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#### Soil removal a possibility

by ULLI DIEMER

A board of health liaison committee is studying the possibility of removing lead-contaminated soil from around houses in the South Riverdale area. Anywhere from 130 to 400 houses. in the area south of Queen near the Canada Metals plant would be involved in the soil removal and replacement, which would cost about \$1,000 per hour.

The neighbourhood has long been plagued with lead pollution, which is associated with a number of serious health problems, and with learning disabilities in children.

The extent of the problem, as well as its source, have been subjects of controversy. Children have been monitored regularily for lead levels in their blood. A recent round of testing, to which 70 of the 460 under-six children in the area were brought, found that 13 of them (18.6 per cent) had lead levels of 20 microcause learning disabilities. There is also concern that even significantly lower levels of lead can in the long run have adverse effects on the brain.

Accusing fingers have often been pointed at the Canada Metals Company on Eastern Avenue as the source of the problem. The company, in the area since 1925, has stoutly denied that it is to blame, suggesting that car exhaust fumes or lead-based paint might be responsible. Local health activists and residents have tended to agree that measures should be taken to reduce other sources of lead in the environment, such as leaded gasoline, but they have little doubt that Canada Metals has been the



### Cabbagetown kids parade for peace

by PAUL MADDEN

"We want peace," was the chant heard up and down the streets of Cabbagetown when children

from four neighbourhood schools assembled to march for peace.

The first annual parade for Peace Day, organized out of Central Neighbourhood House, (CNH), began just after school hours, last Wednesday.

The children, black, white and yellow of ages five through 13 enthusiastically took up banner and cause in this celebration and pleas for serenity at home and

Children from Lord Dufferin, Regent Park, Queen Alexandra, and Spruce Court schools took part in the march, and afterword, an outside barbeque.

"The basic idea is children's rights," said Dale Rogers, planning organizer at CNH. "Peace doesn't necessarily mean nuclear disarmament, it means whatever peace means to the children."

To help out along the way

were volunteers from the CNH and child care workers visiting from Centennial College.

When asked about their interpretations of "peace," the young marchers had these things to say:

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#### Daycare centre gives children a better break

by NANCY MILLER

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Damascus Daycare Centre has brought a little ray of sunshine into the lives of many moms and kids over the past year. The financial burden has been lifted

from welfare mothers whose children are subsidized in this modern child care facility, and the kids who benefit from early

education and stimulation at Damascus will likely have a better chance to cope with life.

"Many children end up in special education classes because of

poor early education," says Sister Donna Marie Perry co-founder of Damascus and a member of the St. Paul's Parish Team.

"We're trying to break the cycle of early neglect which leads to poor understanding in school, which in turn leads to

early drop-out. These kids can't get jobs and have to go on welfare, completing the cycle."

Damascus Daycare Centre op-

ened its doors in December 1982. But the daycare centre idea was conceived in September 1981 by Father Joe Harrington and Sister Donna Marie. They had a vision. Subsidized child care for youngsters - even those still in diapers - in the city's core, plus encouragement for mothers to find jobs, to be re-trained and to

learn more about providing for their children.

Their vision also included space for children who could be potential sufferers of child abuse - physical or emotional Just by giving mothers a break for a few

hours a day, the centre could help them cope with the frustrations of parenting.

Damascus is an extension of a parent-child drop-in centre at St.

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#### CYC athlete goes to Olympics

As the 1984 Olympics draw closer, the excitement mounts at the Cabbagetown Youth Centre (CYC). That's because the centre's best know athlete will be making the trek to the Los Angeles Games as a member of the Canadian Olympic Boxing

Shawn O'Sullivan, 22 years old next week and a University of Toronto student, has become one of the best boxers on the globe, under the training of Peter Wiley who founded the CYC in 1972.

O'Sullivan has chalked up an impressive record of 87 wins, five losses, while fighting the world's best. He has attended touraments and games from Cuba to Finland to New Zealand. but his biggest break came in November 1981 at the World Cup Championship in Montreal. His fight with 1980 Olympic gold medalist, Armando Martinez of Cuba, brought him victory. the World Cup and fame.

Since then, O'Sullivan has been called the most likely Canadian prospect to win the gold at the summer Olympics. All the world, not to mention Cabbagetown, will be watching to see what happens.



**ACK EXPRESSION** 

## Androcles and his lion help with fundraising

#### by LINDA NICHOLL

Take a school in Ward 7 that's bubbling with the energy of children and a group of Toronto actors with the experience and discipline of their craft — put them together and you get a unique version of George Bernard Shaw's comedy, Androcles and the Lion.

Actors' Theatre Studio is donating its talent to do this show as a fund-raiser for the newly formed Phoenix School in Riverdale. And they won't be alone because some of the school children are involved in the play too.

The Phoenix School is based on the idea that given a supportive warm school atmosphere, children in small groups are able to learn more efficiently and benefit from an enriched academic program.

These small groups also make it possible for the school to have an active program in the creative arts. The school stresses co-operation and learning rather than competition.

The idea for the school evolved during several months of discussion amongst friends and professional teachers.

They were dissatisfied with the private school system as it exists in Toronto because it is available only to those families who can pay the \$3,000 and up tuition fees.

But in the U.S. there are free private schools paid for with private grants, so they decided to establish such a school here in Ward 7.

in Ward 7.
The school, which follows provincial Ministry of Education guidelines, has 18 children enroled in junior kindergarten to grade six.

The three full-time and three part-time teachers are working without pay for this first year of the school's operation. this before in my life," says

Mike Hermiston, who teaches grades two and three at Phoenix. "I've had other jobs that weren't as emotionally or physically demanding. But this one gives me more fulfillment in both areas that I've ever had."



The idea of doing a comedy to raise money for Phoenix School came from Marrie Mumford the Artistic Director of the Actors' Theatre Studio. When she visited the school in the fall she was impressed.

"I loved the school and the atmosphere of learning and the fact that kids were getting things here that aren't offered anywhere else," Mumford says, "I wanted to do something to show my support for it."

Vicki Hollenberg is the principal of Phoenix School and she used to teach Mumford's daughter 12 years ago. The two women have remained friends since then

When the school opened in September 1983, Hollenberg knew she was going to have to plan some fund-raising projects to keep it running, and it was Mumford who suggested that the actors help out.

"We were looking for a project that would showcase our work and they were looking for fundraising help," Mumford explains. "So it was natural that we work together." She says, on the theatre community board about the project for the school, offers of help have come from all over.

The students will really benefit from all this too, Hollenberg points out, "because they have the experience of working with real actors, having drama in their school, learning about Imperial Rome and about the culture of the people of those times."

Seven students are directly involved in the show, playing street urchins and operating sound, lights and the concession booth.

It's a lot of work at rehearsals for students Jordan Barclay, David Ungar, Jesse Rutledge, Kanja Chen, Chris Stewart, Robin Wilcox and Jason Tanner but they have great enthusiasm for what they're doing.

David Ungar (10) says, "I think it's worth it." And what does he think of working with professional actors? "They treat us like one of them, like we're equals."

"I do the sounds like lions roaring and trumpets blasting and I have to know all the different times in the play when the sounds are needed," says Jesse Rutledge 9, who is the sound person for the show.

There has been an eruption of activity in the basement of Simpson Avenue United Church (the school's location). Teacher Mike Hermiston has been hammering together the set for the play while the rest of the school works around it, offering help and suggestions.

Local resident of Riverdale, and theatre costume designer Maggie Thomas, will be making costumes for the play and she brings a touch of whimsy, lots of colour and a sense of humour to her creations.

For tickets call 463-6572. The play runs from May 8 to May at 115 Simpson Avenue. Show time is 8 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.



Linda McErlain, a Ward Seven resident and Jim Codring (above) are hosts of a new TV Ontario program for teens which is looking for a name.

## TVO teen show shall not remain nameless

#### BY MICHELE YOUNG

If you are 13 to 17 years old, TV Ontario wants YOU . . . to enter a contest.

TVO has created a television program for teens which, thus far, has no name, so you are being asked to think one up.

The "No Name Show" (they are having to make do with this generic title for now) was created to fill a vacuum in television programming for young teens.

The program (which aired Monday and can be seen again on Friday May 4 at 7 p.m.) has a magazine-situation comedy format that zeros in on young peoples interests.

To find out what these interests actually are TVO asked over 500 teens throughout the province. And they said, "technology, videos, sports, satire, teen celebrities and the problems of growing up," more often than anything else.

Jack Livesley, associate producer of the No Name Show, says they found teens are not as interested in glitter and glamour as they are in "the concerns of adolescent life: loneliness, adjusting to a new school, peer pressure to experiment and parental pressure not to, and especially the physical and emotional changes that accompany the early teen years.

The show's nine hosts (two of which, Linda McErlain and Lennard Campese come from the Ward 7 area) have an average age of 19. This should allow them to identify with young people's concerns while seeing them in perspective, having lived through most of their teen years.

Interspersed amongst the interviews, movie reviews, break dance performances and so on will be the antics of the Frantics, a slightly mad and completely off-the-wall comedy foursome.

Sounds good, eh? But the show still remains nameless.

So if you want details on the contest tune in to the No Name Show this Friday at 7 p.m. or send in your ideas to the No Name Show, Box 200, Stn. O, Toronto, M4T 2T1.



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## SPEAKING OUT

#### Women's shelters to get funding

by JOANNE CAMPBELL

Last week the Metro Community Services and Housing Committe, of which I am a member, approved Metro participation in a program to reduce operating deficits at emergency shelters for battered women.

There are eight shelters in Metro which currently receive a basic per diem rate of \$25.75 under a purchase of service agreement with Metro to cover the costs of emergency shelter ser-

Those familiar with women's shelters will know that there is a great deal more than shelter to the service they provide to women. Services like intake assessment, comforting, crisis counselling advocacy, court accompaniment, referral and case review are all provided on a regular basis by women's shelters.

The supplementary funding program approved by the Community Services Committee gives recognition to these services provided by shelters like Nellies in our Ward. The proposal calls for a base payment of \$50 for each case, plus an additional \$8 for each day a woman is in residence. The rationale for setting a base rate of \$50 is in recognition of the fact that generally the heaviest work load takes place during the first day or two.

While the focus of this funding initiative is on battered women, it was agreed in consultation with the shelters that consideration will also be given to services provided to women who are in distress in their family as a result of verbal abuse, sexual degradation, threats against the children and removal of support by the spouse.

Violence in the family is an issue which has remained hidden for too long. I am encouraged to see that the provincial government with support from Metro has now moved to provide a more secure financial footing to shelters which provide essential services to women and their children when they need it most.



The Actors' Theatre Studio rehearse George Bernard Shaw's Androcoles and the Lion. The show will be performed as a fundraising event for Phoenix school in Riverdale. For the story see opposite page.

### Proposed security agency could be used to harass legitimate lobby groups

by LYNN McDONALD

Last May, the Liberal govern-ment introduced legislation proposing the creation of a civilian security agency.

After harsh criticism from groups across the country, the government was forced to let the bill die. In January, the Liberals tabled their so-called revised version. Unfortunately, the second attempt is just as dangerous to the civil liberties of Canadians as the first one.

The NDP knows that there is a need for a national security service. We support the creation of a civilian security agency, but only if we have the necessary safe-guards.

The NDP has strongly opposed both bills for two important reasons: 1) the powers of the security service would be too broad and 2) there would be no parliamentary committee to review the service's operations.

The new legislation would make it legal for the security service to open your mail, tap your phone, search your home, and see confidential medical and legal records.

This could happen to anyone that was "a threat to the security of Canada." However, the definition in the bill of such a threat is dangerously vague.

For example, cruise missile protesters could be targets if the security service thought that their activities were influenced by a foreign country, an accusation already made by some people.

A security service should be concerned with real threats to national security, like terrorism slation.

or spies. It should not have the power to harass Canadians who have a right to an opinion different from their government's.

Many people were shocked when the RCMP's wrongdoings were uncovered. If Canadians are to have any faith in a new security serive, we must have a parliamentary review committee composed of members of all parties in the House.

We cannot leave review of the service to the government, especially when the federal government has refused to prosecute RCMP lawbreaking in the past.

We need a balance between national security concerns and the protection of civil rights. The proposed security service does not do that. That is why the NDP will continue to fight this legi-

#### **Parody THIS** paper? HA!

The recent appearance of parodies of a number of Toronto publications (Not the Globe & Mail, Cow magazine) prompted discussion at the last Seven News Board meeting of whether we should consider a similar endeavour. After some discussion, the consensus was that there was no possible way to parody Seven News how can you top a publication that, but for a last-minute proofread, would have advertised the "Scared Heart Church" bazaar in its last issue?

We're not perfect, but we do try. We appreciate the support, both moral and financial, of the people who are responding to our fund-raising compaign. Recent contributors to the "\$7,000 for Sevens News Campaign" include:

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We have come some distance but we're not there yet. So far this paper's \$7,000 for Seven News Campaign has raised one fifth of its final goal. That's good, but it doesn't quit emake it.

Please keep on sending in your vital contributions



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### Traffic safety is a two way street

The Canada Safety Council wants to remind all of us of its Summer Safety Campaign, this week, which has for its theme this year Safety is Always in Season.

Over the past number of years, our society has developed a more Spartan attitude towards physical fitness. Young and old alike are taking their foot off the gas pedal and are pedalling themselves back into shape on bicycles.

It is essential that motorists exercise caution this summer, when driving in the vicinity of bicyclists.

Traffic safety is a two-way street and bicyclists must do their part to ensure safety for themselves and motorists. Wear safety helmets; you may not be hit by a car, but simply falling off a bicycle can produce injury.

Before you put a bike on the road, make sure it works properly; all nuts and bolts securely tightened, no loose spokes, tires properly inflated, lights and mirrors correctly adjusted.

Be familiar with the traffic rules and regulations of the provinces you will ride in before you start out. Obey all signs and

always signal your intentions.

The theme of Safety is Always in Season emphasizes that, while

the need may be greatest in the high accident summer months, safety awareness should never take a holiday. Practice safety at home, at work, while on vacation and during recreational pur-

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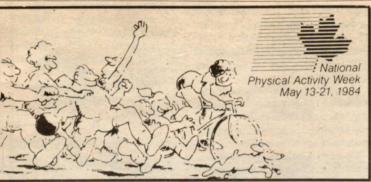
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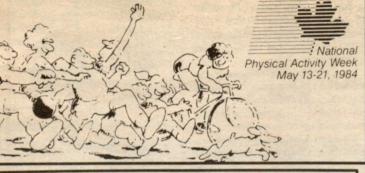
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An exhibition of Agnia Love's quilted silk paintings will be opening at the Parliament Street Library on May 3. "Amelia Street," one of her works, is pictured above, but don't get too attached to it,







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#### Polluted soil could be removed from S. Riverdale

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biggest problem in South Riverdale. It is highly improbable, after all, that children in the area have a collective compulsion to eat paint chips at a rate much greater than elsewhere in the city, where lead has been found to be much less of a problem.

Environmental monitoring over the last decade found Canada Metals in violation of permitted levels of pollution on countless occasions. The company has had to install \$1 million worth of emission control equipment.

Area residents may have a sense of deja vu about the current proposal, being studied by the South Riverdale Liaison Committee, to truck away contaminated soil. A similar study was done in 1974, and the soil was finally removed in the summer of 1977 at a cost of \$80,000. (The soil is seen as a hazard to children playing on the ground and to people eating vegetables grown in it.)

Less than two years after the previous removal an Ontario Environment Ministry official admitted that soil in the area had been found to be recontaminated. The Ministry had known about it for half a year before residents found out. Residents hadn't been told about the recontamination, according to the Ministry spokesperson, because "it would only upset them."

Still, residents are hopeful that their lengthy campaign to eliminate or reduce the sources of lead pollution is having some success, and they would be relieved to see the soil go. In the meantime, they are being advised to make sure their kids get lots of iron and calcium in their diets. And to stop growing vege-

## May Day

May 1 is the customary date set aside for International Workers Day. But yesterday was Tuesday, and most of us had to work . .

This Saturday, however, labour, women, Third World and other international solidarity groups, youth and peace petitioners, will be joining together to celebrate a tradition that goes back over 100 years.

The United May Day Committee has been organizing a march and rally that will leave from Queen's Park at 1 p.m. The march will end up at Jarvis Collegiate where speakers will talk about issues of concern at home and abroad. But the main theme of the rally will be jobs and peace. The speakers will be followed by a cultural performance of music and poetry.

Others events on that day will include a May Day Fair and an evening of song and dance at the Ontario College of Art, 100 Mc-Caul St. It all gets underway at 6 p.m. and continues to 1 a.m.

#### Fiddle much? If you do, Dixon Hall needs YOU!

Most country music entertainers would give their eyeteeth for a chance to perform in Nashville . . . ... and here it is!

The Mecca of country music is coming to Toronto at the Nashville Pavilion at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. during Caravan, June 22 through 30.

This year's feature entertainers at Nashville will be the group Shotgun and Larry Mattson and his band. The Ontario Rhythm Cloggers will dance up a storm each evening before dark. Also, Friday June 29, is Bluegrass night with the group Bluegrass Jam.

In addition, Dixon Hall is looking for experienced country performers to volunteer their talents for the nightly jam sessions that were a big hit with 10,000 visitors to last years Nashville.

Singers, pickers, strummers – and fiddlers – are asked to call entertainment co-ordinator Janice Wuerch at Dixon Hall.

Nashville is Dixon Hall's major fund raising activity of the year. The Community Centre (which serves an area bounded by Parliament, Gerrard, River and the lake, including Regent Park) is also looking for volunteers to help staff Nashville - everyone from food preparers and servers to bar-tenders and Caravan Passport sellers. Interested people should call Dixon Hall at 863-0499.



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## Black Perspectives from Regent Park



Pride in African heritage is embodied in Audrey Rose, a dancer and one of the performers at an evening of Black music dance and poetry.



Reggie Evans, member of John T. Davis and the Phoenix Band, hits the drums

## Dixon Hall launches performance arts project

BY MICHELE YOUNG

De Dub Poets, Clifton Joseph and Devon Haughton came to Dixon Hall last Saturday, along with other leading Black artists, to read their words-and-rhythm.

The purpose of the evening was to launch Black Perspectives, a cultural project which is designed to teach performance arts and is for the Black community in Regent Park.

Now receiving funding from the Canada Arts Council's Explorations Program, the pilot project offers workshops in music, drama, creative writing and dance.

The dub poetry was accompanied by dance performances by Audrey Rose and Donald Carr the upbeat jazz of John T.

Davis and the Phoenix band and other readings by Charles Smith, the co-ordinator of Black Perspectives, and Geoffrey D'Aguior.

In spite of the lack of the usual stage equipment needed for such a performance, the program was an exciting one. Some of the technical difficulties act-

ually added to the dynamism of the evening. At one point when the power went off in the hall, John T. Davis and the Phoenix Band played on in the dark, not missing a beat.

Clifton Joseph and Devon Haughton read some powerful sampling from their dub poetry collections. Their works speak of

pride in their African origins and of urban life for the Black, and they incorporate into the structure of the poems the rhythms of Africa and the West Indies.

Dub poetry is an art form which should be seen as well as heard. It is not recited from a podium as is some traditional poetry, rather it is performed.

When reading Chuckie Prophesy for example, Clifton Joseph threw his whole being into it. He used the stage to full advantage as he half sang, half acted out his

The "surprise guest" of the evening, and one of the highlights, was Melissa, a tiny performer who danced and posed her way through a funky version of a Michael Jackson hit tune, to the huge delight of the audience.

There are 10,000 people in Regent Park and 40% of that num-

West Indies. The Black Perspectives program intends to tap into and encourage the poetic, musical and other talents which are unquestionably there, with the aim to develop performance skills.

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Charles Smith, co-ordinator of the project has promised future performances which will feature some of this up-and-coming talent. Keep an eye out for them.



John T. Davis plays with the rest of the Phoenix Band; Dmitri cornell Reggie Evans and Jim Hanaman.



Clifton Joseph (sbove and below) one of the Dub Poets, brings his poetry alive. He illustrates his works with a combination of musical sounds and expressive action...performing rather than reciting.



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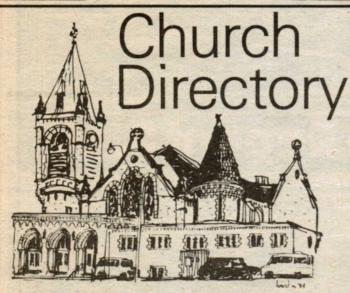
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As a finale to the kid's parade 99 balloons were set afloat above the Central Neighbourhood House.

#### 99 red balloons launched for peace

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Tammy Bell: "Peace is people not getting into wars."

Timmy Bell: "Peace is people not fighting. It's important."

Hai Luong, taking a more global point of view says, "It means countries meeting and making friends. No war."

Approaching me from the crowd, Ronald Reid of Lord Dufferin said, "I've got a good one for you, peace means right-eousness," he said flatly and disappeared back into the crowd.

Brian Sealy of Lord Dufferin says a little profoundly, "Peace is God's way," Wally Ross be-lieves, "'Peace is joy." That is a more personal point of view I suggested. "No," came his reply, "it's for everyone."
To Shelly French of Lord Duf-

ferin, "Peace is not fighting." To Rennee Hode it's, "Peace at home."

After the parade, 99 red balloons were issued to the children, who then launched them into the afternoon spring sky.

#### Day care centre hosts spring dance

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Paul's where children can be occupied and cared for while parents take part in discussions on health, nutrition and child care. Now, Damascus takes in 22 children between the ages of three months and two and a half years. In the beginning, one-half of the children had to pay full rates in order to ensure financial solvency, but now 17 of the 22 children in care are subsidized.

Fees are determined according to income. A family whose income exceeds \$25,000 a year must pay the maximum fee of \$19 a day. However, those on welfare who wouldn't qualify for municipal daycare subsidies can pay as little as \$4 a day.

Damascus is located in the heart of the east end's subsidized housing district at St. Martin's School, 55 Salisbury Avenue. Provincial grants and private donations gave the centre its financial start, but new government regulations are creating the need for increased private funding.

In an effort to make the community aware of Damascus Daycare Centre and to raise operational funds, the St. Paul's parent-child resource centre and the Damascus Daycare Centre are hosting a spring supper-dance on May 5 in the St. Paul's Church Hall at 83 Power Street

"The dance is a celebration," says Chairman Bill Mullally.

"Everyone's sick of winter and needs to let off steam and it seemed like a good chance to report on how the Centre is doing and to gain some new supporters."

"We're hoping to raise more money from outside the com-munity for this worthwhile project in the fall, but what we need now is the community's understanding and help. We all benefit from a community that helps it-

You can find out more about the Supper-Dance by calling Bill Mullally at 364-8847. And if you want more information on the Damascus Daycare Centre, call Sister Donna Marie Perry at 364-7588.

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#### ON JOB SECURITY

than \$22 billion in corporate tax breaks —that means \$1,000 coming out of the pocket of every adult Canadian.

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### Feline fights can lead to infection

by DR. McGARRAGLE

Cat owners can tell you that most cats are nocturnal, and if permitted, would roam at night in their owner's yard and that of the neighbours'. In fact, such cats (especially the male cat) establish territories. But, in high density cat households, freeroaming cats will invariably fight intruders in their territories.

Cat bites allow bacteria (found in any cat's mouth) to penetrate the skin cover and to establish infections which may ultimately lead to abscesses. This is compounded by the cat's own natural instinct to lick the wound, thereby releasing more bacteria to penetrate the broken skin barrier. After variable time period (usually a few days), a hot swelling under the skin can be seen, accompanied by a fever and a decrease in appetite.

However, on occasion, bacteria may not localize in one place, but may migrate and spread between muscle layer and bands of conn ective

tissue to form generalized swelling and a deeper infection. This "cellulitis" condition, as it is known, can be seen in affected cats with their limbs, flank, tails, or head, partially or completely swollen.

The result of untreated locali-

zed abscesses or cellulitis could be bloodpoisoning (toxemia or septicemia), and ultimately the cat so affected may die.

Localized absesses may rupture but the drainage is usually ineffective, due to the fact that the cat's skin seals over the open wound so quickly that some infection is covered over, only to rupture again.

Treatment of all abscesses requires adequate drainage and excision of dead and infected tissue, where possible. This is accomplished in the veterinary hospitals through the use of anesthesia and surgery. It may include the installation of a drainage tube to ensure that no cover-up of deep-seated infection occurs and in all cases vigorous (treatment phase of recovery). Tubes are flushed with antiseptic and antibiotic solution and such tubes and sutures used are withdrawn at varying times post-operatively.

Obviously, "cellulitis" needs immediate veterinary attention. Hopefully, however, the conscientious pet owner will not wait to bring a veterinarian any localized, hot, swollen abscess. In fact, if a bit wound is found in a careful scrutiny of your cat after a night of roaming, then prompt veterinary help may save both the trauma of anesthesia and surgery to the cat, and reduce the pet owner's cost in-

curred.

Pet health issues are as numerous and as complex as human health-related issues.

In these days of financial hardship and high unemployment, the veterinarian and the pet owner must come to grips with the social and economic realities of costs, i.e., there is no OHIP to cushion the up-front total costs that must be incurred. Therefore, in some future issues, I will offer opinions as to how I see these realities affecting veterinarian costs, service deliveries, client education, et cetera.

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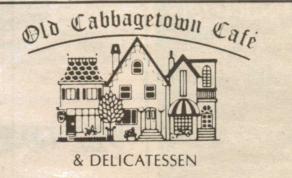
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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Friday

May 4

Fashion Show: Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen Street East. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 and desert and coffee will be served. This is a fund raising project of the Woodgreen United Church Women.

The Elizabeth Fry Society presents their 4th annual cabaret fund-raiser at the Palais Royale Ballroom. Friends of the Society will swing and sway to the big band sound of Eddie Graf and his orchestra, playing music of the '50s and '60s. A light supper buffet will be included in the \$20 per person ticket, cash bar provided. Doors open at 7 p.m. Entertainment begins at 8:15. For tickets call Joan Peckham at 924-3708.

#### Saturday

May 5

Come drink Margaritas at the Willow Mexican Foodrinkery. The Grey Cup on display accompanied by Argo stars Steve Ackroyd, Paul Pearson and Jan Corinci, 6 to 8 p.m. All proceeds to the Big Brothers. 193 Danforth

Jobs Clinic For Youth: Young? Unemployed? Talk to counsellors, learn how to conduct a job search. Counsellors will be present from the Student Career Centre and Woodgreen Riverdale Employment Centre. Today from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Riverdale Presbyterian Church (basement) 662 Pape Avenue. 465-1105.

#### Sunday

May 6

Latinoamerica: The people fight back is the theme of the cafe-concert Lautaro to be held at Trojan Horse Cafe at 7 p.m. Musicians and performers will appear to sing and speak about how Latinoamerica people are responding to the repression and how working people in Canada trying to offer their support. Admission is \$4. The evening is sponsored by the Latin American Solidarity Group.

#### **Tuesday**

May 8

J.M. Coetzee, one of South Africa's finest novelists makes his only Canadian appearance at Harbourfront. Author of the starkly poignant Waiting for the Barbarians, Coetzee was recently brought to international attention with the awarding of Britain's Booker McConnell Prize for Fiction to his The Life and Times of Michael K. Harbourfront, 8 p.m. \$5.

In conjunction with John Howard Society Week designated by Metro Toronto, Glen Thompson House (in the Leslie Gerrard area) will be conducting tours from May 8th through 10th, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. (May 8 only). Please pre-arrange tours by calling 461-8158.

#### Thursday

May 10

Two volunteers recently returned from the Canadian Work Brigade to Nicaragua, Fred Weir and Mike Constable will report back on their experiences and present a slide show. Wilkinson Public School (across from Donlands subway) at 8 p.m.

#### Friday

May 11

Toward Community Solutions to Sexual Violence. A three-day weekend conference sponsored by the Quaker Committee on Jails and Justice with participation of the Rape Crisis Centre, Education Wife Assault and the Elizabeth Fry Society. The conference will present a variety of perspectives on sexual violence, including feminist and prison abolitionist. Friday night panel speakers include Lorenne Clark, Fay Honey Knopp and Jeri Wine. Social action workshops on Saturday and Sunday. Sliding scale admission fees, wheelchair accessable and child care provided. The conference will be held at St. Luke's United Church (Carlton & Sherbourne). For more information please call 922-6128.

#### Saturday

May 12

A garage sale will be held to raise money for La Leche League of downtown Toronto, featuring children's and baby's clothing, toys, furniture, baked goods and household items. 5 Bowdin St.

one street east of Broadview, south of Danforth, 10 to 4 p.m.

#### Monday

May 14

Seven News board meeting and press night for our next issue. Come and get involved with your community paper.

#### ONGOING

Exhibition of quilted silk paintings of Cabbagetown houses by Agnia Love during the month of May. Parliament Street Library (corner of Parliament and Gerrard). Inquire at front desk.

The launching of The Writer and Human Rights, a significant book resulting from The Writer and Human Rights conference held in Toronto in the fall, 1981 and published by Lester and Orpen Dennys, will be attended by conference participant Carolyn Forche, from the U.S. Poet, translator and leading human rights activist, Forche will read her English translations of poetry by Claribel Alegria, one of Nicaragua's foremost poets. Alegria will read from her work in Spanish, Harbourfront, free.

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Driver needed Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to1 p.m. for meal transport. Must have own car. Will be paid hourly rate plus gas money. Please contact Elaine Levy, director of daycare, Woodgreen Community Centre. 835 Queen Street East. 469-5211.

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#### Misc.

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