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FREE

Cabbagetown Festival planned

A live concert at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday September 15th, will signal the beginning of the first Cabbagetown Cultural Festival '77. The concert will be performed in the "Town Square" at Carlton and Parliament.

Over the 4 days of the Festival the "Town Square" will provide a focal point for continuous free entertainment in drama, dance, music, tai chi, and much more beginning at 11 a.m. to sundown

Several other parks and locations will provide continuous events including an Anglo/Franco-phone cultural dialogue, organ recitals, and an outdoor Art Exhibit and Competition by the Art Works gallery (Cabbagetown's new community art gallery). For music lovers there will be two jazz concerts, and strolling players. Mime groups, clowns, jugglers, and minstrels will entertain. Special surprises in the CBC Radio

Theatre, arts and crafts exhibits, merchant's displays and special sports tournaments are scheduled. The Foster Memorial picnic with free pony rides and clowns for the children will take place in Riverdale Park West.

A free guide to Cabbagetown is available with full listings of the times and locations of all events. The first Cabbagetown Cultural Festival promises to provide entertainment for the entire family.

King-Parliament redevelopment

Public meetings scheduled

By RHODA CONTRACTOR,
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Planning Board

The City of Toronto Planning Board will be holding public meetings on the King-Parliament Preliminary Neighbourhood Plan on September 14th, 21st, and 28th at Dixon Hall starting at 8:00 p.m.

This local planning study, which proposes changes to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, covers the area extending from Jarvis Street in the west to the Don River in the east, and from Queen Street in the north to the Canadian National Railway tracks in the south.

King-Parliament now consists of a variety of land uses, including industrial, commercial and residential, with the dominant use being industrial. At present, no parts of King-Parliament are zoned to permit new housing, though the Zoning By-law does permit some very limited residential development to take place in conjunction with certain types of commercial development.

In reviewing the existing land use policies for King-Parliament, the planning study revealed a number of issues that act as the major themes in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

First, the study revealed the increasing vulnerability of industrial firms in King-Parliament. Given the location of this area close to downtown, there has been a trend in recent years to convert existing buildings to office and commercial uses. Also, various sites in the area appeared suitable for new housing development. The effects on industry has been to create an atmosphere of uncertainty which has made long-range planning difficult and has resulted in a decline in industrial activity in King-Parliament.

Second, in the north-eastern part of the study area, a long-standing low density residential neighbourhood was continuing to function despite the adverse effects of the commercial and industrial zoning and Official Plan designation. Unlikely to be redeveloped for industry, this area appeared to be in need of improvement and expansion through the introduction of more housing and added population.

Third, during the course of the study, the City decided to develop St. Lawrence, a major new residential neighbourhood in the southwestern part of the area. The King-Parliament study identified this location as appropriate for new

housing, provided that the industrial base in the remainder of the area would not be threatened. The King-Parliament Plan also tried to ensure that this new neighbourhood would be readily integrated into the surrounding urban environment.

The Neighbourhood Plan was based on an analysis of the processes and pressures for change affecting King-Parliament. It attempted to strike a balance between conflicting demands for land that would benefit the local residents, businessmen and workers, while at the same time, contributing to the health and diversity of the City as a whole.

While allocating land for particular uses through the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, the Neighbourhood Plan also requires that further City initiatives be taken to implement its objectives. In the areas to be retained for industrial use, considerable effort and assistance is called for in the future to encourage the economic health of industry. In the existing residential area, where some additional new housing can be anticipated, the close mix of housing and industry will require detailed attention to the problems of compatibility and the creation of a suitable environment.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

Pictured above is a young artist participating in the Parliament Street Library Summer Festival, held on Saturday, August 27. Activities included a paint-in, books, a puppet show for the children, and refreshments. This festival, held outdoors was a big success.

Canvasser's Meeting

It's that time again folks! 7 News is campaigning for funds. 100 volunteers will be campaigning Ward 7. Volunteer canvassers are still needed; to apply, please call 361-1222. Canvassers' kits will be ready for pickup at our canvassers' meeting to be held at Withrow Park Public School, 25 Bain Avenue. Meeting starts at 7 pm sharp.

Eviction: Ontario Housing's solution to the housing problem?

We get the feeling at Neighbourhood Legal Services that something new is happening at Ontario Housing. There has been a sharp rise in the number of people coming into the office who are facing eviction from Ontario Housing. In the past, the reason most often used by OHC to evict someone has been the "antisocial" clause in the Landlord and Tenant Act. Under Section 103 f(1)(c) a landlord can begin eviction proceedings if

"the conduct of the tenant or a person permitted in the residential premises by him is such that it substantially interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of the premises for all usual purposes by the landlord or other tenants."

In these situations the landlord need only give 20 days notice. Assuming that the tenant is really causing a disturbance, he or she has a seven day period in which to remedy the situation. If the tenant does stop the activities that disturb other people, the Notice to Terminate becomes null and void. However the tenant would probably

have to go to Court to prove his/her side of the story. In every case the landlord must go to Court before the Sheriff can toss the tenant out and the tenant ALWAYS has the right to dispute what the landlord says.

Lately there has been a subtle twist to OHC evictions. The problem seems to centre around a policy decision made by Ontario Housing almost two years ago. This policy seems to say (we say seems because tenants have received different letters saying different things) that if you want to have your children come and live with you, and this requires a larger unit, you can't do it. Ontario Housing will not allow a transfer to a larger unit in these situations. This puts the tenant in the classic Catch 22 situation. Damned if you do and damned if you don't. If you try to follow the rules and tell OHC that there is another child coming to live with you, and request a transfer, they will say NO. Following that they will probably keep a close watch and maybe begin eviction proceedings for "overcrowding" if that child

moves in. OHC will force a tenant into a bad situation and then evict them because of it. Of course you are also damned if you don't tell them, for then they will say that you are in breach of the lease.

What is the OHC solution? Move out and then re-apply for Ontario Housing. The excuse that they give is that there are many people on the waiting list for large units. We are sure this is true — but kicking out one family to make room for another is not the solution. It only causes hardship and expense and disrupts people's lives in an unnecessary way. We suspect that this method is good for OHC statistics. They can say that there were X number of people housed by Ontario Housing this year but forget to mention how many people were de-housed for no good reason. As well, this policy is suspect because it is not uniformly enforced and, indeed we feel that it is being used by OHC to evict tenants they don't want.

This particular policy directly affects immigrants to Canada or people from other

Provinces who are making an attempt to reunite their families. The flip side of this policy will affect long term residents of OHC whose children are growing up and moving out. OHC may decide the family no longer needs a large unit and so will start eviction proceedings charging that the tenants no longer qualify for OHC.

We have no idea how long this push by OHC has been going on. Unfortunately many of the tenants who are told by OHC that they will be evicted find this so frightening that they simply pack up and move. We plan to test the legality of these OHC evictions in Court, but it is very uncertain how the judge will interpret OHC's actions in light of the Landlord and Tenant Act. *Therefore the only real answer is to press OHC to change its policy.* We would like to hear from tenants who are facing similar problems with Ontario Housing.

Tenants can contact Neighbourhood Legal Services at 316 Ontario Street or phone them at 961-2625.



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Nurses lose equal pay battle

By JANET HOWARD

It's nearly four years since the City of Toronto public health nurses brought to the attention of the Council's Executive Committee a serious disparity in their pay scale compared to other employees of the health department.

In 1975, during my first budget debate at Council, the question was raised again. The (women) aldermen who wanted to know whether there was money enough in the budget to correct the disparity were told that the time wasn't yet right: as a result of the Mayor's Task Force on the Status of Women in the Civic Service, all municipal jobs were to be audited and everyone's pay would be put into line once a realistic assessment had been completed of what each employee actually does. We hope you'll give the nurses priority, said the (women) aldermen. Yes, of course.

In 1976 it happened again. Not yet, no, we've found a lot of jobs are underpaid or overpaid, said the Management Services department. But, said the (women) aldermen, somehow you've managed to slip in the odd pay increase for categories usually filled by men where you call the disparities "gross inequities". Why not this gross inequity? The director of Management Services then pointed out that it might not be: the nurses may need a lot of education, but perhaps their mental ability wouldn't qualify them for higher pay.

In outrage, but once again stymied, the (women) aldermen made a motion to upgrade the nurses' pay at once, but since the Executive Committee had not recommended such a measure in the budget it required a two-thirds vote of Council, which is always very hard to get. Needless to say, it lost.

In 1977 I raised the issue again. Between 1974 and 1977 the difference in pay between the nurses, who are nearly all women, and the inspectors in the same department, who are nearly all men, has more than doubled. Into the bargain, the job audit programme was still far from done, and the nurses had not been given priority.

It's an easy enough matter to understand: the pay difference is out and out discrimination on grounds of sex. The nurses must have a university degree, followed by two years of public health nursing training. Their job requires a wide range of skills and responsibilities: counselling, teaching, referring; pre- and post-natal information for mothers; birth control and venereal disease counselling (both sensitive subjects demanding a high degree of tact); general health and nutrition teaching to school children, low

income and disable people; and generally, a raising of the level of health knowledge out here in the community.

The inspectors do an important job, too, ensuring that good standards of sanitation are maintained in restaurants, hairdressers, and other public places, as well as in some residential properties that create problems. An inspector, however, needs only a grade 12 education followed by a two-year community college course. No one is saying they don't earn the money they get; simply, that it's wrong for an inspector's job to be worth over \$2,000 a year more than a public health nurse's on the very first day he starts, with no experience whatsoever. Any job traditionally filled by men that requires training or apprenticeship — like carpenters, boiler maintenance men, and inspectors in the buildings and development departments — pays more than the nurses get for their greater educational requirements.

Dan Heap and I somehow managed to get a two-thirds vote of the Council to put enough money in the budget to give the nurses pay increases backdated to January, 1977, raising them to the beginning pay of the public health inspectors. But unfortunately we tied it to the job audit programme, which is delayed again.

In the midsummer Council meeting I put a motion on the order paper to see what I could do to untangle the question from the job audit. Job audit is a good thing, I think, but not good enough so that the nurses have to wait, and wait, and wait, and wait, for simple justice.

The nurses wrote letters and phoned members of Council urging support for the motion. They thronged into the Council Chamber to hear the debate, which was hot and heavy. The nurses lost. Women lost. The motion carried by a majority but lost for lack of two-thirds, with the Executive Committee, including the Mayor, all voting against. And the press, who had hoped to hear a discussion of the hot spots of Yonge Street, printed or broadcast not one word of the two hour debate.

The nurses have carried the fight to their union. Finally, after years of being altogether too nice, they are saying, "you can't treat women like that."

I hope when the matter comes back to City Council everybody in Ward 7 who cares about equal pay for work of equal value will let the City Executive know it. They would all like to be Mayor one day if they aren't already — so let them start representing half the population now.

City of Toronto
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

to discuss the
King Parliament
Preliminary
Neighbourhood Plan

Wednesday, September 14, 8 p.m.
(to focus on housing proposals)

Wednesday, September 21, 8 p.m.
(to focus on Berkeley Street
Sub-area proposals)

Wednesday, September 28, 8 p.m.
(to focus on industry proposals)

All meetings at DIXON HALL,
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Copies of the Summary, King-Parliament Preliminary Neighbourhood Plan, can be obtained from Information Services, City of Toronto Planning Board, 20th Floor, East Tower — 367-7128.

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Name withheld

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Provincial Commentary

Election changes nothing

By ELLEN POMER

On the morning of June 9 1977 *Globe and Mail* columnist Dick Beddoes predicted an NDP victory in the provincial riding of St. David. That day both the private and proslatizing Conservative marched to the polls to defeat the personification of socialist hordism: Gordon Cressy. It was Cressy's first taste of political defeat and Margaret Scrivener's first real taste of political heartburn. Lost in the battle of gastronomical delight was Bob McClelland, the Liberal candidate who made Joe Clark look like an international celebrity.

Cressy addressed the issues of employment, health, social services, education, rental and housing accommodations and matopma; unity. He seemed to be offering the definiteve solution for every social evil that has ever plagued mankind. Because of the NDP's 1975 campaign slogan, "Tomorrow Starts Today", there was some question as to the party's ability to make sense of the days of the week let along the needs of a province. In order to reassure voters, in 1977 the NDP adopted the slogan, "Because Common Sense Never Made More Sense Than Now". Rest assured that the NDP would not say it was Monday when we knew it to be Sunday.

Meanwhile, Scrivener was busy defending thirty-four years of Conservative government, dismissing New Democrats as closet separatists, and insisting that she was, "Doing More For Us". Her campaign literature force the awe-stricken reader to wonder how Scrivener ever found time to attend Queen's Park. After all, she was so instrumental in every community group ranging from senior citizens to hockey teams to women's groups to boxing clubs. Yet, as her leaflet says, "She also championed energy conservation". One can only assume that in the wee hours of the morning Scrivener prowled about government buildings turning off lights and turning down heat.

With due respect to those who distributed literature for all three parties, it seems safe to say that the St. David electorate did not cast its vote solely according to issues and slogans set forth in campaign literature. For each candidate there was a party and for each party a leader. Had Gordon Cressy won St. David it would have been in spite of both his leader and party.

Stephen Lewis' defence of his party's platform on the four dollar minimum wage was like a battle cry which sent every small business person in the province to defend the capitalist barricades. Meanwhile, Lewis himself seemed to be abandonning the socialist barricades as he wavered on one of the fundamental policies of his party: nationalization of our natural resources. While these positions haunted Lewis as he travelled the province, taking one step to each side and one step back, in his attacks on the Conservative government he failed to address Metro voters.

In the 1975 campaign the press gave the NDP its crucial Metro vote catcher: rent controls. With the sale of newspapers down in high rises, the *Toronto Star* promoted Lewis' case for controls. In 1977 the NDP banded the slogan, "In This Election Rent Review Is On The Line," but neither press nor tenants were tantalized. In fact, in St. David, high rise dwellers overwhelmingly supported Scrivener.

While Lewis seemed to be ignoring Metro voters, both Metro and the Conservatives seemed to be ignoring Stuart Smith. In 1975 Bill Davis saved all his wrath for Robert Fletcher Nixon. This time, Smith and his eight percent solution escaped close scrutiny. The Conservative's media campaign was designed to only flirt with traditional Liberal voters so as to leave sufficient energy to rape and pillage the NDP. The Conservatives bombarded radio and television stations with man-on-the street interviews. Rumour has it that delegates to a Social Credit meeting in British Columbia were in fact those men on the street. When asked about Dave Barrett's three year reign of terror there were orchestrated screams of horror.

Against this nightmare of an NDP government with no one to govern (for of course all Ontarians would vacate immediately were there an NDP government), was the Conservative's Charter for Ontario. Who could dispute the Charter's declaration for life, liberty, and the pursuit of not only happiness, but of full employment? With this Charter in hand, recent hydro increases, soaring food prices, industrial health hazards, and rising educational costs all seemed inconsequential. Somehow it no longer mattered that Bill Davis had just recently told us that national unity was not a partisan issue. He was prepared to lead us in this time of crisis and we were prepared to listen. But we were not prepared to give Davis his majority.

The election of 1977 was supposed to prove that 1975 was just an oversight on the part of the Ontario electorate. In fact 1975 was more like a Freudian slip. Nothing has really changed. Bill Davis must still contend with minority government and Margaret Scrivener is still the representative for St. David.

But does Scrivener's re-election reflect the wishes of Ward Seven residents? The ward makes up approximately 40% of St. David; approximately 55% of Ward Seven voted for Cressy. While a call for independence from St. David may at this time be premature, a green paper or royal commission on Ward Seven Language rights might be appropriate. The official language could consist of selected words and phrases such as nationalization, public ownership, socialism. Words that even Mr. Lewis refused to utter.

Ellen Pomer was Gord Cressy's Campaign Manager in the last Provincial election.

Invitation to Parkview School

On Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m., the parents of the first year students at Parkview Secondary School are invited to an informal get-together at the school, located at the corner of Danforth and Broadview.

As a parent of a student transferring to a special high school programme, you must be wondering what levels, credits and shop programmes are all about. Come and discuss these on the 14th. We want both you and your son or daughter to feel that they are in the most suitable high school programme for their achievement level.

Parkview Secondary School is one of the seven special high schools in the city of Toronto providing courses at Levels One, Two and Three. Students spend about half of their time in shop and half in academic programmes. The school offers a four-year programme at each of the three levels, resulting in a Secondary School Graduation Diploma with 27 or more credits. It also provides a work experience programme and job placement opportunities.

During the summer months, a small group of committed parents has come together regularly to help organize the meeting. They have contacted all parents of new students, encouraging them to attend the meeting, and have spent a considerable amount of time discussing some of the many concerns they, as parents, have as their children enter high school. They have discussed reading, homework, student placement and believe that many other



parents are interested in similar topics. The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents and staff to discuss these and other subjects, to share ideas and to

begin working together towards the possible formation of a School Community Council. Come and be part of your school community!

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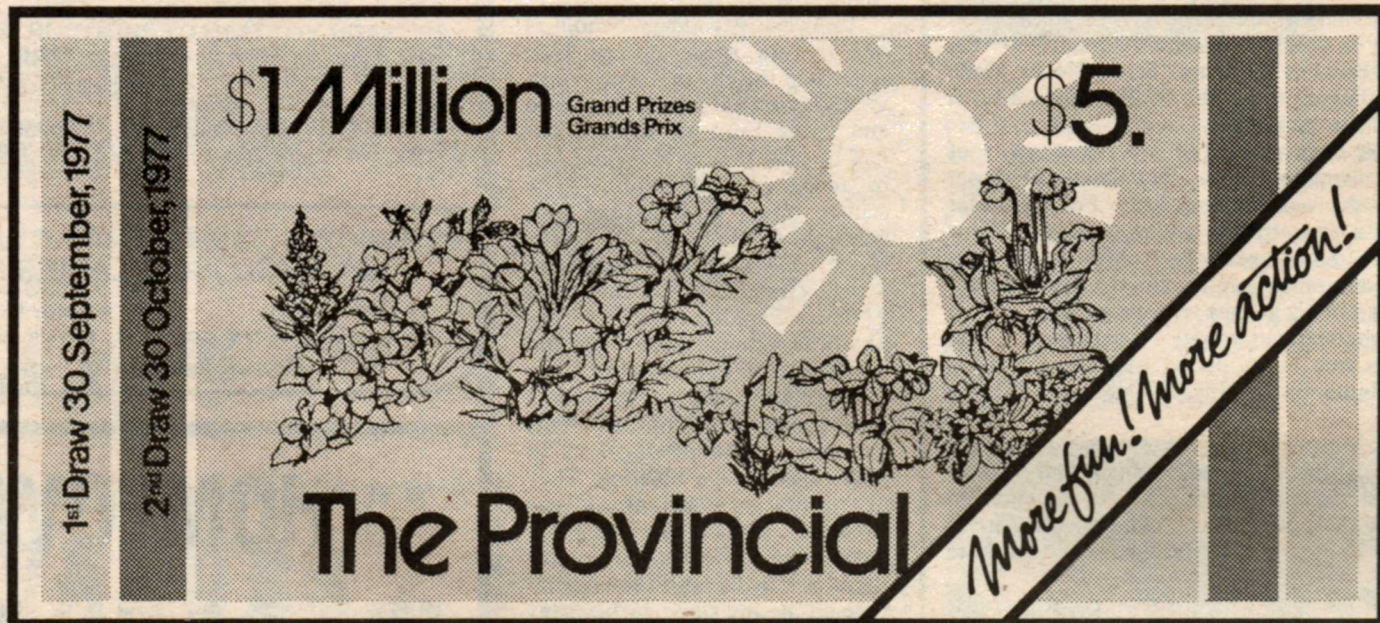
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Saturday September 10

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The Bain Ave. Co-op Street Festival gets under way today from 10 a.m. to midnight. There will be games and contests for kids, displays of crafts and plants, a Bake Contest and plenty of entertainment. Come and find out what the Co-op is all about!

Today from 1-5 p.m. the first in a six-part **folkdance series** begins at Harbourfront sponsored by the Canadian Multicultural Dance Theatre. Today's activities include an adult folkdance workshop from 1-5 p.m. and from 7:30 to midnight an **International Folkdance party** is planned. Both activities will take place in Harbourfront's Annex, 235 Queen's Quay West and are free to the public.

Sunday September 11

It's **family time** in Harbourfront's North Craft Studio today from 1-5 p.m. Activities include rug-hooking, applique, and construction of finger puppets. Sports equipment is also available, such as popgo sticks, frisbees, basketballs, shuffleboards, croquet, horse shoes and stilts. Admission is free and it all takes place at 235 Queen's Quay West.

Monday September 12

Today's the day for Dixon Hall's **Senior Citizen's Open House at Dixon Hall**, 58 Sumach Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone over 50 years of age is welcome to come and find out about the programs at Dixon Hall. Memberships at \$2.00 annually will be accepted. And remember, there'll be free refreshments.

Wednesday September 14

The City of Toronto Planning Board will be holding a public meeting on the **King-Parliament Preliminary Neighbourhood Plan** tonight at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street at 8 p.m.

Tonight at 7:30 the **parents of the first year students** at Parkview Secondary School are invited to an informal get-together at the school which is located at the corner of Danforth and Broadview.

Friday September 16

Each Friday during the fall and winter, the 519 Church Street Community Centre will present a **free film program** at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. All programs include a short subject. Everyone is welcome. Tonight's film is the award-winning *Going Down The Road*.

A **local history exhibit and discussion** of the Parliament Street area will take place tonight starting at 7 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament Street. On Saturday September 17 a tour of the area will be conducted. For more information phone 924-7246.

Saturday September 17

The 519 Church Street Community Centre presents a special **free Saturday film matinee** at 2 p.m.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Central Club, a senior citizen's group located at 519 Church Street will host an **open house and wine and cheese party** for interested senior citizens who might consider becoming involved in an active group which sponsors a variety of programs at the community centre.

For the second time this year, the Neighbourhood Information Post is sponsoring a fund-raising **Garage Sale**. The Post held a sale last spring that was such a success, they decided to have another. Thrifty shoppers should get there early for the bargains in furniture, small appliances, books, clothing, baked goods, jewellery and many other items. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Parliament Street Library House at 265 Gerrard Street East at Parliament. In case of rain, the sale will be held across the street at the Christian Resource Centre, 270 Gerrard Street. Anyone interested in having his own table at the sale, or wishing to donate items, should phone N.I.P. at 924-2543.

Monday September 19

Tonight's the night! There will be a **7 News Cnavasser's Meeting** at Withrow School, 25 Bain Avenue. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. sharp.

Wednesday September 21

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General

The YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto is now taking **registrations for its fall courses**. They offer fitness classes, Adult Education, Take-A-Break groups, Life Skills groups and Focus on Change Academic Upgrading. Courses vary in length from one day to 10 weeks and costs also vary. For more information, phone 487-7151 or 925-3137.

Calling St. Jamestown! This month the YMCA staff will be in your building lobby presenting **information on recreational programs** that are available to you in St. Jamestown. The staff will bring with them all of the swim cards to give out to tenants who haven't been able to drop by the office to pick theirs up. Displays will be set up from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Theatre Nextdoor is preparing to launch its '77-'78 season. They are anxious to welcome new members, and will be holding membership drives in the St. Jamestown building lobbies during mid-September. Drop by, see what they have to offer, and tell them what you have to offer. For further information, phone 924-8084 or 961-4016.

The Riverdale Library is offering **Kung-fu classes for adults** every Monday and Thursday throughout September. Classes run from 6-8 p.m.

Fall **programs at the 519 Church Street Community Centre** include dance, yoga, chess, French, astrology, free films, and the Fingerboard Folk Cafe. The Central Club offers programs for senior citizens including fitness, gingo, cards and drama. There is a coffee house for teens, on Thursdays, a drop-in and play centre for mothers, a library and a food co-op. For further information, phone the Centre at 923-2778.

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Cats have a fascinating history

by HOWARD HUGGETT

There is considerable discussion these days about the problem of dogs — there are so many of them around, some of them are noisy and they all foul the streets and parks, etc. You don't hear nearly so much about those other popular household pets, cats. Now why is that? There are certainly lots of them in this city, and they all defecate, as gardeners can tell you.

Well, there are several reasons, some of them obvious. Cats are a lot smaller than most dogs, and much quieter. The household variety can't roar like their big cousins, the lions and tigers. Unlike dogs, who enjoy the company of mankind, cats are much more solitary. They don't even care for each other's company, so they don't crowd together, as dogs and people do. And since they prefer the night hours and are so quiet and stealthy humans are often not aware that they are around. There are a couple of felines in my neighbourhood that are as likely to be on the rooftops as on the street.

It has been the misfortune of dogs to become too closely involved with man, who has developed literally hundreds of breeds, most of them for hunting various kinds of game. Some of these breeds are very large, too large for houses or apartments. Cats, on the other hand, were domesticated to hunt inside dwellings, and they have remained household-size. Since they stalk their prey, they are quiet and stealthy by habit. All in all, cats are much better suited to modern city life than dogs.

For many years I used to wonder why feline pets always gave you that haughty stare, and I had an uneasy notion that they knew something that I didn't. Then I became interested enough to look up cats in an encyclopedia, and there it told me that in Ancient Egypt they were worshipped. In those days you could be executed for killing a cat, and people were.

But cats had to suffer later on for all that high living. In the Europe of the middle ages the worship of felines was regarded as a pagan custom, and they were looked upon with considerable suspicion and were associated with witches. It was a common practice to wall up cats, still alive, in a new building for the purpose of frightening away mice and rats. So our friends have had their good times and their

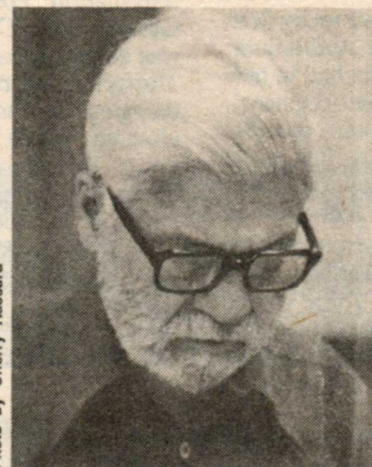


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bad ones. Right now they are doing very well. If they aren't worshipped they are certainly pampered.

What does the future hold in store for our feline pets? They are less of a nuisance than dogs, but they do even less to earn their keep and they don't even reward their owners with affection or even interest, not unless it suits them to

do so. In fact, cats don't give a damn about the human beings who keep so many of them in luxurious idleness.

Well, they have been around for a long, long time. Those who should know tell us that the cat family reached its present level of development many millions of years ago, perhaps as much as fifty. In all that time it has maintained a high peak of excellence, with a keen sense of smell, superb hearing, strength, speed, grace and magnificent co-ordination. Cats are among the most beautiful creations of nature, and that is probably why human beings like to have them around. Just to watch one walk proudly across a room is real pleasure.

I think that as long as people live upon this earth they will keep cats with them, but the cats will continue to treat the people as if they were new-comers, and look at them as if they expected humans to disappear one day and leave the cats on their own. And you know, they could just be right!



Kids Calendar

DANFORTH LIBRARY

Do you like puppet shows? If you do, drop by the library Saturday September 10 to see Cinderella. Show starts at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday September 17 at 2:00 in the afternoon, come to the library for Indian Days.

What are you doing after school on Thursdays? If you like movies, then come to the after-school film

program September 15 and 22. Movies start at 4:00 p.m. sharp.

PARLIAMENT STREET LIBRARY

Saturday September 10 and 17, you are invited to the library for Tall Tales To Hear and Paint. The fun starts at 2:00 p.m.

Want to have some fun after school? The library is running after-school programs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 4:00 p.m. during

September. Tuesdays there will be Craft Surprise; Wednesdays Stories By The Hearth; and Thursdays Fun Flicks.

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Are you a Curious George fan? If you are, come by the library Saturday September 10 at 2:00 p.m. for a Curious George picture contest.

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FODARRA plans forum

The Federation of Don Area Residents and Resident's Association is organizing a Forum for all residents and resident groups in the Don Area. The Forum will be held at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario Street Saturday September 24 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. A number of important issues are slated for discussion.

TTC Fare Increase;

The Chairman of the TTC, Gordon Hurlburt, has stated that fares will increase from five for \$2.00 to seven for \$3.00. Metro Council has not yet dealt with this issue but it will likely come up in early February. Now is the time to organize to fight the fare increase.

Wellesley Advisory Group:

A Citizens Committee presented a brief to the Board of Directors of Wellesley Hospital describing problems in regards to patient services and suggesting solutions. Out of that effort, the Wellesley Hospital Community Advisory Group has been formed. This committee will work with staff and Board members of Wellesley Hospital to deal with the recommendations contained in the brief. There will be a report on how the advisory Group is progressing.

Oak Street Site:

Plans are underway for a community meeting to consider how the Oak Street Site, two acres of land owned by the Toronto Board of Education, should be developed. Fifty-one homes were de-

molished on this site in the late 1960's to make room for a community school that never came about. The Board of Education is now interested in developing the site and is keen on having the community involved in the decision making. More information on how the plans are moving along will be presented at the Forum.

Yonge Street:

With the sex shops on Yonge Street shutting down, some residents fear that they will move into the industrial areas in the south of Ward Seven. Both Ward 7 Aldermen Janet Howard and John Sewell have indicated that they are opposed to this happening. One or both of the Aldermen will be present to discuss this issue.

Community Secretariat closed down:

The Community Secretariat has closed down because it could not obtain funding. Many local community groups many now have to find other ways to get flyers etc. drawn up. An arrangement may be worked out with Dixon Hall to keep the service going in some form. More on this at the Forum.

Robart's Report

The Robart's Report is a very important document which recommends changes in the structure of government affecting Metro Council and for the City Council of Toronto. Some feel it leaves a lot to be desired and that alternative proposals to the

recommendations need to be made. Janet Howard and John Sewell are interested in working with residents to draw up alternative proposals for a better structure of government for the City and Metro. One of the Aldermen will be in attendance to speak about the issue.

Problems obtaining fire insurance:

A lot of residents in this community are having great difficulty in obtaining fire insurance for their homes. There will be a discussion around what can be done to solve this problem.

FODARRA: Dead or alive?

There has been some feeling that FODARRA is no longer a force in the community and that it would be better for it to die than to linger on ineffectively. Do you have the commitment and energy to unite with other Don Area residents and Residents' Associations to work together around the issues that affect us all? If so, come out to the Forum.

And, if you would like further information, or to put something on the agenda, phone Mike Schwan at Central Neighbourhood House 925-4363.

Bonita's Eats: Quiche

I love making quiche. Not only does it impress even the most uncultured of my acquaintances, but it is so easy to make. Don't let the French scare you. Rene Levesque and Maurice Chevalier probably eat Kraft Dinner when they don't think anyone is looking. After all, in French it's dinner de Kraft — now doesn't that sound elegant? Enough to melt the hearts of even the most ardent of franco-phobes, I say.

But back to quiche. Serve it with une salade and for dessert, "Soubret d'orange avec Cointreau" (which is orange sherbert with orange liqueur on top) and you have one mighty impressive meal.

Quiche a la Bonita:

- 2-3 zucchini
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms
- 3-4 green onions
- ¼ cup oil

¼ cup dry white wine

Chop the vegetables and saute in the oil just to soften them.

Add the wine and let simmer till the wine has evaporated somewhat (about 5 minutes). Place in the bottom of a pie shell (see below). Place the following on top:

Mix well:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ lb. cheese grated (Swiss or Mozzarella)
- nutmeg to taste
- salt and pepper
- Bake at 350 degrees for about ½ hour or until top is golden brown.

Pastry crust:

- 1 and one third cups regular flour
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup shortening
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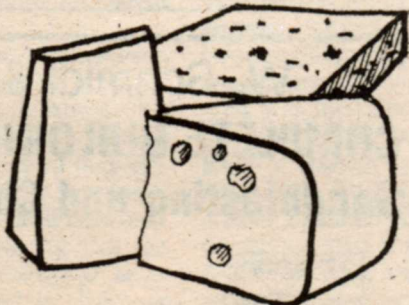
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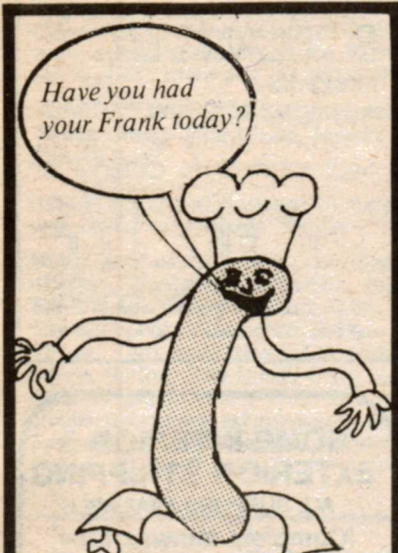
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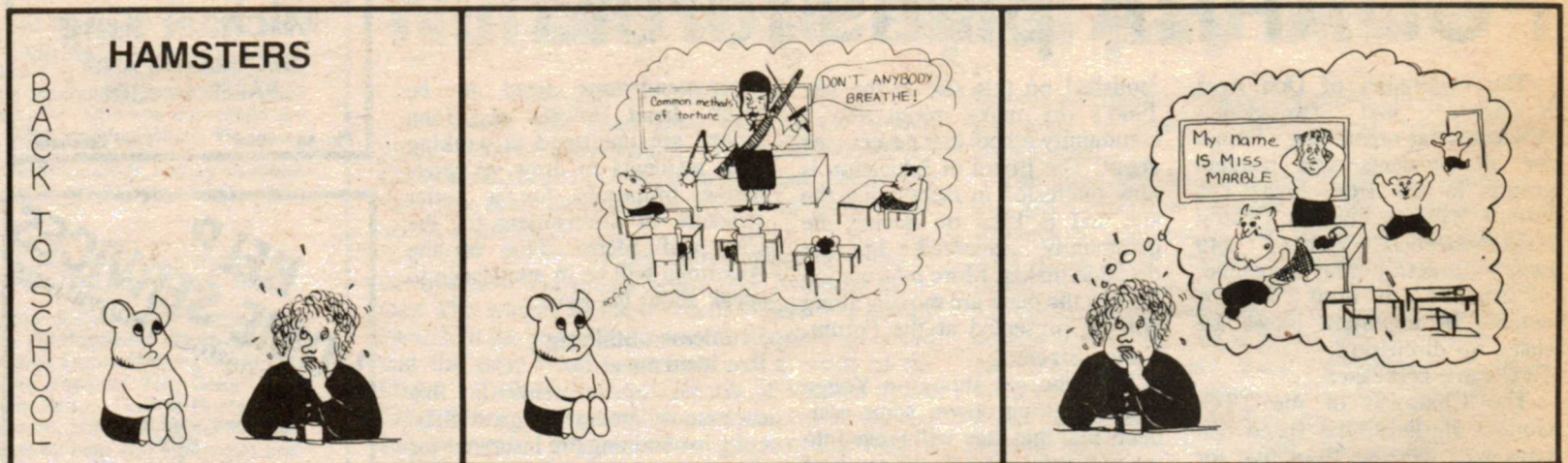
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when trapped by police.

Neighbours in the district were distressed and puzzled over the tragedy in which the boys, who are next door neighbours on Grant Street, were shot. Residents said youths in the area had been lighting firecrackers for about a week.

According to police, Andrew Bodrog, a 45 year old orderly who lived with his family at the end of Grant Street on Queen, stalked out of his flat Sunday complaining about youths throwing firecrackers.

"The noise is driving me crazy" Bodrog is reported to have told his wife before the shootings.

After the teenagers were shot, Bodrog took his own life while ducking behind a car parked in a laneway.

"It's a black Labour Day for

us," Doris Bloomfield, a Grant Street resident was reported to

have said about the shootings. "Things were going so good sine we held our street festival July first. But now this."

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Q: My son has been threatened with suspension. When can such an action be taken . . . can I do anything?

A: A principal may suspend a pupil for any of the following reasons: (1) persistent truancy, (2) persistent opposition to authority, (3) use of profane or improper language, (4) wilful destruction of school property, (5) conduct injurious to physical or mental well-being of others in the school. The parent or guardian may appeal the suspension within seven days to the school board. If the appeal is successful, the suspension will be dropped.

Q: Could you please explain expulsion? Does that mean a child is out of school for good?

A: On the report of the principal the school board holds a hearing and may expel a student whose conduct is judged hard to control and injurious to other students. The parent is notified in writing of the hearing and is expected to attend. Even if the board decides to expel the student, it may allow him/her to return later.

Q: Is there any way a prospective employer could have access to high school records?

A: The law requires contents of school records to be kept secret, but at the written request of a student over 18, or of a parent or guardian of a student who is a minor, the principal is allowed to prepare a report containing that information for use by another educational institution or for a prospective employer.

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Q: Is the privacy of my high school locker protected by law?

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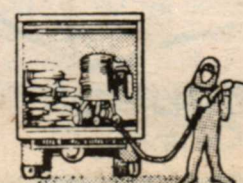
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