

Regent Park residents say health centre used as political pawn

The Regent Park resident's association (RPCIA) is becoming increasingly alarmed by the lack of resident involvement in the community's Health Centre board of management.

Political hopefuls such as Conservative M.P.P. Margaret Scrivener and Hal Jackman, Rosedale Conservative candidate in the last federal election, appear to be main-

taining a stronghold on the Centre's board until the next provincial election this fall. There has been no response from the present Board to requests that the people who actually use the clinic — that is, the residents — should have a majority on the Board of Directors.

Meanwhile the RPCIA forges a reduction in the funds that presently support the

operation of the health centre.

According to the Regent Park *Community News*, by fall most of the Ministry of Health funding will have dried up. The Centre will have to maintain at least 5,000 registered patients, for each of which it will receive the standard \$30 a year, in order to keep up the quality of service it now provides.

The newspaper goes on to say, "The Association is aware that come October there may be financial problems at the Centre and the present Board will be more than happy to dump it on the tenants and blame the problems on the tenants. There will probably be a provincial election by October, and being on the Health Centre Board will lose its political importance in Regent Park."



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More highrise?

North St. Jamestown plan rejected

by JIM HOUSTON

A planning report which recommends against high density development in the thin wedge of land on the northern edge of St. Jamestown was held up at City Hall last week by a powerful developer and a handful of property owners who fear that if City Council approves the plan, they won't be able to sell their land to Meridian.

In a performance described by one observer as "cynical people power one-up-manship," Walter Manthorpe, Meridian's planning chief, delivered an impassioned sermon on the goodness of participatory planning to the Buildings and Development Committee. Huffing and puffing in a caricature of wounded virtue, Manthorpe complained that City planners had not consulted Meridian in formulating the report, nor had they sought input from the Bloor-Sherbourne Property Owners Association for whom he was spokesman. It was later revealed that, in fact, he had organized the group.

Manthorpe's boss, Phil Roth, the real power at Meridian, would have called it "showtime" and he would have enjoyed the dramatics immensely. Manthorpe whispered answers to members of his group, and generally behaved like an anxious stage mother shepherding his deputation through their routines. He beamed with satisfaction at the loud clapping and jeering which he evoked from the appreciative gallery when he scored a debating point against Alderman John Sewell.

June Marks, a former controller and alderman, herself frequently under attack by reformers as a supporter of big developers during her last term on Council, was at the

meeting for another item on the agenda. She managed to control her mirth long enough to ask someone sitting nearby, "Can you believe this coming from Walter Manthorpe?"

Old Guard committee members Joe Picinninni and George Ben caught the mood quickly. They leapt eagerly at a chance to take rhetorical swipes at Sewell. Ben was in his best oratorical form. He pronounced that the issue was not the contents of the report. (nobody seemed to object to the contents), but the right of property owners to be consulted. Consultation and citizen participation, he said, were tenets of "sewellism" to which he subscribed. He was shocked that Sewell seemed ready to vote for a report which had not received citizen input.

Sewell grinned good-naturedly most of the time, apparently savouring the comic irony of the episode. He observed that the

problem was not the lack of consultation; it was simply that some people didn't like the outcome.

John Sommerville, a self-styled "entrepreneur," who owns a house on Howard St., admitted that he knew about one public meeting, but stayed away because Sewell was chairing it.

Walter Mitchell, representing Total Engineering, which owns two small properties in the block, asked for more time to study the plan. He neglected to mention that

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News Round-up

Humane Society holds special rabies clinic

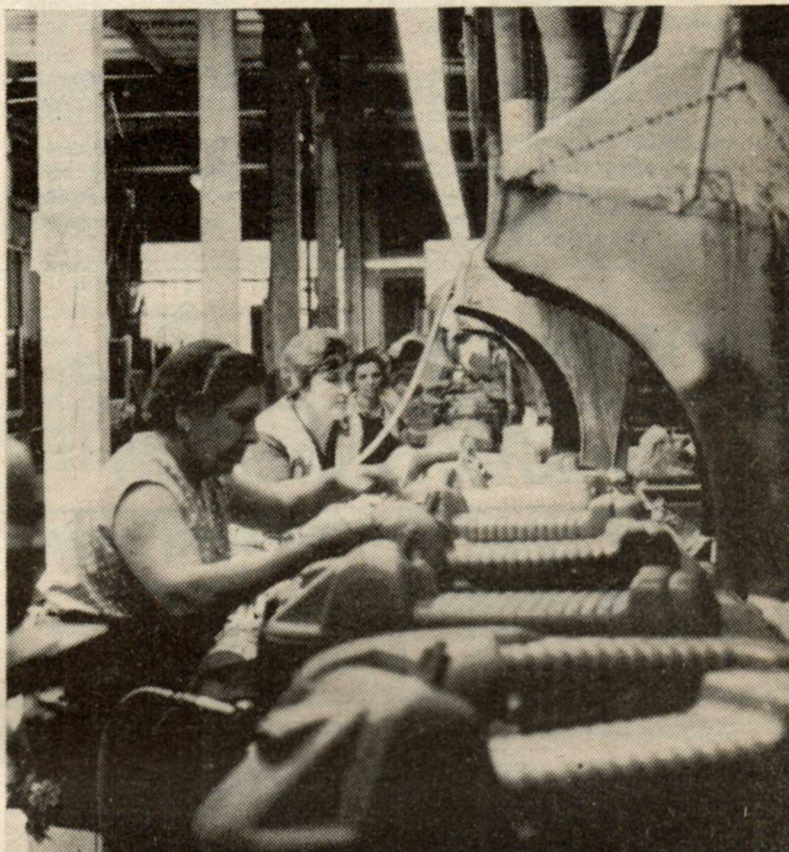
Parents of students ranging from kindergarten to grade 8 who would like their children to learn some French this summer should send them to free classes at Oakwood Collegiate Institute from July 8 to August 8. Registration will be held at the school, 991 St. Clair Ave. West, on July 7 and 8 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and on July 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Take your pets to the one-day minimum fee rabies clinic provided by the Toronto Humane Society. A fee of \$3 instead of the usual vet's fee of \$9 will be charged and welfare slips will be honored. Take pets over four months of age to the clinic on Saturday, June 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gledhill Public School, 2 Gledhill Ave. (one subway stop east of Woodbine).

This is the last of the three weeks that the trailer dispensing birth control and VD information will be stationed in St. Jamestown. Until June 30, the trailer is open, including evenings, for counselling and information. A free clinic with a doctor and public health nurse is available Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

More neighbourhoods in the ward should follow the example of the Playter area residents who are participating in a re-cycling program that began this June. The first Thursday in every month residents in that area are requested to put out any metal or glass refuse at their usual garbage pickup spot. Next pickup date is July 3.

Don't forget the moonlight cruise aboard the Mariposa Bell this Monday, June 23 at 8 p.m. The ferry boat will leave the York St. dock for the four-hour outing sponsored by the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association. Tickets are \$5 per person. Call Betty



Employees at the Reliable Toy Company, a local ward business, assembling toy trucks. See story page 6. Photo by Steve Hooper

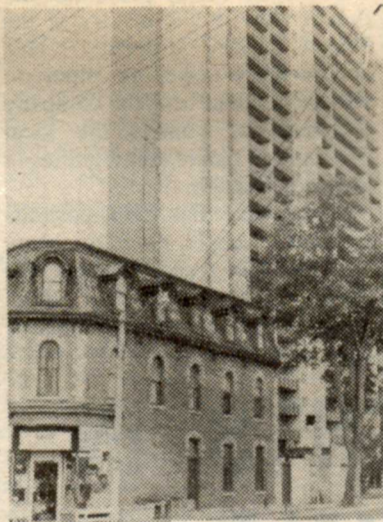


Photo by Steve Hooper
Southeast view from corner of Bleeker and Howard Street, north of St. Jamestown.

Panic hits Toronto libraries

Three weeks ago, City Council cut the budget of the Toronto public libraries by a cool \$532,000. Now latest reports are that the City's budget committee, chaired by Alderman Art Eggleton, has decided to appropriate \$100,000 of a \$142,000 provincial grant to the libraries for City Council's "contingency fund." The grant from the province was intended to expand library services for the ever-increasing population of Toronto.

At this writing, Chief Librarian Harry Campbell and the Toronto Library Board are scheduled to appeal the decision before Eggleton's budget committee on Thursday, June 19. If their appeal should fail, Toronto public libraries will have to cut back their services drastically.

The 11 largest library branches will close Sundays, Wednesdays, and all weekday mornings and evenings, possibly as early as July 1. The Library-on-Wheels service and the Library-in-the-Parks program will be cancelled. Twenty-three library staff will be removed from their jobs.

In Ward 7, these changes will affect the Parliament St. and Danforth libraries, as well as the Parliament Library House. The Library-House will reduce its hours to afternoons only, Monday to Friday.

Summer publishing schedule is every 3 weeks. Next deadline is weekend of July 4. Editor this issue is Gladys De Schepper.

Dawson, 967-3353 or Ernie Stanton, 925-1141.

If you get your copy of Seven News in time to see this reminder, please come to our lottery night party at Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St.) this Friday, June 20 at 9 p.m. There will be a pot luck supper and dance and grand draw from the prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50. This is also a good time to thank all you wonderful people of Ward 7 who donated to the lottery and who have helped keep your community newspaper alive and well.

Come to the summer festival at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St., this weekend, June 20, 21 and 22. On Friday, there will be a pub night and dance. On Saturday, from noon until 5 p.m., there will be a street carnival which will include horseback riding, followed by a community dinner and square dancing until midnight. On Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m., there will be an antique and craft show and sale.

The Broadview Y reports that their open house this month was a success and that the 25 cent Depression era lunches attracted many hearty eaters. It is a good idea to



Photo by Steve Hooper
Public health nurse Annette Paloschuk takes blood pressure of Craig Blake during Health Week at Broadview Y.

stay tuned to the many summer programs now beginning at Broadview. Co-ed yoga begins June 23; co-ed learn to swim classes start June 25; and tiny tots' aquatics — a water adjustment course for children aged 18 months to five years — begins July 8. Fun and games for the whole family are offered Monday and Wednesday nights.

Two summer programs of particular interest are Wild Roots and the Women's Special. Wild Roots is an inner city summer adventure program for boys and girls aged 5 to 11 years who live in the Riverdale area. It runs for two-week periods from July 1 to August 22. The Women's Special offers a summer-only membership, swimming, badminton and volleyball. The staff at the Broadview

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New threat to Dundas-Sherbourne area

City executive has recommended that the City enter into a development agreement with the METROVEST development company, which owns five houses facing the Dundas-Sherbourne project. The agreement would mean demolition of all five houses, one of them listed by the Toronto Historical Board, for a five-story, 78-unit apartment building.

The THB has condemned the agreement, which South of Carlton residents will be meeting to discuss on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. It looks like this will be the subject of yet another fight all the way to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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Action demanded in Riverdale Park

Dear Editor: I wish that George Rust-D'Eye would do a sequel to the article that he did on Riverdale Zoo in the April 12 issue of Seven News. It would make pretty disheartening reading.

In the meantime, the residents and taxpayers deserve an explanation of the shambles that remain. I go by old Riverdale twice daily enroute to and from work. Two of my acquaintances who live in the area have told me that on numerous occasions the police were called to put a stop to the vandalism that was going on. The police said that they could do nothing . . . they had been instructed by the Parks Commission to "go easy."

If this is true, what is the reason for this policy?

Another query: Why wasn't this demolition started last fall, when the old zoo closed, and continued through the winter?

Why did the powers-that-be wait until spring, when the migratory birds were returning, and the resident ducks and geese were nesting? What the bulldozers missed was efficiently demolished by kids with stones and bottles.

This old park could have been enjoyed this summer. Instead, we have a barren area of stagnant water, garbage, and half-wrecked skeletons of buildings.

We have plenty of political short-sightedness, thanks to which we have no green space, no birds, no pleasant walking areas, and no trust in the clowns we elected last year to protect these amenities for us.

Are there any answers, Mr. Editor?

Nita Linton
Munro St.

Editor's Note:

Ms. Linton's letter accurately describes the present shambles of the west side of Riverdale Park.

The chain-link fence and undergrowth around the duck pond have been removed, depriving the geese, ducks, and other birds of their necessary protection and forcing them to leave the area. Thoughtless children have "fished" out most of the goldfish. What is left is a filthy cesspool. Wrappers and softdrink cans litter the water, which is so foul that it is bound to sicken any animals that drink from it.

Only a small measure of comfort may be gained from the knowledge that some of the valuable ducks were transported to High Park.

According to Alderman Janet Howard, demolition of the old zoo was postponed until spring because funds were not available for this work in the 1974 budget of the Parks and Recreation Dept. She goes on to say, "If keeping the lower valley of the park as an open area isn't desirable, the community can ask to have this policy changed."

If you want to do something about this matter, come to the Don Vale Association of Homeowners' and Residents' general meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. It will be the first item discussed on the agenda, and a representative from the Dept. of Parks and Rec. will be available to answer questions.

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View of debris-laden pond in Riverdale Park. Photo by Steve Hooper

Toronto Warrior Society meets at community centre

Dear Seven News:

On Wednesday evening, May 7, the Toronto Warrior Society sponsored a native peoples' benefit at the Don Vale Community Centre. I would like to make a few comments about this event, as it was an important evening.

There were about 150 native and non-native people who attended the benefit. Through a variety of multi-media presentations, we were shown the history and present struggles of Canada's native peoples.

The National Film Board film, "The Other Side of the Ledger," was shown which presented the Indian view of the history of the Hudson's Bay Company. This documentary makes an important statement about how the company continues to control the local economy of native communities in northern Canada.

There were also batik portraits of native people done by Mary Paisley. Among other subjects, her work contains important statements about the efforts of native

peoples to liberate themselves from the economic and social violence done them by business and government. There were portraits of Riel, as well as portraits of native peoples involved in struggle today such as Louis Cameron.

Vern Harper of the Toronto Warrior Society made a presentation on native history in which he discussed the importance of the native Peoples' Caravan, which last September crossed Canada to bring their problems and proposed solutions to Ottawa. We're all aware of the "reception" they got on Parliament Hill, where armed RCMP attacked unarmed men, women and children.

To finish off the evening, there was singing from David Campbell and Willy Dunn, well-known native singers whose songs contain statements about the struggles of native peoples, not only in Canada, but elsewhere.

I am commenting on this benefit at length because I think this is the kind of activity which makes the Don Vale Community Centre what it is — a centre which brings together and educates the people of Toronto about important issues such as those concerning Canada's native peoples. I commend both the Toronto Warrior Society and Don Vale for making these evenings possible.

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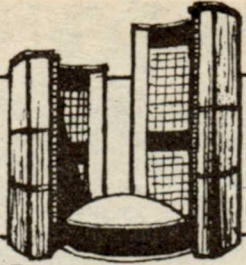
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CORRECTIONS

Two contact people for Opportunities For Youth (OFY) projects were listed incorrectly in the last issue: Laura Marks for the Charlie Farley Studio, tel. 266-0846 and Malcolm Robertson for CINCH, tel. 923-0826.

city hall Report



by JANET HOWARD
Alderman Ward 7

When the Official Plan for the City of Toronto was drawn up, many central neighbourhoods were marked as areas where high-density redevelopment would be considered. The line was supposed to be drawn at Sherbourne Street, but David Rotenberg, a very powerful pro-development politician in those days, convinced his colleagues that nothing much would be likely to happen east of Sherbourne Street, since St. Jamestown was pretty well complete.

The scramble to buy out, blockbust and assemble land north, west and south of St. Jamestown, as well as in south of Carlton, speeded up. Even though rezonings of the downtown neighbourhoods would be required for the redevelopment, speculators and developers have been claiming ever since that the Official Plan gives them an absolute right to the highest possible density under the Plan, and anything less would mean they would make less money than they had planned.

In the years since the Official Plan was finished, residents, planners, and politicians have realized that some terrible mistakes were made. Fortunately, there is a procedure to make corrections, and that is the Part II Official Plan Statement, which is written by planners in consultation with as many local residents as can be persuaded to join in the many public meetings that are held.

For West St. Jamestown it is too late. Meridian got a building permit for three more huge buildings after a long fight in which residents pointed out that the 11,000 people living in St. Jamestown already taxed local resources to the limit, and adding two or three thousand more would result in discomfort to everyone in the area.

But strangely enough, building permit or not, nothing much has happened since the large hole between Bleeker and Sherbourne Streets was dug over a year ago. Although no one knows for sure except the directors of Meridian, the theory most people hold is that there wasn't enough money available to build and rumour has it that the land has been up for sale for many months. Unfortunately, by the time the speculation game is played out, the land becomes too expensive for most of the useful purposes that people concerned with the neighbourhood would like to see, such as park land, low-density or medium-density housing, recreation, etc.

North of St. Jamestown, on the other hand, is still standing as a very pleasant neighbourhood, with fine, well-built houses and low-rise apartment buildings, a row of stores, large trees and a lot of people who would like to see it remain a good place to live. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, Howard Investments does not like the Part II Statement that would make this possible. It would mean less than the maximum profit for them, and their interests, they have told the City, count more than anyone else's.

South of St. Jamestown is the classic example of vicious blockbusting, deliberate setting of neighbour against neighbour through the use of options to purchase with the promise that the local homeowners would get rich selling to Meridian. Of course, very few in such a situation get market value; by the time the area is a shambles, no one but a developer will consider buying, and he can then set the price.

That is history now. The Bleeker/Ontario block is mostly vacant land, and Meridian has applied for a rezoning along the lines of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Mayor a year ago. It is to be a very dense development, with a shopping plaza which will badly damage Parliament Street business if the plan goes ahead as now set out.

There will be public meetings before a rezoning is granted, and perhaps some of the worst features can be removed.

The area between Ontario and Parliament Street has been looking better since Meridian called off the blockbusting. The City bought 25 of their houses, and is now negotiating to buy the rest of their holdings in the area. People who did not sell and have maintained their properties find they are more valuable now as houses for people to live in than as potential building land, and the mix of owner-occupied houses with non-profit rental accommodation should make South of St. Jamestown, east of Ontario, a good neighbourhood again.

It would have been much easier for everyone if David Rotenberg hadn't drawn that line down Parliament Street.

North St. Jamestown plan rejected

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his employer had been consulted at least three times in the preliminary stages of the preparation of the plan, and had expressed general sympathy with the plan's objectives.

J. E. Sheard, a warden of St. Simon's Anglican Church on Howard St., said that the Parish was happy with the plan.

A St. Jamestown tenant who has supported Manthorpe in the past, complained the tenants of the mammoth apartment complex had not been consulted at all. She said that there were all sorts of facilities and services needed that this plan would prevent. Under questioning it became clear that she had not seen the report.

"Meeting citizens to death"

Howard Cohen, the City's Director of Planning was visibly angry throughout the performance. Participation and citizen input are key elements in the planning philosophy and practice of his team of neighbourhood planners working out of local site offices across the city. (There are people who criticize them for "meeting citizens to death.")

The planning staff had become involved in the North St. Jamestown area only as the result of a public meeting held at St. Simon's last March. Residents present at

that meeting listed a set of things they wanted to see done, and asked John Sewell to request that planners be assigned to do a study. Joe Berridge and Michael Vaughan, two senior planners, had come to a second public meeting at which a list of planning guidelines was worked out. The two subsequently spent some time interviewing home owners, tenants, and businessmen in the area before assigning staff to draft the actual report. Then in September there were more public meetings before the final form of the report went to the Planning Board for approval.

Manthorpe admitted that he knew about the report and the recommendations back in September. He said he had pointed out "inaccuracies" at the time, but the

planners hadn't paid attention. Sewell also got him to admit that the plan actually recommended things that Meridian wanted. That didn't deter Manthorpe, who was fighting the battle of participation.

In the end, the vote was 5 to 4 to give the property owners four months to develop their own alternative plan.

Freshman alderman John Bosley, who still works for his family's real estate firm, was understandably sympathetic to people fighting for their right to sell houses. He voted for the delay. But outside the committee room after the vote, he showed that he understood what had been going on. He said of the property owners, "Sure they're stooges, but they're also individuals."

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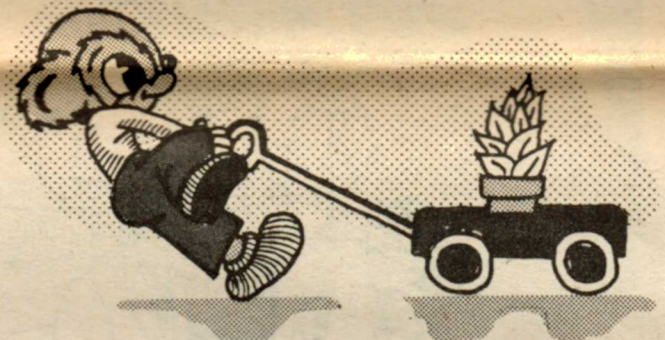
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Baseball season gets underway

It's that time again. Hot summer days and softball. Some teams, like the Men's Don Valley Softball League, got an early start and have been playing for over a month. Bill Hands, President of the Don Valley League, says that they have already completed the first part of their summer schedule. Look for the forthcoming schedule of the DVSL in the next issue of Seven

News.

Meanwhile, the school year has ended and boys' and girls' softball leagues in the Ward are just beginning their round of summer fun. The following are the schedules for the Inner City Girls' Softball League, the Peewee Boys' Don Valley Softball League, and the Bantam Boys' Don Valley Softball League.

Inner City Girls Schedule

Convenor Anna Sarazzin, 463-9811
All games at back of Broadview Y, starting 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 24**
Don Mount vs Broadview
- Thursday, June 26**
Cabbagetown vs Don Mount
Dixon Hall vs Broadview
- Tuesday, July 1**
Holiday
- Thursday, July 3**
No games
- Tuesday, July 8**
Dixon Hall vs Cabbagetown
- Thursday, July 10**
Cabbagetown vs Broadview
Don Mount vs Dixon Hall
- Tuesday, July 15**
Broadview vs Don Mount
- Thursday, July 17**
Don Mount vs Cabbagetown
Broadview vs Dixon Hall
- Tuesday, July 22**
Cabbagetown vs Dixon Hall
- Thursday, July 24**
Broadview vs Cabbagetown
Dixon Hall vs Don Mount
- Tuesday, July 29**
Don Mount vs Broadview
- Thursday, July 31**
Cabbagetown vs Don Mount
Dixon Hall vs Broadview
- Tuesday, August 5**
Playoffs
- Thursday, August 7**
Playoffs

Bantam Boys' League Schedule

Convenor Dinah Bechmanis, 461-8123
All games played at Riverdale Park, starting 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 24**
Withrow vs Dixon Hall
Cabbagetown vs Broadview
- Thursday, June 26**
Don Mount vs Cabbagetown
- Wednesday, July 2**
Withrow vs Don Mount
- Thursday, July 3**
Broadview vs Dixon Hall
Cabbagetown vs Withrow
- Tuesday, July 8**
Don Mount vs Broadview
Dixon Hall vs Withrow
- Thursday, July 10**
Cabbagetown vs Don Mount
- Tuesday, July 15**
Cabbagetown vs Dixon Hall
Withrow vs Broadview
- Thursday, July 17**
Dixon Hall vs Don Mount
- Tuesday, July 22**
Broadview vs Cabbagetown
Don Mount vs Withrow
- Thurs, July 24**
Dixon Hall vs Broadview
- Tuesday, July 29**
Withrow vs Cabbagetown
Broadview vs Don Mount
- Thursday, July 31**
Dixon Hall vs Cabbagetown
- Tuesday, August 5**
Withrow vs Dixon Hall
Don Mount vs Cabbagetown
- Thursday, August 7**
Broadview vs Withrow
- Tuesday, August 12**
Don Mount vs Dixon Hall
Cabbagetown vs Broadview
- Thursday, August 14**
Withrow vs Don Mount

Peewee Boys' League Schedule

Convenor Dinah Bechmanis 461-8123
All games at Riverdale Park, 6:30 p.m.

- Thursday, June 26**
Dixon Hall vs Woodgreen
Cabbagetown vs Donvale
- Thursday, July 3**
Cabbagetown vs Woodgreen
- Monday, July 7**
Dixon Hall vs Donvale
- Thursday, July 10**
Cabbagetown vs Dixon Hall
Woodgreen vs Donvale
- Thursday, July 17**
Woodgreen vs Dixon Hall
Donvale vs Cabbagetown
- Thursday, July 24**
Donvale vs Dixon Hall
Woodgreen vs Cabbagetown
- Thursday, July 31**
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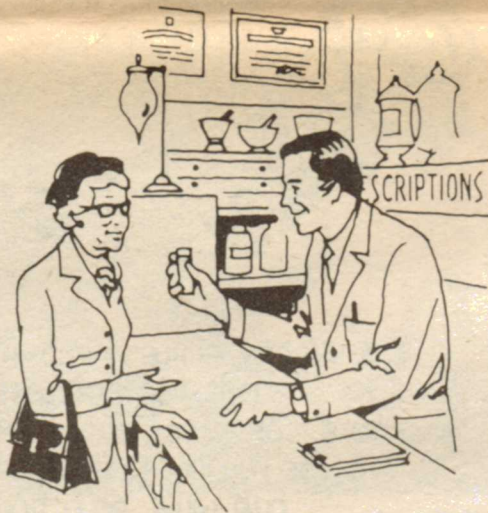
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Ministry of Health
Drug Benefit
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S3

For more information, telephone (free of charge) by dialing "0", and asking the operator for Zenith 8-2000. Residents within the Metro Toronto local calling area should dial 965-8470.

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Woodgreen United Church to hold outdoor café

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Y say that they can't get women to join in on their recreational and physical fitness programs or even to just use their facilities. Here is their message to the fair sex: "You say you need to better use your leisure time. You desire equality with men. Well, show us your interest and we will plan accordingly." Contact the Broadview Y at 275 Broadview Ave., 461-8123.

If you need legal advice, come to the new **legal aid clinic** at the Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard St. East, on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Two student lawyers have offered their services free-of-charge. Please make appointments by calling 924-2543.

Woodgreen United Church is holding a **family basket picnic** on Toronto Centre Island at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 28. You bring your own basket lunch. Streetcar and ferry tickets and refreshments are included in the purchase of a picnic ticket at \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for seniors, 75 cents for children. Sunday school children may go free-of-charge. For further information, please call 461-1168.

An **outdoor cafe** will be open through the summer on the patio of Woodgreen United Church. The Outdoor Inn will operate Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons and evenings from June 24 to August 21. Free music entertainment and bingo will be part of the festivities. Anyone who would like to perform at the Outside Inn should contact Sandy Ronchka at the church, 875 Queen St. E., or call 461-1105.

The **Right to Read** program for adults who want to improve their reading and writing skills is accepting registration for the afternoon and evening sessions which will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more info, please call the Parliament Street Library at 924-7246 or Library House at 921-8674.

Toronto Public Libraries will again present a summer **library-in-the-parks** program, featuring stories, games, and puppet shows. Look for the smiling alligator in these locations, beginning July 3 and continuing throughout the month of July.
Mondays: 10 a.m. Blake Housing; 2 p.m. Withrow Park.
Tuesdays: 2 p.m. Edgewood Park; 3:30 p.m. Leslie Grove Park.
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. South Regent Park Housing; 2 p.m. St. Jamestown.
Thursdays: 10 Wellesley Park; 2 p.m. Greenwood Park; 3:30 p.m. Pape Park,

Non-profit housing group gets grant

A provincial grant contributing nearly \$10,000 toward the purchase and renovation of 25 rooming houses in the south of St. James-town has been announced. The grant, which was made to the *City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corp.* as part of the Community Sponsored Housing Program, will total nearly \$250,000 over a 15-year period. Rent supplements will also be available to up to 50 percent of the residents in the houses.

Fridays: 10 a.m. Don Mount Housing, 2 p.m. Monarch Park.

Long-time supporter of the Don Vale Community Centre, **Bill Lee** was honoured guest on Pub Night at "the top of the Don," July 11. **Pub nights and family film nights** will alternate every other Wednesday through the summer at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. Next film night is July 2 and will feature scenic travels through Canada.



Bill Lee

Volunteers needed to work with senior persons. Call Judy or Terri at the Christian Resource Centre, 922-7391.

The **Riverdale NDP picnic** will be held on Saturday, June 28 at Hanlon's Point. Tickets are 50 cents each. Call 463-7204 for further information.

An office will be open in the Don Vale Community Centre by **Ruth Johnson** for the purpose of collecting, discussing, and coordinating ideas and materials for children's Readers. An invitation is extended to the community, and especially long-time residents, to visit starting July 7.

BULLETINS: Ken Gionette's brand-new, Mobyette motorbike, stolen May 24, was returned to him after an article on the incident ran in Seven News. Ken paid \$100 reward for the return of the bike out of hard-earned savings from his job as a recreation leader at the Duke of York Public School. The

bike's blinker and serial number had been removed....

The **Regent Park Community Improvement Association** has received \$8,000 from the United Community Fund as interim funding for the balance of this year to start a Regent Park Home-Help Service. This project is being undertaken by the RPCIA with the Regent Park Busy Bee Club....

Margaret Bryce, aldermanic candidate in Ward 10 during the last two City elections, has been hired as a new staff person in the South Riverdale site office....

Residents in 155 Sherbourne are upset that when **Margaret Campbell, M.P.P.**, cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Dominion store, she neglected to mention the hard-working residents in the building who held regular meetings and set up a steering committee to negotiate with Dominion. Let's give credit where credit is due!

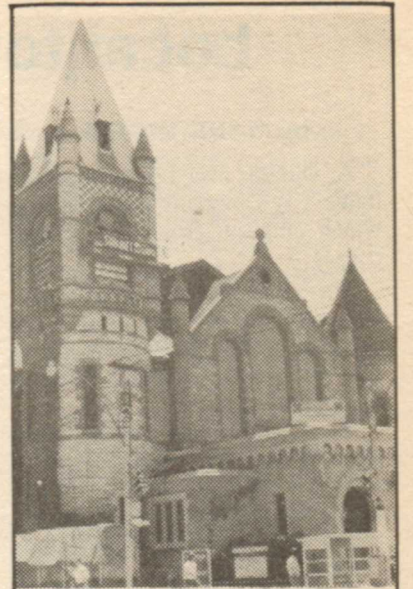


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St. Luke's United Church at Carlton and Sherbourne Streets got a face-cleaning this month. The church has two cornerstones which indicate that it was first built in 1871, with an addition constructed in 1886.


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Local toy factory makes dolls

by MARK INGLIS

At Dundas near Logan, the Reliable Toy Company has a factory which employs from 250 to 300 people.

The jobs are mostly very monotonous, low-paying assembly line work or working at a machine doing the same task time and again.

Herb Samuels of the Reliable Toy Company says that the work is rotated about every week. This, he says, reduces the monotony by offering some variety to the employees.

The company makes many items, from very inexpensive plastic banks to expensive plastic dolls, tractors, and rocking horses.

The company's major product is the doll. They make many types of dolls varying in size and detail, however, the process for making the dolls does not vary greatly. Like most mass production items the emphasis is on consistency of

product. Mr. Samuels wants every toy in a line to be the same.

The toys are all made from plastic which is shipped to the factory in a powdered form. But in this form the plastic is not of the right consistency or colour to use.

The plastic is first melted in a large vat mixed and coloured. This creates the right pliable consistency. It is then cooled into tubs of solid plastic, which are chopped into small pellets.

These pellets are bagged and sent to the laboratory for colour testing. The plastic is then ready to be moulded into the desired form. There are three methods used by the Reliable Toy Company to mould the plastic into the toys. The method used depends on the desired strength, detail, and cost.

If the product is to be well defined and hollow, like a doll's head, rotational moulding is used. This creates a soft texture and well defined features. To do this a pre-determined amount of plastic is

poured into a mould which is rapidly cooled.

Blow moulding is the second process used. The plastic is warmed and blown into a mould against which it is cooled. The product is hard, hollow, and inexpensive. The parts of the doll made by this process are the torsos and the appendages, but other sturdier toys that do not need a lot of detail are also made this way.

Injection moulding is the third process and the one most preferred by the company. It is very fast, inexpensive and makes a hard plastic giving excellent detail. Because this method leaves a seam in the product, it is generally used in the cheaper lines or where it is not noticeable. Appendages and rocking horses are made in this fashion.

The dolls are next made more life-like. Hair is sewn on the head, eyes are added and facial features are spray painted on by placing a mask over the area to be missed by the spray. Rouge is put on the



Ms Josefina Umengan dressing a doll.

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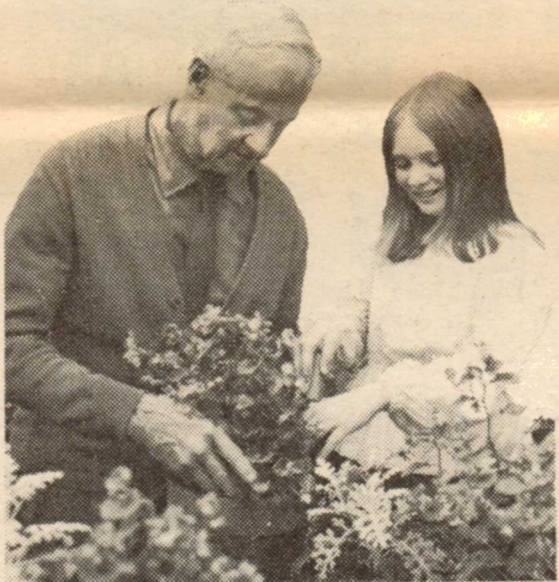
cheeks of the doll by free-hand spraying.

The doll's head then gets a permanent or "wet cap." This is done by wetting the hair, styling it and then capping the head with the hair in place. Then it is put aside to dry.

Finally the doll is assembled on an assembly line. Legs, arms and head are popped into the torso. The doll is dressed in clothes that are generally made by people in their homes under a "piece work" agreement. Then the doll is packaged and shipped on to a wholesaler and finally, to a retailer where it might be bought by you.

Senior citizens are among our most important resources.

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For instance, lots of seniors are volunteering to help other senior citizens — driving them to appointments, helping them to fill out income tax returns, teaching them, sharing experiences with them.

Did you know that there are many senior citizens' physical fitness programs that you can join (including Senior Citizens' Olympics organized in some Ontario communities)?

Did you know that seniors themselves have developed many clubs and centres for their own special interests, including just about everything from gardening to world travel?

With 1000 senior citizens' clubs here in Ontario, as well as 90 senior citizens' centres, there's bound to be one in your community. What's more, there are many special interest clubs that aren't limited as to age — camera clubs, social clubs, study groups, a whole range of subjects that people who are retired now have time for.

Through special grants and other assistance, older people are finding the opportunity to go back to school and university — to develop new talents and concentrate on new interests.

For specific information about programs and services available to senior citizens, the Ministry of Community and Social Services has just published **RESOURCES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**. For a copy, contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services office or write:

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Ministry of Community and
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Hepburn Block, 4th Floor
Queen's Park, Toronto.
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Ministry of Community and Social Services
Rene Brunelle, Minister



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William Davis, Premier

Vandalism at Withrow Public School

by DOUG BARR
and GORD CRESSY

The adventure playground at Withrow has cost the Board of Education approximately \$3,000, and a week of work to replace damage caused by a local neighbourhood gang.

Teachers were particularly concerned about the legal implications on school property. When police are called, they are slow to respond and the Board does not prosecute offenders. One teacher at Withrow stated, "I feel constrained in exercising my natural legal rights. I am on my employer's land and doing his bid."

The other area of concern, both for Withrow and Frankland, is the possible freezing of the boundaries around Frankland after July 1. This would mean anyone moving into the Withrow boundary after that date could not cross into the area for Frankland. Kids already crossing the boundary could continue.

The Frankland parents at the meeting who had crossed from the Withrow area on Albemarle Ave. wanted the boundaries open. If the boundaries are soon closed, their existing community would continue at Frankland and new arrivals would have to go to Withrow. Not a good beginning for community feeling.

Peter Paterson, President of the Withrow Home and School Association stated that "when we come back in the fall, I think you'll find strong opposition from the parents at Withrow if the boundaries are increased." Withrow wants to keep the boundaries flexible so they can use their extra space for new programs such as French.

On this issue, both communities are united. Frankland parents preferred overcrowding and conservation of neighbourhoods while Withrow parents wanted to maintain extra space for French programs. Both wanted the freedom to choose and, hence, open boundaries.

Susan Barnard, a Frankland parent, summed up the situation when she referred to the Administration saying, "Don't shuffle us on paper, let us Be."

Don Vale proposed as historical district

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

The following is a summary of a report prepared by the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents' Committee to study the possible effects of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 on Don Vale. We feel that this report may also be relevant to other areas of Ward 7.

THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT 1974

On March 5th, the Province passed "An Act to provide for the Conservation, Protection and Preservation of the Heritage of Ontario" called the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

Among other things, the Act allows municipal councils to take steps to prevent the defacing or demolition of significant buildings. To do this, City Council may either 1) designate individual properties or 2) designate an area as a heritage conservation district.

The first proposal under the new act came from the Don Vale Property Owners Association. It recommended that the area known as Don Vale (St. James Cemetery, the Necropolis and Riverdale Park, Gerrard and Parliament) be designated as a heritage conservation district. Our Committee was asked by the DVAHR Council to consider this proposal and to report on it to a general meeting.

This is only a preliminary report. We hope it will be the beginning of a free and complete interchange of ideas and information about the subject of heritage conservation.

Designation of Individual Properties

Before March 5th, City Council could designate buildings as worthy of preservation for architectural or historical reasons, and delay a demolition permit for 60 days. The Council did designate about 50 buildings that way, and these are automatically designated under the new Act.

The City can also refuse to allow any residential building to be demolished until a building permit is issued, subject to an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Under the new Act, Council has to notify the owner of property to be designated, and publish a notice in a newspaper. If anyone objects, there is a public hearing before the Conservation Review Board, and then Council makes its final decision. Once the procedure is set in motion, the property is "frozen" until the final decision is made.

Once designated, no one may alter a building in any way without a permit from Council, if the alteration is likely to affect the reason for designation. If Council refuses a permit, a public hearing is held. Then Council makes its final decision. If Council refuses a permit to demolish, the owner is prevented from demolishing for up to 270 days from the time of his application.

Under both alternatives, Council cannot prevent demolition absolutely, only delay it for nine months. During that time, Council may purchase, lease or expropriate the property, or encourage the owner to explore other alternatives such as restoration. Council may also make grants or loans to help the owner make desirable alterations.

Designation as a Heritage Conservation District

It appears that, before district designation can take place, a full Official Plan Part II Study would

have to be carried out. This means a full and comprehensive examination of every aspect of planning and zoning policy in the area affected. It would involve City planners, numerous other City officials, and a Working Committee composed of members of the community (remember Urban Renewal in 1969?). The result would probably be a stabilization of the area as a low density residential community.

The study would cost at least \$120,000 and would not be completed before the end of 1977. It would also divert resources and staff away from other projects such as the "Downtown", "Lower Cabbagetown", and the "Annex."

If the area were designated, before anyone could alter the exterior of a house, a permit would be required. Once again, demolition could be delayed for nine months. If a permit is refused, an appeal may be made to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IS THE HERITAGE ACT A GOOD IDEA FOR DON VALE?

Our Committee defined "heritage" as: the physical embodiment of those qualities which have evolved over the years as being considered desirable or appropriate or beautiful by persons living in the period which produced them, and which are still capable of being used and enjoyed by persons in the neighbourhood today. This includes the amenities provided by the street layout, trees, lanes, corner stores, the main street (Parliament), as well as the historic qualities of buildings. There are historic buildings in Don Vale, but even more important to its heritage is the symphony of Victorian houses, the diversity in their sizes, shapes, style and detail, and

the mixture of buildings, reflecting the social mix of people — the labourer and the business person living side by side.

Some Points To Consider

In this report, we do not presume to state community objectives, but only to put forward ideas for community consideration

Is demolition control necessary? There are several indications that buildings in Don Vale are not likely to be demolished. This is not the case in some other areas.

What about alterations? As part of a designated district, a permit would be needed for any exterior alterations. Under individual designation, all alterations are covered, but only if they affect the reason for designation.

Conservation or preservation? History didn't end in 1890. Lots of people enjoy adapting their homes to their own taste. The goal of heritage conservation must be to keep what is unique and irreplaceable, and to maintain the general character of the neighbourhood, but not to sterilize it or attempt to legislate taste.

The vacant lot. Under district designation, there would be controls over the erection of new buildings.

Is it worth it? At a cost of \$120,000 and 2-1/2 years' work, and in view of other priorities, would the results justify the expense?

Side Effects Among the stated objectives of the Property Owners Association are: single family

The Ontario Heritage Act 1974 will be discussed at the next general meeting of the Don Vale Homeowners' and Residents' Association on Thursday, June 26 at 8 p.m. in the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St.

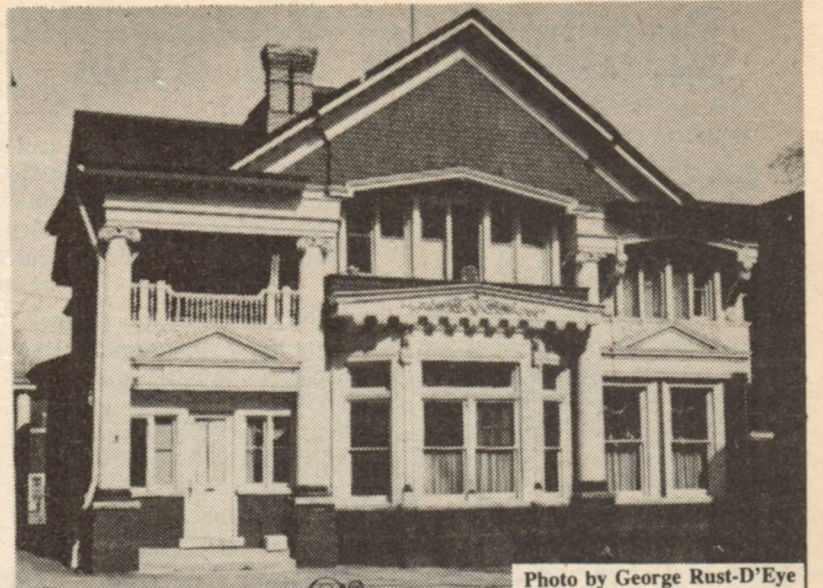


Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

This interesting house at 37 Metcalfe St. originally faced Winchester St., and its beautiful front door and verandah can still be seen on the north side. It appears that the building was built in the 1870's, but had later alterations.

dwellings and the exclusion of subsidized housing, and that designation not affect real estate transactions. We do not intend to comment on whether these ideas have merit. We do, however, find it difficult to relate the purpose of heritage conservation to the proposal that homeowners not be allowed to accept tenants. Restrictive zoning may result, but it need not do so. In any event, designation appears to have no effect on "subsidized housing." While it may affect real estate transactions, it is difficult to predict what that effect might be.

An alternative: individual designation Many Don Vale houses have already been listed by the Toronto Historical Board, the first step to designation. If someone wants to demolish or deface one of

them, Council would probably designate it, with far less drastic consequences than heritage district designation.

Who makes the decision? In the process of designation, there would be ample opportunity for community input at many stages. This is desirable, so long as no group uses heritage conservation to accomplish its own ends.

The positive approach Most people don't want to destroy their neighbourhood's heritage. In fact, the worst danger to homes is improper sandblasting, which is intended to improve the buildings' appearance. Positive incentives and persuasion are better than rigid controls. Perhaps the setting up of a community heritage resource board is a better solution.

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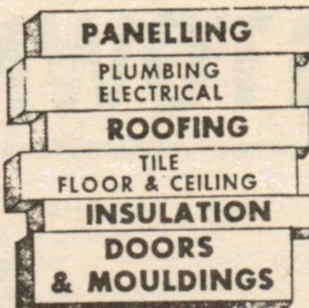
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Distributor of the week

by MARK INGLIS

Cathy McLean is our distributor on the eastern half of Wellesley Street. It is her own street, and she enjoys helping out Ward Seven News by doing her route. She is in grade five at Rose Avenue Public School. She is good at spelling and participates in informal sports at the school, but her interests are outside of the classroom.

Cathy takes modern dance lessons in jazz, which she says is difficult to learn. She is also a very

talented painter. She has an excellent sense of colour, and uses the rich hues with expertise. Her art is abstract, and she has two paintings on display at a children's art gallery.

Cathy loves her cat, a fat, over-friendly beast who absorbs affection. She cares for her plants, and her home reflects this.

This summer Cathy will be staying in the city most of the time, but she hopes to escape for a short while to her Aunt's cottage.



Photo by Steve Hooper

Ward residents invited to join credit union

by JIM HOUSTON

The Board of Directors of the Davisville Credit Union has agreed to meet with a committee of Ward Seven residents to discuss a proposal to open a branch office in the Don Area. The meeting will take place July 7 at the Davisville office on Yonge St.

If Davisville likes the idea, the branch will be in operation by the first week in September.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of Canada's first credit union by Alphonse Desjardins at Levis, Quebec. Yet a surprising number of people continue to ask questions like "What is a credit union?" and "Why should I join?"

Put simply, a Credit Union is a financial co-operative. A group of people form an association to pool their savings and make loans to each other at reasonable interest rates.

Membership in a community credit union is open to anyone who lives or works in the area defined in the provincial charter. You become a member by paying a small

fee (25 cents) and buying your first share for five dollars.

Most people join credit unions to take advantage of the low interest loans when they have to borrow. Credit union loans and savings are insured at no extra cost. If a member becomes disabled or dies, loans are automatically cancelled. Any money invested in shares (up to \$2,000) is doubled for a member's family when a member dies.

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DRAMA in the WARD

by JOE SIMMONS

It's easy to write about something that's good. **The Seahorse** at the Firehall Theatre, is a very real, honest, direct, and moving account of two people: Harry Bales, played by Gary Reinke, and Gertrude Blum, played by Maureen Fitzgerald. Harry is a sailor who has just returned from a stint at sea. Gertrude, the owner of a small bar on the waterfront called the Seahorse, is the woman to whom he returns.

The play brilliantly explores the breaking down of the barriers of fear encrusting the human soul — the barriers that exist between the desire for love and the fear of losing it. One scene is particularly moving. Gertrude decides that it's time to dance. She goes up to her room to fetch her record player, only to find upon her return that Harry has passed out after treating himself to her liquor. Instead of waking him, Gertrude puts on a record and starts to act out her fantasy of being a ballet dancer.

The explicit beauty of this scene stems from the fact that Gertrude is fat. To see all of Gertrude performing a slow ballet while Harry reposes quietly in a corner deserves the rapt attention of the audience. Harry wakes up to articulate his appreciation, this lyrical poetry of the unfolding of the human spirit through all that flesh. He compliments Gertrude on her dance. Masterful. **The Seahorse** was written by Edward J. Moore. His ability to communicate his experience as a seaman keeps the play from ever leaving the gutsy reality of a seaman's world. The quality of this world is captured by the excellent set design. The performers are also good — good in the sense that one never doubts them in the parts they are playing.

The Seahorse is running until Labour Day, Tuesday to Friday. Because of the long production schedule, there will be no matinees, nor Saturday or Sunday performances. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$4. For more info, contact the Firehall Theatre, 70 Berkeley St., 364-4170.

Studying art at the Charlie Farley

Fledgling artists, writers, and musicians should be delighted by something else that is happening on the edge of the Ward. It's called the **Charlie Farley Art Studio**. A group of young professional artists, musicians, and writers have been funded by an OFY grant to hold classes, workshops and concerts from June 2 until September 5. Free courses are being offered in figure drawing, papier maché, creative writing, improvisational music, and private lessons in guitar, sax and piano. This is the chance for you frustrated geniuses to unfold all that latent talent lurking inside.

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