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SEVEN NEWS will skip a week between issues and then hopes to come out with a big 12-page paper as our pre-Easter edition.  
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## LOOKING BEFORE IT LEAPS

# Federal Government keeps 'son of LIP' out of spotlight

by Norman G. Browne

"LEAP is not a big secret," says a Mr. Nellis of Canada Manpower, "We're just keeping a low profile."

LEAP stands for Local Employment Assistance Program and was once touted as the "son of LIP" (Local Initiative Program). It is of vital interest to a lot of people in Ward Seven who are presently working under or involved with various LIP projects.

Those LIP projects — and there seem to be more in Ward Seven than any comparable area in Canada — are all due to run out of money at the end of May.

The scramble is on for over a million dollars in funds to keep these many LIP projects going and LEAP may be the source for some of them.

Mr. Nellis of Canada Manpower stresses that all LIP projects will not necessarily get funding under LEAP. "It's a smaller program," he stated, "and we're looking more for demonstration projects right now."

The criteria for LEAP sounds basically the same as that for LIP with the major difference being that LEAP projects may be funded up to three years (instead of 6 months under LIP) and the money allowed for overhead is 20 per cent instead of 17 per cent as under LIP.

Mr. Nellis also stressed that LEAP is still very much in the formative stage. "We're groping and discussing," he stated.

However, they are receiving applications already in the form of proposal outlines. He also stated that some projects have been approved although no funds have as yet been allocated by the government. Funding may commence, however, in the fiscal year that begins April 1st.

For you money-hungry LIP workers, the place to contact is the Special Programs Division at the regional Canada Manpower Office.

And oh, yes. Mr. Nellis wants a copy of this article to see what we

wrote about him and LEAP. I hope it's okay because, you see, SEVEN NEWS is a LIP project that needs \$16,000 to keep it going for the next year...

## Metro Planning Board vetos Dundas widening

by CAROLYN BARBER

A meeting of the Metro Planning Board this week agreed with a delegation of Ward 7 residents that Dundas Street should not be widened.

About 50 people crowded into the board's meeting on Wednesday night to back up a brief read by Sheila Holmes, of the Regent Park Services Unit, submitted on behalf of the Federation of Don Area Residents' Associations (FODARA).

Representatives of each of the seven associations in FODARA also spoke against the proposed widening of Dundas Street, and Peter Akehurst, of Don Vale, presented a brief from the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayers' Associations.



## Play centre has space for more

by HEATHER FERGUSON

The indoor play center located in the Baldwin Annex of All Saints Church at Dundas and Sherbourne is now in full operation.

The centre is for parents and their children, aged six months to five years. There is supervised recreation for the children, while parents can sew, bake or just relax.

One of our latest projects is the setting up of a toy library whereby children can take toys home for the week end. A lot of the toys have been made by the staff and all are made of sturdy, reliable wood.

One of our staff is an experienced sewing lady and she is on call all day to help mothers in any sewing

problems. We have also received a number of donations including \$200 from the Kinsmen Club which enables us to buy food for the snacks for the kids.

During the warm weather, we often take the children out to the park and we also have an outdoor play area nearby for the kids. In the spring and summer, we are planning excursions for the kids which will give them a change of scene.

Also in the planning is an after school program to give school kids a meeting place where they can do something constructive under mild supervision. Planned are such programs as swimming, arts and crafts and cooking.

There is still room for more parents and children to take advantage of our services.

# Free overnight parking still a possibility

Free overnight parking for people who have no off-street parking may still be approved by City Council, says Ward 7 alderman Karl Jaffary.

Jaffary proposed, at a city works committee meeting, that free permits be issued for overnight parking — but only to people who had no other place to park.

His proposal lost narrowly, but he told SEVEN NEWS later: "I still think we can get it fixed up when it comes to City Council."

The ward's other alderman, John Sewell, isn't on the Works

Committee but the two aldermen are in basic agreement on their position.

The proposal that will come before council, put forward by Works Commissioner Ray Bremner, is:

- that permits be \$2 a month (compared with \$5 presently charged on streets with permit parking);
- that it be between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. (thus making it easier for visitors than the present 11 p.m. curfew);
- and that it apply to all

residential streets in the city except those that do not want it.

Jaffary said he gets more calls about parking than any other problem.

"If there is anyone who thinks that there is some simple answer to the parking problem, let me assure them that there isn't," Jaffary said. "There are too many cars for the spaces and people can't afford to solve the parking problems for themselves."

"I think we won't solve the problem, or even improve it very much, until we get to the place

where each street can decide what it wants."

Jaffary said it had been a hard decision to opt for free parking. Some people argued that since they had to pay for their parking space, everyone else should as well.

If it was free to everybody, the streets would be filled with cars belonging to people who could park in back yards or apartment garages if they wanted to. And people with no place to park would be squeezed out.

## NEWS ROUNDUP

# Sewell's community organizer proposal "modified"

The 4, 5 and 6 year olds in Room Five at Frankland School on Logan Avenue along with their teacher Miss Hart created a large, soft sculpture display which was put on exhibit at Yorkdale Plaza for two weeks this month...The Social Planning Council Storefront is circulating through the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayers Associations an alternative to the John Sewell proposal for City-funded community organizers. The alternative proposal calls for the setting up of a cost-shared Community Development Foundation which, it is claimed, would result in a saving to the taxpayers and less chance for political control....

Parents, teachers and students are presently planning the Frankland School annual Funerama Night to be held at the school on April 26. A variety of activities are planned and tickets will be sold DOOR+TO+DOOR IN THE AREA TO COVER THE COSTS....

SEVEN NEWS health writer Don Weitz has written a strongly worded letter to Attorney General Dalton Bales over the way he was treated by the Ontario Municipal Board at their recent hearing into West St. Jamestown...A youth magazine, titled "Inspirations" is being put together by the Creative Writing Workshop of the Parliament St. Library. Ivor

Gwinnutt is the editor and he's looking for inspiration and material to get it rolling. Phone 921-8674 if you have any....

Another youth magazine being produced in the area is The Town Teenager and is for kids in St. Jamestown. Editors are David Connors and Barton Miller...Moss Park Tenant's Association has come to an agreement with RCA over TV cable services in their buildings. The price per month per unit has been dropped from \$1.50 to \$1.25 and will drop to \$1.00 in 1974....

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, is holding a "Spring Festival" on April 7. A flea market, bake sale, art show and games are planned. Phone Alice at 863-0498 for more

info...A parent-teacher committee has been elected at Frankland Public School on Logan. It has been meeting weekly to prepare a brief to present to the Board of Education. They want a new school building or the addition of a new gym to the present building....

Recent elections of the Moss Park Tenant's Association resulted in the following executive: President, Bettyann Roth; Secretary, Isobel Shell; Treasurer, Betty McDowell; Building representatives are Alex Bellmore, Irene Burns, Shirley Robb, Marlene Burns and Jim Grey....

St. Jamestown teens have a floor hockey team which has played against Woodgreen and Don Vale teams. Members are Wayne Ward, John Puckett, Dave Wasserstein, Brian Henderson, Curt Paris, Dave Connors, Mike Wright, Ricky Shears, Mark Skillicorn, Bruce Nixon and Tony Proul





## Wellesley Hospital deserves praise not criticism - reader

Dear Sir;

I read your article in the Ward Seven News about the Wellesley Hospital and I think that before printing that kind of stuff, all angles should be looked into.

Maybe you did; I don't know, but I do know that at the Wellesley my husband got the very best of care. If you want to find out how often he was there for treatment, ask them and I think you will find it was on the average of about once a month for a year.

There were many times he was given oxygen and returned home the same night. I didn't expect them to keep him as I was quite aware of his condition. Sometimes we took him by ambulance and returned by car because although he was not perfectly healthy, he was able to go that way.

I don't know why people always say bad things about hospitals but I do know you very seldom hear any praise for them and I think its a great shame.

If you ever have to wait in the emergency room of Wellesley like I have on many a night, you would realize what they have to contend with.

My husband is now in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital and believe me, he is getting wonderful care. I can only say thanks to Wellesley Hospital and Dr. George Smith for all the patience they extended to me and my husband.

Please print this in your paper as you print bad tales so maybe you will print one good one and who can say what is bad and what is good.

In closing let me say that I probably have no more money than

the Deas family who I feel very sorry for but let's not put all the blame on the hospital.

Mrs. H. Hart  
Berkeley St.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: No one denies that the Wellesley Hospital is doing a lot of good in the community. But the point of the article in the last issue of SEVEN NEWS is that Wellesley should be doing better - especially where human lives are at stake. Why couldn't the Deas family get the same wonderful treatment from Wellesley that you and your husband received?)

## Dogs don't create all our litter

Dear Editor;

A chance for dogs? Yes there is a chance for dogs and also for those who love their dogs.

Mayor Crombie likes corners to be treed off, so behind those trees, could be a space for dogs only.

A leash is for the safety of the animal and to keep lawns clean but there is too much argument over dogs being leashed or let run loose. If we all worked together and stopped hassling about things we might get things done.

I say we should go after what will give Ward Seven some CLASS. Why should all the important buildings, like the Ontario Science Centre, be built in another district?

Alderman John Sewell doesn't think children around here need culture. I for one believe they do and would like to see them get lots.

What children don't need is that eyesore at the corner of Parliament and Gerrard streets.

In closing I say: Don't blame the dogs for all our litter...

R. Moir

### SPRING TEA

Eastminster United Church Women are holding their 5th annual Spring Tea and Sale at the church, 310 Danforth at Jackman Ave. April 14 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Featured will be a delicatessen, bake sale, white elephants, and a plant and handicraft sale. The 50 cent admission includes refreshments...

## Hey, Mom!

by CATHERINE VERRALL  
Boxes, boxes, everywhere! Let's recycle them!

**Play-House:** Make from large carton (furniture stores throw these away). Cut an opening in three sides: such as a circle, a triangle, a square, big enough for the child to crawl through. (Don't cut too close to the corners.) Print on the box, all the things it might be: BOAT, SPACE-SHIP, HOUSE...The child will have lots of ideas. He can decorate his hide-away with magazine pictures. (To make PASTE, mix a little flour and salt in water)

**Train Tie boxes or egg cartons together.** Draw windows on the sides. Load up. All aboard!

**People Make from toilet rolls.** Mark on face, hair, and clothes. Or tape yarn on top, for hair; stick on cloth for a wrap-around coat.

**Egg Carton Stick a toilet roll funnel through the top.** Here comes a boat! What's inside? Find pairs of objects that are the same, so the

child can match them side by side: 2 corks, 2 spoons, 2 pine cones, 2 hair curlers, 2 pieces of sponge....

**Box-Blocks** Collect waxed milk cartons or any firm box. Stuff with newspaper, tie string around, to make more solid. These make fine building blocks. To increase their learning-value, paste pictures or letters on the sides; or sew a snug "jacket" from cloth scraps.

**Powdered milk carton** Large size, (an added reason for using skim milk), can be storage bins. Sorting his belongings into the kinds that belong together, trains the child to think. Why does the car belong with the truck, and not with the teddy-bear?

Paint, or paper the boxes. Decide what each should hold. Label with large, clear letters: DOLLS, CARS...Help the child obey the labels, when he puts toys away.

**talk, talk, talk ....** so your child will learn while he plays. Boxes inspire words like "big, little, inside, outside, short, tall, cylinder..." Help him notice the letters and the words on the boxes. YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER.

## Awareness BY MARY MURPHY

Gazing at the lonely, empty area on top of my stereo, I tried to visualize what rare item of beauty would enhance the contemporary piece of furniture. For years, it had been my dream of dreams to fill my economical surroundings with what I felt was a necessity of life. Listening to the sound track of Zero Mosdel's "Fiddler on the Roof" filled me with a contented pleasure so long neglected - my love of music.

In the background of my mind, I heard the old, worn, front door slam. Reaching back to reality, I found myself gazing into my son's glowing face. "Well, Johnny, 'I asked, 'was it a fight you won that makes you look like you've just found five dollars?'"

"Oh, Mom, you're always being funny when I want to be serious!" said my gangly six-year-old. Working a stone-like expression onto my face, I asked what was so serious.

He whipped out in front of him an object made of wood and glue. Proudly, he showed off his masterpiece. "We had our first wood working class today, Mom! WahWhat do you think???"

Always vowing to make a good show of my children's projects, I exclaimed, with as much enthusiasm as I could muster, how beautiful it was. "It's a 21st century airport, Mom! See, one strip goes around the field while the other strips go underneath!"

Unconsciously staring, I suddenly got filled with an immense love for my son's ingenuity. Gently lifting his misshapen wooden airport in my hands, I placed it on top of the stereo. The boy, knowing I had puzzled over that spot, suddenly put his long skinny arms around my waist. Returning his hug, I thought what a rare piece I found for my pride possession... LOVE.

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## THE EDUCATION SCENE

# Forum rejects gov't budget ceilings

BY GORD CRESSY

**Frankland School** - The Greek Parents Association has requested the Toronto Board of Education to allow Greek instruction for up to one hour during the school day. Starting in September, this program would be available to any student wishing to learn the Greek language. The Toronto Board will need approval from the Ministry of Education before this program can commence.

**Laneway School** - Laneway is a

small school stressing fundamental skills (reading, writing and math) and is located in Dixon Hall on Sumach street south of Queen. The school is funded by the Toronto Board of Education and has some openings available for the fall term. Anyone interested in sending their children to the school should contact Laneway School at 922-9969 for more information.

**Castlefrank School** - A new program in child care and nursery education will be available for boys

and girls starting in September. Besides classroom training, the program will use the resources and facilities of the Glen Road and Woodbine Day Care Centres. This will provide on the job training and experience at no cost to the taxpayer.

**Vocational Schools** - The Work Group On Vocational Schools has now completed its study. On our travels we visited all vocational schools, received around 100 submissions and held seven public meetings.

Our report is being written now and will be released in about two weeks time. SEVEN NEWS will publish excerpts of this report because its recommendations may have real implications on the future of schools in this ward.

**Education Forum** - The second meeting of the Ward 7 Education Forum took place Thursday March 15 at Regent Park United Church and was chaired by former school trustee Graham Scott.

The majority of those present rejected the budget ceilings as set out by the Ministry of Education. But for the school board to reject the ceilings means breaking the law unless the Education Minister allows us to spend more than originally intended. In the meantime, we will try desperately hard to get the best deal we can for the young people of this Ward and this City. Your participation is important.

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## Community is critical of new Karma II food co-op

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

The Karma II Food Co-op which has been in operation for two months in a storefront on Queen Street at Parliament has been getting a lot of criticism from the community lately.

One criticism is that the whole food co-op idea is really nothing but a middle class fad that doesn't really serve the true needs of the people in the community.

The food co-op concept stresses participation which is the "in" thing right now, and lower prices. The lower price aspect is largely a myth since it can only be realized by buying a large but limited quantity of food over a long period of time at a specific store and at special hours only.

The upper-middle class like to shop at a variety of places for a variety of foods and don't worry too much about prices as food is only a small part of their total budget.

Those on fixed or limited incomes are forced to shop when their cheque comes in or where they can get credit between cheques. Delivery service and a close-by location are also sought by fixed income shoppers.

Besides the massive

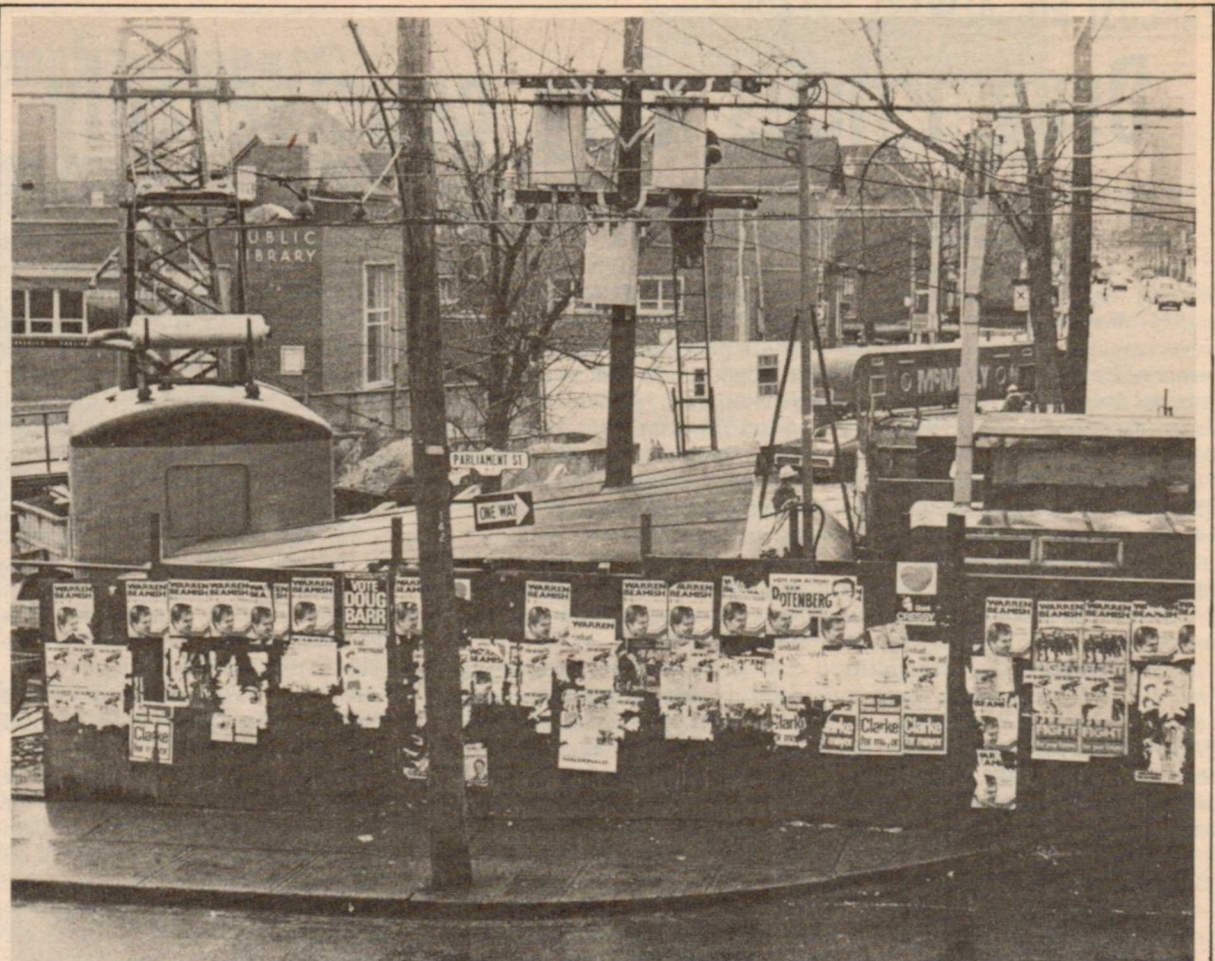
inconvenience of the store, Karma II Food Co-op has also been coming under criticism by prospective members over the apparent high cost of membership. Fees of \$50 to \$75 have been mentioned as a reason for inhibiting membership.

Karma II charges a \$10 per adult membership fee plus a \$35 loan per household spread over seven months. For a family of 3 adults and two children, initial membership would be \$35 plus another \$5 a month for the next six months. On top of this there is a 15 per cent mark-up on the wholesale price of the food sold and a further requirement that members participate in the running of the store.

Karma II explains that these various fees, loans and mark-ups are necessary to pay the rent and overhead on the store, buy equipment and buy stock for the shelves.

Despite all the negative aspects to Karma II and the Food Co-op concept, Karma II has 80 members and is confident of reaching their projected goal of 1,000 members.

Karma II is located at 378 Queen St. east and can be reached by phoning 869-0806.



## It was a lovely park...

We used to have a park, with a fountain, at the corner of Gerrard and Parliament streets.

Two years ago, it disappeared and became a hole in the ground, a pile of equipment, and an ugly hoarding telling the story of three elections.

Metro Works Commissioner Ross L. Clark told SEVEN NEWS this week that we can have our park back on October 1. Our fountain, donated by the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association in 1963, is in storage and will be replaced when the Metro Works Department restores the park to its former state under its agreement with the city.

The park stands at the top of a shaft which is 110 ft. deep and connects with a major new interceptor

sewer which will go 10 miles from Ashbridge's Bay to High Park, replacing a sewer built in 1912. The old sewer tended to wash human excrement into the lake every time we had a good rainfall; the new sewer won't do that.

At present, the trunk sewer has been tunnelled as far west as Yonge Street. Another large sewer is being built north on Parliament Street to link with sewer in the Rosedale Valley. It's being tunnelled at the rate of 400 ft. a week and will reach its destination by the end of April, Mr. Clark says.

By October 1, we'll have our park back and the only reminder of what's underneath will be a manhole cover on top of the shaft.

## Riverdale creative arts program may be prototype

by RUBE ROLAND

Where else in the Metro area can children, teens or adults come to talk, play games, have the use of a swimming pool, gym, and receive instruction in ten major creative arts ranging from music and dance to carpentry, photography and pottery for free.

This is exactly what the Community Action Program for the Creative Arts (CAPCA) is—a centre in the Riverdale city area for people to come and experience.

CAPCA is the brainchild of Irwin Karnick, a photographer, as an alternative to education and experience in the creative arts for people. It began due to a need for a cultural yet practical enrichment program the people of this area and no place where that need could be met.

The success of the program is already evident in the short time of its operation. Staffed by certified Ontario College of Education teachers, people with University degrees and diversified personal experience the YMCA 'After Four' program has doubled its enrollment. The evening teen and adult programme is constantly getting more crowded and busier.

This program also provides its services to Alpha School, a Toronto Board of Education institution, which has as its educational conception that children decide for themselves what they would like to do. Its facilities and programs are available to anybody. The school program is based by certified teachers the CAPCA staff and parents of children in the school who provide additional educational stimuli.

CAPCA is at the Broadview (East City) YMCA, 275 Broadview between Gerrard and Dundas. The program is funded solely by the Local Initiatives Programme until May 31st. Because of the short time duration of the programme it is looking for volunteer staff and donations of any materials to support the extensive programme.

Please contact Irwin Karnick at 461-8123 or Robert Roland at 461-4056 for any information with regards to materials or volunteer help.

This is your program. There are people in your community already benefitting from this program through experiencing it. Give your self the best teacher-experience.

## RIPS OFF BOOZE

# 7 NEWS staff member "covers" Trudeau dinner

Harvey Limpton once said, "The only difference between a barracuda and a politician is that a barracuda can swim better..."

Harvey often made ridiculous statements like that... he wasn't too bright... but come to think of it, neither are politicians.

But it was Harvey's words that stirred on this reporter last week when Seven News received an invitation to dine with one of Canada's leading politicians—none other than the leader of the country himself—Pierre Trudeau.

Yes folks, your reporter was invited to slurp martinis and tinkle diamonds with Toronto's elite at a \$75 a plate Liberal fund raising dinner... at the Royal York yet!

And folks, Seven News was there... to uncover all the facts, all the news, the pagentry, the glamour and the booze... oh yes, and folks... Seven News uncovered it all (hic)

'The dinner', the invitation read, 'will be a formal affair with guests expected to dress accordingly'... oh boy, fancy threads, I thought... I mean, its not every day you get to see the leader of the country.

I rushed home—washed my jeans, put on a clean pair of socks (matching blue) and searched frantically for a red bow tie to go with my matching green sweat shirt—but alas, time was short and I had to give up my search.

I arrived on the scene (as they say), the infamous Royal York and reminisced about the last time I came to see the Prime Minister. It was exactly two years ago at this very spot where I and about 400 other people tried to see the Prime Minister... they (about 200 cops) wouldn't let us in.

But not today... no siree, not a cop in sight. I even went in through the front door... waltzed down the corridor like I owned the place—nodded to two rather burly looking gentlemen standing beside the door and was immediately confronted by...

"Officer Wardle... RCMP—got any ID kid?"

"Take me, to my leader", I replied.

"Got any ID, kid?"

"Oh yeah... uh here... just a second... aw yeah, here... here's my Notice of Refusal from the Unemployment Insurance—see it's got my name and address right there."

"Ok kid... you can go in... we're just

checking... make sure no 'looney's' from out of town get in."

"Oh... well, if I see any... I'll tell them you're looking for them, officer", and strolled in. (I wonder how the Prime Minister's going to get in, I thought; and began to worry... maybe they won't let him in.)

I strolled into this rather elegant carpeted Victorian room off the main dining lounge. There were a few people gathered around... still a little while before the "guests" would be arriving.

"Excuse me, sir"... Sir... EXCUSE ME, SIR"

"Who me?"

"Yes, would you like a drink?"

"Oh... uh, certainly... uh, I'll just have some of that orange juice, thanks."

"Hm, that's good... sour, but refreshing."

Well here I am, strolling around looking for news... I wonder if there's any over there by the coat rack... nope. I'm just standin' here trying to look nonchalant... looking for news.

"Oh, can uh... may I have some more of that orange juice please. It's very good... are they Florida oranges?"

"No... Russian"

"Russian Oranges!" I exclaimed.

"No, Russian Vodka... it's mixed with the orange juice."

"Oh..." (no wonder those Ruskies can play hockey, I thought) "May I have another one... or two..."

"Oh look", someone yelled, "here he come... here comes Trudeau".

I turned quickly... "Where?" I asked.

"There... beside the woman in the black dress."

I looked... "That's the Prime Minister! I exclaimed. "Na, that's not the Prime Minister... you sure?"

"Yeah"

"Why he doesn't look like a barracuda at all."

"What?"

"Na, he looks more like a rabbit... hey can I have some more of that orange juice, please."

"Come on", some tugged, "he's going to make his speech now."

"What speech... who's going to make a speech?"

"Trudeau... come on."

I walked into the main dining hall... it was like walking into a Birk's store except all the diamonds were moving instead of just sitting on the counter.

It was incredible, "Geeze" I thought, one woman had more money around her neck than I make in a year.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls... The Royal York is proud to present direct from his return engagement in Ottawa... let's hear it for him folks... a great big hand for... PIERRE ELLIOT TRUDEAU!"

"Yeah... whoopee", the crowd was ecstatic.

"Thankyou... thankyou... Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, the subject I have chosen to speak on tonight is (oh my god...)

Unity."

I have to go to the bathroom.

"Excuse me, Mr. Trudeau..." I waved my hand frantically.

"Shut up", someone yelled!

"Mr. TRUDEAU... HEY... YA YOU"

"Throw the bum out!" a woman screamed.

"Mr. Trudeau, may I be excused to go to the bathroom..."

"Yes, you may."

"Yeah, well... uh thanks... I'll be back in a minute." Geeze I thought, people are sure getting pretty hostile... I wonder where they're hiding that orange juice...

"Oh man... dig this... even the washrooms are carpeted. Incredible... could you imagine... wow... rugs in the Winchester... far out..."

I returned as Trudeau was wrapping up his performance.

"See Dick run."

"Run, run, run."

"See Spot... Spot can run too"

"See Spot run,"

"Run, run, run"

(oh my god... I think I'm going to be sick, sick, sick. I've got to get outta here.)

"Hey officer Wardle... I think I found your 'looney'!"

by Harry S. Kadickle Seven News Staff



**PARCOST NOT ALWAYS CHEAPEST**

# Drug Prices vary considerably in Ward 7

by Julia Brown and Don Weitz

About a year ago in Seven News ("High Drug Costs: ups and downs", Apr. 14, '72), one of us briefly described the Provincial Government's attempt to lower prescription drug costs through its low-cost drug plan, PARCOST.

One basic point of PARCOST IS THAT IF THE DRUG IS PRESCRIBED BY ITS CHEMICAL OR "generic" name, it always costs less than when it's prescribed under any of its popular brand name equivalents. Another major point of PARCOST is that whenever the doctor prescribes a drug by its original, chemical name, the pharmacist—providing he's a subscribing member of PARCOST—must legally fill the prescription with the chemically-named drug or with the lowest-cost drug available in stock. But non PARCOST or regular pharmacists

(about 30% in Ontario) are not legally bound to follow PARCOST rules and prices.

ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE FODARA Health Committee, we carried out a small, pilot study with two purposes in mind: 1) To find out the lowest and highest prices for certain prescription drugs in the ward, and 2) To find out which pharmacies in the ward charged the lowest and which ones the highest prices for these drugs.

Following is the results of our findings. (Note: P stands for Paracost drug store and R stands for Regular store.)

In general, the first thing to notice is that the prices for any one drug varied considerably from pharmacy to pharmacy—even between the two Shopper's Drug marts, despite the fact that both are branches of the same drug store chain. Secondly, the cheapest price

was not always charged by a PARCOST pharmacy.

For example, you'll see that the lowest price for Serax was charged by Brindlecombe, a regular or non-PARCOST pharmacy, and the lowest price for Pentobarb was charged by Rumball's, another regular pharmacy. However, Shopper's Drug Mart on Parliament St. charged the lowest prices for three of the seven drugs—Vivol, Valium and Tetracycline.

Thirdly, you'll see (at the bottom of the table) that with the exception of Serax, the Average Parcost price at the Parcost pharmacies was generally lower than the Average Cost at regular pharmacies.

Now, let's see which pharmacies charged the lowest and highest prices for each drug:

**Serax:** This is a tranquilizer or "nerve pill". The lowest cost for this drug was \$4.50 which both Rumball's (Regular) and Tamblin's (parcost) charged. The highest cost was \$5.50, charged by Broadview Pharmacy, a PARCOST store. This is a difference of exactly \$1.

**Pentobarb—**This drug is a sleeping pill whose cost varied from a low of \$2.20 to a high of \$2.84, a difference of 64¢. Rumball's (regular) charged the lowest price, but Dale's (PARCOST) charged the highest price, \$2.84.

**Vivol:** This drug is a commonly prescribed, relatively low-cost tranquilizer. The price varies from a low of \$3.68 to a high of \$5.25, a difference of \$1.57. While Shopper's Drug Mart on Parliament (PARCOST) had the lowest price, Bodkins (a small, regular one) had the highest, \$5.25. However, three PARCOST pharmacies charged over \$4 for this drug—Dales, Tamblin's and Warwick. It's interesting to note that one PARCOST pharmacy (Broadview) and one regular (Guardian) charged the same relatively low price, \$3.95.

**Valium:** This drug is the more

expensive equivalent of Vivol. Shopper's Drug Mart on Parliament charged the lowest price, \$4.19; Dale's charged the highest, \$6.46, both are PARCOST subscribers. The price difference is \$2.27!

**Librium:** Like Serax, Vivol and Valim, this is another popular and commonly prescribed tranquilizer. However, among the pharmacies visited, Librium had the largest cost difference, \$3.56! Shopper's Drug Mart at Wellesley St. James Town) charged the lowest price, \$2.69; Bodkin's charged the highest, \$6.25. One PARCOST pharmacy (Dale's) charged the second highest price, \$6.16, and two other PARCOST pharmacies (Broadview & Warwick) and one regular (Guardian) charged \$6.

Secondly, the PARCOST prices for these drugs listed in the Government's Comparative Drug Index (C.D.I.) were higher than the Average PARCOST.

The two Shopper's Drug Marts apparently substituted this lower-

cost drug, since their prices for Librium were significantly lower than the other pharmacies. The other pharmacies could legally have done the same—thus saving the consumer as little as .50c and as much as \$3.36.

One general conclusion we feel safe in drawing is that PARCOST pharmacies don't always charge lower prices for prescription drugs than regular, non-PARCOST pharmacies. Another is that the pharmacist's dDispensing Fee, or what he charges you for filling your prescription, seems to vary considerably from area to area and pharmacy to pharmacy in the ward.

So, be careful and selective when you shop for prescription drugs, and for the BEST DEAL: INSIST THAT YOUR DOCTOR PRESCRIBE THE CHEMICAL OR GENERIC NAME OF THE DRUG(S) AND MAKE SURE YOUR PHARMACIST GIVES YOU THE LOWEST COST DRUG OR SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ONE PRESCRIBED.

For more drug cost and other health information, call the F.O.D.A.R.A. Health Committee through the Community Secretariat, 923-9860 9.

PHARMACY	Serax (10 mg. 50 caps) unit cost	P-BARB. (1 1/2 gr. 50 caps) 1.3c-cap	Vivol (5 mg. 60 tabs) 4c-cap	Valium (5 mg. 60 tabs) 7.1c-cap	Librium (25 mg. 40 caps) 9.9c-cap	Tetracl (250 mg. 45 caps) 2.6 c-cap	C-Hy. (500 mg. 60 tabs) 2c-capist.)
P-Shopper's Drug (240 Wellesley E.)	4.54	2.36	3.72	4.70	2.69	3.08	2.39
P-Shopper's Drug (467 Parliament)	4.54	2.63	3.68	4.19	2.76	2.59	3.11
P-Dale's Phram. (316 Queen E.)	4.60	2.84	4.60	6.46	6.16	3.53	3.49
P-Broadview Pharm. (381 Broadview)	5.50	2.75	3.95	4.95	5.95	3.35	2.95
P-Tamblin's (91 Danforth)	4.50	2.80	4.50	5.90	3.30	3.40	3.85
P-Warwick (202 Jarvis)	5.05	2.84	4.40		5.96	3.57	3.17
P-Woodgreen (887 Queen E.)	4.84	2.70					
R-Rumball's (1009 Marjory)	4.70	2.20	4.40	5.40	5.90	4.27	4.19
R-Brindlecombe (946 Gerrard E.)	4.50	2.75	4.40		5.75	3.80	3.50
R-Bodkin's (790 Gerrard E.)			5.25		6.25	3.35	3.95
R-Cohen's (474 Parliament)			4.40	6.00	4.80	3.25	3.80
R-Guardian Drugs (201 Wellesley E.)			3.95	6.15	5.95	2.95	3.75
AVG. TOTAL COST	4.79	2.65	4.30	5.47	5.04	3.38	3.47
AVG. PARCOST	4.80	2.70	4.14	5.24	4.47	3.25	3.16
AVG. REG. COST	4.60	2.98	4.48	5.85	5.73	3.52	3.84
PARCOST C.D.I. (incl. max. Dis- pensing Fee, \$2.20)	4.60	2.85	4.60	6.46	6.16	3.37	3.40(est. not listed)

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## Anderson challenges "poor" to make changes

by NANCY CRAIG

Commissioner John Anderson of Metro Social Services, Alan Borovoy, General Counsel for Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and Sue Abela, were guest panelists at the first programme "Opinion", held at the Parliament Street Library. Welfare was the topic under discussion, and debate was lively and interesting, both from the panel and from the floor.

Mr. Anderson spoke of his task as administrator of the Welfare Act, and not as creator of it. He repeated that if changes are to be made in the Welfare Act, it is up to those on welfare, or to the average citizen, to see that these laws are changed. He talked about the "passive poor", who accept, perhaps grudgingly, but don't make their collective voices heard to the Government.

Mrs. Abela brought out the point that most welfare recipients are afraid to complain to their workers, for fear they will be cut off altogether, and spoke of general harassment recipients get in welfare offices. Most cases, she said, never get to the Board of Review, but rather are stamped out in the office.

Mr. Borovoy backed Mrs. Abela, but stated that the increased use of citizen advocates within Welfare Offices should help to overcome some of the timidity of the individual recipient, and also ensure that their rights are considered. His prime target for criticism, however, was the practice of the welfare department of insisting that deserted wives sue their husbands for child support as a condition of receiving continuing welfare benefits. This, he felt, was not only a violation of individual rights, but also might eliminate any hope of reconciliation between husband and wife.

He also protested against the manner in which Board of Review made all decisions in private, thus preventing any sort of precedent, by which succeeding cases might be judged. He talked also, about the decisions made in the "deep dark privacy" of the Cabinet meeting with regard to changes in the actual Welfare Act. These changes should be made in open legislature, so that the interested citizen has some knowledge of what is happening.



Anderson, Borovoy, Jack Heighton

Questions from the floor were directed primarily at Mr. Anderson. He defended recent newspaper criticism about the administrative costs of the Department of Health and Welfare, by stating that expenditures of that department included not only welfare benefits, but such things as the Old Age Pension, O.H.I.P., etc.

When asked about the press statements that people on welfare were undernourished, he stated that he felt, in a large part, this was due to lack of education about nutrition, not merely insufficient money to buy food. In any case, he added this was an area in which is department would await reports from the District Medical Health Officers, and would then act accordingly.

The most violently debated point of the evening, was that of co-habitation. It was argued that two people could be living together, without the one providing any monetary support to the other, and that to cut off the other, (usually the woman) was highly unfair and unjust. This brought quite heated debate from both the floor and panel, and brought the evening to a somewhat stormy close, with no firm answers being given on this point.

The next programme in this series will take place on Wednesday April 18, when the topic will be Capital Punishment.

## Queen's Park Report

### Local MPP wants Toronto Urban Foundation created

by Margaret Scrivener, MPP  
Riding of St. David

I have been interested in the spectrum of urban planning for a long time. Some of you may know that I was Vice-Chairman and Member-at-Large of the Metro Planning Board.

It was through my experience with this body and during my campaign for a seat in the Ontario Legislature I realized that over the years many studies and discussions had been undertaken concerning the material aspects of city living, that is - transportation, housing, etc., or if you will, bricks and mortar - but little was being done to look into the psychological effect upon people living in an urban environment.

In considering Toronto's growth now and in the future, many questions must be answered. Questions like how big? what will the structure be? how much development? how will the city and its neighbourhoods remain safe and clean, and so on.

We know, for example, that the election of David Crombie as Mayor of the City of Toronto reflects a substantial re-adjustment in our thinking about development per se. He represents that element of humanity we all want to see in the "new" city. This, combined earlier with Premier William Davis' decision to stop construction of the Spadina Expressway and the growth of ratepayers' groups, will give added impetus to the preservation of residential neighbourhoods. Hopefully this will lead the way to, not just urban renewal, but rather a re-found spirit of community association between and amongst people.

But living in a large city involves many more problems than those connected with transportation, housing and the others referred to above.

As I have already mentioned, there is the psychological impact as well.

Because of my concern in this regard, I introduced a private member's bill into the Ontario legislature on May 29, 1972, asking the provincial government to establish a Toronto Urban Foundation to study the psychological and sociological needs of city people.

For some, this may not appear to be glamorous or urgent, but I view it as being of considerable importance, especially if through such an approach we can find the necessary direction which will help make urban living more rewarding.

One of the major factors which led to the introduction of this Bill, is the element of impermanence which is now so obviously a part of our society. Formerly, the stability of life was frequently based on things like the family unit, many close friends and job security. Today's society changes so rapidly that the family unit is no longer always secure; instead of friends we have acquaintances, and job security has become a major problem.

The name of the game is really the quality and extent of change. But how will this be reflected in tomorrow's city? I think we need to find a solution to this new social phenomenon, and I believe the proposed Toronto Urban Foundation could assist immeasurably.

Finally, it is not my concept that a Toronto Urban Foundation would be some kind of preserve for bureaucrats and professional philosophers. Rather, its make-up and its findings would be composed by ordinary people, the kind who are directly affected by the fast pace of day-to-day living within the urban metropolis.

## CITY HALL REPORT

### Council gets results despite criticism

by KARL JAFFARY  
Ward 7 Alderman

The daily newspapers are spending so much time saying that City Council is not getting anything done that I thought it might be as well to report on some of the little things that have started to move.

**Housing Standards By Law:** The new policy about enforcing the housing standards by-law is now in effect. The department is going to continue sending out letters and asking people to comply when it is an owner occupied house or where there doesn't seem to be too much wrong with the house. If there are tenants in the house, they will get a copy of the list of work to be done at the same time as the owner does, and if there are things that ought to have been on the list but were left off, the tenant will have a chance to phone in and get the correction made. In the case of absentee-owned houses in an "obvious state of neglect" the department is now going to issue orders right from the start, and is going to adopt a policy of going in and making the repairs itself if the owner won't comply within a reasonable period of time, normally 30 days.

The non-residential standards by-law has now been prepared, and the Urban Renewal Committee will be meeting in late April to hear any objections to the by-law. Copies have been sent out to most interested groups. If you would like to see either the full text of the proposed by-law, or a short

summary of it, call 367-7570 and they will mail it out to you.

**Valley View Dairy:** This is one of the worst examples of a commercial use in the middle of a residential neighbourhood in the City. There is a lot of noise and a lot of truck traffic. Valley View is making it clear that if we want them to move we will be asked to buy not only their land but also their whole business, which is worth several times the land value. Fortunately, it looks as if a good part of the business may be operating illegally. If we can prove that, our best tactic may be to enforce the law about what they use the land for. That might make them a lot more willing to move. While the Valley View operation is one of the worst, it turns out not to be the very worst. There is a company down in the Niagara district that reclaims old car batteries. That operation is beginning to look as if it is giving lead poisoning to the kids who live in the neighbourhood. Some of them are experiencing personality changes. Some have died. Lead poison is cumulative—once you get some in your blood it never gets out. Those people would like to see us close down that plant, or buy it out or something. The City is going to have to find some way of getting rid of all of the obnoxious uses over some period of time. If we have to choose, I think that even the people most affected by Valley View would tell us to get rid of the one that gives

children lead poisoning first.

**House repairs:** The city has had a program for some time of lending out money to help people fix up their houses. The interest rate was 6½ per cent. It turned out that the average income of those borrowing was over \$11,000 a year and some loans were going to people who earned about \$20,000. We have started to turn that one around. Now if your income is under \$7,500 you can borrow at less than the 6½%, down to the point where people on the Old Age Pension ought to be able to borrow at no interest. If the proposed federal changes to the National Housing Act go through, the City ought to have a lot more money available for fixing up houses.

John and I are working well together. Don't believe everything you read in the papers. While John is more pessimistic, I think we will have things turned around in another four months or so. Some of you may have tried to phone my home and have got answered by a record. I had to do that because my wife was being run off her feet answering the phone, and I am never there anyway. I am at City Hall daily from 9.00 a.m. until about 6.30, and I am generally either at City Hall or at meetings between 8.00 p.m. and midnight. I can be reached by phone a small part of the time I am at City Hall, but I am off in meetings most of the time. If you need to get hold of me the best thing to do is phone my secretary during business hours at 367-7017. You can leave a message for me to call back, but even that sometimes takes days.

The best thing to do is tell my secretary EXACTLY what the problem is. She can usually slip in to whatever meeting I am in, get an answer or instructions from me and then get back on the phone. I realize that isn't very satisfactory, but that seems to be the way things are going to be, at least for a little while.

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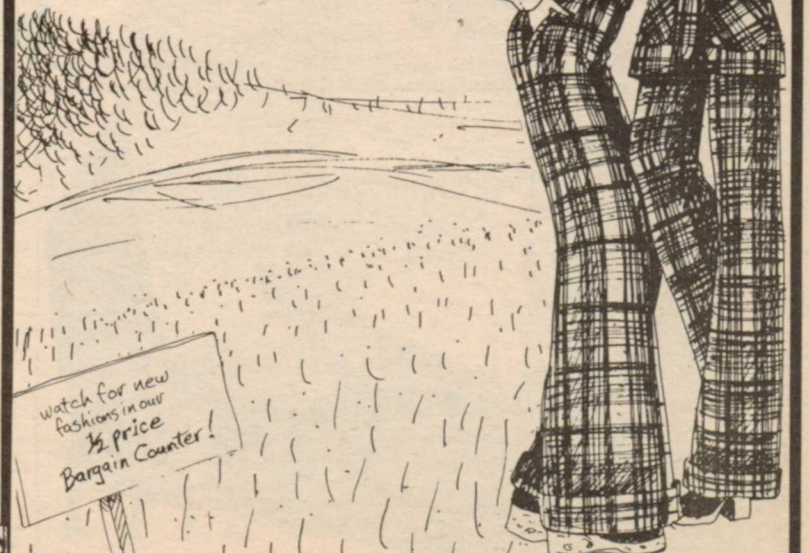


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# LIP group cuts through board bureaucracy

by TIM APPLEBY

## The Injured Workmen's Consultants

Most of the people who work in the Don Vale Community Centre are concerned with local needs: with providing specific services for the people in the Don Vale area. In some contrast the Injured Workmen's Consultants is directed towards a problem that is province-wide: the difficulties facing the person injured while working.

If this should happen to you, you'll almost certainly have dealings with the Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario. You'll be one of a few hundred thousand claim numbers processed every year, and if you're unlucky, one of the few thousand people who will lose extensive periods of time from work, and become dependent on the WCB to pay the rent.

Of course, if you happen to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs, or if you should collapse from nervous exhaustion after one of those Board of Directors' meetings, then it probably won't matter whether they do pay it or not.

On the other hand if you're a saleslady or a construction worker

then it's probably going to matter a good deal. And if you're one of the unpleasantly predictable few thousand Ontario people who will damage themselves permanently this year, then you'll probably get to know the WCB quite well.

### BOARD DOESN'T DO JOB

The idea behind the Injured Workmen's Consultants, is a fairly basic recognition that the Compensation Board does not, at the present time, do the job it was set up to do: provide adequate care, help, and remuneration for people who have injured themselves.

We will advise and represent directly, anybody who is or should be, receiving compensation, and we do this free of charge. All aspects of what can be a lengthy and sometimes complex process, are handled. We are funded under the L.I.P. programme and have a full-time staff of 24: two thirds of whom work in the Don Vale, the remainder in provincial offices. Our funds are supplemented by donations from successful WCB claimants, whose cases we have appealed, and our staff, by a group

of unpaid volunteers. We've been in business for about three years, and the files in our office, provide a pretty good cross-section of the problems you're liable to run into, if you're receiving compensation. Most of those problems are about money.

IWC was conceived and started by an injured workman and his wife: people who were put through the WCB process, and realised that something had to change. As an organisation, it's come a long way. For a long time, there wasn't much money around, though some help from the United Church, did pay the office rent. Not until January 1972, was it possible to start paying salaries.

What was probably a greater obstacle, was the fact that the Board refused to have anything to do with us: a situation that had to change, simply because of the quantity of compensation cases that were being handled. It's now evolved to a stage where we get at least as much co-operation from the Board as does anyone else—probably a bit more. And we do get results.

### BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS

To some extent the kind of problems with the WCB are an outcome of bureaucracy and a simple lack of imagination: late cheques; medical reports that are ignored; the tendency to "give this matter our attention" for months at a time. Up to a point, this sort of thing is inevitable: bureaucracy has a habit of making mistakes. What is not inevitable, of course, is the system of priorities that permits these decisions to be consistently made in adverse favour to the workman. And the same trend is in pretty well all aspects of Board policy. This, coupled with a good deal of what can only be described as gross negligence.

The perfunctory medical examinations that determine how much money you're going to be getting from now on; the endless delays, and incredibly limited results, of the Board's rehabilitation Department; the lengths that a man sometimes has to go to, to convince somebody that yes, he really does still have pain in his back.

These things happen because they're allowed to happen, and they largely arise for the same reason: the WCB's desire to keep expenditure at an absolute minimum. And every cent that the Board spends, comes directly from the employer, who pays into an accident fund.

So this is the sort of framework that most of the problems fall into. Occasionally, all that's required is a phone call or a letter, but in a lot of cases the matter has to be taken through the WCB's appeal system. In most of these, the issue will have something to do with just how much work you feel you're able to do, as a result of your injury.

Most of the hassles that people are put through, come down to the fairly basic issue of hard cash: there isn't enough of it. And there isn't going to be, until it's become more apparent and generally recognized, that the man or woman injures himself at work, really does have the right to be taken care of."

So IWC has a double function: as well as trying to sort out the problems as we come across them, we have to offer an alternative, and work towards a situation where we're not needed at all. Basically, the aim is to become redundant.

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## SUNDAY MARCH 25th

2pm - Backdoor Theatre (474 Ontario) "Secret of the Magic Puzzle" - \$1 for children and \$1.50 for adults.

7:30 - All Saints Church (Dundas and Sherbourne) meeting regarding 'Norm's Open Kitchen' - everyone welcome.

8pm - 240 Wellesley (Recreation Room) - meeting of St. James-town Residents Improvement Association.

## MONDAY MARCH 26th

7pm - CRC (297 Carlton St.) Sewing classes.

7:30 - Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) meeting of South Cabbagetown Community Association.

## TUESDAY MARCH 27th

7:30 - 200 Wellesley (TV room) - meeting of Community Social Services Club.

7:30 - Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Euchre night - every Tuesday.

8pm - City Hall - Public Hearing on proposed shopping mall in the Pape Gerrard area.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 28th

7:30 Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) - meeting of FODARA Health Committee.

7:30 DAP (298D Gerrard E) - meeting of Ward Seven Science Fiction Club - everyone welcome.

7:30 - Broadview Y (275 Broadview) GRO delegates assembly meeting.

7:30 - St. Williams School (Boulton Jones) - meeting to discuss the Jones bus.

8:30 - Backdoor Theatre (474 Ontario) - "And at Night We Dream" and "Yo-Yo" - thru till Sunday - pay what you can.

## THURSDAY MARCH 29th

7:30 - Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament) - Family film evening. A series of short cartoon features - free.

## FRIDAY MARCH 30th

8pm - Library House (265 Gerrard E) Film potpourri: A series of Jacques Cousteau underwater films.

## SATURDAY MARCH 31st

10:30 am - Riverdale Library (370 Broadview) Stories for children. At 2pm - making paper bag hand puppets.

12 noon - Broadview Y (275 Broadview) - free movies.

2 pm - Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament) Puppet show in the Boys and Girls Library "St. George and the Dragon".

## SUNDAY APRIL 1st

2pm - Backdoor Theatre (474 Ontario) "Secret of the Magic Puzzle" - \$1 for children and \$1.50 for adults.

## MONDAY APRIL 2nd

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7:30 - Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario) - regular meeting on SOCCA.

## TUESDAY APRIL 3rd

1:30 - Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) Ladies Exercises - every Tuesday. Dixon Hall Food Co-op - Operates every other Tuesday - no charge to join. Orders in by Monday - phone 863-0499.

7pm - CHN (349 Ontario) - Teen Program every Tuesday: cooking, sports, drama, etc. - phone 925-4363 or drop in - to 9pm.

10am - Library House (265 Gerrard E) Morning Coffee club. Bring your pre-schoolers and supervised play is provided for them while you relax over a cup of coffee.

4 pm - Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament). Make a puppet show.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 4th

1:30 St. Simons Church (40 Howard) Senior Citizen groups meets every Wednesday.

## THURSDAY APRIL 5th

7:30 - Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) Meeting of Trefann Court Working Committee

7:30 Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament) Free Family films.

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Tuesdays - NIP (265 Gerrard E) 7:30 - 9:30

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## PAROLE PROGRAM OUTDATED

# Ex-inmates create alternatives

by TOM CASSON

The community will remain powerless unless it assumes some of the responsibility traditionally controlled by professionals. In many areas the community has faced up to this responsibility and has made inroads into previously entrenched political and professional power structures. Community controlled clinics, tenant organizations, attempts to stop highrise development, organized effort to stop expressways are examples demonstrating a new focus in community attitudes.

People are interested in affecting change in those areas that directly influence their lives. But what about areas of professional control that the community has traditionally assumed to be beyond the ken of their responsibility and power? The entire domain of judicial prison and parole reform (or lack of it) has not received the same attention by the community that other areas of social responsibility have.

There are a number of reasons for this neglect. How does the ordinary citizen take on an institution that incarcerates and maintains in prison more people per capita than any other country in the world?

How does he or she begin to dent the massive bureaucracy that in the past has dealt with the worst fear of the community? How does the community respond to a structure of Canadian society that has been the most rigid and unprogressive aspect of that society?

And perhaps most relevant in terms of change, how does the community involve itself where no real opportunities have been offered? A context must be presented through which the community can gain the knowledge, develop the skills, and build confidence to assume responsibility for thus undertaking.

Since April 25 of last year, an organization working out of the Don Vale Community Centre, (80 Winchester Street) has attempted to develop this necessary context. Under the directorship of Ed Laboucane, an ex-inmate, Community Parole has been creating a viable alternative to traditional parole supervision.

The foundation for the concept of Community Parole is a community involved with men and women on parole for these reasons: (1) to make the integration of persons coming out of prison a more real and meaningful experience by means of direct participation by both community and parolee in that

process; (2) to educate both the community and parolee to the processes of penal parole and judicial institutions and to mobilize both forces for change in those areas; (3) to transfer some of the power from traditional social agencies to the community and parolee in order that they can assume the responsibility for making those necessary changes.

Needless to say, traditional parole supervision with its case-worker-client face-off has its limits in achieving these goals. As an alternative, Community Parole seeks to set its parole supervision and education process in the context of a group. Five people from the community, five parolees, and one staff person meet once a week to perform a number of tasks.

They discuss problems relating to parole, whether they be job difficulties or problems with the police, and set out a plan of action to deal with them. From each group arises a project of community betterment, depending on the needs of that community, which the members of that group initiate and maintain.

The advantages of a group set-up are not obscure. The group can be seen as a microcosm of the larger community and a parolee's step from the institution to the community is a more natural transition. Initial contact with people in the group affords the parolee further contact with the community at large.

Since the parolees will be living in the same areas as those community people in the group, the contacts and communications outside of the actual group context will be most frequent and more natural than those contacts an individual would have under traditional parole supervision. And, of course, the parolee is part of the decision-making process along with the community in regard to his own parole.

A Community Parole process group is working now out of the Don Vale Community Centre. Community Parole foresees groups being situated in various communities across Metro.

This program needs both community support and active participation in the form of volunteers who will be working within their own community.

Community Parole is at present developing a volunteer orientation program that will assist people in the community to assume the responsibilities attendant on our program.

If you are interested in this program, call Sherran Ridgley at 924-9091 for further information.

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**MEETING ON SUNDAY**

**St. Jamestown tenants wait for answers**

by JIMMY SMITH

Another general meeting of the new St. Jamestown Tenants' Improvement Association will be held this Sunday night, March 25, at 7:30, in the sub-basement "auditorium" of the Vancouver building, 240 Wellesley Street E.

I would like to explain in more depth the organization which is just starting. The association was born from a meeting of St. Jamestown tenants held in St. Simon's Church about seven weeks ago.

At that meeting, numerous complaints were made by residents about conditions in St. Jamestown and about the inability to get any action from Meridian Management.

A suggestion was made that we form an association to represent tenants in the voicing of complaints. Four people were appointed to approach the Meridian people, to explore possibilities of management being willing to come forward and do something about complaints.

We met with Mr. Philip Roth at the Meridian office and while he was friendly and receptive he

seemed to be of the opinion that there were no real problems. He did agree to let our fledgling association use rec. rooms and bulletin boards, and he promised to meet with us again if we could supply sufficient proof that there are problems.

In the past two weeks, a group of us have set up desks in the lobbies of almost every building in the complex and handed out questionnaires. The response has been enthusiastic and the results of this first poll will be made public at the meeting on Sunday night.

At this meeting, we hope to have the press present, and a Meridian representative. The meeting will be reported by one of our members for the next issue of SEVEN NEWS.

Work will begin in earnest after this meeting. We hope the result of the poll will not go unheeded and that Meridian will live up to its promise of action.

So far we have been given rec. rooms and bulletin boards. Now we'll see if Meridian will supply us with the most important things: Better Living Conditions.

**SPORTS Floor hockey stars**

by RANDY BOETTCHER

Here are the final team standings and individual scoring statistics for the Inner City Floor Hockey League:

TEAM	W	L	T	pts
YMCA No. 1 (Y-1)	16	0	2	34
YMCA No. 2 (Y-2)	10	6	3	20
ST. CLEMENT'S No. 1 (SC-1)	7	8	2	16
WOODGREEN (WG)	5	2	2	12
UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT (US)	4	13	0	8
ST. CLEMENT'S No. 2 (SC-2)	1	7	0	2

**PEE WEE SCORING RESULTS**

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Frank Rocci	Y-1	100
Real Cyr	Y-2	95
Steve Dickemous	Y-1	40
Selwyn Harris	SC-1	29
Tony Dicamillo	y-1	29
Barry Arbeau	US	16
Doug Bleyea	Y-2	15
Clyde Waters	SC-1	14
Marty Reauder	US	14
Dave Dankew	US	12
Mike Savard	SC-1	12
Mike O'Dwer	Y-1	11
John Williamson	WG	11
Mike Hill	Y-2	11
Winston Arbeau	US	10
Ricky Morresette	WG	9
Peter Geekie	Y-2	9
Donald Hill	Y-1	8
Craig Harper	SC-1	8
Danny Charut	SC-1	8
Tom Leslie	Y-1	7
Paul Wiermeet	WG	7
Glen Staff	Y-2	7
Terry Berserson	SC-2	7
Murdock Rigby	Y-1	6
Bill Henry	SC-2	6
Bill Farrow	SC-2	6

**BANTAM DIVISION**

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
YMCA (YM)	22	1	0	212	47	44
YWCA (YW)	10	12	1	98	169	21
REGENT PARK (RP)	4	18	1	79	151	9

**BANTAM SCORING RESULTS**

NAMES	GOALS
STEVE CHURLY	YW 49
KENNY MURRAY	YM 48
LOUIE CARTER	YW 41
MURRAY MARSHALL	YM 29
LARRY DEPATIE	ym 29
HENRY TAKATSCH	YW 20
JIMMY WRIGHT	RP 18
DAVE WILSON	RP 12
MIKE BANDURA	ym 9
MIKE STEVENS	ym 9
TONY MULE	ym 9
TOM McCARTHY	RP 8
RON JOHNSON	ym 8
PEER WALKER	ym 8
MARCEL PAGE	YW 7
FRANK BURKETT	RP 6
WAYNE WOO	rp 6
JOHN BECKETT	rp 6
Jimmy carter	ym 6
EUGENE WHITE	YW 5
LLOYD LACAS	rp 4
JAMIE MARSHALL	YM 4
WES ARMSTRONG	YM 4
DAVID SCHELLER	YW 4
BRYAN AMENT	YW 4
LORNE MACDONALD	YW 3
JIMMY PARSONS	Y W 3
BARRY LYNCH	YM 2
JIM JACOBS	YM 2
TOM RIVNEY	YM 2
TERRY GARRISON	RP 2

**INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
REGENT PARK (RP)	16	1	1	159	64	33
EAST YORK (EY)	13	4	1	244	67	27
YMCA (YM)	10	7	1	145	138	21
WOODGREEN (WG)	7	11	0	71	103	14
EASTMINSTER (EM)	5	2	1	68	54	11
DIXON HALL (DH)	1	17	0	74	335	2

**INTERMEDIATE SCORING RESULTS**

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Bill Niddrie	EY	50
Earl Smallwood	DH	37
Beaver Sarrazin	YM	32

Bill Waker	RP	29
Stan Grizzle	EY	26
Monty Martin	P	25
Hector Heath	ZM	25
ZG		23
Gerry Mallette	EY	23
Jim Glenn	EY	21
Hugh Hendry	EY	21
Mike Healey	EY	21
Steve Briggs	P	18
Glenn Wert	EY	16
Ernie Amos	P	16
Bill Tsotsos	M	16
Sandy Smuk	Y	15
Dave Martin	H, RP	15
Bruce Macdonald	RP	15
Brain Robline	RP	14
Louie Carter	M	13
Joe Pisana	M+ WG	12
Laurie Marshall	EY	11
Jim Sharp	Y	11
John Petrie	M	11
Gary Feehan	Y, YM	11
Steve Bandura	YM	11
John Tough	WG	10
Bruce Bacon	RP	10
Paul Cox	EY	10

**Boxers triumph**

BY CLIFF BEVERLEY

Three Ward Seven boxers, members of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club, located south of St. James Town, returned home early this month after impressive victories in Peterborough.

Winning his first of two fights was Mark (Crazy Legs) Garroque bbeating Greg Lynch in a three round split decision bout. Also winning by one point was Paul Paize who knocked down Brian ..Brian Crow of Peterborough twice.

Big winner was Rick Bender who beat out Pat Whales of Kitchener for the second time in a row. Rick has won his first three fights and is looking forward to a successful career in boxing.

**Toss and trip**

by ALICE WILLIAMS

The Dixon Hall self-defence program held its first competition late last month. The program, begun last fall by volunteer Bob Barnes, runs each Saturday morning for a bunch of high-spirited and courageous youngsters, ages 11 to 14.

Award winners in overall categories were:

**Leg Trip:** Marlyn McShane, 1; Maggie Dawson, 2; Carol Savoie, 3.  
**Hip Toss:** Marlyn McShane, 1; Brian Curley, 2; Maggie Dawson, 3  
**Shoulder Throw:** Marlyn McShane, 1; Maggie Dawson, 2; Brian Curley, 3.

**General Competition Awards:** Marlyn Mc. Shane; Jamie Mills; Linda Savoie; Sheila McShane; Darlene Doucette.

**SPEAKING OUT**

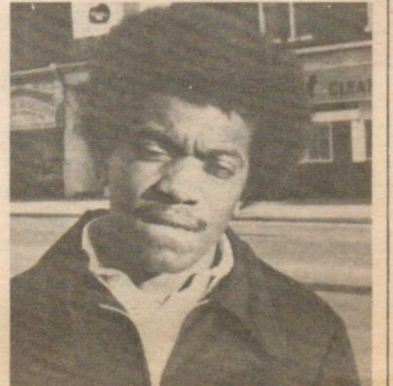
Q: Do you think it's a good idea to have a tenants' association in St. Jamestown?



**SHARON CHAMBERS, 240 Wellesley.** Yes, I think so. If you have some problems, you can't always go to your building superintendent and get action. I might join myself, but I don't know.



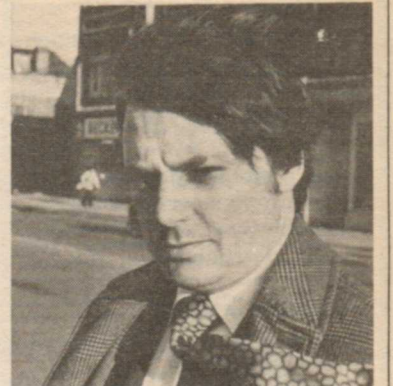
**LIZ HEARD, 240 Wellesley.** I definitely think it's a good idea, but I don't know much about it. I think it really would help getting everyone's opinion. A lot more would get done that way.



**JOHN MITCHELL, 260 Wellesley.** I don't think so, but it's hard to say. Meridian probably wouldn't listen to it. They're the way they are because they don't want to spend any money and putting pressure on them wouldn't help.



**ADA BARDELL, 200 Wellesley.** If it helps to put up more apartments, yes. I'm in Mrs. Vera Bissett's tenants association and it's trying to help get rid of a lot of dumps.



**JOHN GRAVES, 240 Wellesley.** I suppose it's got merit, but I'm not very enthusiastic myself. I don't get in with community groups—they have a left wing tinge to their executives and I just stay out of them.



**PETER MILAC, 260 Wellesley.** I think it's an excellent idea. There's a lot of problems tenants have that can't be solved through management. Probably if you approached them as a grup you'd have a better chance. I'll join if somebody organizes it.



**SUSAN SETHI, 730 Ontario.** Yes. We had one in our building. We had a lot of grievances—for example we couldn't use the facilities in the rest of St. Jamestown—then Meridian came round and solved some of them and everyone seemed to lose interest. We wouldn't have got any action without a tenants' association. But the superintendent cam sking if we believed in it and a lot.