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vertising.

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Unless, that is, more of our costs are covered by donations from the community. At present, advertising has to pay for most of the paper's expenses. But if a greater proportion of our income came from our supporting members, we could afford to expand the size of the paper, and then a much greater proportion of it could be stories rather than

ads.

Last year, 7 News took in \$36,500 in revenue. \$26,400 of this came from advertising, while another \$6,700 came from donations and \$3,000 came from grants. This amount was barely enough to pay

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for our regular eight-page papers and a few infrequent 12- or 16-page papers. Costs have gone up since last year, and now it costs us about \$1884 to print an 8-page paper. A 12 page only cost another \$200 more than that. If we could take in another \$200 an issue in dou-

ations we could afford to print a 12-page paper almost every time. This works out to about \$4000 a year that we need.

In other words, if our present and new supporting members were to give this much more to 7 News' fundraising campaign, we would be able to print 12 pages almost every issue.

This is our goal: to raise enough additional money so that we can regularly print larger papers which could contain a great deal more news than 7 News does at present. We know that the news is there, waiting to be reported, because every issue there are anywhere from six to ten

or more stories that don't get into the paper because of lack of space.

Your contribution to our supporting membership campaign can therefore make a great deal of difference to 7 News. It can help make the paper bigger and better. We hope that you will join the ranks of the several hundred Ward 7 residents who are already supporting members of 7 News by sending in your contribution of \$10 or what you can afford with the coupon which you'll find on page 8. If you are already a supporting member, we hope that you will renew and perhaps even increase the size of your donation.

## Court rules against OHC

By GRACE CAMERON

A Jamaican immigrant, Joy Wade has finally won her battle against the Ontario Housing Corporation after being forced to live in a tiny two-bedroom apartment in Regent Park for more than two years.

Wade, 31, originally moved into her OHC apartment with two children. She had, as she told OHC at the time, three other children living with her mother in Jamaica, whom she did not intend to bring to Canada until she could afford to do so.

However, Wade's mother died 21/2 years ago, and she was forced to bring her other three children to Canada as she had no one else to take care of them. She immediately told OHC of her dilemma, and was told to apply for a larger apartment. She did so, but was eventually told that her request could not be approved because that was the "policy", and was then told that she should move out and re-apply from the outside. "But if I could afford to live outside of Ontario Housing in the first place why should I apply to come back?" she asks.

Angrily, Mrs. Wade adds that one OHC official suggested that she could avoid eviction by giving up three of her children to Children's Aid. She decided to fight OHC,

who served her with three eviction notices they didn't act on before they finally took her to court on the fourth. Meanwhile, Mrs. Wade and her five children were left to live in uncertainty in their over-crowded apartment.

Despite the discouragement of friends who thought she could never win, Mrs. Wade refused to give up. She went to court with Mary Anderson, a Neighbourhood Legal Services worker who encouraged her all along. Even after the hearing in court, she was pessimistic, but then the judges' ruling arrived in the mail, telling her she had won. "I screamed and I called my friends," she said.

Interestingly, OHC immediately had three empty four-bedroom apartments available for her to choose from when the ruling came down.

Wade is still angry at the treatment she got from OHC. "I hate them even more now. The kids and I were crowded into one room, and the furniture in another. They treat people like dogs," she says.

She is angry because of the effect the crowded apartment had on her children. "Now the kids are happier. They're excited about the new house, and they're doing better in school," she said.

She called the oldest boy and told him to say what he thought of the OHC. "I hate them," he said.

## Deserted wilds in city's centre

By HOWARD HUGGETT


Even a Toronto winter comes to an end, and the 1978-79 one is now terminally ill and may even be dead. This is the time when people develop an urgent desire to go looking for something green, to marvel once again at the first stirrings of life as it emerges from its long winter sleep. You can do a bit of this in a public park, but a park is a poor substitute for a more natural stretch of countryside, like a river valley. Besides, Ward Seven is not well supplied with parks. However, it does have a river valley right in the middle of it. It is badly neglected and under-used, but that's our fault, not the Don's. The little river is doing its best to provide us with a sample of nature in the midst of a huge city. The big problem is, how do you get down to the river-banks to enjoy the sights and sounds of a stream?

One way, as I have pointed out before, is to leave Ward Seven and follow Broadview Avenue north to Pottery Road and downhill to the river. From there a road leads up the valley for quite a distance past a very nice stretch of water. Wherever there is a weir or some fast

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### Easy building permits

The Buildings and Inspection Department is re-opening an evening building permit service at 765 Queen St. East. The service will be offered every Thursday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Most applications on single or two-family dwellings can be reviewed, and a permit issued that night. People requesting information from the plan examiners can call 461-6311 after 5 p.m. on Thursdays.



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If you close your eyes for a minute you can almost picture the Don Valley Expressway disappearing. Or, if you would rather explore the beauty in the Don Valley, read Howard Huggett's article elsewhere on this page.

Photo by Cherry Hassard

## Leave Leslie Spit alone

By STEVEN PRICE

Toronto's Leslie Street Spit was probably the most successful and cheapest attraction of 1978.

According to a recent report of the Toronto Harbour Commissioners (THC), about 17,750 visits were made to the Aquatic Park, affectionately called the "spit." This was about twice the 1977 turnout.

The THC and The City of Toronto paid under \$18,000 for all the services, which included a bus, life-guards, security, washrooms, etc. At about \$1 per visit, did any other public recreation cost so little?

Why was the spit so popular in 1978. Dave Lewis, of Nursewood Rd., put it best: "There is no better place for fresh air, rugged scenery, waves, shoreline and wildlife in the Toronto area - it's great!"

Also reported in the THC release were the results of a survey of visitors conducted this summer. The single most popular suggestion for improvement offered by those surveyed was "Leave the spit as it is."

Ian Brookes, of The Friends of the Spit steering committee was not surprised. "Our experience with visitors to the spit is that they go to relax and enjoy the outdoors. They don't need - or want - more waterfront development. There's enough of that elsewhere."

As for the summer of 1979, plans are already underway to secure the same services and an earlier opening

date than the first of June. One City Hall official, who asked not to be identified, stopped jogging long enough to catch her breath and chat about the spit: "There's no doubt that the money was well spent. The

city never regretted it. Neither did the THC. We all earned a few good points. The spit was the "in" place to go this year. I expect that funding will go through much easier for 1979."

## Sewell picks Beavis

By THOM CORBETT

To cries of "sellout", Mayor John Sewell appointed old guard alderman Fred Beavis to the city's Planning Board.

Although Sewell tried to downplay the board's importance, Ward 6 Alderman Allan Sparrow advised aldermen not to under-estimate the board's power.

Sparrow pointed out that the planning board would deal with a number of important issues in the next several months and with Beavis on the board the pro-development lobby had gained another vote. Sparrow called on Mayor Sewell to withdraw his support for Beavis.

"This choice is a betrayal of all the people in my ward who worked to elect Sewell mayor," Sparrow said.

Ward 6 Alderman Dan Heap joined Sparrow in his condemnation of Sewell's move. Heap said the mayor wanted reform aldermen to support Beavis because the future of the planning board is up in the air. (Heap was referring to a report council will receive shortly which may recommend abolishing the board.) Heap added that it was not enough to look at the Beavis appointment as being perhaps a temporary situation.

However, not all reform minded aldermen supported Heap and Sparrow. Voting for the Beavis appointment, along with all the old guard aldermen and Mayor Sewell, were: Aldermen Janet Howard and Gordon Cressy (Ward 7), Richard Gilbert (Ward 3) and Alderman Anne Johnston (Ward II).

Voting against Beavis for planning board were: Aldermen Dan Heap and Allan Sparrow (Ward 6), Alderman Pat Sheppard (Ward 9), Alderman David White (Ward I) and Alderman Barbara Adams (Ward 2).

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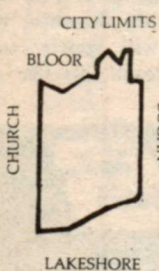
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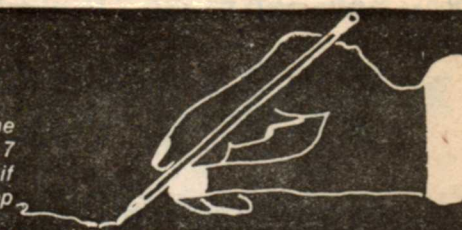


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## No Island STOL please!

The Honourable Otto Lang  
Minister of Transport

Dear Mr. Lang:

As a trustee of the Toronto Board of Education, and Treasurer of the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations, I am writing to declare my *total opposition* to a Stol (short takeoff-and landing) aircraft service at Toronto's Island Airport.

After several years of opposition from the City of Toronto and every residents' group involved with the issue, I am astounded that the Liberal government in Ottawa is still seriously considering STOL for the Island. Nobody I have spoken with in Ward Eight, the area I represent between Logan and Coxwell in the City's east end, wants STOL. My constituents are understandably concerned about the noise and pollution the planes will cause, particularly when the Dash-7 gives way to jet-STOL.

STOL at the Island would apparently serve the downtown business and professional community, saving them a few minutes on an Ottawa or Montreal trip. According to your own studies, this favour to the wealthy would cost taxpayers \$50 million over ten years.

It is increasingly clear that high volume airplane transport between cities less than 500 miles apart consumes excessive fuel, pollutes inordinately and frustrates travellers who often spend more time getting to and from airports than in the air.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that you spend our millions on improving the train services in the Quebec to Windsor corridor. This alternative has been advocated by transportation planners for years. Is it not time that you listened?

Finally, I would like to remind you about your Ministry's refusal to finance an underpass on Pape Avenue at the CNR tracks where seven people have been killed by

trains in recent years. How on earth can you propose to spend \$50 million on something we do not want when your cutbacks made it impossible to find the money for the underpass which we desperately need?

I sincerely hope, Mr. Lang, that your political if not common sense will convince you to stop the STOL port. We don't need it. We don't want it.

Michael Craig  
Trustee, Ward 8  
Toronto Board of Education

### Whitepainted reality

Re: the poem 'Whitepainted Humanity' in the March 23 7 News:

Seriously now folks ... I'M FED UP. Yup, right up to the ears with all this badmouthing of the 'renovation generation'. Every article or poem published lately in Toronto's newspapers or magazines is against we newcomers to Cabbagetown.

Please let it be known that I live in a renovated row house on Sumach Street, and I own a business in Cabbagetown. Let it also be known that the house is not brown, I do not have 2 cats, I am not a social worker or real estate agent, and I have not pushed anybody out of my neighbourhood.

What about the positive effects

that we 'Whitepainters' have had on this area? One never hears about the much more attractive residential and commercial evidence that is certainly there to be seen. Or what about the increased number of services and new businesses that we have to offer? Or what about the basic respect that is now apparent to visitors to our city in regards to the major downtown core?

I have this to say to all those who criticize: either get a job, work hard and pay your own rent; or screw up enough courage, quit complaining about the traffic and move out of those comfortable suburbs and you too can be proud to say "I'm a whitepainter".

Linda Stinson

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Bill Newman,  
Minister of Agriculture  
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# CITY HALL NEWS



## Social services or planes?

By Rob Hutchison

The federal government is planning to spend \$2.34 billion on 125 fighter planes in the coming months. Where is the money coming from?

Well, coincidentally, the Trudeau Liberal government is also intending to chop other areas of its budget by \$2.40 billion.

The axe will fall mainly on social expenditures. Fifty-seven individual cuts will be made ranging from one of the biggest, the Canadian Home Insulation Program, slashed \$110 million, to one of the smallest, the National Energy Board's budget, reduced by \$100,000.

The issue of fighter planes versus social expenditures has been raised with Toronto's Executive Committee and City Council by a number of individuals and organizations. They argue that expenditures on fighter planes are wrong-headed and a waster of money while social cutbacks will directly harm the quality of life in this city.

Mayor John Sewell observed that while some of the cuts were probably justified, a significant number would have serious effects on the city.

### Local Effects

There is no doubt that these social cutbacks will affect the local community. Medical experts say the quality of health care will suffer because of an \$82 million cut in health spending. Non-profit housing, home insulation, Co-operative and other housing programs will be cut back by a huge \$346 million. A number of employment and training programs will be diminished by \$78 million. The Railway Crossing Fund which could have funded a Pape Avenue underpass or overpass is to be reduced by \$5 million. The lack of an underpass has been blamed for

the deaths of a number of pedestrians crossing the railway tracks on Pape Avenue. The Liberal government has repeatedly refused money for an underpass.

### Government

The federal government has argued that the fighter planes are needed because their purchase will make our allies in NATO happy to see us pulling our weight, and make jobs in Canada because we will demand production and trade agreements to ensure that this is so.

However, the Association for Peace and Alderman Dan Heap counter these arguments by pointing out that (1) the defense value of the fighter plane is doubtful and only worsens the arms race, and (2) military spending creates less than 76,000 jobs, while that same billion spent on normal personal consumption would create 112,000 jobs.

### Defense

The government has also not tried to argue that the planes are necessary for defense. The reason for this is probably contained in a letter from U.S. Congressman Leon Panetta produced by the World Federalists, which states that the United States already has "enough weapons to destroy the world ten times over" and that nations should try to cut back on weapons. The World Federalists argue that Canada could supply many social and economic needs from Canada's \$4 billion military budget "without any danger that NATO would plummet to a global overkill factor of 9."

Even the military is not of one mind on the fighter plane expenditures. Patrick Watson, writing against the plane purchase in Maclean's magazine, notes that the late Air Vice-Marshal Fred Carpenter thought such purchases wrong-

headed.

Other spending cuts intended by the government include cuts in C.B.C. programming, \$33 million from National Parks, \$44 million from Environmental programs, \$8.3 million from Land Assembly funding to cities and provinces, and \$17.3 million from Federal Mortgage Loans for homeownership.

The issue came before City Council on April 2. Council voted to ask for an 18 month delay in purchasing the planes so that there could be a national debate on spending priorities.

## City Council

(Monday, April 2)

### Work plan works

After floating from executive committee meeting to executive committee meeting, Alderman Allan Sparrow's job creation plan finally had its day in council. Although the author would hardly recognize it anymore, the plan has managed to steer the city towards a wider involvement in job creation.

Monday's city council meeting heard several new proposals by Mayor John Sewell and Ward 6 Alderman Dan Heap which together with Sparrow's original idea may help alleviate the city's critical job shortage. Mayor Sewell's scheme will see the establishment of a 'Port Industrial Development Task Force' whose main objective is to attract new industrial development to the city.

### Toothless Law

Present legislation doesn't appear adequate in forcing a Rose Avenue lodging house, catering mainly to elderly people, to adhere to sanitary conditions. As reported in the last issue of 7 News, the home had been prosecuted four times in the last several years for violating the Public Health Act. Unfortunately, because the lodging house is owner-occupied, it does not have to be licensed under present legislation, a step which could result in it being closed permanently.

Monday's city council meeting, however, passed several recommendations brought forward by the Local Board of Health, which hopes to get around the failings of the present legislation. One proposal was that the board receive regular reports on 27 Rose Avenue so that whatever powers they can muster can be brought against the home's owners immediately, if health standards are violated. The board also referred the matter to Metropolitan Social Services and Housing Committee with a request for a report on the availability of alternate housing for senior citizens.

### Post office conversion

The South Riverdale Community Centre project is moving ahead as architects have been hired for the renovation of the Old Post Office on Queen Street.

The resident design committee met on March 22 to develop a workplan for the building and begin preliminary design. The four-storey building is to contain a home repair workshop in the basement and a large multi-purpose area on the second floor for theatre, films, dance, festivals, exhibits, and meetings. The first and fourth floors will contain community oriented services. The \$675,000 centre is to open as a community centre in May 1980.

### Park School news

It's been a busy winter for students, staff and parents of Park School. In addition to the regular program, school activities have included Cross-Country skiing at Golfhaven, a wide variety of field trips, and House league and school team sports. The Senior Boy's Hockey Team were quarter-finalists, and the boy's basketball team showed well as did the combined bands of Park, Lord Dufferin, and Ryerson at the Kiwanis festival. In another area, a school staffing committee has been set up, with three parents on it: Mrs. I. Kitson, Mrs. R. Hill, and Mrs. L. Sequin.

### Candidate nominated

Broadview-Greenwood Progressive Conservatives have nominated Michael Clarke to be their candidate in the upcoming federal election. The nomination became vacant after Ward 8 alderman Tom Clifford withdrew. Clifford ran in the by-election last October, only to lose to NDP-er Bob Rae. Clarke is a former boy scout and militiaman who now owns a design company. He is 32 years of age.

### Meet your neighbours

June Johnson, a community development worker at Dixon Hall, is trying to start up a "Meet Your Neighbour" program in the Shuter-Queen-Trefann area. Johnson feels that "we really need to get to know one another — to enjoy one another — and make our community as friendly a place to live as we can." She plans to start by featuring a person or group of people from the neighbourhood in each issue of the Dixon Hall newsletter: "sort of introducing us to one another." Later she wants to have neighbourhood get-togethers where people can meet each other in person.

### Reds in 'Cabbagetown'

Parliament Street may soon have a reputation for beautiful garbage if the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Association has its way. The association has introduced brightly-coloured red garbage bags to businesses in the area because they think that "as garbage bags are so much a part of the urban landscape, they should be beautiful". Meanwhile, hand-assembled collector item "garbage bags as art" are available at the improvement group's office at 529 Parliament or by phoning 967-0345.

### Co-op financed

The Church-Isabella Co-op has been guaranteed financing under the newly negotiated co-op housing program. Church-Isabella, which went through a protracted rezoning process before it could be set up will offer a combination of renovated and new construction townhouses and apartments.

### Church hangs in

The Metropolitan United Church at 51 Bond St. has voted to stay open for another three years and to operate on a deficit budget. Metropolitan United is a cathedral-like church which has suffered from declining congregations and rising costs. It accumulated a \$47,000 debt in 1977 and a \$33,000 debt in 1978. A \$60,000 deficit is forecast for this year. The church is hoping to build up the congregation.



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Play based on 'Cabbagetown'  
**Moving up in Toronto**

**By SETH BORTS**  
The Stupid Life of the Montagues currently playing at the Toronto Free Theatre doesn't really come across as being all that stupid. As a matter of fact it's an interesting commentary on city core revitalization in Toronto and cities like it.  
The play, written by David Bolt (husband of playwright Carol Bolt) is the author's first public offering as a playwright.  
As always when Miro Kinch is involved, set design and costumes were top calibre. The play was directed by Martin Kinch who did a sort of knee-jerk-get-em-in-the-gut the rich guy is probably the bad guy approach. One can easily see especially from some of the later scenes in the play a combined author-director alliance against upward mobility. In fact, in this play upward mobility is equal to standing still mentality.  
The plot is basically how John and Margaret buy a house in Cabbagetown which they hope to be their showcase for their various media and academic friends. Mary

Ann Coles plays Margaret with a personality that reminds you of chalk squeaking on a blackboard. She is the type that would put plastic slip-covers over all the furniture in the Louvre.  
Jack Messinger does a tremendous job as the distant though alcoholic husband John who accepts his wife's provoking to give up the halls of academe and make investment a way of life with people like the Montagues. Also, do look for Doris Petrie, a veteran Canadian actress, as Aunt Mildred who provides reality and a means to \$80,000 and then passes away.  
Jeffrey Bowes as Renfrew and Susan Purdie as Laura did tremendous jobs of reflection and pathos as they played the workman who redid the house and the girl from the Burger-King who is a refugee from her family. They were the people who John and Margaret bounced their lines and lifestyles off of. Look this story up for a good time so that you can watch John and Margaret look down on you while they're having a bad time.

**N.I.P. needs help**

Neighbourhood Information Post is holding its annual meeting in May and is looking for community-minded people who would like to serve on the Board of Directors.  
The work is not very onerous - just one board meeting a month and occasional committee meetings. (Of course you are welcome to give much more time if you want.) If you think you might like to serve on the board, you can find out more about it by phoning N.I.P. at 924-2543 or drop into the office in Library House, right behind the Parliament Street Library at 265 Gerrard St. East.  
As well, N.I.P. is currently in the midst of a fund-raising drive and any donation, large or small, will be appreciated. Or perhaps you would like to work as a volunteer, answering phone queries, filing or similar tasks. If so, just give them a call. You can find work as many or as few hours as you wish.  
As if that wasn't enough N.I.P. is also getting ready for its annual Garage Sale and Flea Market, which will be held outdoors in front of Library House on May 26. So if you would like to donate unwanted or set up a table at the sale to sell your wares, the group will help you out.  
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Young people who are eligible are invited to sign up for the workshops at 44 Blevins Place or call us at 363-1689.

**Quotations to Remember**

When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.  
—George Bernard Shaw

**Invisible Boundaries**

Somehow neither of us can find the courage or even the words.  
  
Tonight both of us are alone hiding behind ourselves.  
As I curl up under the blanket and embrace my pillow, you flip on the late show.  
  
Tom Clement

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**TRAPPED**


Why are the bars here so sturdy  
Have I sinned against myself  
or am I just another being?  
You've given me your woolen blankets  
and filled my coffee cups  
You've eliminated my weapons  
but my mind is still in tact  
so dig that!  
  
I think of you so strong and sturdy  
Then, I am suddenly blocked by this vision  
The walls are yellow, the toilet grey  
I've scratched my name upon the walls  
uniforms of blue and red pass by eternally  
sitting on the dock of the bay  
soul searching my life away  
  
I am a true revolutionary  
You can not break me  
Even if the bars are sturdy  
You've taken my clothes and made me shower.  
You've finger printed my soul  
but still my mind is whole.  
  
Carol Latchford

**PAIN IN THE BACK**

Born to breath  
to live out your life  
But what for?  
to be stabbed with a knife.  
  
You seek your ambitions  
but its only a chase  
You find someone to love  
or maybe a friend  
But in no time at all  
it comes to an end  
  
You feel you miss them  
and feel depressed  
You yearn for the warmth  
you felt in their caress  
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Saturday April 7

Today is the second day of the three-day Toronto **Super 8 film festival** at Harbourfront, featuring several filmmakers, continuous screenings, presentations, and workshops. Today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. at York Quay Centre. Registration is \$5 per day; call 367-0590 for information.

Today is the debut concert of the **Wilson-McAllister guitar duo** at the Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre, at 8:30 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Guitar Society of Toronto and promises to be an evening of enjoyable chamber music. Don Wilson and Peter McAllister are both residents of Ward 7. Call 366-7723 for ticket information.

The World Symposium on Humanity is occurring from April 7 to 14. Major speakers and entertainers are coming for a week of fun and communication. For more information call the Humanity Foundation at 964-1944 or 732 Spadina Ave.

The **Scallywag Café** at the 519 Church Street Community Centre presents Jan Van Lake and Michael Monis, artists performing jazz-based folk music. Guest sets are also available. At 8:30 p.m. Admission \$1.50.

## Sunday April 8

There will be a **euchre tournament** at Central Neighbourhood House today at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6). Admission is \$1; prizes will be offered.

The speaker at today's St. Luke's United Church forum will be Rev. Robert Lindsay. The forum is at 2:30 at St. Luke's, corner Sherbourne and Carlton.

The **Battle of Chile**, a two-part movie on the successes and ultimate failure of the Allende government in Chile, will be shown today at 7:30 p.m. at the Cecil Street Community Centre, 58 Cecil St.

## Monday April 9

The 519 Church Street Community Centre presents a **musical theatre workshop** under the direction of Garbutt Roberts. Auditions will be held today from 6 p.m. onwards. Needed are singers, dancers, vocal coaches, musicians, choreographers, accompanists and arrangers. Call 923-2278 for more information.

St. Paul's Catholic Church (Queen St. East at Power) is holding three **concerts during Holy Week**. Today at 8:30 music by Back will be presented by Lorna Glover on baroque violin and Michael Kearns on organ. Admission is \$3.00. Tomorrow, Tuesday, at 8:30, music by Francois Couperin will be presented by soprano Karen Jozelacki and Michael Kearns on the organ. Admission is \$3.00. On Wednesday at 8:30, students of the Royal Conservatory will be performing.

**Singer Cherry Mendez** will perform excerpts from "Porgy and Bess" as well as Jamaican folk songs at Theatre Fountainhead's Monday Night Showcase at Factory Theatre Lab, 207 Adelaide St. E. (864-9971). Time is 8:30; admission is pay-what-you-can.

**Women's liberation** in Southern Africa is the topic on the "From a Different perspective" radio program on CJRT-FM at 7 P.M. next Monday at the same time, the topic is

the People's Food Commission, and news from Brazil and Nicaragua.

Today is the start of Holy Week services at the Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St. They run from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Monday to Thursday, at 11 a.m. on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, there will be communion at 8 a.m., breakfast at 8:45, and devotion service at 11 a.m.

## Tuesday April 10

Free film time at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E., at 7 p.m. Tonight, the feature is **The Wooden Horse**, a World War II prisoner escape adventure.

Session three of the **Stretching Your Food Dollar** series is on at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., today at 11 a.m.



The **Winchester Park Development** committee meets today at 7:30 at Winchester School to discuss proposals for vacant land on and abutting Winchester School. For further information call 367-7910.

## Wednesday April 11

The Riverdale Intercultural Council is having a meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the Queen East Church, 947 Queen St. E. There will be a showing of the film, "I am a refugee" and a discussion of **Canadian refugee policy**.

Ward 7's Wandering Spirit Survival School is presenting a **Native Children's Symposium** today from 1 to 4 p.m. at Harbourfront in the Work Quay Centre. The program includes discussions and demonstrations on the place of native language in today's native society, the importance of the Indian Ceremony called Circle and the significance of native Indian feasts. Native drumming illustrations will be performed, and there will be displays of arts and crafts. Call Pauline Harper for more information at 368-3524.

## Saturday April 14

Today is **Don River Day**, the day when a horde of canoeists head down the Don River. The flotilla starts off at about 10:30 a.m. from Serena Gundy Park at Leslie and Eglinton and finishes at Harbourfront about three hours later. The trip is open to anyone

interested, but of course you have to bring your own canoe. Other than having fun, the purpose of the annual trip is to draw attention to the Don River Valley and to awaken concern about the future conservation and development of the valley, Call George Luste at 978-7047 or 534-9313 for more information.

**Come and make Easter eggs** at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E., today at 2 p.m.

## Sunday April 15

Rev. Gordon Winch will be the speaker at the **St. Lukes forum** today at 2:30 at St. Luke's United Church, at the corner of Carlton and Sherbourne. All welcome.

## Monday April 16

There will be an evening of **poetry reading** with Ayana Black, Marlene Phillip and Anne Wallace in Theatre Fountainhead's Monday Night Showcase Series at Factory Theatre Lab, 207 Adelaide St. E., 864-9971. At 8:30 p.m.

Today is **opening day** for a "**Community Clothing Store**" in the basement of the Christian Community Centre, 270 Gerrard St. E. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Prices will range from 10¢ for baby clothes to €2 for adult coats. This week, opening week, all items will be half price.

## Tuesday April 17

There will be a public meeting today at **Don Mount Court**, at 7:30 to discuss a **park proposal** for vacant land in this area. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the South Tower of Don Mount Court. Call 367-7910 for further information.

Today is the last in the **Stretching Your Food Dollar** series at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St.

## Wednesday April 18

Neighbourhood Legal Services is having a general meeting today at 7 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. A slide show on housing and a film will be presented. Members and public are invited.

## Thursday April 19

The Ward 7 Business and Professional Association is holding its **Spring Fling** at Casa Loma tonight, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be dinner and dancing with Art Hallman and his orchestra. Dress is "Retro" — 1930's to 1940's. Tickets are \$22.50 a person. For information and tickets call D. Kent at 962-8113 or H. Aspinall at 961-7733.

## Friday April 20

It's free film time at the Parliament Street Library today, with a showing of "**Svengali**" at 2 p.m. At 269 Gerrard St. East.

Today is the first day of the **St. Jamestown Cancer Drive's Annual Bazaar**, in the sub-basement auditorium of the 240 Wellesley St. building. Starting time is 6 p.m. The bazaar will also be on tomorrow from 10 a.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m.

Women Times Five: The Beaches-Woodbine NDP is covering a **day of workshops focussing on women's issues**. The day of workshops starts at 9:30 a.m. at Hope United Church, corner of Main and Danforth. Workshops will cover rape crisis, women entering the workforce, women and pensions, and sexism in the workforce. Our guest speaker will be Michael Cassidy, leader of the provincial NDP. A free lunch will be provided and day care is available. The cost of the day of workshops will be \$2 and registration is at the door. For more information please call Viv Young at 691-4368.

## General

The **Toronto East Community Council (TECC)** meets the first Wednesday of every month with schools in Wards 7,8, and 9 acting as hosts on a rotating basis. All parents, teachers, and interested people are urged to attend. For more information on location of meetings please call 461-3627.

A **jogging club** has been started out of the Christian Community Centre, which gets together every Monday and Wednesday from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Lockers and showers are available. Call Don Jongsma for information at 929-9614 or drop in.

**Neighbourhood Information Post** is looking for your money and your time. The community information and referral service is currently holding a drive for funds and volunteers. Located at 265 Gerrard St. E., NIP provides the answers to anyone who needs help or information about community organizations. If you would like to know more, phone NIP at 924-2543.

The three **libraries** in the Ward 7 area, the Parliament at 269 Gerrard, the Danforth at 701 Pape, and the Riverdale at 370 Broadview, all offer a variety of programs for children and adults. Detailed schedules are available at the libraries each month.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have something to announce, just send your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., or call 363-9650. The deadline for submissions is the Monday prior to publication. The next deadline is Monday April 16, for the April 20 issue, which will announce events up to an including May 4.

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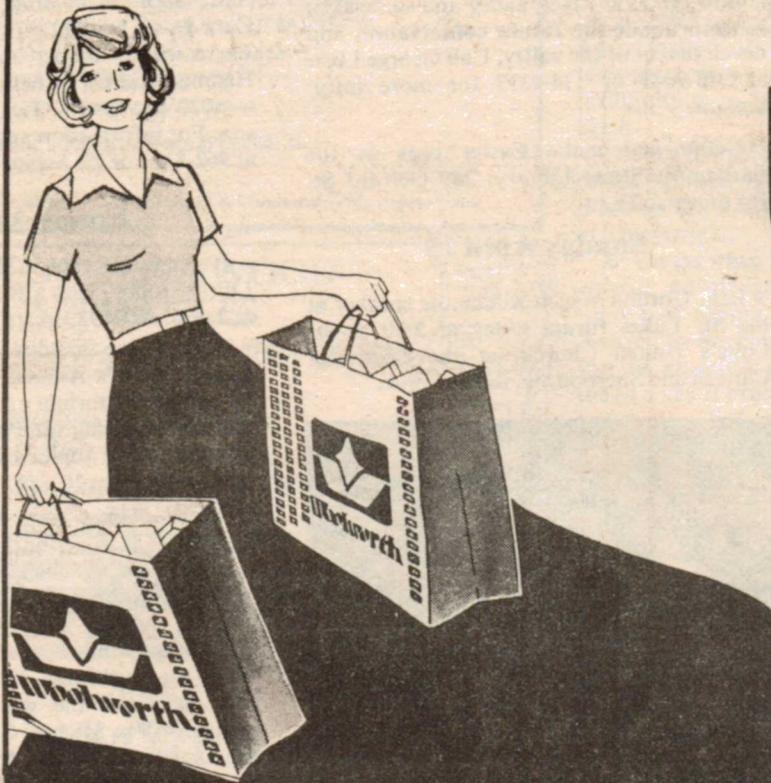
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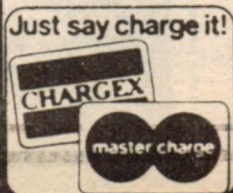
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A group of people on welfare and family benefits claim no. Even with this added \$140.00, which works out to be an extra \$2.69 per week per child, they are still struggling to keep their heads above water. The amount of money that people on social assistance receive falls so low below the poverty line that this added money does not make that much of a difference. With prices being what they are today recipients find it increasingly hard to pay for the basics such as rent, food, transportation and clothing.

A mother on Family Benefits with two children under the age of ten is receiving approximately \$460.00 per month. Of this an average of \$250.00 a month will be spent on rent. Already over 50% of her income is used up. Where does the money for the other necessities come from?

The United Nations has said that all children have the right to adequate income but statistics reveal that 15,000 children in the city of Toronto alone are living in poverty. The children of welfare and family benefits recipients are condemned to a life of struggle and

hardship. This poverty will no doubt lead to more severe problems in the future. Families struggling to buy food and pay the bills often are not able to provide the type of environment children need to grow up in. Money spent on social assistance should be seen as an investment in the future of those children on welfare and family benefits.

Twice during the last month a group of welfare and family benefits recipients have met in the Riverdale area of living on government assistance. They felt that not only is more money needed but also more help when someone is trying to go back to work or school. The group feels that it is time for the government to make some major changes to the welfare and family benefits' laws. They are not alone in feeling this. Presently a group known as the Family Benefit Workgroup is writing a report outlining those changes that they feel should be made. They hope to present this to the government in the early spring.

The Riverdale group is going to keep careful records of how their money is spent during the month of April in order to show the government just how hard it is to live on the amount of money they receive.

The group's next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 10th 7:30 at the Old Post Office 765 Queen Street East. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Riverdale Socio-Legal Service 461-8102.

### Crombie office opens

Rosedale M.P. David Crombie has opened a constituency office at 546 Parliament St. It is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The phone number is 929-9845.

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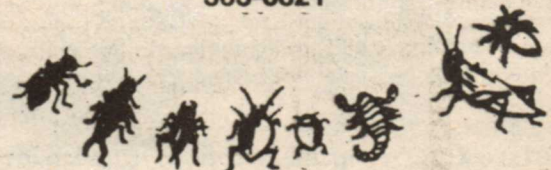
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water you can actually hear the sound of it over the roar of the traffic on the Parkway. But you cannot go from there down the valley to that broad area that lies north and west of Riverdale Park, stretching underneath the Viaduct and enclosed by two railroads and two traffic arteries until it reaches the great bend in the river.



Handy path . . . to nowhere. It looks inviting, but a few feet further the path stops dead at the Don Valley Parkway. Photo by Howard Huggett

This area lies temptingly, spread out in the middle of all those towers of brick and stone that house thousands and thousands of city dwellers. Many of them must have an urge, particularly at this time of the year, to get down to the riverbank, and they can do that, although they will not find any sign that tells them how. The Metro authorities have been so intent on providing thoroughfares for cars to travel up and down the valley that they have made no provision for pedestrian access to this convenient area with such a potential for improvement. You can get there by taking the approach road that leads from Bloor Street at Castle Frank down the hill and across the valley towards the Parkway. If you slow down and watch carefully you won't miss the broken-down road that leads to the right and south after crossing the river. This road is used by trucks to dump snow and other refuse into the area, but it is illegal to bicycle or walk to it. (I find that this restriction makes the operation more enjoyable.)

A walk through the area, with its bumpy, neglected road, its acres of weeds and occasional debris, will set you thinking about how it could be made more attractive. Before you do that, you should know that there is a plan to improve this spot. It is part of a larger plan for the lower Don Valley, presented by the Parks & Recreation Committee and adopted by Metro Council on September 24, 1974. Yes, that's the right year, 1974. Some of the recommendations have been carried out, but it is very difficult to notice any difference in the general appearance of the area around the Bloor Street Viaduct. As for the proposal to build a pedestrian/bicycle path system down the valley from the Todmorden historical site off Pottery Road to the Riverdale Park area - this was scheduled for 1975 and 1976, but we are now into 1979, and there is no sign of a start on this project. What happened?

If you look at a map of Metro Toronto Bicycle Network you will see that there are already bicycle paths along a stretch of the Don north of the Todmorden historical site and a part of Taylor Creek that

flows into the Don system. There is a similar path along the lake shore from the mouth of the Don and there is a path down the valley of the lower Humber right to the lake shore and eastward to the downtown area. This map indicates plans for more paths in the upper Don Valley, eastward along the lake shore all the way to the mouth of the Rouge River, and others in the west end, running down the valleys of the rivers west of the Humber. But nothing at all is shown for the Don Valley south of the Todmorden historical site, which lies in the centre of a high-density area that is poorly supplied with accessible green space.

If we are ever going to get a bicycle and pedestrian path, together with other improvements in the area south of Pottery Road we will have to speak up so that our elected representatives can hear us. When I was a little kid on the country there was a saying: The squeaking wheel gets the grease. But we will have to do better than squeak; it may have to be a roar.

### Quotations to Remember

The man who is denied the opportunity of taking decisions of importance begins to regard as important the decisions he is allowed to take. He becomes fussy about filing, keen on seeing that pencils are sharpened, eager to ensure that the windows are open or shut and apt to use two or three different coloured inks.

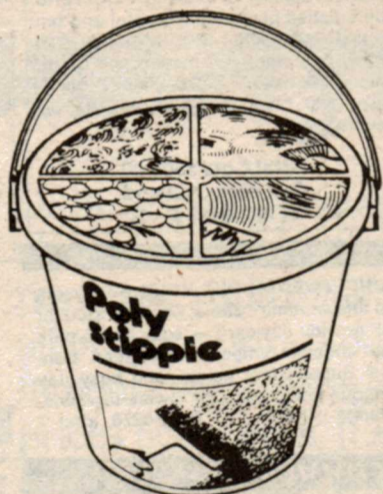
—G. Northcote Parkinson

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