it's been peeking out now and then between rain showers) and as such it is holiday time. Time to pack away the typewriters and break out the sun-tanning oil, because of this Seven News, in order to give its already over-worked employees a break, will be published every three weeks throughout the P. T. M. (Peak Tanning Months). If you need to get in touch with us phone the office and leave a message on our answering machine. We really will get back to you as soon as possible.



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Caribbean Day at Monarch Park

On May 19, the second annual Caribbean-East Indian Day was held at Monarch Park Secondary School. All the countries of the West Indies were portrayed by the students who illustrated the special characteristics of each country, such as Jamaica, Trinidad &

Tobago, Guyana and Barbados.

There was a special lunch served to staff and students which included such delicacies as curried goat, roti, dalpourie, patties and specialties like corn bread, black cake, sweet potato pudding and fruit punch. The diners were enter-

tained with reggae and calypso. The second half of the program included a fashion show, skits and dances, and ended with a special presentation of a fruit basket and wood sculpture to principal, Mr. Frenke.

'The Way We Are': Who got what

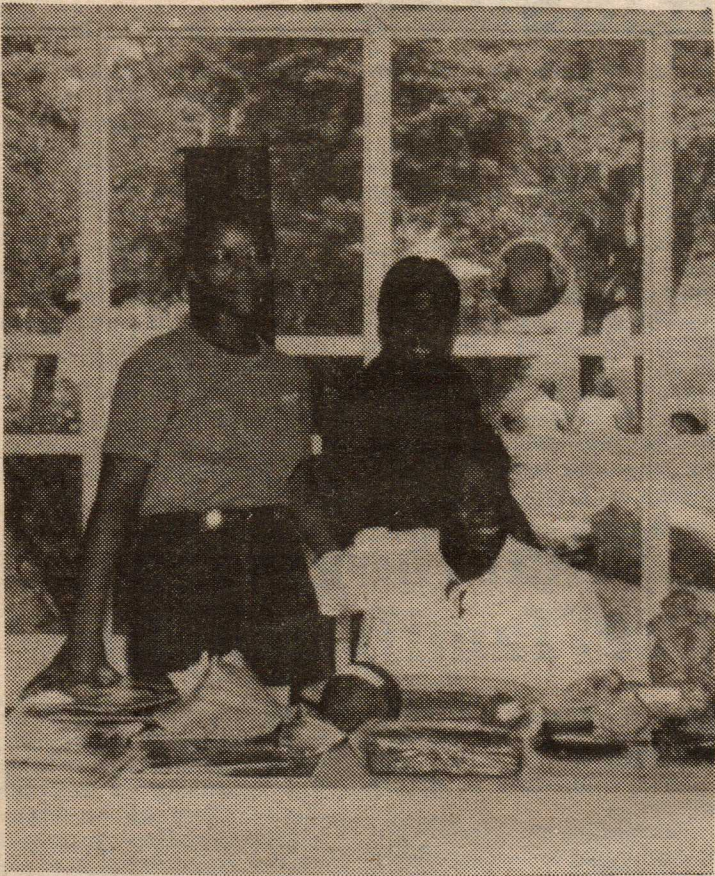
The "Way We Are" is but a dim, fond memory for most Ward Seven residents. However, for the community groups who benefitted from the money raised by the play it is a more recent recollection. It was just a few weeks ago that the Ward Seven Musical group hosted a party at Dixon Hall, one of the points of which was to hand out the cheques for the proceeds to various groups.

Seven News got the biggest cheque; we received \$4,000 of the total \$10,000 that was raised. The

Dixon Hall Music School, Neighbourhood Information Post, the Open Door Rooms Registry and the River and Oak Parent Child Centre each received \$1,250. The Regent Park Day Publicity Committee was given \$1,000

to help advertise the fundraising campaign for the new community centre.

We would like to thank everyone involved with the musical for their hard work and commend their community spirit.



Caribbean Day at Monarch Park Secondary School was a fulfilled day full of various activities. Here, one of the more popular draws of the day, the food tables containing typical Caribbean fare.

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Computer technology: Part 7

Women's health issues

By DAVE DICKEY

In the last thirty years the number of women in the labour force — the participation rate — has more than doubled, so that it now equals that of men. The rate of married women quadrupled so that it is now nearing the rate of single women. Everyone works for at least economic independence, but 60% of women work also because of economic necessity. Women's recent gains in access to traditionally male occupations is still relatively minor: Of the 20% who are in the PATS ranks —

Professional, administrative, technical, specialist ranks — most are teachers or nurses. An astonishing 90% of working women are involved with informatics, which includes secretaries, clerks, tellers, cashiers, telephone operators, mail handlers, and associated supervisors. This growth in women's participation rate has largely been accommodated by the growth of the service sector which alone accounts for 80% of working women. Informatics has become the one major job ghetto for women.

These growth areas were matched by increases in office costs, in some cases reaching 50% of a company's overhead. Office productivity increased just 4%, compared to 80% in manufacturing. For every dollar invested in an industrial worker there was only 10¢ invested for each office worker. Informatics was clearly labour intensive and expensive. Microprocessors have provided the

means by which the problem of rationalizing the office becomes possible, making it capital intensive, reducing labour costs and increasing productivity.

Computerization has come in phases, with the earlier ones definitely creating more jobs than they eliminated, although considerable realignments of duties was required. But by 1980 it was clear that jobs were being eliminated at a greater rate than being created. In banks, for example, which are in their fourth phase, most new jobs are only old jobs with new descriptions and titles. As customers deal directly with computer terminals a 30% reduction in tellers is expected. Electronic switching systems in telephone networks have resulted in 300 to 400% increases in productivity while reducing operators by 40%. A further reduction of 20% is estimated with the introduction of electronic directory assistance.

The picture especially, then, looks bleak for women. Clerical employment is clearly declining in relative and absolute terms for the first time. Computers are creating some new jobs but these are mostly in the PATS ranks. In one study done of a large Canadian corporation it was seen that of 130 clerical workers displaced by computerization only two were promoted into the higher PATS ranks. But even here there is realignment as jobs are eliminated and created. Their growth rates are declining, indicating that unskilled managers are playing a diminishing role.

Because of women's recent entrance into management positions they are more vulnerable to cutbacks.

A factory closing makes headlines but in clerical areas reductions are often done through displacement and attrition. The turnover rates in low-end jobs, and this is where women predominate, facilitates job restructuring and consolidation. Changes generally go unnoticed. Jobs just gradually disappear. In addition, statistical information fails to show how jobs may change in quality or quantity of work done. Managerial jobs may take on more clerical aspects, or clerical ones more managerial tasks.

Although telemation equipment represents increased capitalization, its relative cheapness and lightness affords considerable option for increased cost-savings. Fly-away work is one. This means a company can easily move its operations from one locality to another, usually for tax breaks and reduced labour costs. Economic 'free' zones are springing up in such countries as Haiti and Indonesia where destitute workers will take jobs paying pennies a day and firms don't have to pay a dime in taxes.

Part-time work is another trend, for some sectors; saving companies the money for benefits they spend for full-time employees and allowing for any increase in work time without having to hire and train more people paying overtime rates. Other companies are finding that shift-work is cost-sav-

ing by extending the time computer equipment can be utilized. This proves burdensome to women with families, and specially to single mothers who find childcare in short supply during regular hours, let alone night-time.

Accommodating the new computer systems tends to segregate groups of workers from each other and adds physical isolation of those within the groups. All of this reduces opportunities to move within a company due to lack of contact and exposure. As clerical work becomes more like an assembly line and more deskilled mobility is further restricted. For

many women their jobs will have even less mental content. Their jobs thus dehumanized they will see them more depersonalized by the increasing use of the monitoring abilities of the computer equipment.

Women have come a long way towards overcoming the physical and sexual abuse imposed upon them over the centuries; what remains is a variety of mental abuse to supercede. That may come from the stress of working behind mind-numbing, eye-straining VDTs, endlessly handling grocery check-outs, or not working at all. If women lose, we all lose.

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counselling.

On the provision of daycare services;

Participating municipalities will be encouraged to develop innovative approaches such as using mothers on social assistance as care providers, especially when sole support recipients are in the process of looking for employment and therefore don't need a permanent arrangement.

To give you just one example, there are areas where several sole-support mothers may be living in close proximity to each other. Some of these mothers who wish to get involved in work or retraining may not be able to do so due to the unavailability of child care services. On the other hand, some of these mothers with smaller children, who are not yet ready to become self-sufficient could benefit from this arrangement and thus help a neighbour.

Threat to Education

By MERYLIE HOUSTON
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Schools Together

On Friday, May 28, the Minister of Education, Dr. Bette Stephenson, introduced changes in The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act, 1982, that would seriously affect the provision of needed services to meet local educational needs and would curtail local board autonomy. For example, all six local boards of education would be forced to negotiate jointly with the Metro Toronto School Board. This would mean loss of autonomy for the Toronto Board and the loss of direct accountability to Toronto ratepayers.

Also, the changes would force the Toronto Board to reduce the amount of money raised from a local levy to finance badly needed programs in elementary schools. A net result of this would be the firing this year of about fifty teachers.

The proposed changes would seriously reduce the quality and equitable availability of educational programs in Toronto elementary schools and could require

such moves as:

- a) increasing regular class size.
- b) closing neighbourhood schools.
- c) eliminating the additional staff allocation provided in schools with French immersion programs.
- d) reducing the availability of English as a Second Language programs for pupils who need this kind of help.
- e) closing all-day kindergarten programs in most inner-city schools.
- f) moving the common starting point for Core French from Grade 4 to Grade 5 or Grade 6.

All Toronto residents are urged to oppose this move by the Minister of Education by signing the petition below, telephoning your local Member of the Provincial Parliament and telephoning your Alderman.

Please forward your signed petition as soon as possible to your nearest school office or to the E. A. S. T. Council (East Area Schools Together) c/o the Area East Office, 885 Dundas St. E., Toronto M4M 1R4.

Co-op design saves \$\$

When Lantana Non-Profit Homes first submitted their proposal for a 9 storey apartment building in Toronto's St. Lawrence Neighbourhood in 1980, they expected some head-scratching. After all, their building had only 3 corridors, was surrounded by 9 storey brick arches, and had an Olympic-size track on the roof. Now, with the foundations in, and the walls rapidly going up, the people at Lantana are relieved that their new building retains any of its innovative features at all.

The original design also featured a lot of decorative brickwork in the form of corbelling and arches. "The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood is a designated historic area," says John Vanstone, architect for the project, "but we wanted to use historically accurate detail on our building, unlike the other architects here who abstract their historical references. The brickwork had familiar elements to ordinary people, and didn't just speak to other architects ..."

The co-op will be called *Windmill Line Co-operative Homes*. "We originated the idea of a single ten-foot-high corridor feeding 2 floors" says Mike Labbe, a town planner on Lantana's staff. "When we chose Matsui-Baer as our architect, they suggested a two-storey corridor feeding three floors."

John Vanstone, of Matsui-Baer, says the design was both an attempt to "intensify the chances of meeting your neighbour" and a solution to the unusually wide lot size.

"Our building is 77 feet wide instead of the usual 60 with a double-loaded corridor," he says. "With today's land costs, you need to make the most efficient use of your lot. And with 3 floors emptying onto one corridor, your chances of meeting people are 3 times as high. That's an attempt at giving the resident a sense of identity with the co-op."

C. M. H. C. was concerned that subsidized housing must appear to be modest. The jogging track was first to go. The brickwork design was simplified for lower costs. But the 2 storey corridors survived a painful scrutiny.

"C. M. H. C.'s concerns with the corridor design were never clear," says Labbe. It took 3 months to convince them.

Wazir Dayal, C. M. H. C.'s architect, is cautious about the co-op's innovations. "Today only co-ops, non-profits, and luxury condominiums are building housing," he says. "That's an accident of history. But condominium designers don't break away from convention, they only overdo what's already been done. Co-ops are an experiment in community, a revolution in life-style ... they are the only ones breaking away from conventional design in a radical way. Of course it's too early to judge their success or failure."

Lighting change

At Windmill Line, says Dayal: "the attempt at getting away from long, dark, dingy corridors will depend on their treatment ... that's why we concentrated much of our energies on ensuring the lighting and planting."

The approval of the design by the City of Toronto was easier, since the plan examiners there had seen innovative design before. The fire department, however, still wonders how to ensure the safety of the building's residents. Their latest requirement is the provision of alarm pull stations in each suite notvening directly onto a corridor. "The annunciator panel in the lobby is going to look like an IBM computer," says Mike Labbe.

"The treatment of innovative design by approval bodies is going to be a growing problem," he adds. "It would be a shame if the various codes become too rigid to allow experimentation."

Windmill Line Co-op is under construction at Scadding Avenue and Hahn Place. Occupancy is Spring '82. There are 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. For membership information, phone 366-3746.

Riverdale Affair

The Riverdale Affair, a family fair will be taking place Saturday, June 19th, 1982 in Riverdale's Withrow Park.

Sponsored by the Ward Seven Business & Professional Association, the aim of the fair is to create a community spirit in Riverdale and an awareness of the neighbourhood.

The Riverdale Affair will truly be an affair to remember.

PETITION TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

On Friday, May 28, 1982, the Government of Ontario introduced legislation through an amendment to the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, June 19

● A Strawberry Social will be held at Simpson Ave. United Church, 115 Simpson Avenue today between 1 and 3 p.m. The social will be opened by Mayor of Toronto Art Eggleton and will feature the Danforth Gospel Singers. Tickets \$2 at door. Prizes too. Everyone is welcome.

● East End Peace Action invites you to its peace festival today between noon and 6 p.m. to inaugurate the East End as a nuclear weapons-free zone. Performances will include rock, folk and jazz, dance film and skits. There will be an art exhibition and various other exhibits and demonstrations. Speakers include Neil Young (MP, Beaches), Dorothy Thomas (Alderman, Ward 9).

● A juried exhibition of works on the theme of peace, held in conjunction with Arts for Peace, a newly-formed national organization of artists in all fields actively concerned about world peace, opens today at 3 p.m. at Partisan Gallery, 2388 Dundas St. W. The show continues until July 10.

● As a small gesture of thanks for all of the volunteers help and support in the Cabbagetown History Project, they are holding a "Meet the Author" gathering at the Parliament Street Library from 3 to 5 p.m. Some of the history gathered will be on display and refreshments will be served.

● Caravan: Visit the New Delhi and Zurich Pavilions at York Quay Centre and the Franco-Ontarian Pavilion at the Francophone Centre, 435 Queen's Quay West. 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission with a caravan passport.

● Chester Village Senior Citizens' Residence, 717 Broadview Ave. invites you to their tenth anniversary open house between 1:30 and 4 p.m. Sale of crafts, plants and bake goods. Tour of the building. Afternoon tea.

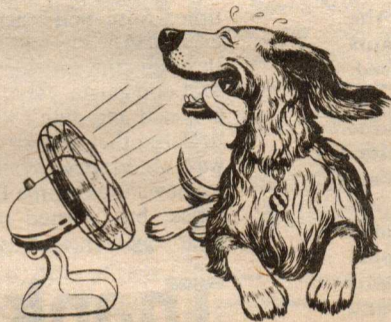


Sunday, June 20

● Tuffy, the famous white and black cat that lives in CBC Radio's Cabbagetown Studios, has announced the 2nd almost-annual run for Tuffy event. All of southern Ontario's joggers are invited to join and help out the Toronto Humane Society. Tuffy's laid out a six-mile course in and around Cabbagetown for runners and a three mile course for those who'd really rather walk. Both courses start at the CBC Radio Studios at 509 Parliament Street and end at Ben Wick's Restaurant where participants will be served free refreshments. Registration for the event will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the CBC studio. The race begins at 11 a.m. There will be an entry fee of \$5 with proceeds going to the Toronto Humane Society. Prizes will

be given to the winning male and female runners and walkers.

● And for those of you who prefer dogs, every dog will have its day at the sixth annual Toronto Star Mutt Show at Harbourfront at noon. Dogs of dubious distinction should follow the trail to Bathurst Quay, south of Lakeshore Blvd. at Bathurst St. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed dog, the dog with the longest tail, the most unusual dog, the smallest dog, the dog with the longest ears, the biggest dog, the dog most resembling its owners and the Metro Mutt of the years. Every entrant will receive a 1 kg. box of Purina Dog Food, a dog dish, and a package of Jitco Pet Scoops.



Monday, June 21

● Community Advisory Board, Eastern Health Area, Department of Public Health, regular meeting at 7 p.m., 815 Danforth Ave. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, June 26

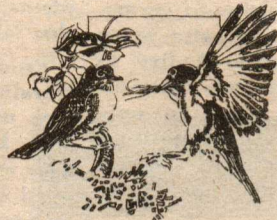
● Enjoy both Canada's Day and WoodGreen's Day and walk for WoodGreen on Saturday, June 26th. (Rain date June 27th). Registration for the 20 kilometre course begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9. Registration for the 2.5 kilometre course is at 12 noon for a 12:30 start. Start and finish at Jimmie Simpson Park, 870 Queen St. E. and enjoy a scenic route in between through the parks and residential areas of Rivereale and the Beaches. Pledges will support WoodGreen Community Centre's programs while you celebrate Canada Day in a unique way.



Sunday, June 27

● Two wildlife viewing days will be held at the Aquatic Park. Thousands of gulls and terns nesting in colonies at this time of year are busy

raising their young. Aquatic Park is located south of Lakeshore Blvd. East at the foot of Leslie Street. A shuttle bus will leave from the southwest corner of Queen and Leslie each hour from 9:25 to 5:25 p.m. and run on to Aquatic Park. Visitors may take this bus, walk or cycle on to the Spit. Other wildlife visible on the Spit at this time includes ducks with young ducklings, songbirds and shore birds.

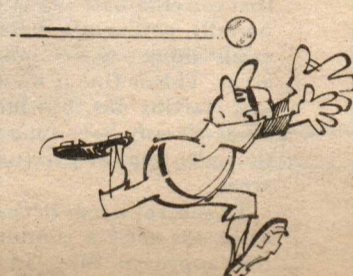


Monday, June 28

● Riverdale Socio-legal Services invite you to their Annual Board Meeting at 7 p.m. 932A Queen St. E. Refreshments will be served. For further information call 461-8102.

Wednesday, June 30

● Celebrate Canada Day today, 4 to 9 p.m. and all day tomorrow at Withrow Park (corner of Logan and Bain). Admission 30¢. Free pop and Tootsie Rolls candy.



Ongoing

● The Society of Sharing: Inner-City Volunteers is a non-profit volunteer agency in the downtown area. The agency recruits and trains people to provide services to the needy. If you would like to volunteer time, please call Maria Ariganello, Coordinator at 461-2160.

● The Toronto Board of Education is running a Co-Educational Summer Sports Skill Improvement Program for elementary and secondary school students, as well as adults within the Toronto Board of Education. The activities are free. Activities include badminton, baseball, basketball, swimming, cycling, gold, tennis and volleyball, and are held Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested, contact your phys. and health teacher, coach or the Toronto Board of Education at 598-4931.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice which you would like placed in the next (July 9) issue of 7 News (all events between JULY - AND July 30 should go in this issue) please fill out the coupon below and mail or bring your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2.

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Control garden weeds

by Don Kitchen
University of Guelph

Many areas around the home landscape present a unique weed control challenge to the homeowner. These include deciduous and evergreen shrubs in foundation plantings. These areas may be interplanted with annual flowers and perennial ground covers. Herbaceous perennial beds can also provide a battleground.

It is easy to recommend that you eliminate weeds, especially perennials, before establishing these plant areas. This is fine if we are just starting out, but most of us already have foundation plantings or perennial areas.

To control weeds in these areas we need a combination approach. First, adopt good cultural and management practices. Consistent light cultivation controls most annual weeds such as pigweed or purslane. A hoe or a hand cultivator are useful tools. It is not necessary to hoe deeply, you just have to cut these plants off just below ground level.

Cultivation is also useful in the control of perennial weeds such as quackgrass (twitchgrass). In this case, remove the top growth, let the plant grow and remove top growth again. This way, you deplete the food reserve in the roots and the plant dies. Consistency is the key. Since this plant often gives us trouble close to shrubs,

some hand pulling may be required.

Using mulches in permanent plantings also helps control weeds. A five to seven centimetre layer of wood chip mulch not only helps conserve soil moisture but also prevents the germination of many weed seeds.

Herbicides can be used to help control weeds in permanent planting areas but these should be used in conjunction with good cultural practices not as the only method of weed control. In shrub borders where perennial weeds such as quackgrass (twitchgrass) are a problem, a material containing paraquat and diquat (Weedrite or Weedol) can be used. This herbicide is called a "chemical mower". It kills the tops of the grass but not the roots. Two or three treatments a year usually cures the problem. It must be applied as a directed spray to the weed foliage taking care to avoid leaves or green bark of shrubs or trees. Also take care to avoid turf grass and flowers.

In planting areas where annual flowers or herbaceous perennials are mixed with shrubs and trees there are herbicides available to control many annual weeds. There is a great range in susceptibility of plants grown. Many garden flowers are as susceptible to the herbicide as the weeds you are trying to control. Read label

directions completely and do not use on or around plants that are not listed on that label.

Products containing trifluralin can be used to control many annual grasses and broad-leaved weeds. This material is applied to weed emergence and must be incorporated by raking or irrigation. Consult the label for rates and plants around which it can be used.

A second product containing chloramben is available as a granular formulation. On small areas it can be applied using a jar with a perforated lid. This method is simple and effective. Apply around established plants when the foliage is dry and before weed emergence. Consult the label for plant species and rates.

EPTC is another herbicide available in granular formulations. This can be used around many transplanted annuals and perennials in shrub borders or foundation plantings. Apply this herbicide after transplants are established and incorporate into the soil with a rake or irrigation.

For further information, consult Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food Publication 529, Weed control in Lawns and Gardens, available from the Information Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A5 and local agricultural offices.

N. D. P. Race

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school and out of trouble.

The most interesting part of the meeting was the question period, when discussion got down to the nuts and bolts of meeting specific problems. One query was "what would you do to help mothers on family benefits who are being pushed on to general welfare"? Barbara Hall thought it might be better for the city to get money from the other levels of government in a lump sum, so that we can allocate the money in the directions we think most important. Joanne Campbell suggested that we should shift more of the load from the city to the province.

Another question was "why not run as a straight N. D. P. candidate, instead of an N. D. P. endorsed one"? All the answers were basically the same: everyone was in favour of the idea, but did not think it was practical at this time. Somebody asked whether education should be funded through the property tax. Pam McLeod gave a very frank answer: she said she didn't know. Barclay declared that property tax funding was an archaic system and the money should come from the province, but warned of having all your eggs in one basket.

When the question came up of how to combat attacks on living standards, civil rights, etc., Tony Barclay provided a thoughtful answer: You must get ordinary people on television to tell their story. That is a good tactic, but hard to implement, as those who have been active in pensioners' organizations can testify.

Perhaps the most important question was this: "What are you prepared to do to convince the electorate that we need a change of government?" No one gave a very good answer to that one, but that is not surprising. That is a problem that plagues all social democratic parties as they try to find solutions to problems under the present set-up. Having got elected they discover that there are definite limits to what can be done without making changes that would challenge the power structure of society. Social democratic parties are so preoccupied with the electoral process that they do very little to educate their supporters to the basic faults in the system.

Perhaps the most contentious issue that will arise in the board of education is that of teaching a third language to ethnic students. All the prospective candidates supported that program strongly, stating that it was important in the learning process and helpful in preventing the children from becoming alienated from their parents and our society.

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News flash

The Ward 7 NDP held their final candidates meeting on Wednesday, June 16, at Parkway Collegiate to decide which of the contenders would get the NDP endorsement for the upcoming municipal election.

450 voting delegates were present at the lively and loud meeting and they cast their votes in a familiar direction. Incumbents David Reville and Fran Endicott were both resoundingly supported in their respective posts of alderman and trustee.

Of the new contestants for the second aldermanic position vacated by Gord Cressy, Joanne Campbell beat out Barb Hall by almost one hundred votes and will run with Reville in the fall.

On the trustee ticket with Fran Endicott will be Pam McConnell, who won the position over Tony Barclay.

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Noise pollution affects everyone

The major effects of noise on people are annoyance, nervousness, irritability, sleep interference and temporary or permanent hearing loss. We are all familiar with the annoying effect of noise particularly when it is sudden and disturbing and especially when we consider it to be unnecessary. Unfortunately, since noise is unwanted sound and is a completely subjective judgment, one person may be disturbed by a noise which to another person may even be pleasurable. For instance, the sound of a plane approaching an airport is noise to the neighbouring residents but not to the passenger waiting to board the plane or to the airport executive who depends on it for a living. A throaty rumble from a motorcycle is most pleasurable to the rider and owner of the machine but to the apartment dweller in whose parking lot the rumbling is taking place, it is an extremely annoying sound.

Sleep interruption is the most obvious effect of noise. Usually this is caused by unusual intrusive sound such as barking dogs, sirens or passing automobiles or motorcycles. Two or three such interruptions during the night can almost negate the value of the night's sleep. A more subtle type of interruption is the sound which does not waken the sleeper but which reduces the soundness of his sleep. Since the person affected does not know his sleep was disturbed he does not act to reduce the noise and may attribute the resulting tired feeling to other causes. Even a ticking clock or a loose water valve can produce this type of sound.

Recent studies of sleep patterns in apartments adjacent to major traffic arteries in Moscow showed that the time required to go to sleep was increased by as much as an hour and a half at noise levels of 50 to 60 decibels compared with 15 to 20 minutes when the decibel level was between 30 and 35. Even after going to sleep the persons in the 50 to 60 decibel range did not achieve half the depth of rest dur-

ing the sleeping period as the people in the quieter apartments. After wakening the people exposed to the higher noise levels felt tired, had heart palpitations and reported headaches.

In planning new buildings, a design target of 40 dBA had been generally accepted in Canada for sleeping quarters and hospitals during night hours while 45 dBA is considered reasonable for living rooms, classrooms and small offices during the daytime. The median sound pressure level on a 24 hour basis in Toronto is 65 dBA but in residential areas it is about 60 with about 25% of the residential properties having 24 hour energy equivalent levels of between 50 and 60 dBA. Research indicates that community concern with the noise starts when 65 dBA 24 hour levels are passed.

Hearing impairment and age have long been connected, everyone expects some impairment as he grows older. But modern research indicates that his loss, presbycusis, is not necessarily caused by age but is actually the result of long years of exposure to levels of sound which had not been considered harmful previously.

Measurements of hearing threshold of primitive people living in exceptionally quiet rural areas show these age-related hearing losses to be much less in comparison with those of their urban brothers. Unfortunately, if we wish to continue living in our present environment where the level of sound is in effect set by the thousands of cars, trucks, trains and planes with which modern man has chosen to equip himself, we must accept the fact that as we grow older the noise will wear out our ears. Under modern urban living conditions we must accept about 15 decibels of hearing impairment by the time we achieve the age of 60.

Noise induced hearing loss is a different matter. If the ear is exposed to a high level of noise for

a short period the lowest sound pressure level which can be detected by the subject may rise by up to 20 decibels at certain frequencies even after relatively short exposure to be heard afterwards. Fortunately the phenomenon is particularly

measurable in a person who for instance spends an hour or so in a discotheque exposed to sound levels in the area of 100 dBA.

More and more evidence is accumulating that a major cause of hearing impairment is the noise to which people are exposed in the

work place. As long as the exposure times are relatively short and the intervals between them are long, then the permanent effects of exposure to high levels of noise are not significant.

The provincial legislation relating to workmen's noise exposure is under the Ministry of Labour which can be contacted by calling 965-4125.

The City's Anti-Noise By-law defines as illegal the noise from or created by any radio receiving set, television receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound which is: —

1. Operated in such a manner as to disturb persons in any office, hospital or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.

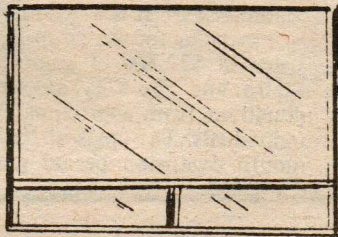
2. Which projects noise at a disturbing level beyond the lot line of the property from which the noise emanates between 9:00 p.m. of one day and 7:30 a.m. of the next following day.

3. Which is audible at a disturbing level in any street or public place.

The enforcement of 1 and 2 above is under Police jurisdiction while 3 may be enforced by either the Police or by a Noise Control inspector.

Further information can be obtained by calling Noise Control at 465-5477.

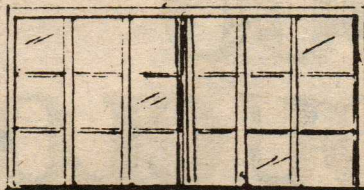
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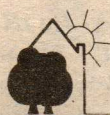
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All Saints' needs funds

By KEITH D. ELLIS

After seven months of operation, the Overnight Drop-In, housed in All Saints' Church - Community Centre, has closed for the summer. It opened its doors on a nightly basis on October 30 and was scheduled to close April 30, but was granted two two-week reprieves until the end of May due to the continued housing crisis and cold spring weather.

According to John Jagt, Hostel Operations Manager for Metro, "All Saints' has saved the hostel situation this winter; it has contained the problem." However, it is important to note that the Overnight Drop-In is *not* a hostel at all. Rather, as its Supervisor, Don Madill, says: "It is a last resort."

Financing for the Drop-In consisted of \$27,500 of grants from Metro and the City as well as donations from approximately 50 individuals. The costs of the one-month extension period granted

by Metro in May have yet to be accounted for. Yet, the cost to Metro and the City was only 89 cents per user. Compare this to approximate operating costs of three dollars of traditional government-assisted hostels.

The shortage of affordable low-cost accommodation reached such crisis proportions that the City was forced to overlook a ceiling of approximately 150 users of the Drop-In. Lack of alternate solutions by Metro saw an average of 150 men and women, and as many as 304, crowd into its spartan facilities. In fact, an overflow area was provided in the nave of the church, where pews were removed nightly.

Accommodation at the Drop-In was simple, but free. "Beds" consisted of a collection of moving pads stretched out on the floor. However, in the face of the growing numbers of homeless men and women and the resulting over-

crowded hostel situation, it offered a viable, if temporary, alternative to park benches in January.

Despite the face-saving job done by the Drop-In for the Metro Social Services Committee, there remains a certain amount of debate concerning needs and preferences of the Drop-In's users. It is difficult to deny that there was (and still is) a pressing need for such accommodation.

In its report compiled in the winter, the Planning Committee of All Saints' stresses that while the Overnight Drop-In is answering a very realistic and crucial need, it is only to be regarded as a temporary solution. As R. R. Tomlinson, Commissioner, Metro Community Social Services, wrote in a response to the Planning Committee, "While the Overnight Drop-In does not relieve Metro of the question of the need for more permanent appropriate hostel facilities, it does provide the best response possible on the short-term." How this response relates to the future of the Drop-In will be decided this summer.

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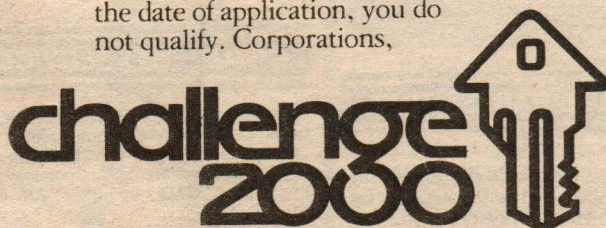
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