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## A special 7 News report

# Unemployment: Ward 7 hit hard

By ROGER ROLFE

The unemployment situation is bad. We all know it. In February of this year, the official figures broke the 1,000,000 mark. When Statistics Canada made the announcement, the occasion was turned into high drama. There was a flurry in the House of Commons, in the press, and on the newscasts. Unemployment had reached Depression levels.

But the magic figure was only a symbol. Most of us in Ward 7 have known how bad joblessness is for a long time.

### Worse in Ward 7

Over the past five years the rate has been rising steadily, from 6.9% in 1975 to 7.1% in 1976 to 8.1% in 1977, to 8.3% in February of this year. This Canadian average is far below the rate in Ward 7.

We know too that the picture is going to get worse before it gets better. The Economic Council of Canada — an institution known to be very conservative — predicts rising unemployment for the next six years. The recent jump in the consumer price index bears this out.

So does the rapidly plummeting value of the dollar. The lower the dollar goes the more foreign inputs into Canadian industries will cost.

And since most of Canadian industry is dominated by multinational, foreign branch-plants (and therefore uses imported inputs), the prices on all those goods apparently "Made in Canada" will be going up too.

If this looks like a bleak picture, it's because it is.

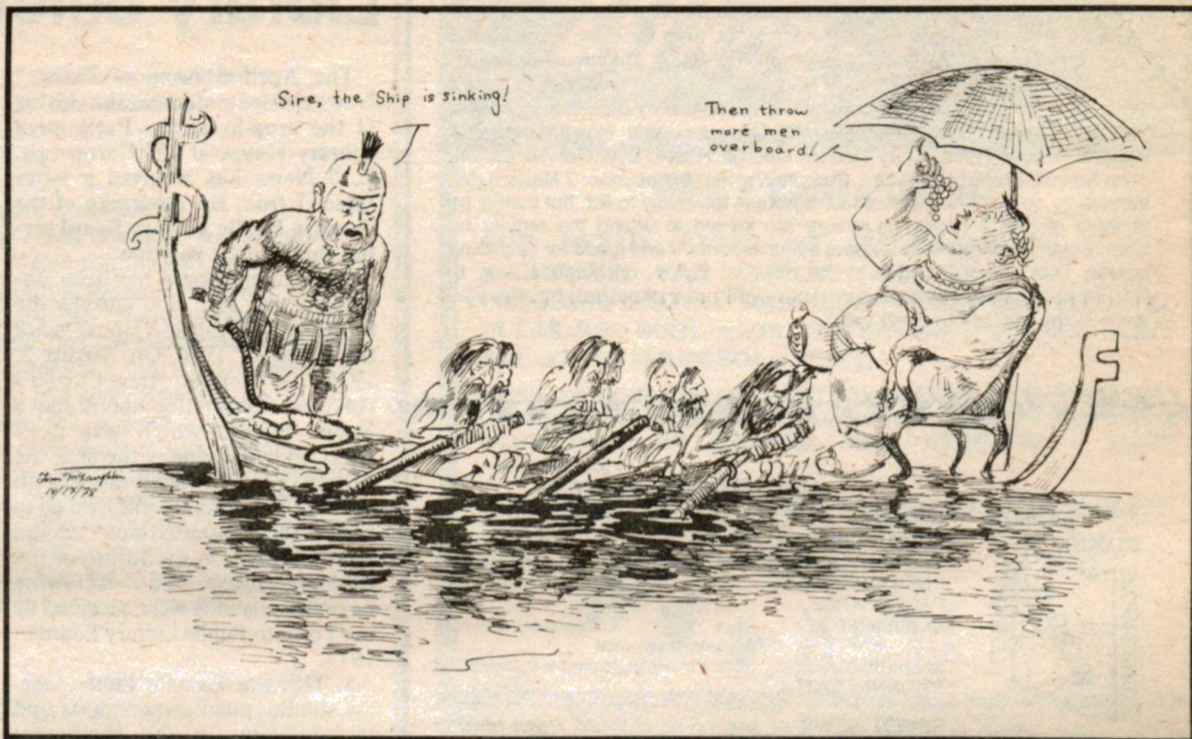
Why is unemployment so high? Is it this bad in other countries? What causes it? And who is hardest hit?

I want to get at the answers to these questions in this, and subsequent articles on unemployment. There are all kinds of myths circulating about the problem — myths usually offered by those who are trying to protect themselves and pass the buck to someone else. With a little digging we can get to some of the realities of unemployment. And with that knowledge we can maybe do something about it, for ourselves and for others.

So just how many people are out of work?

### Statistics misleading

Let's start with the official picture. For the week ending Feb. 18 this year (the latest available figures), Statistics-Canada estimates there were 1,007,000 people unemployed. That's 75,000 more than in February 1977. The



seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment was 8.3%, up from 8.0% this time last year.

This unemployment figure is an average covering all parts of the country and all age groups. When we break it down we see that women suffered an unemployment rate of 9.6% compared with 7.5% for men. People 15-24 years of age had a 14.8% unemployment rate while men and women over 25 years old had 6.0% unemployment.

### Women & young hardest hit

There is a very simple answer to why more women and more younger people are unemployed. It's not because women don't need the work, or because younger workers quit jobs more easily. It's

because women and younger people end up with the low skilled, low paying, low security jobs. They are the last hired and the first fired, and in an economic situation as bleak as Canada's is today, layoffs in the low wage sector are numerous and common.

There is also a big regional variation in the unemployment rates. In Alberta, where oil and gas revenues are creating a short-term boom in the provincial economy, the rate is 4.7%, about half the national average. Saskatchewan and Manitoba are also below average at 5.1% and 6.5% respectively. (But here's a secret: Manitoba doesn't count native people among its

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## Cabbagetown boxers win

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre came away with five championships in seven entries at the Ontario Senior and Intermediate Amateur Boxing Championships on the April 15 weekend.

Cabbagetown winners in the Wellingborough tournament were Mike Henry in the 112-pound senior class; Don Poule in the 125-pound intermediate class; Guy Boutin in the 125-pound senior class; Martin Mezzera in the 139-pound intermediate class; and John Raftery in the 139-pound senior class.

Don Marshall of Cabbagetown lost a very close decision in the 147-pound intermediate class. Many observers at the tournament thought that he had taken all three rounds from his opponent, Arvo Punkkinen of Sudbury.

Pat Fennell of Cabbagetown, meanwhile, was leading in his bout on all score cards when he was cut above the left eye from an unintentional butt by his opponent.

Martin Mezzera was awarded the 'Most Improved Boxer' Trophy for the 77-78 season. The trophy is named after Lawrence Langille, the great Cabbagetown lightweight who was killed in a car accident in 1973.

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club will be holding an all-star boxing card with ten bouts on Saturday May 13 at 2:30 p.m. The club is at 2 Lancaster, behind the Brewer's Retail store on Parliament St.

## Does OHC care?

Some Bleeker Street tenants who have been living in Ontario Housing (OHC) units for 10 or 15 years found themselves faced with the threat of eviction recently.

Their problem is that after years as OHC tenants, they suddenly found themselves no longer able to meet the criteria for eligibility for Ontario Housing. (The main criteria involve low income, having a family dependent on you, being disabled, or being over 60). This means that a mother with children may be eligible as long as there are children at home, but when the children move out on their own, the mother may become ineligible. This was the case of one 58-year-old Bleeker Street tenant who had been with OHC for 15 years. OHC told her that her lease would not be renewed, but then backed off later under pressure from Neighbourhood Legal Services. Another woman was told her lease would not be renewed because her employed daughter was living with her, thus bringing the family income over the limit OHC will accept.

However, Lou Maily, the property manager for the Bleeker Street buildings, which are owned by Ontario Housing but managed by Meridian Property Management, denied that there was any problem. He told 7 News that "I couldn't tell you what it (the policy) is", but added that people who had called 7 News with complaints were "trying to stir up a lot of baloney". He said that no one had been evicted for failing to meet criteria.

According to Neighbourhood Legal Services worker Mary Anderson, however, there have been "three cases for sure" that she

could remember in which OHC had tried to move people out for no longer being eligible, although to date they have not succeeded in any of the cases.

Anderson acknowledges that there might be a question as to whether the tenants involved still conform to OHC guidelines, but argued that the OHC policy itself is insensitive. She feels it would make more sense for OHC to reduce or remove its subsidy from the unit in question if the tenant no longer qualifies, rather than forcing the tenant to move out after having lived there for years. She also pointed out that in the case of single women who have finally succeeded in getting their income above the maximum allowed by OHC, there is the very real possibility that with the economic situation the way it is, these women may be earning below the minimum again next year or the year after.

The main problem seems to be OHC's unimaginative and inflexible policy. Although OHC has virtually stopped building units on its own, and is relying more on subsidization of existing units, it continues to act as if it is trying to maintain low-income ghettos. When a tenant in a subsidized unit ceases to be eligible, the OHC, if it had any sensitivity and sense, could transfer its subsidy to another unit, to somebody on the waiting list, letting the original tenant, and the tenant on the waiting list stay put. Instead, OHC uproots two families where it might not have to uproot anybody.

There are a lot of OHC tenants who will say that is typical of the way OHC works.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

A reassuring hand on the arm at the pony ride. The ride, held at the Parliament-Gerrard parkette, was part of the Cabbagetown 100th Birthday Festival.

For the sixth year in a row, the annual Forsythia Festival is taking place in Wellesley Park, at the eastern end of Wellesley St., on Sunday May 7 from 1 p.m. on.

The festival is named after the Forsythia-planting ceremony which has been an annual highlight of the event. But there are a great many other features to the Forsythia Festival as well, including the TTC Pipe Band, Ethna Heffernan singing Irish ballads and playing her Irish harp, the bicycle and wagon decorating contest, various other musicians, and of course the annual Mutt Show, in which dogs are judged for the most spots, the longest tails, the biggest and smallest in size, and the smartest.

So bring your dog, bring your friends, and bring yourself. That's Sunday May 7, from 1 p.m. on.

For more information, call Ward 7's parrot man, Tony Brady, at 961-8199.

We're past the half-way point in the 7 News fundraising campaign now. The response has been quite good — to date, we've received more than \$1700.00 in donations from our readers. But — we need still more if 7 News is to become self-supporting. If you haven't become a supporting member of 7 News, please do so now by filling out the coupon on Page 8.



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- to receive and consider reports from the President, Nominating Committee, other committees of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.
- to receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1977 and the report thereon from Hilborn & Co., Auditors.
- to elect Directors.
- to appoint auditors
- Generally to transact such further and other business, as may be properly brought before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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## Library defends drop-in decision

The April 8 issue of Ward 7 News carried a story on the closing of the drop-in at the Parliament Library House at 265 Gerrard St. E. 7 News has received a letter (below) from the chairman of the Toronto Public Library Board giving the Board's position:

The Library Board has been discussing with staff and citizens the future of the Library House since the spring of 1976. On August 5, 1976, the Central Area Citizen's Advisory Committee sponsored a Public Forum which was well-attended by citizens in the area. As a result of the Public Library Forum a citizen's committee was formed to make recommendations to the Library Board on the future of the Library House. The following recommendations were accepted by the Toronto Public Library Board in 1977:

1. That the Toronto Public Library should retain ownership of and responsibility for the Parliament Street Library House; that community, cultural and library-related activities be organized by the library staff based in part on suggestions from the community; and that the

staff should conscientiously avoid duplicating services and activities that are already offered by other agencies in the neighbourhood.

2. That Parliament Street Library House be the program-arm of the library; programs offered should reflect local interest and utilize local talents, should be well-advertised at the Parliament Street Library and should support library collections, therefore the Library and the House should operate as a unit.

3. That the drop-in facilities should be retained but be located less prominently; because of the diverse nature of the neighboring community, the Library and House must offer a wide range of programs and services in order to meet the needs of all sectors of the community.

The citizen's committee which developed these recommendations continued to act as the Building Committee for the renovations of the Parliament Street Library. In developing the building program the committee tried to include these recommendations. The expansion

of the library collection will necessitate using the entire library building for housing the collection and associated reading and study areas. Consistent with citizen recommendations, the committee recommended that the Library House be used as the program-arm of the Library, with alternate programs being developed to accommodate the needs of the present drop-in clientele. The Library House staff and the staff of the Parliament Street Library were involved in all phases of these discussions and voted to accept the citizen recommendations. Staff and citizens feel that the proposed changes would make the most effective use of both the facilities and staff and would better serve all segments of the community.

I hope this has clarified the position of the Library Board.

Yours sincerely,  
Neil Nakoneczny  
Chairman.

## Parkview parents

#### From a Parkview Parent

Since I became involved in the Parkview Parents Group at Parkview School, I have learned quite a few things. I learned that teachers at the school not only care about the students, they care about the parents. Anybody who would like to become part of our group need not feel shy because if you want to learn something about the school you only have to ask. For example, Mr. Al Stewart has gone

out of his way to teach us about the Metric system and we have helped our friends. Other teachers have come to our meetings to tell us about their programmes. If you care about your children's education, we'd be glad to have you come to our meetings at Parkview. We meet every two weeks. The next meeting is on Monday, May 8, 1978 at 7:30 p.m.

Jean-Guy Morin  
Parkview Parent

## Wants Dundas streetcar

In all the years that I have lived in the Dundas-Greenwood area, I have felt cheated by the fact that Dundas Street running east of Broadview is not served by the TTC. Dundas Street has public transit to Broadview, but those of us living east of it have been short changed. I have observed that the walk to Queen or Gerrard from the Dundas area can be quite tiring for the elderly and for people with toddlers in tow, as well as very uncomfortable and long for any of us if the weather is bad. Personally I would never like to drive my car downtown if I could hop on a bus at

Dundas St., and many residents with whom I have discussed this matter feel the same way about it.

I have spoken to Ward 8 Alderman Tom Clifford about this, and he has suggested that we collect petitions and signatures which could be presented to the TTC to show our strength and determination. Therefore we are asking everyone who is interested in having a bus service on Dundas St. East to call Alderman Clifford at 367-7904, or one of the other aldermen, to let them know our feelings in this matter.

Marian Preiner

## Unfair to 7 News?

#### To the Editor:

Why are Brewer's Retail stores in Ward 7 carrying "This is Ontario", a glossy travel magazine, but refusing to carry Seven News?

We distributors work very hard to get Seven News to the homes of all residents and appreciate the help of merchants and schools. But the Brewer's Retail outlets turned us down flat.

"This is Ontario" is published by T.I.O. Publishing in Don Mills and is a glossy travel mag supported by ads from Molson's, Highlight Beer, Cigarettes, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural

#### Resources.

It appears Brewer's Retail has developed a cozy relationship with the national corporations and with provincial ministers but have no time for the people and happenings in our community.

On what grounds was a decision made to distribute and promote "This is Ontario" but not to allow Seven News to be placed on a counter where it could be picked up by customers who want it? What is the position of the provincial government in this matter?

John Piper  
Distributor

Good question — staff

## Good for 7 News

#### Dear friends:

Please find enclosed money for two supporting memberships. With appreciation for your support for the gay movement.

Tim McCaskell  
Richard Fung

#### Dear 7 News:

Enclosed please find my cheque for your supporting membership campaign. I thoroughly enjoy 7 News. Keep up the fine work.

Margaret E. Parker

#### Dear 7 News:

As a member of Saint Luke's United Church Community Committee, I am pleased to support your paper with the attached cheque, and to inform you that the Committee will support the paper through purchasing advertising in 1978. We feel that the newspaper definitely fulfills a need in the ward. Wishing you all success.

Ernest Edmondson

#### Dear 7 News:

Please mail me copies of forthcoming Ward 7 News. As I do programming for an activities program for a group home I find it very helpful.

B. Sanford

#### Dear 7 News Staff:

Please accept this donation from the members of the 155 Sherbourne Residents' Association. We all read your paper and enjoy it very much. We find it informative and good reading. Wishing you every success in continuing with the paper.

Gladys Elia  
Secretary-Treasurer

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# Regent community centre on again

A series of meetings is underway in Regent Park to talk about getting a community centre set up in Regent. There has been talk about such a centre for years and years, but this time there is one difference — the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) has tentatively agreed to help provide a building. There is a catch, however — tenants have to come up with the money needed to run the place.

So a committee has been set up, sponsored by the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RRCIA) and chaired by John Piper, to look into ways of

raising money for the centre. The committee consists of five Regent residents, two people from OHC, and two people from Central Mortgaging and Housing (CMHC). The committee is circulating a questionnaire to see what people want to see in a community centre, and to see if tenants are willing to pay up membership fees to operate the place. (A membership fee of \$25 per family has been proposed.)

The possibility of getting money from the city to run the centre is being looked into (recreation is supposed to be a municipal responsibility) but there is some opposi-

tion in Regent to city control of the community centre.

The proposed centre would have facilities for bingo, bowling, dancing, daycare, teen activities, and other sports, arts, and educational activities.

While the committee is doing its work, the RPCIA is trying to get tenants interested in the centre through a series of building meetings, which are discussing it and some other topics, including the tenant management program and adult education upgrading.

# Hot water \$\$\$ woes

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Back in January it seemed that the winter would never end. However, it finally did, and pretty soon we will be able to forget about heating our homes — until next October. How nice to be able to open a window or door for some fresh air without wondering how much it will cost.

But there is another heating cost around the home, one that is sometimes overlooked during the winter months, when the main problem is keeping Little Jack Frost outside, where he belongs. That is the expense of heating water for all the household uses — baths, showers, washing the clothes and the dishes.

That expense goes on throughout the year, and unless you are on a flat rate it will most likely cost you more to heat water from now on than it did last winter. That is because the Consumers Gas and Toronto Hydro charge a higher rate for the first quantities of energy you use and drop the rate as your consumption goes up. In this way they are encouraging consumers to use more, not less, despite what they say in their advertising. But then they both make their money out of consumption, not conservation.

result in a reduction of the power used for lighting.

This rate structure that encourages overuse of energy is something that has bothered conservationists for years, and as a result of their complaints the utility companies have promised to do something about it in the next few years. As to why it should take so long to work out a new schedule of rates, a good explanation is hard to come by. It certainly doesn't take long to jack up the prices, as they do so frequently.

So, this is a good time to think about the cost of heating water and what can be done to keep it down as much as possible. How much does it cost? According to "100 Ways to Save Energy & Money in the Home", that excellent little booklet published by Energy, Mines & Resources, Canada, one cubic foot of natural gas will supply enough heat to raise the temperature of a gallon of water from 50 degrees Fahrenheit to 150. If a household uses 50 gallons a day, and lots of them do, no doubt, that will use 50 cubic feet of gas. One hundred cubic feet cost about .30¢ on my summertime gas bill, so 50 gallons a day would figure out to .15¢ per day, if my arithmetic is correct. That doesn't seem like much, but in one month it adds up to \$4.50, \$54 in a year.

According to the booklet mentioned above, electric heating is considerably more. The cost of heating 50 gallons of water works out to about .50¢. That would add up to \$15 for a month and \$180 for a whole year. That seems rather high, but a double-check on my calculations doesn't change the figures. Maybe some of our readers who use electrical power to heat water can come up with some data.

# Re-cycle your bottles

On the average, each person in Toronto produces about five pounds of garbage a day. Where does it all go?

However you look at it, it's a big burden on the environment. Just the City of Toronto (not Metro) generates 750,000 tons of garbage each year. Existing dumps are being filled rapidly. Surrounding municipalities are unwilling to accept Toronto's overflow. Incinerating

only works for some things, and it adds to air pollution.

The Toronto Recycling Action Committee (TRAC) is encouraging people to follow the "3 R's" of limiting waste, by Reducing the amount, Re-using objects rather than throwing them out, and Recycling things like food wastes, bottles, cans, and newspapers. They suggest that people avoid buying over-packaged goods and items which cannot be reused or recycled, and take steps like composting food and garden wastes.

have bottles or cans to throw out, they ask that you take them there and deposit them in the containers for recycling. They ask you to prepare the materials by separating bottles by colour — clear, green and brown — and by removing plastic and metallic labels. They ask you to remove labels from cans and to flatten them.

For further information on recycling call TRAC at 367-7850.

# Don Jail inquiry finds brutality

A long-awaited report on the Don Jail has concluded that some guards have engaged in brutality against prisoners. As a result of the report, three guards have been fired and 17 others disciplined. The report comes out of an inquiry that started when a former guard, Gary Dassy, charged publicly that discipline in the jail was maintained by brutality. The report makes a number of recommendations, including one that guards should avoid provoking confrontations caused by touching or insulting inmates. Correctional Services Minister Frank Drea said that he thought conditions had changed lately, with the raising of the educational requirement for guards from Grade 8 to Grade 12, and the upping of the basic wage from \$9,500 to \$14,400. The old section of the Don Jail, located at Gerrard and Broadview, was closed in December, but the new section still holds some 300 inmates and 155 guards.

# Great Lakes Pollution Group

A group concerned with pollution in the Great Lakes — Public Focus on Great Lakes Pollution — has opened its doors in Toronto. Carmel Kilkenny, a spokesman for the group, says of the Great Lakes that "the largest body of fresh water in the world could easily become the world's largest open sewer" unless action is taken to prevent it. The group can be reached at 763-6516.

# Caretakers may strike

Caretakers working for the Toronto Board of Education may go on strike May 11 if their contracts are still unsettled at that time. The Board employs 700 caretakers, making \$6.07 an hour, and 250 chief caretakers and stationary engineers, who make about \$7.50 an hour. The caretakers are asking for a 10 per cent raise, while the Board is offering them 3%. A caretakers' strike could disrupt the operations of many schools.

# Fire at St. Luke's

St. Luke's United Church, at Sherbourne and Carlton Streets, was hit by a fire in the midst of the morning service last Sunday. Rev. Malcolm Finlay was about to send 40 children up the Sunday school classes when he was informed the Sunday school room was on fire. The congregation quickly filed out the building, and no one was hurt. Damage was estimated at \$3,100. The cause of the fire is not known.

They maintain three recycling depots in the Ward 7 area for bottles and cans: on Rose Avenue just south of Prospect (beside Winchester School); at 30 St. Lawrence St., west side, south of King St. east, one block west of River St.; and at 381 Greenwood Ave. on the east side at Walpole Ave. (just south of the CNR railway crossing). If you

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## Bonita's Mom's Gnocchi

By BONNIE SARTORI

I would like to begin by thanking the editors for their most complimentary remarks (in a foreign language no less!) ending my last column. The statement for those of you who are not knowledgeable of Italian, translated by my father — who told me the most hilarious worm joke in the first place — is as follows: "We think that the worm joke should be used by the Liberals the next election as their campaign slogan, it's so funny. And there is nothing like laughter to soothe the troubled heart in these times. Frances first heard it, she thought it was so funny that she screamed and fell off her chair and would not talk for three days so impressed was she by the sheer wit of the joke. We would also like to apologize to the wonderful Bonnie Sartori for our omitting some important ingredients in her recipes. We only did it as a pre-April Fools joke on her because she is so marvellous and besides, has one of the most terrific senses of humour since Queen Victoria walked the earth. We would also like to humbly entreat her to ask her Uncle Bruno to go back to Detroit with his baseball bat and try out for the Detroit Tigers or something equally constructive. We are sure that with the agility he has demonstrated with his bat that the Tigers would be sure to beat out the Blue Jays in the World Series this year."

That's the nice thing about Italian. . . you don't have to say much in Italian to convey all these lovely sentiments that take so long to say in English. It is because of this that Michaelangelo had so much time to paint or sculpt or whatever it was he did. . . he didn't have to use up

whole days to communicate the English equivalent of "chicharini". Did Shakespeare ever do any painting or any junk like that? No! It's because he had to spend all day writing so that people who spoke English would understand him.

Anyway, this time around I was planning on sharing some bona-fide Chinese recipe with you but Henry at work — who is a bona-fide Chinese person — forgot to give his mom's secret recipe for spaghetti sauce and so you, starving for Oriental food as you are, will have to wait until Henry gets his act together.

Instead, I'm going to give you my mom's secret recipe for gnocchi pronounced 'nyokie' for those of you uninitiated to this rare treat. It really is a terrific dish. I was practically raised on them in my childhood and see what a wonderful person I am today. What more can I say about gnocchi?

Bonita's mom's secret Gnocchi (also a powerful aphrodisiac, very good to encourage a lot of necking):

5 lbs. potatoes  
2 cups flour  
6 quarts boiling water  
3 tbsp. salt  
4 cups any favourite tomato sauce, boiling hot  
4 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese  
1) boil potatoes till well done. Cool a little, peel and mash together.

2) place on a floured board and mix well with the flour. Some potatoes will require more flour than others. Knead potato dough well.

3) Roll into quarter-sized roll and cut into pieces about 1" long. Press each piece lightly with a fork.

4) Place about 20 gnocchi in boiling salted water, when they come to the surface, remove from water with a strainer and place in a serving dish.

5) Keep water boiling briskly, repeat until all gnocchi are cooked. Add tomato sauce, sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese and serve. Serves at least 6.

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- Marriages — age of consent and civil ceremonies.
- Succession rights — the rules for making wills and rights of surviving family members.

The new laws substantially change the rights and responsibilities of every person in Ontario.

The Ministry of the Attorney General has prepared an easy-to-understand pamphlet which summarizes the new law. For your free copy, write to:

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Ministry of the  
Attorney General  
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## Women's Boycott

By JANET HOWARD

At its last meeting, City Council voted to support a boycott organized by the National Organization for Women of travel and convention spending in American states which refuse to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to their Constitution.

The City spends several thousands of dollars a year for its members and employees to attend conferences and meetings of professional associations, many of them in the United States. As much of this tax money is raised from women, most members of Council who were present, (all in fact, but David Smith) voted for this policy, which joins with over 150 organizations and several municipal councils in one of the most successful economic boycotts ever organized.

Three more American states must ratify the amendment before it can be included in the Constitution. The 15 which have refused to do so are feeling the pinch — convention associations in Georgia and Nevada are considering law suits against the National Organization for Women. The Toronto Board of Health refused \$607 to send a representative to the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Georgia, and organizations refusing to cancel conferences in the 15 states will be told by the City of Toronto members that public money will not be made available to attend.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Friday May 5

The Regent Adult Recreation Centre is holding their **annual open house** today from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the centre, suite 101, 605 Whiteside Place. Tenants of the park and surrounding areas are invited to come and see what facilities the centre offers.

## Sunday May 7

Today's the day of the sixth annual **Forsythia Festival in Wellesley Park** at the eastern end of Wellesley Street. The fun starts at 1 p.m. and features a Forsythia planting ceremony, the TTC Pipe Band, Ethna Herrenan singing Irish ballads and playing her Irish harp, the bicycle and wagon decorating contest, and the annual mutt show. Dogs are judged for having the most spots, the longest tails, etc.

**The Energy Crisis Show**, three short skits by Eneraction Theatre on current energy issues, opens tonight in the Harbourfront Theatre at 8:30, and runs until May 18. For more information call 364-5665.

A **fundraising bazaar** will be held today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Theatre du P'tit Bonheur in the Harbourfront Cafe. Activities include a flea market, bake sale, games and raffles.

## Monday May 8

A Blood Donor clinic will be held today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the **Riverdale Hospital**.

**The Parkview School Parents Group** meets tonight, and every second Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. If you are a Parkview parent, come on out and get involved.

From today until next Saturday, there will be a **Greek Festival** at George H. Locke Library (3083 Yonge at Lawrence) with films, displays, dances, bake sales, craft displays, plays, at various times. Call 483-8578 for time and details.

## Tuesday May 9

The Danforth Library's People and Places film series presents a **film on Jacques Cousteau**. Admission is free and coffee is served. Film starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday May 10

Today is the day for the big **rummage sale** at **Woodgreen United Church**, 875 Queen Street East. Sale starts at 10 a.m. and runs till 2 p.m. with good bargains in adult and children's clothing, kitchen ware, and jewelry.

**Pre-school registration** at Withrow School 25 Bain Avenue, takes place today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Call 465-5497 for information.

## Thursday May 11

Don Thompson, organist, performs at the **noon recital** today at 12 noon in St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor Street. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

There will be a **Block Parents Meeting** tonight for anyone interested at Withrow School from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with babysitting being provided. A film and a discussion led by a Block Parent representative are on the agenda.

## Friday May 12

The Riverdale Library is screening **free Chinese movies** tonight at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

West Park Secondary School is holding its **Spring Thing** tonight from 6:30 to 9:30 in the school at 1515 Bloor Street West. Everyone is welcome. There'll be games, shows, an auction and bingo, bake sale and refreshments and MORE! Admission is a mere 25¢ and proceeds go to the school athletic and field trip fund.

**Fred's Free Films** flick on at the 519 Church Street Community Centre tonight at 8 p.m. with a screening of "I Heard The Owl Call Out My Name" and "Year of the Green Centre".

There will be a reunion tonight for all **Jarvis Collegiate** graduates of the 1970's (the years 1970-1978) from 7 pm to 1 am, at the Club Harmonie, 410 Sherbourne St. (just below Wellesley). Admission is \$5.00 per person with a light buffet provided and a bar available. Proceeds go to a Jarvis Scholarship Fund. For advance tickets, see Mr. John Humphries of the Jarvis French Department.

The Canada Philippines Friendship Society and International Association of Filipino Patriots are holding a **fundraising dance** at St. Paul's Church, 83 Power St. (1 block east of Parliament at Queen) at 8 pm. There will also be a showing of the film Collision Course. Admission \$2.00 Call 366-0170 for details.

## Saturday May 13

Woodgreen Community Centre is holding **another one of its great Mother's Day dances** tonight at the Centre, 835 Queen Street East, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$3.00 per person and includes food. There'll be a disc jockey, door prize, spot dance prizes and a raffle. For tickets and information call 461-1168.

There will be an **informal open house on co-ops** today at 186 Main Street sponsored by the Main Street Group For Co-operative Development. Representatives from various co-ops will be present to answer questions about their organizations and about co operatives generally. Films will be screened. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A historical fare, including a walking tour of the North Jarvis Area, will be held by the 519 Church Street Community Centre today. The tour will concentrate on Jarvis and Church Streets, below Bloor. Times for the tours are 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. There

will be a dinner and dance in the p.m. Refreshments and daycare will be provided during the day at 519 Church. So bring your camera and learn the history of an interesting section of Downtown Toronto. Call 923-2778 for more information.

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club is holding an all-star boxing card at 2:30 p.m. today with ten bouts, scheduled. The club is at 2 Lancaster Avenue, behind the Brewer's Retail store on Parliament just above Winchester.

## Sunday May 14

The Enoch Turner Schoolhouse presents the **Centrallia Quartet in a concert** today at 4 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students with refreshments included. The Quartet will play Mozart, Samuel Barber and Mendelsshon. For more information call Keith Joyce at 863-0010.

Molly Hewitt will be speaking on Spiritual Gifts today at the St. Luke's Forum, 353 Sherbourne St., at 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## Monday May 15

A five-week **learn-to-swim program** for adults in St. Jamestown begins today in the indoor pool of the Ottawa building, 650 Parliament St. These classes are for the person who has never learned to swim and would like to feel comfortable in or around the water. The cost is \$10.00, registration is at the YMCA main office.

## Tuesday May 16

The Danforth Library's People and Places film series presents a **free film on Banff National Park** tonight at 7:30. Admission is free.

Tonight is the first night of a 7-week **discussion series on food** at the Cross-Cultural Communication Centre, 1991 Dufferin St. (653-2223), at 7:30 p.m. Tonight there will be a discussion of: "Is the diet of Canadians nutritionally sound? Why do food prices keep rising? Why is the family farm disappearing?" and other questions.

## Thursday May 18

"**Backpacking in the Canadian Rockies**" will be presented at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape, tonight at 7:30. Admission is free.

T. Woolared Harris, from St. George's United Church, will perform at the **popular noon recital** today in St. Paul's united Church, 227 Bloor Street East. Admission is free.

## Friday May 19

Fred's Free Films at the 519 Church Street Community Centre includes "Let George Do It" and "Year of the Communes" tonight at 8 p.m.

**Registration** for junior and senior kindergarten at Rose Avenue School takes place today from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## General

Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East, is giving **yoga classes on Wednesdays** from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for \$25.00. Call 461-1168 for more information.

The Urban Alliance on Race Relations is sponsoring a **free legal clinic for victims of racism**. Qualified lawyers will provide advice and assistance. The clinic will be held on Tuesday evening from 5 to 7:30 at 229 College Street. For more information call 598-0111.

**Are you an immigrant woman who is having a difficulty landing a job?** Or an employer who is having a difficult time acquiring dependable help? Then Employment Services For Immigrant Women, 24 Major Street, can possibly help you. Services are free to all employers and job-seekers, and the agency is staffed by Chinese, Italian, and West Indian personnel who can help bridge the gap that often exists between the immigrant woman job-seeker and her potential employer. For more information call 922-8017.

Woodgreen Community Centre is offering **art classes** on Tuesday s. Cost is \$20.00 for 10 lessons. Call 461-1168 for more information.

Starting May 28 a **Women's Jogging Club** is starting up. There'll be weekly fun-runs, and a Sunday run at 9 a.m. in Riverdale Park. If this sounds like a good way to get and keep fit, call Ellen at 924-2851 to find out how you can get involved in this jogging club.

As part of the Immigrant Orientation Program, **information sessions are being given** until the end of May free of charge at Oakwood Collegiate, 991 St. Clair West. The sessions will be given in the school cafeteria, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. by trained Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and West Indian counsellors. Babysitting is provided. For more information call 652-3074.

The Community Employment Development Centre, 58 Sumach Street, is now scheduling **workshops to deal with job search techniques** with the emphasis on filling out application forms and preparing for an interview. Career counselling and individual sessions on job finding skills are also available. For more information call 863-0499.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, runs a variety of **Senior Citizen programs** you might be interested in. Monday at 1:30 May 15, there's bingo. Tuesday at 1:30, the Men's Club meets. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. a craft group is just getting underway and looking hard for new members.

The **children and youth program** is in full operation at Dixon Hall with activities such as baseball, rugby, football, etc. May 19th from 3:30 to 5 pm is the Spring Penny Carnival — be sure to be there.

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# Getting used to Canada

By FRANCES WATMAN

Woodgreen Community Centre operates a Chinese Immigrant Orientation Program with English Language Training classes for Chinese people in the area.

The two-pronged program is designed, firstly, to teach basic English language skills to newly arrived Chinese immigrants, and, secondly, to provide orientation information.

The program, financed by monies from both the federal and provincial governments, has over 100 students ranging in age from early 20's to senior citizens, and a Chinese staff of nine paid workers and volunteers.

Students learn English in twice-weekly two-hour classes in an informal classroom setting. Because the language classes are aimed primarily at newly arrived immigrants who have been in the country less than three years and whose English

language skills are sparse, all teaching is bilingual.

Language classes run in the mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays, and in the evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 on Mondays and Thursdays at Woodgreen. In addition, a morning class is held Tuesdays and Fridays at the Riverdale Library on Broadview at Gerrard.

When the language student reaches a certain level of language proficiency, he/she may be referred to the many English As A Second Language classes operating out of area schools such as Eastdale, Rhodes and Leslie.

The Orientation Program, less structured than the language classes, involves workshops, out trips, and discussion groups.

While English classes teach the newly-arrived Chinese person basic language skills he/she will use in daily life, the orientation program

teaches him/her the skills necessary for living effectively in Canadian society.

Group leaders explain and then show students, for instance, how the banking system works, how grocery stores operate, how to use clinics and hospitals in times of illness and emergency. For the newly arrived immigrant with limited language skills, learning to use public transport can be a formidable task, for instance. The Chinese Immigrant Orientation Program is set-up to teach the immigrant how Canadian society works on a day to day level, and how to make it work for him/her.

People interested in learning more about the Chinese Orientation Program, Language Training and other programs and services such as the Citizenship Classes, can drop by the Centre at 835 Queen Street East, or phone Irene Lai or Pauline Chan at 461-1168.

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# Consumer help available

By VALERIE VEINOTTE

Consumerism has become so complex that a number of government and non-profit organizations have undertaken to inform and/or protect the public. Even though they will be there for advice after the fact, the best time to use their service is before you commit yourself.

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada administers legislation which is supposed to ensure product safety, correct labelling, grading, packaging of products, truth in advertising, and correct meter reading of gas and electricity. If you suspect a violation, discuss it with the vendor and report it to Consumer and Corporate Affairs, 598-4011.

Both the Consumers' Association of Canada, 368-2628 and the Consumer Information Centre, 963-1111 answer telephone inquiries about consumer goods and services. The Consumers' Association backs up its advice with product research and tests which it publishes in "Canadian Consumer" magazine. It strives to unify consumers and present their views to federal, provincial, local governments, and to trade and industry. Make your views known to the Association.

The Consumer Information Centre is an arm of the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. Its collection of product and service information is open to the public at 555 Yonge Street. They will also put you in

touch with their other specialized consumer services. For instance, their Personal Property Security Registration, 965-7655, will check for financial encumbrances on any personal property such as a stereo or car which you may want to buy through a private sale. Inquire about details you must provide; the cost is \$2.00 per check.

If your consumer transaction has not been satisfactory, contact the Consumer Advisory Services Branch, 965-6471; they will mediate directly between the consumer and the vendor.

The Better Business Bureau, 961-0088, can tell you if complaints have been registered against a business. They inform you about fraudulent business practices; the feasibility of dealing with specific merchants, tradesmen and organizations; the authenticity of charitable organizations; advisability of dealing with persons soliciting door-to-door or by phone.

Some associations monitor the ethical behavior of their members; the Metropolitan Toronto Television Services Association, 688 Jane Street, Toronto M6N 4A8, 769-2635, will investigate written complaints. Others inspect and approve services used by their members; the Ontario Motor League puts the sign of a wrench in the window of approved auto repair shops. Look for membership signs or signs of

approval from reputable organizations; if uncertain, check with the issuing organization that the business is in good standing.

If you buy on credit, information about your lifestyle, employment history, buying and credit habits is on file. Since this data can influence future employment and ability to borrow, review it at least once a year to correct any inaccuracies. No details as to race, colour, creed, sex, ancestry, ethnic origins or political affiliation may be included in the report. To review your file, make a written request to the Credit Bureau of Greater Toronto, 60 Bloor Street West, Toronto M4W 3C1, 964-5200.

Local libraries provide a starting point for product research. All have "Consumer Report" and "Canadian Consumer" magazines which evaluate and compare products. Metropolitan Toronto Library, Business Department, 789 Yonge Street, 928-5236 can suggest books, indexes, reports, clippings, studies on subjects such as consumer legislation, manufacturers, products, credit, budget planning, life insurance, mortgages, etc.

If you require a service rather than a product, the Neighbourhood Information Post, 924-2543, or the Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, 863-0505, may provide advice and direction. The Post has information on local resources and refers individuals with specific needs to the appropriate source. The Community Information Centre provides information, in several languages, on government and non-profit services in Metro.

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Tenants in the Barbara Apartments have been fighting a proposed increase in their rent of 20%, as well as poor conditions in the buildings. One tenant has written some poems about conditions in the buildings, and sent them to 7 News. We publish some excerpts from them below:

Today as I entered the laundry  
There to my utter dismay,  
Were six broken down washers  
And it was a busy Saturday,  
So better hurry up Barbara  
And fix them right away  
For as everyone soon will know,  
Rent review is on its way.

January 14, 1978

Now that rent review has started  
I must say I really thought  
That Barbara would have more  
sense,  
But my hopes have all gone  
"sploot".  
Cards for losing coins are not in  
evidence,  
Although the sign reads "Fill  
one out"  
And you'll get back fifty cents.  
Washers still are leaking,  
It's a positive disgrace  
How can they charge such prices  
And still save face.  
Now this is a sequel to that other  
little poem,  
How about fixing up this place,  
So we can be proud to call it  
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April 1, 1978

If the landlord had to tolerate such filth and negligence,  
He would make a great big fuss, which to me is common sense.  
Now this is a sequel to those other little poems  
The tenants have decided they're going to FIGHT:  
for the RIGHTS that are their OWN.

February 15, 1978

It came to my attention, through tenants worn and wary  
That a 20 percent decision, is just too much to carry.  
Low dividend they call them, but the way I really see it  
Low maintained would be much better,  
For these buildings sure look dreary.  
Conditions worsen daily, elevators never clean,  
Laundry room is so disgraceful, never seems to see a broom.  
If the super spent his energy on cleaning up the place,  
Instead of pacing to and fro, with a scowl on his face,  
No one would begrudge his salary, but the way it seems to me  
It's the tenants who always suffer and the super goes scot free.  
We're charged to snow removal for a job that's only done  
By the cleaners who come daily and walk behind a broom.  
Poor tenants I am told from their lockers were evicted  
To make a room for papers, to bring profit to the wicked.  
6 percent the government told us was the guideline for this year,  
But the landlord didn't listen, so from us he's going to hear,  
For an appeal is surely pending, and I'll bet my bottom dollar,  
That when this case is ending, you'll really hear him holler.  
When it comes to super's phone bills, once again the tenants pay  
Even for long distance calls, and that is not hearsay,  
For it came straight from the landlord  
And we've witnesses as well  
Because it was, at rent review, these facts they did us tell.  
Now this is a sequel to those other little poems  
The TENANTS are weary of fighting,  
For rights that are their own.

## KIDS STUFF

**Danforth Library**  
Saturday May 6 drop by the library at 2 p.m. to watch some great movies.

You are invited to **Symphony Street** at the library starting at 1 p.m. sharp on Saturday May 13.

**Parliament Street Library**  
Spring has sprung and the library knows it! Drop by the library on Saturday May 6 and May 13 at 2

p.m. for some fun making spring things.

What are you doing after school these days? The library runs an afterschool program for kids on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays starting at 4 p.m. Fun includes stories, films and crafts. Check it out.

**Riverdale Library**  
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The following people have renewed their supporting memberships, or have become supporting members of 7 News for the first time, since our last issue. Thanks to them all; and for those of you who are not yet supporting members, now is the time to do so. Add your name to the list of supporting members, and help 7 News survive.

John & Leith Piper, Wellesley St. E.; Ted & Betty Whitten, Ellerbeck St.; Frankland School, Logan Ave.; Sherbourne 155 Residents' Association; Barbara Sanford, St. Clair Ave.; Mrs. Margaret E. Parker, Dundas St. E.; Robert Innes, Hamilton Ave.; Toronto Christian Resource Centre, Spruce St.; Barbara Jane Millan, Sackville St.; Frank Nagle, 155 College St.; St. Luke's United Church, Sherbourne St.; B. Alter, Delaware Ave.; Broadview Community Health Clinic, Queen St.; Richard Fung, Simpson Ave.; Yvette Bobik, Bleecker St.; Tim McCaskell, Simpson Ave.; Audrey Bayduza, Hogart Ave.; L. Harvey, Sherbourne St.; Mary Lou Bigenwald, Queen St. E.; Dixon

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## Bottomless pit?

"Well, 7 News is a fine little paper, and it does a lot of good in the community and all, but they way they're always asking for money, it's a bit like pouring money down a hole!"

Is that the way the 7 News supporting membership drive sounds to you? If it does, we can understand, because we have been asking for money rather often in the last couple of years.

So perhaps we should do a bit of explaining. Until a year or so ago, 7 News was extremely dependent on government funding, far too much so for our own good. When it was cut off, we were in rough shape for a while, and the only way we could survive at all was to go to the community for help. And the community came through, and pulled up through.

What we're aiming at now is self-sufficiency: making it entirely on what we raise in the community. This means advertising, and supporting memberships. We won't achieve it in one year, and probably not even in two years, but eventually we aim to have 1200 supporting members in Ward 7. If we reach that, 7 News will be completely self-sufficient. Meanwhile, we see ourselves getting a little closer each month, and we know that if the support of the community continues, we'll make it soon.

We'll ask our supporting members to contribute once and only once a year. For most of you, that will mean the spring, but others of you contributed in the fall or the winter, so you'll be getting a letter asking you to renew at that time.

As most of you know by now, the cost of a supporting membership is not fixed. We have suggested "\$7 for 7 News" but this year and last year, the average donation has been almost double the suggested amount. Many people are able to afford more than \$7, or \$14, or \$25, and numbers of them came through with generous donations. We greatly appreciate their generosity, but we also know that for many people living on low or fixed incomes, even \$7 may be too much. Give whatever you can afford — the fact is that most donations, our bread and butter, are the \$1 or \$2 or \$3 ones which are small by themselves, but which add up to quite a bit — our very survival, in fact — when they are all taken together.

But if you can't afford to make any donation at all this time, remember that 7 News is still your community newspaper. It's for everyone in Ward 7, and it's free to everyone in Ward 7.

### Membership Campaign Scoreboard

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unemployed because it doesn't consider native people the same as the rest of us. If they did, and they obviously should, the Manitoba figure would be much higher than the national average.)

Ontario is a bit below average at 7.0% and B.C. is just about average at 8.4%. When you go east of the Ottawa River, here the picture is dismal. Quebec has a rate of 10.9%, while the Maritimes hover around 11.4%. Newfoundland's unemployment figure is a whopping 15.8%, the worst in Canada.

That's the official picture. The real picture is a lot worse.

When the government takes its survey, it only counts you unemployed if you have not worked in the week of the survey and yet you must have looked for work in the past four weeks. In other words, if you took a one-day job and earned twenty bucks (because there was nothing else and you just had to find something) then you're considered "employed". As far as the government and the politicians are concerned you've got no problems. You are just like someone with a full-time, permanent job.

Or, if you have become so discouraged about being unable to find work that you have given up for a while (maybe a relative or a friend is helping you out or maybe you had to go on welfare), too bad, you are classified "out of the labour force". You don't count as unemployed.

There are a lot of discouraged workers around, people who would love a job if they thought they could get one. They should be considered unemployed because they too are victims of present day economic depression.

Similarly, people who are forced into part-time, temporary jobs, who would prefer a full-time job at full-time pay must be counted in the real figures too — but they aren't. And so should all those who have sought our government training programs, not for the educational value but because it's a way of getting a little money.

### Real rate 15%

When economists add in these other people the unemployment rate they come up with — the real rate — is about 15% nationally. In Newfoundland the real rate is about 30%! The government does not have a figure for unemployment in Ward 7, but I would guess it's 25% easily.

What these numbers tell us is how many people are unemployed right now in Canada. Of course as time goes on, some people will find jobs, others will lose theirs. Over the course of a year a lot more than 15% of employable Canadians will suffer a period of unemployment. Probably one in four Canadians will be directly affected by unemployment during the year. That's one in four who have to live with the instability, the financial pressure, and the anxiety of being out of work.

The number of us in Ward 7 who are affected in this way is anybody's guess. One thing is certain however. It's too many.

This is the first of a series of articles on unemployment. Future articles will look at:

- the causes of unemployment
- a comparison of Canada with other industrial countries
- the myths of unemployment (There's jobs but people are just too lazy to take them"; With UIC nobody wants to work"; "It's only women who are trying to earn a second income"; etc., etc.)
- U.I.C. — the new rules, and how to get what's rightfully yours
- interviews with people and families who are unemployed