

Some residents object to rental housing

Controversy surrounds Broadview 'Y' site

By JOAN BRYDEN

Everyone, from the aldermen down to the local residents, seems to agree that the new condominium development at the site of the old Broadview Y.M.C.A. is, in a word, "awful". But that is where agreement ends — the development has been the cause of great dissension between residents and the city, generating distrust, anger, frustration and some name-calling.

The problems began when the Y decided to sell its Broadview property about two years ago. The city was outbid for the land by Urban Habitat, developers who decided to construct 198 con-

dominiums on the lot, demolishing Nellies' Hostel in the process. Aldermen Janet Howard and John Sewell (in his pre-suit and tie days) brought the proposed development to the attention of local residents and, after a series of meetings, the plans were altered to meet with residents' objections. It was agreed upon that only 108 units would be constructed, laneways would be run behind the houses bordering on the site and Nellies' would be saved.

Residents contend that the developers also agreed to ownership housing under the A.H.O.P. scheme and, in fact, this is what was

planned. Unfortunately, A.H.O.P. was disbanded and the development was sold to a group of private investors. Without A.H.O.P., the new owners decided that there would be difficulty trying to sell the condominiums and so they were changed to rental housing. As far as residents were concerned, ownership housing was a condition of agreement and they felt they were, in the words of one resident, "bamboozled".

Bob Carley, secretary of the South Riverdale Residents' Assoc., maintains that it is the issue of rental housing that has angered resi-

dents. "Our concern is that we are living in a dense area already. Now put 108 houses into an area the size of a football field and you make that situation so much worse. In that kind of density, people who buy will have a tendency to take care of it. People who rent will move on, they don't care."

It is Janet Howard, John Sewell and now Gord Cressy who are being blamed by many residents for "leading them down the garden path". Howard's assistant admits it is being discreet to say they have had some feedback: "It's not so much feedback as tomato-throwing". On the issue of rental

vs. ownership housing, however, the aldermen's hands were tied. Cressy and Howard approached solicitors to see if the developers could be forced to sell the units instead of renting them but they were told that it was the private owner's right to decide what kind of housing to have. If the city had tried to re-zone the site into a park, the developers would have gone to court and the city, according to Howard, "wouldn't have had a leg to stand on." But the problem goes much deeper than simply the issue of rental vs. owned housing. Janet Howard feels that "some
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If folk dancing is your forte, then you'll want to see the Folklorico Filipino perform at West Park Secondary School on May 26 and 27. For more information on the group, and their performance, see story on page 4.

Plant next year's Forsythia now

It's your last chance

By GRACE CAMERON

It's that time of year again. Ward 7's annual spring Forsythia festival is on this weekend.

As usual, this year's festival promises to be a gala affair. Events this year will take place in the Wellesley park (at the eastern end of Wellesley street), on Sunday May 6.

Tony Brady, the Cabbagetown author of children's books, will MC the festivities. The festival will include some well known personalities such as columnist Paul Rimstead, actress Barbara Hamilton, MP David Crombie, MPP Margaret Scrivener and Briget the clown.

Included in the celebrations this year will be a pigeon race, which will be judged by Rimstead and company. Also included in the festivities are favorite events like the mutt show, and the wagon and bicycle decorating party.

The festival starts officially on Saturday May 5, with the opening

of the sidewalk arts and crafts exhibit on Carlton and Parliament streets. The exhibits will run for the three following Saturdays in May.

Kicking off Sunday's activities will be a parade which leaves Avenue Road and Bloor at noon. It proceeds along Bloor to Yonge,



down Yonge to Carlton, along Carlton to Parliament, north to Wellesley, and east to the park. The parade is organized by Lisette of Yours and Mine, and will be joined by anywhere from 15 to 25 clowns, including local favourite "Twink".

The bike and wagon decorating contest takes place at 12:30 in the park. So bring yours and be eligible for a prize. (We've heard rumours about ice cream.)

The mutt show is at 2:00, and you can enter your pet in such categories as dog with the longest tail, waggiest tail, most spots, etc. A favourite has always been "dog who looks most like his master."

Master of Ceremonies is Briget the Clown.

The theme of the festival, of course, is to encourage everyone to beautify the neighbourhood by planting Forsythia bushes. To assist in this endeavour, Jean Louis Florists on Parliament Street will be selling Forsythia bushes at cost.

And also part of it all is the DACHI-sponsored "Spring Clean-up", which will also feature a lawn sale, barbeque, and entertainment. Call Dave Dickey at 924-8580 for more on that.

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Regent parents tutor students

By JOANN HUTCHISON

A tutoring program named "Project Achievement" is a dream that became reality thanks to the hard work of a small group of Park School parents.

The tutoring program for Park children in grades 3-6 has been operating 2 nights a week at 203 Sackville Green in South Regent since November. Co-ordinator Carole Craig says there are 12 volunteer tutors and 15 children in the program. The children were referred to the program by their teachers.

They are working on problems in reading, writing and math and are learning — with the adults' help — that these problems can be overcome.

The tutors include high school students, secretaries, and clerical workers — men and women ranging in age from seventeen to their mid-forties. Most of them live in Ward 7 and had little or no formal "teaching" experience before joining the program.

The most important thing is for the tutors to get along well with their students. Personality is always

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Times are hard but we'll make it

Back in 1969 and early 1970, several dozen Ward 7 residents got together to plan a community newspaper.

Their reason for doing so was that they wanted an alternative voice that would tell their side of the story. A paper that was for and about the community.

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Seven News has been holding fundraising drives ever since, and we will probably be holding them ten years from now. The reason is simple: a small, low circulation, geographically limited newspaper like 7 News, which doesn't have the resources for a chain behind it, just can't make it on advertising revenue alone. Ward 7 simply isn't an attractive enough "market" for many of the large, big-league advertisers. In the world of big advertising campaigns, 7 News is definitely small potatoes.

So 7 News has always had to rely on community support for a certain percentage of its income. This fact has been our strength as well as our weakness. It has made us work hard to offer our readers what they want to read. But it has also forced 7 News board members, staff, and volunteers to spend a great deal of time and effort in scrambling for money. Previously, various government grants also helped us scrape

by, but these grants have been chopped in the general wave of cut-backs. Now times are even rougher than usual, and they're getting worse.

Costs are going up, while a sickly economy is causing advertising to slow down. Each issue costs us in the neighbourhood of \$1500.00, and often there is not enough advertising to pay for it. It is not unusual

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for staff to work for periods of time without getting paid. This kind of dedication has always been part of 7 News, but it can only go so far.

Which is where you, the reader, come in. Perhaps you are a little tired of 7 News coming back, year after year, with the same old plea for money. (We don't like asking, either.) But it has been these pleas, and your generous response to them, that has kept 7 News going for the past ten years.

We count on you for the next year, and for the next ten, as well.

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Ring Care-Ring

Care-Ring, the volunteer group which offers help to elderly and lonely people (see April 20 7 News) now has its own phone number. The number is 868-1190.

If you would like assistance or information, or if you would like to volunteer in some way, please give them a call.

Wrong Number

The correct phone number of the Community Information Centre of Metro Toronto is 863-0505, not as reported in the last issue.



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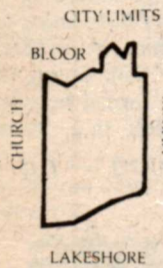
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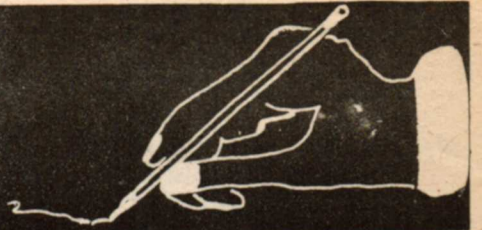
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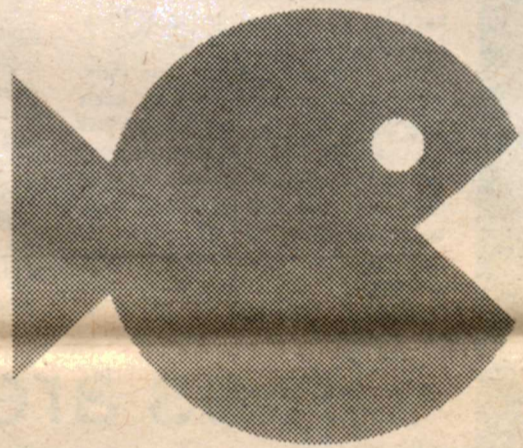
Pension cheque delayed

I will be turning 65 this August and so will be receiving the Old Age Security Pension. But because my birthday is at the beginning of August I will be receiving less money than I would if my birthday was at the end of August. The cheques are sent out late in the following month but the way it

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After at least a couple of years of uncertainty, the future of the old Don Jail seems to have been settled.

Much of the old wing was closed in December 1977 and was scheduled for demolition before widespread protests brought about a change in plans.

The new uses, announced by the Ministry of Correctional Services, will include service facilities for the new wing of the jail, which remains in use. These will include a new visiting area, a chapel, a library, a medical examination area, and outdoor and indoor recreation areas. Some parts of the jail will be made available to the adjacent Riverdale

Hospital for parking and possible expansion. A number of the notable historical features of the old jail, opened in 18764, will be preserved.

The decision means that the Toronto Humane Society will not be allowed to convert the building into its new headquarters, as it had proposed. Instead, the Humane Society will proceed with its previous plan to build a new building at Queen and River Streets. The society is being given a \$1 million grant from lottery funds to assist it with the construction, and has received \$1.1 million from the city and \$1.3 million in pledges and gifts. \$1 million still remains to be raised.

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Court case won but harassment continues

The Ontario government is setting a dangerous new precedent in its continuing legal harassment of the Body Politic, Toronto's leading gay newsmagazine.

In December 1977 five policemen with a catch-all warrant carted away thirteen shipping cartons full of the newspaper's financial records, mail, submissions, and subscription lists. None of the material was used as evidence in this January's trial. In fact, the only written evidence presented by the Crown was one copy of the paper, available at any newsstand.

The Body Politic was found *not guilty* of all charges.

Now three months after the acquittal the attorney general's office is still refusing to return the seized material. They have also launched an appeal on certain fine points of law. (In other countries such as England and the United States, the prosecution cannot appeal an acquittal.) This is the first time in Canadian legal history that the government has refused to return materials seized for evidence after a trial.

They know that the Body Politic, a small paper with a circulation of less than 10,000, is still in debt from the long expensive trial (cost \$30,000) and does not have the financial resources to begin a costly legal battle to get its files back. Especially not with the government's long appeal process hanging over its head.

And who is paying for the attorney general's office to play their enormously expensive legal games, designed to bleed the Body Politic dry? Why, the already overburdened Ontario taxpayer, of course. If you resent more of your tax dollars being spent to drag the Body Politic into court, write attorney general Roy McMurtry at Queen's Park and let him know it. Tell him to drop the appeal, to return the materials, and to stop wasting taxpayers money to hassle Toronto's gay community about an article that has already been found innocent by a provincial court judge.

Krisantha Sri Bhaggiyadatta



Dwayne Smith has worked in the Student Employment Experience Centre (S.E.E.C.) for the past several months and is one of many students enrolled in the program for 14 and 15 year-olds who have left school early.

Photo by Cherry Hassard

Drop-outs get training

By CHERRY HASSARD

For gourmet food at reasonable prices, it's hard to beat *Mario's Place* restaurant. You'll find yourself served French cuisine at just \$1.50 per meal plus 30 cents for dessert. Operating out of Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard Street East, the restaurant is open to the public, Eastdale students and staff, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily.

Mario's Place is one of several imaginative projects devised by the Student Employment Experience Centre (S.E.E.C.) to combat the high youth unemployment rate. In co-operation with the Toronto Board of Education, S.E.E.C. provides full-time jobs for 14- and 15-year-olds who have left school early. Other S.E.E.C. programs include the *Creative Woodshop*, where three workers produce hand-crafted wooden toys, spice, spoon and wine racks, mirrors, knife holders and bread boxes for cross-Canada distribution. *Stripjoint*, located in Contact School, refinishes old furniture for resale

and does custom stripping on request. Yet another project, *Paper Chase*, collects and recycles waste paper.

With the guidance of professional chef Mario Francomano, the six young workers who staff *Mario's Place* have expanded operations to *Mario's Community Kitchen* and *Mario's Dining Room*. Just opened, the Dining Room is available on a pre-booking basis for luncheon meetings for a maximum of 28 seated, 40 buffet. The Kitchen caters banquets and delivers hot lunches to daycare centres and "meals-on-wheels" regulars. Biggest challenge to date for the catering service was a buffet for 700 at the recent Community Convention of Parents at Central Technical School. One parent pronounced the roast beef *au jus* "rare, hot, gorgeous," and the Caesar salad "magnificent."

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Freedom for whom?

By KATHRYN ROGERS

The last speaker's hour at Contact School was a little controversial but some of the students seemed to find it old hat and spent the period making up for lost sleep.

Richard Fung, from Metro Cable T.V., and a member of the Body Politic Collective, presented a video tape about the break-in at the collective's newspaper offices by Metro and R.C.M. police.

The break-in followed several weeks of Toronto media reaction to an article published in the newspaper, called "Men Loving Boys Loving Men". Following seizure of Body Politic property, including subscription lists, the newspaper was charged with using the mails to circulate obscene material.

The video tape consisted of excerpts from the Body Politic Free the Press Fund Rally, which included a speech by a 17 year old gay youth supporting free sexual expression for young people.

The audience's reaction varied from comments like "Shoot 'em all", to questions about whether the Toronto Police Newsletter has the same right to free speech as the Body Politic claims it should have.

In a recent issue of News and Views, a Toronto policeman expressed his personal views on the city's ethnic and gay communities, among others. The article was not well received by some members of those communities.

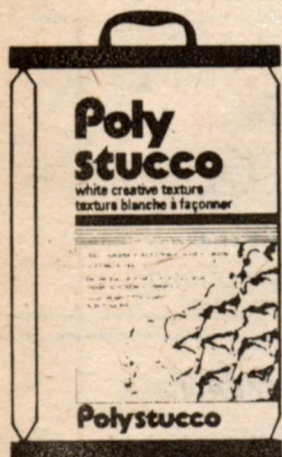
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The following are the candidates in Rosedale riding in the May 22 federal general election: David Crombie (Progressive Conservative and the present MP); Ann Cools (Liberal), Ron B. Thomson (NDP), Dan Goldstick (Communist), Alan Miller (Marxist-Leninist), Alan Eaglesham (Libertarian), Ann Ladas (Nationalist Party), Hans Blumenfeld (Peace candidate), Sean

Howes (independent), Joanné Pritard (independent).

The candidates in Broadview-Greenwood are: Bob Rae (NDP, and the present MP), Michael Clark (Progressive Conservative), Philipp Varelis (Liberal), John Bizzell (Communist), Dorothy Jean O'Donnell (Marxist-Leninist), Walter Belej (Libertarian), Milorad Novich (independent).

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Already, the news is considered the most serious government leak of the decade.

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Purina People Chow

Our stomachs growl in defiance while digging another never-ending hole.

Finally, in the distance the coffee truck sounds its horn.

Some of us laugh, knowing Pavlov's dogs couldn't react any faster.

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'Retarded' label condemns many



Like Normal People
by Robert Meyers

McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1978, 203 ppXXX

McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1978, 203 pp., \$11.95

This book explodes many vicious myths about mental retardation. I suspect it will do much more, like arousing more community acceptance and respect for partially-handicapped people stigmatized and labeled "mentally retarded."

Like Normal People is chiefly a biographical work which focuses upon the lives of a "mildly retarded" couple, Roger and Virginia Meyers, the author's brother and sister-in-law. It's a moving and heart-warming story about their pain and suffering (as well as the writer's and their parents'), their courage and victories over professional and community ignorance, discrimination and neglect. Writer-reporter Meyers says he decided to write the book to expose the "lack of accurate information" as well as crippling stereotypes about retarded people soon after his brother married in 1977. Parts of the book were first serialized in the **Washington Post**.

Biographical-autobiographical documentary materials are tightly integrated like a seamless web. Parental shock in discovering that Roger and Virginia are "retarded", "slow" or "different"; the family frustrations and agony in trying to help and then institutionalizing them; the joyous meeting and marriage of Roger and Virginia; Virginia's fierce determination and partial success in overcoming her speech problems; Roger's finding a job on his own; their unselfish and committed help to more severely retarded people; the obstacles of traditional medical bias and ignorance, together with the friendship and support of a few enlightened professionals; the long-delayed growth of community, natural living alternatives and citizen/civil rights advocacy groups, landmark court decisions. Writer Meyers discusses all of these issues and problems with remarkable clarity, honesty and sensitivity.

Cliches and stereotyped notions branding the retarded as "idiots" or "imbeciles" incapable of learning anything useful, as irresponsible or dangerous people in need of

permanent institutionalization and/or sterilization are forcefully challenged by the living examples of Roger and Virginia, and thousands of other productive handicapped citizens. The fact that approximately 17 of the population has some form of retardation (roughly 200,000 or 250,000 in Canada), and that almost 90% of them are only "mildly retarded", means that the vast majority can learn to hold jobs, run their own homes and lead normal lives. Terms like "educable" and "trainable" become meaningless and insulting abstractions. Because they're generally slower than most of us, the retarded just need more support and guidance and down-to-earth counselling, so they can help themselves, be more independent, and experience the dignity, self-respect and human rights to which all of us are entitled. This is the so-called "normalization" principle which professional leaders, prominent citizens like the Kennedys and Rosalyn Carter, and organizations like the National Association for Retarded Citizens (NARC) have long been advocating.

The humanity of the book shines through in the natural photographs of Roger and Virginia Meyers' honest style, and Roger's childlike loving poems which preface each chapter. Like this stanza from "Rain":

As we both see our own reflection
in a puddle of rain water,
we were made to love each other.
For love cannot hide anytime.
But when we move away with
our reflection there's no
more reflection.

Roger, Robert and Virginia Meyers have helped us see their and our own reflections. And through this book, Robert Meyers has helped us see beyond the blinding categories and labels like "mentally retarded" and into our essential oneness.

Roger and Virginia are on their own in the community, thousands of other "retarded" people can also be on their own — with a little help from their friends and the public.

Don Weitz



Floating like a feather

By SETH BORTS

If folk dancing is your forte, then you'll want to see the Folklorico Filipino, performing at West Park Secondary School.

According to Peter Palermo, the artistic director for the group, the purpose of their performances is to "use the drama of dance to depict the culture and life of the Philippines."

Their show will span the four corners of the Philippines, and has four parts.

The 'Dances of the Highland Tribes' will highlight the ideals of the northern residents of the Philippines.

The second dance will feature Spanish dancing, Philippine style, using bamboo castanets.

Hindu, Malayan and Arabic influences will possess the third dance.

Finally, the troupe will plant a few seeds of happiness, in the 'Rural Philippines Dance'.

The Philippines are surrounded by water, and Peter tells us all the dances are very fluid. Folklorico Filipino will be playing at West Park, 1515 Bloor St. W., on May 26 and 27.

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Friday May 4

Gay Dance, at 519 Church St. Sponsored by a number of gay organizations.

Friday Afternoon films at Parliament Street Library presents "Something to Sing About" at 2 p.m. 269 Gerrard St. E.

Harbourfront presents **Canadian Energy Exposition**: today's themes are "Education and Canada's Energy System." The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at York Quay Centre. Among the topics: The Role of Nuclear Energy; and Energy and Politics. For information call the Ryerson Energy Centre at 595-5071.

Saturday May 5

Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto is holding its second annual **bazaar and bake sale**, at 519 Church Street, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Antiques, clothing, china, art records, books and "rummage" will be featured. Contact Bill Coulter 364-9799.

The Scallywag Cafe, operating out of the 519 Church Street Community Centre presents Robert Priest, new wave folk music, at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$1.50. Interested performers call Aldo at 444-5923.

St. Peter's Anglican Church, 190 Carlton, will hold a **spring concert and tea**, at 2:30 p.m. The concert will be given by The Singers Over 60, conducted by Eldon Brethour. Admission is \$2.00 with door prizes.

Don Area Cooperative Homes Incorporated (DACHI), in conjunction with other community groups, such as the Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area, the Christian Community Centre, have designated May 5 as the **first annual clean-up day**. It will tie in with the Forsythia Festival which starts on Sunday May 6 and will feature a lawn sale barbeque and entertainment. Call Dave Dickey 924-8580 for more information.

The Ward Seven Business & Professional Association is holding an "**Old Cabbagetown Forsythia Festival art show and sale**" on May 5 and 6 with the show and sale continuing every weekend in May on the streets of Cabbagetown.

Rummage Sale at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen St. E. at Logan, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00. Good used clothing, children's wear, kitchen ware, linen, etc. will be sold.

Sunday May 6

St. Luke's Forums, 353 Sherbourne St., presents Professor Greta Dixon of Ryerson P.I. who will speak on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Today is the Forsythia Festival. See the article on page 1.

Monday May 7

Folk dancing with Al Gladstone, will be held for senior citizens at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, at 1:30 p.m. Luncheons are available every Monday for senior citizens from noon to 1 p.m. Cost is \$1.00. For more information call Linda at 863-0499.

Tuesday May 8

Gerrard Kiwanis Boys & Girls club presents **Sportsorama and Fashion Show** at 7:00 p.m. Programme includes cheerleading, tumbling dance demonstrations, folk dancing, log drill and box horse. The fashion show features club members modelling clothing made by themselves.

The monthly meeting of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area board management will be held at 12 noon at 417 Parliament St. All interested persons welcome. For further information call 967-0345.

Richard Wackerlin will speak on **family planning** at Contact School, 310 Gerrard St. at 10:00 a.m.

All candidates meeting at East Minister United, 310 Danforth Ave., at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Lillian Saulter 463-9686.

Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East presents "Drums Along the Mohawk" starring Henry Fonda, a western adventure. Also, two W.C. Fields classics: "The Dentist" and "The Barber Shop". 7-9 p.m. For more information call 461-1168.

Thursday May 10

Neighbourhood Information Post is holding its Annual meeting at the N.I.P. office, in Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. (near Parliament) at 7:30 p.m. for the election officers and Board of Directors for the coming year. Anyone interested in the work of this charitable information and referral centre is cordially invited to attend. The \$1.00 membership goes toward supporting N.I.P. work. Call Jean Wright 967-0345.

Those interested in obtaining affordable housing in downtown Toronto are invited to attend one of two public information meetings given by the Cathedral Court Co-operative Homes Corporation in Suite 401, the Gooderham Building, 49 Wellington St. E. at 7:30 p.m. The second meeting will be

held on May 22. The 59 housing units of Cathedral Court are expected to be ready for occupancy by September 15 1979.

All candidates meeting hosted by North Jarvis Ratepayers Association, will be held at 519 Church St. at 8:45 p.m.

Listen to music at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. Thursday noon recital at 12:10 p.m. Artist to be announced. Free. For more information call 961-8116.

Friday May 11

The Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre is holding their annual **open house**, 1-5 p.m. All are welcome. There will be on display Arts and Crafts that the women of the class have made, which will also be for sale. Also tea and coffee and a small buffet.

Parliament Street Library features **Friday Afternoon films**: Reaching for the Moon", at 2 p.m. 269 Gerrard St. E. Call 924-7122.

The month of May is **Hearing Awareness Month**. Riverdale public health nurses will be available to discuss prevention of hearing loss and the care and management of hearing problems at the Gerrard Square Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and see the display.

Sunday May 13

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WHEN ADAM BIT THE APPLE? If you are interested in Drama, you might care to hear the answer to this in a play which will be presented at All Saints' Church (Sherbourne & Dundas) at the 11 a.m. morning Service. The play was written by the Rev. Norman Ellis, author of the book **My Parish is Revolting!** It is titled **Noble Rebellion** and Ellis tells us it is a kind of contemporary Morality Play, in which Adam debates with Eve the eternal question: Shall I go on living in Paradise? or Shall I go out into the world of Adventure? Go and see what you would do. Professor Max Moffett (of CFTO-TV) will be directing. Patronage of Bishop Hunt.

St. Luke's Forums Speakers presents David Crombie, conservative candidate for Rosedale, at a 2:30 p.m. meeting, 353 Sherbourne St. All welcome.

Tuesday May 15

Contact School presents Ivor Henriques, a former patient from Penetanguishene, who will speak on **mental health care in Ontario**, at 10 a.m. at Contact School, 310 Gerrard St. E.

There will be a spring concert at Win-

chester School today. Call the school for more information.

Woodgreen Community Centre will show "**Yellow Submarine**", a feature-length animated spectacular based in the Beatle's great hit song of the same title. (colour) An added attraction is "Jug Band Music". Come to 835 Queen St. E., 7-9 p.m. For more information, call 461-1168.

Wednesday May 16

The Toronto East Community Council (TECC) will hold its meeting at Frankland School (Logan just south of Danforth) at 7:30 p.m. All parents, teachers, and interested people are urged to attend. For information please call 461-3627.

GENERAL

Every Tuesday at 77 Howard St. (Toronto building) there is a friendly game of **Euchre** in progress. The cost for the evening is \$1.00 which covers the cost of refreshments and prizes. No need to register, just show up on May 15 or 29.

The YMCA is organizing a **camping club** program for the summer. To start with, they are planning two weekends in July and August. If you are interested in getting away from the city for a weekend of camping, call the main "Y" office at 964-8775.

Peter Banks will give a series of **4 weekly art classes** for adults at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. in May and June. Life Drawing, design and colour and slab and coil modelling will be taught. They will be held on Tuesday but the starting date is not yet set. Baby-sitting will be available. Call Barb Greer 925-4363 for more information.

The staff of Winchester School are holding a retirement reception in honour of Vi Anderson on Thursday May 31, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Winchester School. Invitations may be obtained by phoning 921-2178 or by picking them up at the school by May 11.

Kindergarten registration at Winchester School is taking place at Winchester School from May 14 to May 18. Bring proof of age and any health records. During school hours.

Bingo is held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Regent Park School, just south of the Cop Shop. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help the New Regent Park Service Unit with its programs, call Minnie Nicholson, 863-1768.

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Read the fine print

By HOWARD HUGGETT

There used to be a saying that before you sign any document you should read the fine print. That is still good advice, but the small type that I am referring to is not found in documents. It is displayed on boxes, bags and other containers in stores and supermarkets.

We are all accustomed to reading the large print, the kind that provides a glowing description of what's inside, not to mention the illustrations in living colour of the product. But all this is advertising, and, as all shoppers know too well, advertising does not always tell the truth. That's where the fine print comes in.

This is a good time to recall the reason that the fine print is there. It's because of some government statute that insists on factual information on the contents of the package. It took a lot of determination and thought, as well as a lot of our tax dollars, to put the information there, so it makes sense for us to take the time to read it.

For instance, to regulate food labelling Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada insists that labels provide the common name of the product, the net quantity, and the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor. That data is there so that a dissatisfied customer may register a complaint with the responsible party. Most of us are familiar with the "best before" date on pre-packed foods with a durable life of 90 days or less. Label must also provide storage instructions for these products if it is other than "room temperature."

When the number of servings is mentioned the size of the servings must be indicated and the net quantity. That regulation is there, no doubt, to make sure that someone doesn't get away with saying "makes four servings" when they mean for four leprechauns. If artificial flavouring has been added, it must be identified, and-most important-there has to be a list of the major ingredients, from the largest to the smallest, showing the percentages of each.

To see how this list works out, let's take a look at margarine. In the friendly neighbourhood supermarket near me there is a shelf stacked with this product for a distance of ten feet or more. If you just count the different wrappings or containers you would think that there were twenty-odd different kinds of margarine on that shelf. But when you check through the fine print you find that there are only a few differences in all that selection.

Let's start with the cheapest brands, the ones that are simply wrapped in parchment paper that you can see through to the product. With the exception of the odd brand that contains some fish oil, all of these are made up of 80% vegetable oil, 16% water, 2% or 3% salt, and small quantities of such things as whey powder, lecithin, artificial flavouring and certain vitamins. Since their wrappings are relatively plain they are the cheapest, and since they are the cheapest you have to bend down to reach them.

Higher up on the shelf, just at eye level, are the most expensive choices. This margarine is usually packed in half-pound plastic tubs that sit in colourful cardboard containers. Now you can't see the margarine inside but there are usually pictures of the product that look better than the real thing. Sometimes you can find a portrait of a beautiful blonde. However, if that picture was an accurate indication of the contents those plastic tubs would contain some animal fat, not vegetable oil. They do contain vegetable oil, 80%, water 16%, salt around 3% and the usual other items plus vitamins A and D. In other words, it's the same margarine that you can buy for 69¢ in the wrappers down below. Up above, at eye level and within easy reach, the price runs just below or above \$1.00. That's quite a bit more to pay, unless you have a passion for collecting little plastic tubs or pictures of margarine.

Not all the beautiful wrapped product is the same, however. Some of those packages inform you that all the vegetable oil comes from corn, and these brands cost around \$1.20. If you care that much about corn oil perhaps you wouldn't mind the extra cost. Then there is the salt-free type for those who cannot eat salt. That costs more too — you have to pay them to take the salt out again, I suppose.

There is one other type of the more expensive margarines, the diet one. The calorie count is much lower on these, according to the information on the package, and the price is not too high, around .85¢. I believe that part about the calories, because a peek at the small type tells you that this product contains only about 40% vegetable oil and the usual percentages of salt and other items, with the exception of one — the water. The diet brands contain about 58% water — more than three times the percentage of all the other kinds, including the economy types on the lower shelves. There is no doubt that water is low on calories, but 85¢ a pound for a substance that is 58% water, that's too much.

It pays to read the fine print.

If you can provide new jobs for Ontario's Youth, Ontario will help pay their salaries.

If you operate a business or farm and create new jobs between April 30 and October 21, 1979, you may apply to the Ontario Youth Employment Program for a grant of \$1.25 an hour (up to a maximum of \$50.00 a week) towards the wages of each eligible youth you hire for those jobs.

Apply early. Grant funds are limited.

If you wish to employ a young person any time during the program's duration submit your application as soon as possible. Applications are processed as they are received. Deadline date for application is July 3, 1979 or earlier, should all funds be allocated.

Eligible Employers

are those who have been actively engaged in business or farming for at least one year prior to April 30, 1979 at each Ontario business location for which grant application is made.

Eligible Employees

must be at least 15 but not yet 25 years old on April 30, 1979. They must reside and be eligible to work in Ontario. They must not be related to the employer as defined in the Ontario Youth Employment Act.

Program Duration:

The program is in effect for 25 weeks from April 30 through October 21, 1979. An employer is not required to hire a youth for the full 25-week period.

Terms of Employment:

To be eligible for funding, a position created must be in addition to regular and seasonal employment normally provided during the program period. It must provide a minimum of 25 hours of supervised employment per week for at least six weeks.

Grants:

Employers may qualify for grants for up to 150 manweeks of employment at each eligible business location. For example, if you wished to make use of the maximum grant available you could hire 10 young people for 15 weeks each, or 6 for 25 weeks each, or 15 for 10 weeks each. Approved employers will receive a grant of \$1.25 an hour up to a maximum of \$50 a week (40 hours) for each young person hired under the program.

Hiring of Employees:

Before you hire an employee under the program you must first receive written approval from the Province.

Last year the program approved 40,000 new jobs for young people throughout the province. If you think you would be eligible for funding under the program we invite you to apply.

For further information on the Ontario Youth Employment Program and application forms, please contact: Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs, Subsidies Branch, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 2R8. Telephone 1-800-268-7592 (toll-free). In Metro Toronto, telephone 965-0570. In Northern Ontario (Area Code 807) call Toronto collect at 965-0570. Please call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (APRIL 25)

By ROB HUTCHISON

Small males defended

Toronto's controversial No Smoking bylaw was recently struck down by the courts, but City Hall is going to battle back.

Following Mayor Sewell's suggestion, the City Executive voted to have the City solicitor amend the bylaw, ready its re-enactment, and achieve its validation so that its working will not lead to its being struck down again.

Executive Alderman and smoker Ann Johnston objected to the court's sexist remark that the bylaw put an unfair onus of enforcement on shop owners, especially "small females". Johnston retorted that she objected to the court's wording on behalf of all "small males".

No cars on Spit

Toronto's Executive Committee has turned down the Toronto Sailing Association's attempt to get the Leslie Spit opened to more car traffic. The Association was attempting to make it more convenient for their members to move in and out of the Spit area. However, a number of other user groups were

opposed to the move as they wanted to preserve the undeveloped nature of the Spit. Alderman Patrick Shepherd pointed out that after long consultation the user groups had agreed to their various roles and only now was the Sailing Association trying to gain an extra advantage. With Mayor Sewell also opposed the Association's plan was doomed.

Grants in our area

Toronto's Executive Committee has approved the Grant Review Board's suggested grants for the following Ward 7 and area organizations: Central Neighbourhood House (\$3,900, up \$260); Parliament Library Drop-in (\$4,000); 519 Church Street Community Centre (\$4,800, up \$300); Dixon Hall (\$6,600, up \$374); Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre (\$5,500, down \$1210); Second Mile Club (\$2,300, the same); Woodgreen Community Centre (\$16,900, up \$936); Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre (\$4,900, up \$300). Most of the above grants were limited to an increase of only 6 per cent to cover inflation.

Open door to drama

Among other facilities, Ward Seven has its very own community theatre. Since 1972, the University Alumnae Dramatic Club, or the "Alum" as it is known, has been proud to make its home in the old firehall at the corner of Berkeley and Adelaide. However, recognizing that being located in a community or having community members attend plays is not quite enough, U.A.D.C. members, taking their cue from Mohammed, are setting out to meet their community on Saturday, May 5th. Come rain or come shine, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, theatre members will be pounding the pavements armed with brochures announcing what is a scandalous bargain! The Postal Walk, as it has been dubbed, is to kick off the subscription campaign for the 1979-80 season and when area residents open their mailboxes, they will see why the subscription is such a bargain. For a top price of \$25, the subscriber gets to see eight great plays, including works by Betty Lambert, a Canadian, Edward Albee, Samuel Beckett, Garcia Lorca and a mystery that will delight children, The Secret of the Spyglass, also Canadian and set in Kingston. At such a ridiculously low price, less than the cost of eight first-run

movies, even the most sceptical can afford to attend the theatre. Student and senior prices are even lower. So, if you see a group of people furiously stuffing mailboxes on Saturday morning, no, it isn't a return to Saturday delivery by the Post Office but members of Toronto's oldest, continuously performing theatre group, out to meet their community.

Woodgreen programs temporarily moved

Renovations are now underway at the Woodgreen Community Centre. Changes planned run from conversion of the basement into a nursery school to redesigning the front entrance to allow easier access for handicapped people. During the renovations many Woodgreen programs and services are being relocated to two other close-by locations: St. Ann's School at 70 Boulton, and Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen St. E. Some services will still be in the community centre building during the renovations, and the central phone number will continue as before, so if you have any questions about what will be happening where, just call Woodgreen at 461-1168.

New alternate school starting

An educational situation which has been in existence for many years, but which is now just emerging as an issue, is the number of students who leave the secondary schools without gaining their Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma, indeed, a number called "staggering" by the Toronto Board of Education as early as 1974.

According to the Board's study, *Patterns of Dropping Out*, the majority (53%) of "drop-outs" are leaving the system to get jobs. However, a large number of these people are unable to find employment or, even if they do, recognize that sooner or later they will probably have to return to school in order to get better paying jobs.

A small percentage of this number do actually return, either to a regular school or to one of the alternative high schools. However, the vast majority do not return to high school, even though they express a desire to do so.

One of the reasons for this is the fact that there is no programme available within the system that is designed specifically for them. A small group of educators recognized this problem and in January of 1979 officially submitted to the Toronto Board of Education a proposal to pursue the establishment of a new alternative high school programme specifically geared towards students who had left high school before gaining their Graduation Diploma and who now wished to return to school.

The Toronto Board has given its "in-principle" support to this proposal with the programme scheduled to start in September of this year.

If you are interested in knowing more about this new programme, contact Ken (469-4580) or John (446-2877) between 5-7 p.m.

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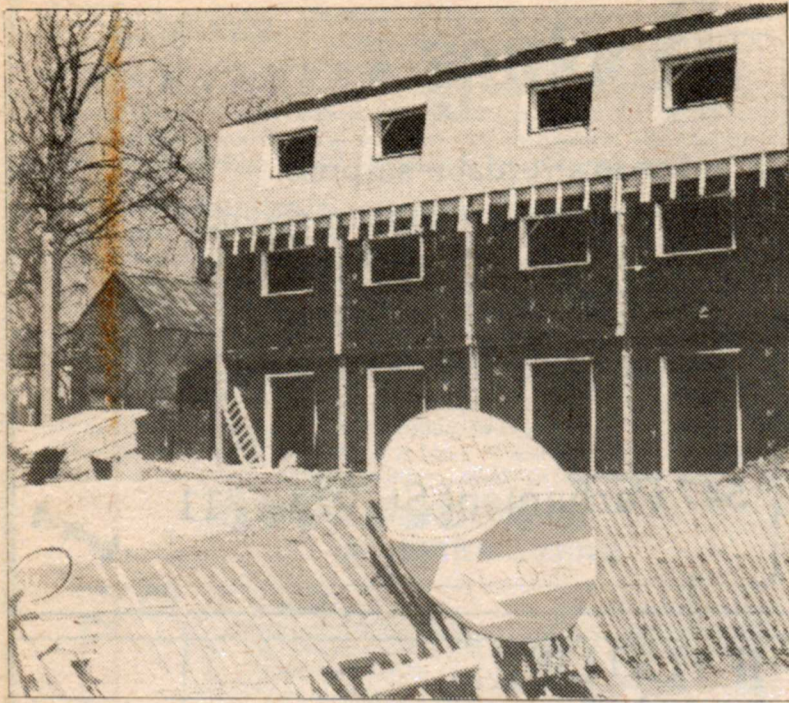
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One section of the Broadview housing development that has some residents up-in-arms. Photo by Cherry Hassard

Housing plan knocked

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people refuse to accept the preliminary fact that the Y had the right to sell its land. . . I agree in principle with no housing. It's much nicer to have open space behind your house. But we don't have public ownership of land in Canada. We have no more power to stop the Y selling its property than we do to stop them (residents) from selling theirs". Residents also refuse to accept the fact that a private body can decide whether to lease or sell its houses and Howard regrets that "some residents persist in thinking the government could have handled it."

While the development adds nothing to the already crowded neighbourhood, it could have been a lot worse. If the residents had not made some demands, the number of condominiums crammed onto the Y site would have been almost twice the number finally constructed, there would be no loneways giving residents access to back yards bordering on the site and Nellies' Hostel would be a fond memory. Though they feel they were railroaded on the Broadview development, members of the South Riverdale Residents' Assoc, feel they have sparked enthusiasm in the neighbourhood and feel prepared now to handle a similar situation with greater expertise and effectiveness.

Meanwhile, the resentment against the city and Ward 7 aldermen in particular continues. Howard suggests that if they want to feel angry with someone it should be the Y. She feels it was "anti-social of the Y" to sell its property,

part of its plan to "pull its money out of the city and put it into the suburbs". She is not optimistic, however, that residents will transfer their resentment from the city: "Some people will go to the grave feeling hostile about this."

150 years of Methodism

St. Luke's United Church, at 353 Sherbourne St., is celebrating 150 years of primitive Methodism in Canada, and is holding a number of special activities in connection with the event.

The anniversary they are celebrating is the arrival in Canada of William Lawson, in 1829. Lawson arrived from England and immediately held an open air service in the market square. This was followed by meetings in homes, schools, and halls, until the Bay Street Chapel was built. In 1854 a new church was built on Alice (now Terauley) Street. After it was burned down 20 years later, the congregation moved to a site which was considered to be the bush — the corner of Carlton and Yonge. The church — first Carlton Street Methodist and then Carlton Street United, continued on that corner until it united with Sherbourne Street United in 1959, to form St. Luke's United. A history of the congregation is being written by Christopher Clapp.

On the weekend of June 9 and 10 the church is having a homecoming and a special service. On the Saturday evening there will be a church pageant on the early church.

Students tutored by parents

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taken into account when pairing up children and adults. Most of the tutoring is on a one adult, one child basis, although sometimes teaching is done in small groups. The tutors meet before and after the program with Mrs. Craig and Project Assistant Shelley Sorin to talk about teaching strategies and to share ideas.

More tutors will be needed next year because the program hopes to expand. To make the program a truly 'community' endeavour, the steering committee hopes to encourage more residents of South Regent to be tutors. No teaching experience is necessary — only patience, a sense of humour, a liking for kids, and a free Tuesday or Thursday evening to spare.

"Project Achievement" developed out of the informal "Homework Help" program at Dixon Hall. It was a direct result of community pressure and interest. Fred Andrews, former Program Director at Dixon Hall, and Evie Gilmour, School Community Relations Worker with the Toronto Board of Education met in February 1978, with a group of parents to design the program. From the beginning, Gilmour and Andrews were resource people only and the group was chaired and controlled by the parents.

The parents at Park School who initiated the program — Marie Dawson, May Barrett, Medea Boucher, Rhoda Hill, Stella Gautreau, and Sylvia Fazacherley — wanted: "(1) to provide a program for children who need extra help with school work either as individuals or in a group setting (2) to provide a place for children to study and to develop good work habits, and (3) to develop a sense of achievement and belonging."

These goals have been more than met. Mrs. Craig reported to the steering committee in April that teachers and parents had told her in a number of cases that the enthusiasm and increased self-confidence of the children have led to considerably improved classroom performance. However, the program is currently serving only 15 children. The children are there — there is a long waiting list — but if the program is to expand, several things have to happen.

First another location will have to be found, as 203 Sackville Green cannot accommodate more students. Park School has been considered as an alternative, and the principal is willing. However, everyone involved feels that the "non-school" setting at 203 Sackville has been a big help in getting the kids to learn, as it is clearly a "non-threatening" environment.

Second, more volunteers will have to be found.

Third, more parents from Park School will be needed to serve on the steering committee to maintain community control of the program.

And fourth, more funding will be required from the Toronto Board of Education, whose current grant to this "pilot project" expires in June of this year.

An expanded program would obviously benefit Park School children. Indeed, based on "Project Achievement's" successful experience, other school communities might wish to pressure the Board for a similar program for their schools. What it takes is a committed group of parents who are willing to organize around the issue.

Further information about the program can be had from Rhoda Hill (368-2443) or Carole Craig (698-5824).

Last September Park parent Marie Dawson stated in her submission to the Board of Education: "I can only stress the need for this project in our school and the long-range benefits to our children, if they are helped now in the lower grades before reaching high school." Her conviction, and the conviction of parents like her, turned "Project Achievement" into a successful, expanding program for Park School children.

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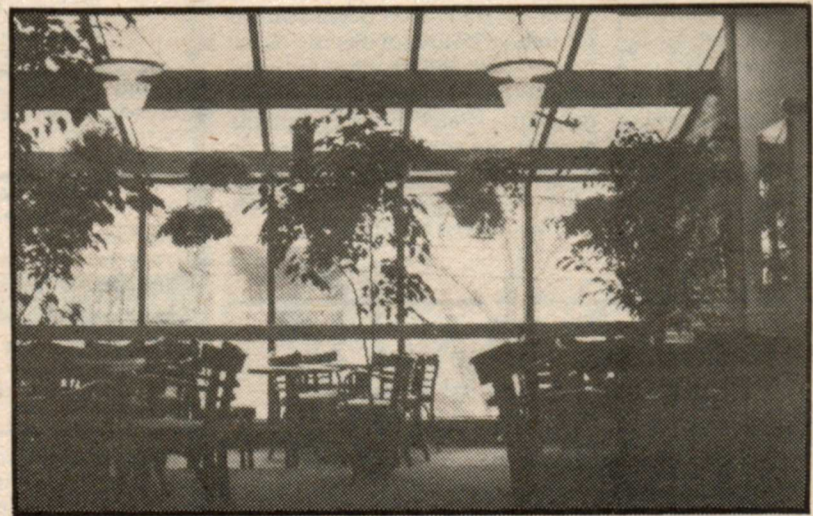
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