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Property taxes could soar

Some home-owners could see their taxes go up by 50% to 100% if a new property tax system being introduced by the Davis government goes into effect.

In Toronto, a major battle is developing over the proposed new system.

The changes, which the provincial government wants to bring into force next year, would mean that property tax would be tied to the actual current market value of the property. At present, property is assessed at its 1940 value.

What this would mean in practice is that a house now assessed at \$4,000 might be assessed at \$40,000 under the new system. The government claims that overall taxes would not go up because cities should lower the tax rate so that the level of taxes would stay the same.

But critics of the new system, who include Toronto City Council and the Toronto Board of Education, say that even if this is true, which they doubt, the new system is unfair because it is harder on those least able to pay.

They fear the system would have the following effects:

- Houses now receiving a partial tax exemption (those assessed at less than \$4,000) would lose it. This would especially hurt the poorest home-owners, such as old-age pensioners. Their taxes would go up the most. About 75% of the houses in Ward 7 are in this category.
- Taxes on houses would generally go up while taxes on apartment buildings would go down. But this wouldn't necessarily help high-rise tenants, because there is no provision to make building owners pass their savings on to tenants. In many cases, only the owners and developers would benefit.
- Taxes on large businesses and industries would go down, while taxes on retail stores would go up. It is claimed that this might drive some stores right out of business.
- Keeping your house in good

shape would make your taxes go up, while allowing it to run down would lower your taxes.

• The province may use this as a way to shift more of the tax burdens onto the cities, and thus onto homeowners. This would mean a greater reliance on property tax, which is regressive at the best of times because it does not relate the level of taxation to income or the ability to pay.

For more information on the new tax proposals, see P. 3.

What you can do

- Local aldermen and school trustees are working up a response to the tax proposals. For more information, or to express your views, call Alderman Janet Howard at 367-7916 or Trustee Bob Spencer at 362-4931 (ext. 640).
- A public meeting has been called to talk about what to do about the proposals for 8 p.m. Wednesday April 6 at Bathurst United Church (736 Bathurst St., south of Bloor).

Broadview Y sold

By WENDY KING

Rumours that the Broadview YMCA property has been sold have been confirmed by James Westaway, Chairman of Metro Toronto YMCA's Board of Governors.

The five-acre site, which includes the building occupied by Nellie's Hostel for Women, has been sold to a company called

Boulevard Developments Ltd. for \$1.75 million.

Ending a 65-year history of sports and recreation programmes, the Broadview Y will close officially at the end of August. Employees at the facility have been given notice that their job will terminate then.

The Y has given Nellie's until

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The highlight of the Multicultural Festival held at Earl Grey School just had to be the food. Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

Multicultural Festival

The highlight had to be the food. Dishes from 12 different nations competing for your attention. Foods from such exotic places as Pakistan, Japan, Portugal, China, the East Indies, Germany, England, Scotland, and Canada.

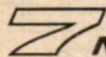
For only \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for kids, you could have your choice of 4 different varieties. The price was right, the food was great, and so hundreds of people crammed into Earl Grey School on March 12 to take part in the spring festival organized by the Riverdale Intercultural Committee.

In addition to the food, there were dancers, displays, puppet shows, music, crafts, slides, songs and all variety of just plain fun, in a big happy mixture of colours, clothes, and languages. It was an experience in mutual getting-to-know-each-other and understanding, a mixing of Canadians old and new in a mutually enriching experience.

But, as the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. 7 News photographer Cubby Coatsworth was there, and his pictures tell the story better than any words could.



Young dancers limber up at the Broadview Y Photo by Cubby Coatsworth



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CORRECTION

The telephone number for Operation Economic Concern clinics in the Riverdale area is 461-1219. The correct address for Woodgreen Community Centre is 835 Queen St. E. Both were reported incorrectly in the February 12 article on Income Tax Clinics.

Mail to 7 News must be signed

Note to letter-writers: all letters to the editor must contain the name and address of the writer. If you do not want your name to be printed in the paper, you may add a note to your letter asking to remain anonymous, or giving a pen-name. We will respect your wishes. But we cannot print your letters unless we know the name and address of the writer.

Library Wealth

Let's go treasure hunting

By **HOWARD HUGGETT**

Humans are forever looking for treasure. In olden days there were many tales of pirate gold and precious jewels, hidden away in caves, buried in the sand of desert islands and other secret places. In modern times people don't spend much time searching for gold or precious stones, it's cash they dream of. Nowadays in Canada we have lotteries, such as Wintario and Loto Canada, and for a small sum you have a chance to win up to a million dollars. But of course the odds are long, and millions have to lose so that a few can win.

And then there are the glamorous trips. By just buying some ordinary commodity, or even the family groceries, you get a chance for a free trip to the fabulous Caribbean or fantastic Tahiti or wherever. Somebody will win, but the rest will just get what they bought. Besides, they will have to pay some of the cost of the trip that they didn't take.

Well, there are other kinds of treasure spots, and there are several of them in Ward Seven. There are riches there for everyone and if you go and look you will find them. You can take them away for almost nothing, but you must bring them back when you have used them, so that others can have their turn.

They call these places public libraries.

You won't find sudden wealth in a library, at least not material wealth. But you will discover much useful information that can save you money. They have books on electric wiring, carpentry, accounting and many other skills that you can learn and turn to your advantage. There are books that will take you to more wonderful places than you would ever have the time or money to visit. If you don't like the place just close the book and look again. If you should decide to take a trip you will be better informed before you start.

But the greatest riches you can find in a library are the thoughts that are collected there. Much of the wit and wisdom of the past few thousand years are there for you to seek out. The lives and thoughts of saints and sinners, and many who were neither, are there to intrigue and inform. You can learn from their mistakes and be inspired by their achievements.

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more to the ordinary everyday world than you thought.

That is still not the total of the treasure to be found in libraries. Years ago the people you met in them were almost all between the pages of books. Now they are becoming community centres, places where neighborhood events happen. You can visit libraries today to find out more of what is happening in that very important part of the world, the area in which you live. As our cities grow bigger and become more lonely, people are discovering ways to make their lives more interesting and fulfilling in their own neighborhood.

There is something else that is very appealing about these treasure houses. During most of your waking hours in this society somebody is trying to sell you something, something you don't need or can't afford, or both. In public libraries, they don't sell, they lend. What a pleasant change!

And the most wonderful feature of all that unburied treasure is that you can't squander it. The more you use you make of it the greater it grows. The only trouble with libraries is that there aren't nearly enough of them.

Greenpeace opens office

By **DAVID VEZINA**

Greenpeace, an organization once described as, "the scruffy bunch of ecofreaks who take on nations — and usually win", has come to Toronto.

The small storefront office at 803 Gerrard Street East that opened last January, and its five member office staff, join an organization that has gone from a small protest group to an international conservation organization with headquarters in Vancouver, B.C. and branches in 28 major centres around the world.

Most of the major protests the Greenpeace Foundation gets involved in are daring, highly visible undertakings. Since its inception

under the name "Don't Make A Wave" to protest the American atomic testing site on Amchitka Island there has always been a certain amount of risk. Now Greenpeace is sending members out to the ice floes in eastern Canada to bring attention and, hopefully, an end to the killing of seals.

Funding for this non-profit environmental organization comes through the sale of buttons, tee shirts and tickets to benefit concerts. The money is used to maintain chapter offices and to finance such international projects as the current seal campaign. Government assistance in the way of a LIP grant is presently being used to fund the Greenpeace Toronto Education Program, a 22 week project on endangered species. The subject will be presented to local schools and community groups in the Broadview riding.

Although the Greenpeace haven't had the time as yet to get involved with environmental issues at the local level here, they aren't worried. The seal hunt is taking up most of their energies and they feel that Toronto is not exactly an environmental criminal.

"All citizens pollute the environment," says Dan McDermott a Greenpeace staff member, "but for its size, Toronto is one of the cleanest cities I've ever been in."

He comments on Greenpeace's role: "Our work touches everyone. The problems of the environment affect everybody. I feel that Greenpeace has brought a lot of these environmental problems closer to the people. It's made them aware of what's being done to the planet."

Although the Toronto chapter is relatively new, it has been active. As well, it holds a wealth of information on the condition of our earth and ways and means to change what some believe to be our disastrous course.

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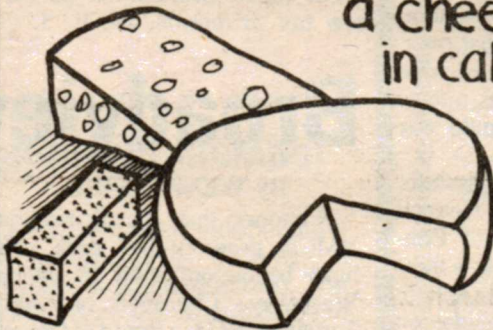
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Tax plan unfair

By TRUSTEES

FRANK NAGLE, DOUG BARR and SHEILA HOLMES

"No one expected such a commotion!"

So said Willis Blair, the former Mayor of East York, named last summer to head a commission to hear public views on proposals for market value re-assessment. Basically, the new scheme says that property tax will be tied to the actual market value of the property.

While the Province contends that: "Residences in Ontario, collectively, will bear a reduced share of property taxes," both the Toronto Board of Education and City Council have serious reservations.

For example, it is concerned that normal property maintenance and aesthetic improvements might cause a jump in taxes. In other words, **keeping your home in good shape might cause you to pay higher taxes than the run-down house next door.**

Perhaps the major issue, embodied in briefs from Council and the Board, relates to the social fabric of neighbourhoods, and their possible destruction under the new proposals. Presently, some 46,000 homeowners, or 26% of the City's total, enjoy some form of graded exemption for their property taxes. (John Sewell has calculated that 75% of homes in Ward 7 fall under that category). The system of graded exemption has existed since World War I, and includes properties of modest value. While some critics see this graded exemption as highly discriminatory, it was designed to help protect low income areas from the burden of property taxation.

In its submission, the Board of Education documented what might happen to various properties under market value re-assessment. Those under graded exemption **may face increases of between 66 and 90 per cent on their tax bills.**

Unless the effects of market value re-assessment are cushioned for inner-city neighbourhoods, then the potential for an exodus of families is a certainty. One only has to look south of the border to see the disastrous effects of cities without children.

Those in favour of the market value scheme point to the fact that apartment buildings have generally been overassessed. For example, a property appraised in the Jarvis-Bloor area revealed a potential rebate of \$385 per unit. If, for example, a similar reduction exists for each apartment in St. James Town, there is a goldmine in tax rebate awaiting the owners. Why? Because under the new proposals, **there is no requirement or procedure laid down to ensure that tenants will receive any rebate.**

The Board of Education is also concerned, given the inflationary nature of the housing market in Toronto, that the Ministry of Education will further reduce its level of grant support in response to possible increases in tax revenue. This means an increasing percentage of tax monies will be shouldered by the local resident as opposed to the Province as a whole.

Perhaps what is most aggravating to local politicians is that the province requested a response to their proposals without providing any information relevant to the issues. Thus, to this date, no detailed property-by-property assessment information has been made available.

It is also disturbing that a property tax system per se is enshrined as the ultimate goal. **Property tax under any system is regressive and penalizes those on fixed incomes, particularly the elderly.** In contrast, some proposals have stressed the need for the development of a municipal income tax, or relating property tax solely to services for property.

FODARRA forum opposes new Central Area Plan

Delegates to the FODARRA Forum voted unanimously last Saturday to oppose City Council's Central Area Plan currently being examined at hearings before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The forum was the first of the quarterly meetings agreed upon by the re-constituted Federation of Don Area Residents and Residents' Associations.

The Forum voted approval of a brief written by the Residents' Advisory Committee, which criticized the plan for allowing the doubling of downtown office space with a resulting overloading of transportation facilities. The plan's provisions for downtown park space are not as good as the standards being replaced. None of the 30,000 housing units permitted under the plan will be for moderate income families.

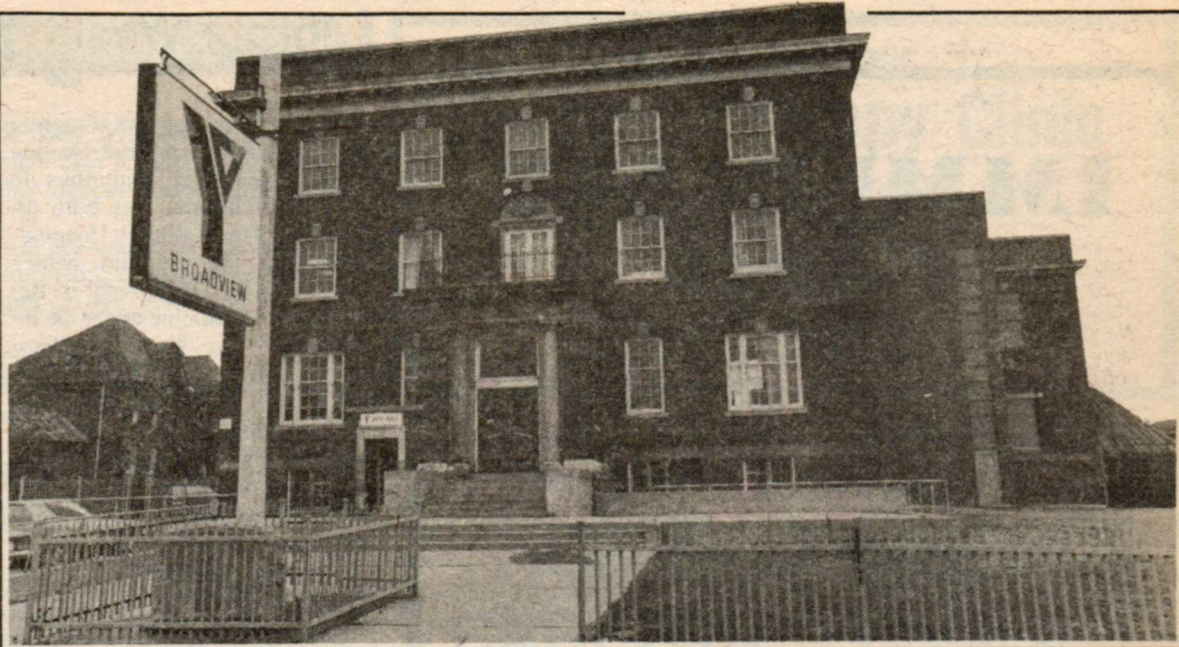
The 30 participants in the forum took positions on a number of other issues as well, including:

- Arterial Road Widening: a letter is being written to Metro Planning Committee opposing the proposed extension of Leslie St. to link up with a much-widened Bayview Avenue.

- Purchase of flophouses: a resolution was passed supporting those who are appealing to CMHC for

money to buy some of the houses which landlord Charlie Ingwer has put on the market. The forum generally expressed concern about the disappearance of rooming houses in the district.

The next forum will be held on Saturday June 4th at 155 Sherbourne. Any resident of Ward 7 can attend. For information, call 363-3888.



The familiar Broadview Y building shown above is slated to be torn down for housing.

Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

Goodbye to Broadview Y

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the end of July to move to another location. Nellie's is the city of Toronto's only hostel for destitute women. So far, staff and board members haven't been able to find another place, but there is some possibility that Nellie's could buy a house with financial aid from CMHC (Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation).

Other alternatives for Nellie's could be sharing driveway space with Opportunity House next door, and negotiating with the new property owner to continue to rent or even buy their present house, according to staff member Elizabeth Greaves.

However, YMCA board chairman Westaway doubts that it would be "practical" for Nellie's Hostel to buy the house and land they presently occupy from the new owner.

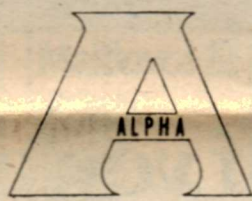
The purchasing company, Boulevard Developments Ltd., intends to build housing on the site.

Residents in the immediate neighbourhood may be somewhat reassured by information from community planners Myra Wiener

and Anna Fraser (South Riverdale Site Office — 463-5914). They say that the City of Toronto official plan specifies a population density for the 275 Broadview area equal to 1 times coverage.

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Learning disabilities screened

A new Development Program aimed at identifying and treating potential learning disabilities in pre-school children, has been organized at The Wellesley Hospital.

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The team determines areas in which the child is developing adequately and other areas where there seems to be a delay.

Having identified possible problems, the team advises the parents how they can help to accelerate any such delayed development.

"There are milestones of development," says Dr. Godfrey "which point out that certain infants and pre-school children are likely to run into difficulties when they enter school. By pin-pointing such children early in life it is possible to teach the parents methods of stimulating language development, co-ordination or to suggest child rearing techniques that will be conducive to proper emotional development."

Early intervention means that there is a better chance to mediate or minimize the development lags or emotional difficulties before children enter the school system.

Although there are many clinics to assist such children at school there has always been the difficulty that once a child becomes aware that he or she is inadequate and a possible failure and unable to cope with school, the child frequently adds many psychological problems to the educational one. The result is that by the time the child is nine or ten years old a serious problem in learning disability has developed.

The Wellesley has offered a Saturday clinic for disabled children over the past ten years which is still continuing as a companion program to the new approach. But it has become obvious that it is not

possible to provide remediation facilities for all the children who seem to be involved. "It is apparent," said Dr. Godfrey, "as in all medical problems that the best treatment is prevention. With this identification and proper remediation it may be that the number of learning and behavioural problems that occur in the school age population will be reduced."

The Wellesley's Developmental Program operates every Monday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. and further information may be obtained by calling the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at The Wellesley Hospital 966-6830.

Pre-school registration

During April and May most schools have early registration for children who will be attending for the first time in September.

There are many advantages in registering now instead of waiting until September. There are fewer line-ups, you have more time to talk with the new teacher and the public health nurse about your child, your child can see a dental hygienist, and you may get some helpful hints on how to prepare your child for school over the summer months.

Schools in Riverdale are having their registration at the times listed below. If your local school isn't listed, call the school to find about

their date.

Jackman School, April 6 and 7 (all day). Pape School, April 13 (morning). Morse School, April 25 (morning). St. Ann's School, May 3 (morning). Dundas School, (May 4 and 5 9:30-11:30). St. Williams School, May 12 (morning). Holy Name School May 12, (all day). Blake St. School May 17 (all day). Withrow School, May 18 (9:30-11:30 & 1:45-3:45). Frankland, May 9 & 10 (all day).

The nurse will be asking you to have a medical form filled out for your child. If it is convenient, you may have this done at the Broadview Child Health Centre on a Friday afternoon. Call 465-2496.

If you are employed and going to have a baby, you're entitled to pregnancy leave.



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When she returns to work, the new mother is guaranteed the right to her former position or to a comparable position with no loss of seniority or benefits at the same salary.

Naturally, pregnancy does not prevent an employee from being dismissed for valid reasons not connected with pregnancy, but pregnancy alone cannot be the cause of dismissal where an employee is eligible for leave.

An expectant mother is required to give two weeks' notice in writing of the day she intends to leave. She is entitled to begin her leave any time within 11 weeks before the baby's birth but she must take at least six weeks of her leave afterwards. If the employer wishes the employee to begin her leave before she wants to do so, the employer must prove that she is unable to perform her normal duties adequately.

The employee is eligible for Unemployment Insurance

benefits during her pregnancy leave (even if she does not intend to resume work when her leave expires) if she had at least 20 weeks of ensured employment during the year before the birth. At least ten of the 20 weeks should have fallen between the 30th and the 50th weeks before the birth.

If you would like more information about pregnancy leave or other labour legislation of interest to working women, write to:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday March 27

The Climax Jazz Band is recording their latest album live at the Jazz Club tonight, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Monday March 28

Today and tomorrow, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Gerrard St. Library, 1432 Gerrard East, is giving a course on buying and selling a home. The course is free.

Tuesday March 29

Dixon Hall's annual meeting is being held at 7 p.m. at 58 Sumach St.

Today, and every Tuesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. the school guidance office at Park School will be open to adults only to discuss "issues of current concern." Please use the centre Shuter St. doors.



Shown above is a portion of Canada's longest mural — and one of the six hundred young artists at Withrow School who helped paint it.

Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

Wednesday March 30

A Canadian feature film is being shown tonight and every Wednesday night at 7:30 at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W.

"Income tax: a welfare system for the rich?" is the topic of discussion at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E., at 8 pm tonight. Everyone welcome.

Thursday March 31

There will be a rummage sale at Dixon Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm today.

Friday April 1

There will be a teen dance with disc jockey at Dixon Hall at 8:00 p.m. Admission 25¢.

Saturday April 2

There will be an auction at Donlands Ave. United Church, 40 Donlands Ave. today.

There will be a seniors citizens' dance featuring Billy Meek from the Pig & Whistle Show at Woodgreen Community Centre today. Admission of \$2.50 includes prizes and food. For tickets and information call 461-1168.

Wednesday April 6

There will be a meeting on proposed changes in the property tax system at Bathurst St. United Church (at Lennox, south of Bloor) at 8 p.m., sponsored by the Confederation of Residents' and Ratepayers' Associations.

The Busy Bee Club is featuring a slide demonstration on "Toronto — Past and Present" by George Rust d'Eye in the downstairs lounge at 41 Oak St. Call 364-6931 for information.

Thursday April 7

A Parent Effectiveness Training course is being offered by the Riverdale Public Health Nursing Office, starting today and continuing for 6 weeks. Call 465-2496 for information.

The Don District Inter-Agency Group will be meeting at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., at 10 a.m. For more information call 924-2543.

General

The number of the Distress Centre has been changed. The new number is 598-1121. Distress Centre II is 486-1456. If you have a problem, call one of these numbers.

A Divorce Education Centre is operating at 40 Gerrard St. E. #2010. The Centre provides counselling, seminars, and other information for people dealing with or contemplating divorce. Call 961-2055 for information.

Registrations for the Regent Park Fitness Centre (470 Dundas St. E.) are now being accepted. The centre opens April 11, and will be open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., offering fitness screening, sauna, showers, sun room, gym, exercise classes for women, and a jogging club. The cost is \$30 or less, on a graded scale according to income.

Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W., offers regular school excursions to its art gallery and craft centre. Contact Dorothy Rankin, 369-2377 for details.

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Nursery School for Retarded

Woodgreen United Church is the home of a newly expanded nursery school for mentally retarded kids. The school, located in the church at 875 Queen St. East, has been expanded to six rooms, and four more people have been added to staff, which now numbers six. The school can accommodate about 30 retarded children aged two to four. Volunteers are also needed; please call 361-0773 if you are interested.

50 years together

John and Grace Granger, of 428 Wellesley St. E., are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10! All their friends who want to wish them all the best are welcome to drop by and visit on Sunday.

George Brown students perform abroad

This summer, selected students of George Brown's international summer school of the performing arts will be performing in Britain with other youth orchestras from around the world. The orchestra has been invited to participate in the international festival of youth orchestras in the United Kingdom in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Year.

Brief Briefs

The proprietor of a certain Ward 7 health food store has been seen merrily eating donuts in the donut place

across the street. Everybody knows donuts contain all sorts of white flour, white sugar, and what-all. Is nothing sacred any more? . . .

Are other reform aldermen like Alan Sparrow and Janet Howard starting to talk like John Sewell, as well as think like him? It seems they've taken up his little verbal mannerisms, like dropping "I"'s and saying "Don't know if I agree" instead of "I don't agree". Oh well, don't know if it means anything. . .



Members of Quilters' Common, a non-profit business specializing in hand-made goods, display their handiwork. Goods are produced on a consignment basis whereby the producer is paid when the item is sold. For further information call Carol at 961-7087.

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Where to go if you need legal advice

By CINDY WILKEY
and LIISA BUNDOCK

There are many legal clinics in the Ward 7 area that have either lawyers, law students or community legal workers available to help residents.

The clinics will represent clients in all lower courts, which include traffic court and small claims court, deal with minor criminal offences, draw up single wills, and handle disputes with landlords, or problems with Unemployment Insurance, Welfare, Workmen's Compensation, Government Pensions and Immigration.

Community legal workers and law students cannot act on behalf of a client for a serious or complicated criminal offence, swear an affidavit or document, handle divorce proceedings, or represent a client in any of the higher courts. A lawyer would be required for these matters.

If a person does need a lawyer, a law student or a community legal worker can determine this and make a referral. If a person can't pay the lawyer's fees, he can apply for a Legal Aid certificate which will totally or partially cover the fee, depending on the person's financial situation. For the Legal Aid certificate the person should apply to the Ontario Legal Aid Plan, 598-0200, where the situation will be assessed to decide whether it is a civil or a criminal matter. Civil cases are handled at 204A Richmond Street West, main floor lobby, Monday-Friday, 9:00 to 3:30. Criminal cases are handled at the Old City Hall, Room 303, Monday-Friday, 8:30 to 3:00. For both types of cases, arrangements can be made for appointments on Tuesday evenings also.

The Lawyer Referral Service sponsored by the Law Society of Upper Canada assists people in seeking a lawyer. Telephone 362-4741, Monday-Friday, 9:30 to 5:00 and they will give you the name and address of a lawyer in your area.

The following clinics listed provide legal information and assistance and do not generally require appointments unless otherwise stated. The clinics are basically for people on low incomes and may have eligibility restrictions based on income. If you are not sure of eligibility, call

the clinics first before dropping in.

Neighbourhood Legal Services, 257 Seaton Street, 928-0110 is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 to 5:00. They are staffed mainly by community legal workers and will assist people with problems related to welfare, unemployment insurance, and landlord/tenant disputes. Also, they offer help in the organization of any kind of community group (welfare rights, tenant organizations, etc.).

Neighbourhood Legal Clinic, operated by law students from the University of Toronto, is open Tuesday evenings, 6:00 to 8:00 at 257 Seaton Street, 928-0110. The law students will offer legal advice, represent where possible or if required, make a referral to a lawyer. Although it is a drop-in service, please try to call first and let the law student know what the problem is.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, 863-0499 has a clinic Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. A lawyer is present to advise on all formal legal matters and can help a person obtain a legal aid certificate.

Regent Park Community Services, 63 Belshaw, Apt. 101, 863-1768 has legal help available to Regent Park residents only. To arrange an appointment, you must call 920-6471.

Regent Park Community Improvement Association, 44 Blevins Place, 364-2909 operates a legal clinic Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00. A lawyer will be available then for legal advice.

Woodgreen Community Centre 835 Queen Street East, 461-1168 operates a legal clinic Monday and Wednesday evenings. You must be there between 5:00 and 7:00.

Please register with Val when you arrive.

Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, 923-2778 has a clinic every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9:00. The clinic is operated on a first come, first served basis with a lawyer available for any legal advice.

Black Resources and Information Centre, 167 Church Street, Suite 101, 368-0539 offers legal advice every Saturday, 10:00 to 1:00 with a duty counsel present. Assistance is provided for immigration problems, welfare, unemployment insurance, etc.

For legal information over the telephone, you can call **Lawline**, 978-7293, Monday-Friday between 10:00 and 6:00. Lawline is sponsored by the Students' Legal Aid Society, of the University of Toronto. They are able to make referrals if necessary.

The Injured Workers Consultants, 671 Danforth Avenue, Suite 304, 461-2411 is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 to 4:30 and on Saturday between 9:00 and 1:00. It is staffed by community legal workers able to provide advice and assistance to injured workers and will represent clients dealing with the Workmen's Compensation Board. The staff can also assist injured workers with government disability applications.

Tenant Hotline, 80 Winchester Street, (will be moving soon) is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 to 7:00, 922-6544 with emergency service (phone-in only) available evenings and weekends. They are a tenant advocacy group able to answer questions about landlord/tenant problems. They will also represent tenants at rent reviews and court hearings.

Opportunity for Handicapped

Disabled and physically handicapped people will get a unique opportunity on Saturday, April 2nd, to do some comparison shopping, for devices and equipment designed to help them in their daily life. The items will be on display in The Wellesley Hospital's department of rehabilitation medicine from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on that day.

"There are all kinds of aids for

the handicapped person," says Dr. C.M. Godfrey, Psychiatrist-in-Chief, who is organizing the event. "But not only are many people unaware of the variety; they often don't know prices. In our display, all items will be price-tagged, giving them the opportunity to see what will fit their budget."

Manufacturers have been invited to set up exhibits, which will include implements to help the disabled both in and outside the home. Among the exhibitors will be the TTC, providing information about their WHEEL-TRANS service for the physically disabled.

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TWP production of Creeps "dramatic and humorous"

By SHERILYN MARSHALL

David Freeman's Creeps at the Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre tells it like it is for the handicapped. The play shows how they are used, abused, and thrown away. They are forced to work in sheltered workshops doing mediocre non-rewarding tasks that succeed only in boring them to tears.

Creeps to the outside world means big business to clubs such as the Kiwanis and Rotary. Others seem to view the handicapped as blunders of God. Freeman pulls no punches as he shows how degrading it is for those who have any type of handicap to be "put through" things as if they were trained animals. They have no freedom to be themselves.

Michael, stupidly played by Larry Lewis, scares the pants off Miss Saunders, a so-called social worker, when she charges into the men's washroom to drag the reluctant workers out. The lines become toilet bowl in their presentation but this seems to underscore the aggravation and frustration felt by the characters as they fight for themselves and freedom of choice.

Wheelchair-bound Pete is tired of his workshop job of block sanding. Tom wants out also — to paint, even though the others classify his art as bod chicken tracks. The characters fight, putting one another down, only to pick up the pieces and start again.

Jim, played by Victor Sutton, an office worker and a member of The Spastic Club, chides the others for not participating in the Club's activities — visits to the Science Centre, the African Lion Safari, etc. He even adds that they'll be visiting a glue factory: "Just taken an old horse and stir."

The characters know that they can do more things, but instead fight with one another to stay in the security of the sheltered workshop.

"We're secure here," is Sam's cry. "We're kept off the streets."

"Everybody loves a cripple," is Pete's retort.

Creeps is a dramatic and humorous play involving the audience's emotions with those of the characters. The humour covers up the real emotions. And if we laugh at them we have to laugh at ourselves as well.

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In November, two classes of grade six students from Parkside Elementary School in Summerside, P.E.I. spent ten days in Toronto as the guests of the fifth and sixth grade students at Regent Park School. In our January 29 issue, the Regent Park kids wrote us about their exchange visit. This issue, we turn the floor over to the kids from Parkside Elementary.

By KEVIN BROWNE

Our class went to Toronto on a field trip. We were to get there by bus, and an overnight train trip. When we arrived at Union Station there was a bus to take us to Regent Park School. We were all billeted or hosted by the children and was it fun to meet all those children! We stayed in Toronto for almost a week but while we were there we went to see the CN Tower, Maple Leaf Gardens and there were other exciting buildings and places we went to see.

Nice place to visit . . .

By ROBIN BROWN

In the Science Centre there were machines that might some day replace slot machines, ping pong tables and pool tables. Going to Niagara Falls we went past Lake Ontario and it looks like an ocean. I can't wait till the Toronto kids come to P.E.I. Even Charlottetown will seem small to them. For once in my life I got a taste of city life and it is a great life to live.

By ALLAN CAINE

The whole city is "light". Everything is rush, rush, rush. Street cars, trolley buses, buses and subways sprinkled all over the city. Then of course we have endless noises.

By CAROL LIGHTFOOT

When we went to the Museum I had my picture taken with Mr. Edwards on the dinosaur. Doris and I got interviewed by the paper. At the Science Centre there was all sorts of interesting things to see. Mr. McMurdo was our group chaperone. He was really nice. Some people got homesick but I didn't. I thought it was fun and very educational.

By SHELLEY JONES

It was an experience at the CN Tower! It was a bit frightening at first but it was fun after you got up there. The elevator was the most fun. When we got to the top it was a bit scary and so was I at first. But I got over it.

CARTOONS?

Calling all cartoonists! If you'd like to send us a cartoon for the Kids Page remember: cartoons should be no bigger than half a page and should be drawn in dark coloured pen — felt pen is good — on white paper. We're eager to see your work, so please send it to us at 7 News Kids Page, 265 Gerrard St. East.

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By CARLA CLEARY

In the Planetarium it was nice and scary. Niagara Falls—I liked—but the green water made me sick. The CN Tower, I liked it. But when you were outside it looked scary. In Marineland, it was nice and funny especially when the seals were on.

Wouldn't want to live there

By IAN COOK

Overall, I think Toronto is a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there.

By STEPHEN MARCHBANK

When we got to Toronto we were all nerves but when we got matched up with our billets and hosts we felt better. We have never been to Toronto before. And it was exciting. I never saw so many tall buildings that tall. We went skating in front of City Hall at night and after that we took a street car home.

By CAROL ANNE MOORE

It was really a change for us to be in such a big city. I think I would rather prefer just a small place like Summerside though.

By JAMIE LANDRY

When we were in Toronto there were some good and some bad times. We went to such places as the Planetarium, Ontario Museum, CN Tower, Niagara Falls, etc. But most of all we met new people and a big city is much larger because of the small town we live in. But we all got used to it as we went along but I think it was a big shock for some people including myself.

Kids' Calendar

Parliament Library House

Saturday March 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. teens are invited to the **Teen Craft Festival**. All sorts of workshops will be offered including ones on macramé, kite making, **tee shirt dyeing**, tie-dye, fabric printing, egg decorating, and button making.

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Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

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