

# Teachers at Park School can too hack it!

The Park Community Education Council (PCEC) has been formed by concerned members of the Regent Park community and Park School teachers to investigate the quality of inner city schooling and to make demands for its improvement.

The PCEC resulted from a meeting called at the request of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA).

The RPCIA wanted to discuss why all 38 Park teachers had placed their names on the transfer list for September of 1980. The resulting publicity in the news media (much of it sensationalized) had upset a number of Regent Park residents.

Park School is on Shuter St., just east of Parliament St., and draws the majority of its students from South Regent Park and surrounding area.

The teachers want to remain at the school — they like teaching there because they like the kids — but they don't feel that the Board of Education has examined the situation at Park School seriously

enough in the past.

Approximately 68% of Park's grade 8 class last year, for example, "graduated" to level 1-3 (vocational) high schools like Castle Frank or Parkview. Neither parents nor teachers feel that such a high failure rate is indicative of the children's true ability. They believe instead that the school system is failing to "connect" to the lives of working class children in any meaningful way.

The teachers used their transfer requests as a dramatic way of forcing the Board of Education to pay attention to the seriousness of the situation.

The RPCIA backed the teachers' firm stand. However RPCIA president, Janet Ross, a long-time education activist, indicated that the news media coverage has served to confuse the issue and anger the tenants. She stressed the need for the community and the teachers to act together for change.

The Regent Park community has long since recognized the need for drastic changes in the school system

because of the large numbers of children who are failing to learn to read or write adequately. Eight years ago, the Park Community Council spoke to the same issues in its brief entitled "Downtown Kids Aren't Dumb: They Need a Better Program."

The teachers want a thorough investigation of the structure of inner city schooling, with an emphasis on improved and relevant curriculum. They also want to see a continuity of committed teaching staff from year-to-year. The want to put an end to "bumping" teachers from school to school, thereby increasing stability for students, and allowing continuity of programming.

The Park Community Education Council has held 2 meetings to date to outline discussion priorities.

There are 16 voting members on the Council — 5 Park school parents, 5 community representatives from the RPCIA, 5 Park School teachers, and 1 Park school administrator (principal or vice-principal). These members have decision-making powers. Any

member of the community or school staff can contribute to the discussion, however.

In addition, various Board personnel (including the 2 trustees) attend meetings as advisory personnel. They voted themselves out of a decision-making role at the organizational meeting on the grounds that decisions should reflect the wishes of the Park school community and teaching staff.

At Park School, parents and teachers are serious about confronting the issues of why children fail in our inner city schools.

Not long after the transfer requests had been made, Rhoda Hill (parent and chairman of the Park School Parent-Teacher group) addressed a hearing at Queen's Park on the quality of education in the inner city. "In the district where Park School is located," Mrs. Hill stated, "the greatest number of families are in the low income bracket, and by that I mean below the poverty line . . .

"We are a cross-section of multi-

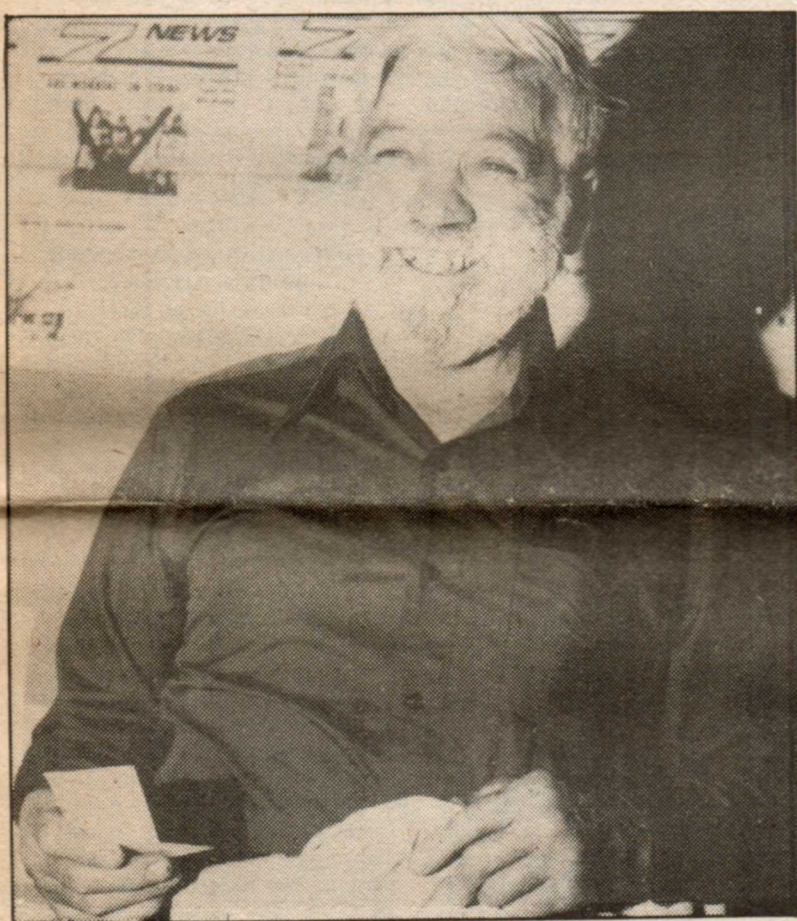
cultural people . . . Class sizes are too big now to give the individual attention our children need ( in English as a Second Language, English as a Second Dialect, remedial reading, writing, and arithmetic) . . .

"There is a need for education, good quality education, which will give our children a chance to make something of themselves . . . This cannot be done if you do not give children in this area the quality of education that is needed by today's standards.

"If you (the Ministry of Education) do not set a better standard of education and give enough teachers to do the job, then we, as parents, are going to have to keep on protesting and marching to get you to do the job."

Park School parents and teachers are fed up with so many of their students failing and ending up in bottom level streams. Together they intend to work to reverse that trend.

Joann Hutchison



HUGGETT PICKS A WINNER! 7 News Board member Howard Huggett has just chosen the name of the lucky winner of the 7 News WIN A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS contest.

Jane Craig will soon be on the way to the beautiful Toronto Islands, outfitted with spending money for hot dogs and rides! Photo by Cherry Hassard

## Cabbagetown businesses get a helping hand

The Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area has been granted an Ontario Career Action Program trainee for the summer months.

Her name is Jenny Wells and she will be assisting in the activities of the organization in improving the shopping district, promoting business and helping individual businessmen. She will also be liaison officer between the merchants and the committee which will be presenting the third annual Cabbagetown Festival in September.

She has established offices in the former Harris Department Store, 529 Parliament, and her telephone number there is 968-1807.

### Next deadline

Have something you'd like to get into 7 News: an article, ad, picture, or item for the community calendar? Then make a note of the deadline: the deadline for the next issue (August 24 issue) is Monday August 20. Send your stuff to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2.

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Dixon Hall has plans

## Looking to the future

This is a big year for Dixon Hall — one of the most important in our 50 years in the community.

We have embarked on two major projects in this anniversary year. The first one is the drive to raise money for renovations and an addition to the old building.

The second is the Future Directions project. We all know our neighbourhood is changing, and has been changing for the past several years — but as a result nobody has an overall picture of what the neighbourhood is really made up of now. This has serious implications for many of the groups and agencies providing services and activities in the area. Our own location makes the question especially applicable to us here at Dixon. In the past five years there has been a high turnover of residents in the area south of Shuter Street. It has, for example, been reported that where five years ago over 80 children lived on Ashby Place, today there are none. It is now home to young, upwardly mobile people who do not use Dixon Hall.

In addition, more and more of the townhouses along Queen Street are being bought up by commercial concerns, and turned into boutiques and antique stores. Instances of further population change can be seen on Sumach as well as Bright St.

Regent Park remains as something of a constant, but our relationship with the Park has never been thoroughly evaluated.

Added to this are the proposed mixed-income redevelopments of the King-Parliament area (in which Dixon Hall is officially located) and the eastern phase of the St. Lawrence area . . . as well as continued progress of the Trefann Court area just north of Queen . . . all of which will bring further changes to our "service area".

Dixon Hall feels that now is the time to start planning some directions for the future.

However, this planning should not be done in isolation . . . but rather in co-ordination with other community based groups.

But most importantly, it must involve the people who live and work here in the planning and decision making.

After all, service and government agencies, community centres and neighbourhood houses, schools, churches, and other groups and organizations are here to serve the needs of the community . . . but it is up to the community itself to tell them what those needs and wants are — not the other way around.

So bearing all this in mind, we at Dixon Hall have launched our Future Directions Project to learn who and what the neighbourhood is . . . what it wants and what it needs.

No . . . this is NOT another case of a bunch of community workers and students doing another survey . . . it is a community effort involving residents, business people,

organizations and public servants all working together to get information about their neighbourhood and then making decisions for the future based on that information.

Four research committees are being gotten under way. They are:

1. Population, which will look at ages and ethnic backgrounds, renting and owning, etc.
2. Services. What services exist now? How does they? What gaps and duplications are there?
3. Issues. What broader social issues are of major local importance — and what is being done locally about them?
4. Wants and Needs. What do we, the people who live, and work, and play, and shop, and go to school and church here want this community to be?

If you are interested in being involved in any way, please call Dixon Hall at 863-0499.

June Johnson

## The Golden Fists

On June 24 TEAM OF EIGHT YOUNG BOXERS FROM THE Cabbagetown boxing & Youth Centre won 7 gold medals and 1 silver medal at the regional novice boxing championships held at Westhill.

Results.

Pre-Junior Class (9&10 years): Steven Ablitt, 70 lbs., defeated Meredith Marsh of the Landsdowne A.C.

Junior "B" Class (13 & 14 years): Radcliffe Lee, 90 lbs., defeated Russell of Bramalea.

Vincent Bowen, 100 LBS., LOST OUT TO Bernard Hillick of Westhill. Vincent fought well for his first bout ever.

Junior "C" Class (15 & 16 years): Garth Grant, 100 lbs., defeated Eric Hennricksen of Toronto Newsboys.

Tim Hanley, 112 lbs., was unopposed.

Emmerth Lee, 119 lbs., was unopposed. Tim and Emmerth boxed an exhibition bout.

Anthony Aransibia, 125 lbs. won by TKO in the first round over David McCormack of Westhill.

Intermediate Class: (17 to 19 years):

Sheldon Sampson, 106 lbs., was unopposed.







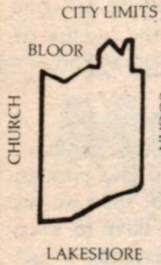
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## LETTERS

### There is more than one sponsor

Thank you for the recent mention of the Cabbagetown Festival, to be held September 14, 15 and 16. There is, however, some confusion about sponsorship.

While we in the Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area would dearly love to take all the credit, I'm afraid that just isn't so. In fact, the annual festival is presented by an autonomous Festival Committee. Our group and the Ward Seven Business and Professional Association contribute equal funding to the affair and are among the main sources of finances, but other area groups as well as individuals contribute both financially and with time and talent. Everyone is welcome to take part. It is a neighbourhood community festival.

Co-chairpersons this year are Heather Aspinall, The Yarn Cup-

board, 546 Parliament, 961-7733, and Dani Trodd, Cheeze Pleeze, 461 Parliament, 923-7121. As well, Jenny Wells, 529 Parliament, 968-1807, is organizing a tribute to the International Year of the Child. Any person or group who would

like to take part, or learn more, can do so by contacting these people. We hope you will.

Jean Wright, Director  
 Cabbagetown Business  
 Improvement Area

### Transfers explained

This letter is written in the hope that our staff can clarify our reasons for the mass transfer requests. This was yet another of numerous attempts over the past several years to focus attention on the multitudinous needs of the children. We, as inner city teachers, are committed to improving the quality of education for all inner city children.

There is a need to look at the in-

ner city school structure in general. Improved and relevant programming, continuity in staffing, and stability for the children are crucial. For these reasons we have risked publicly stating our concerns. We are now and will remain committed to these responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,  
 The Staff of Park School  
 Toronto

## It's summer camp time

Summer camps can provide low-income people with a much-needed temporary escape from the grind of city life. Usually there are subsidies available for trips to various camps in Southern Ontario, and there's a variety of places to select from. The Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto (863-0505) has a complete list of summer camps. What follows is a list of a few subsidized camps compiled by the Neighbourhood Information Post at 265 Gerrard Street East, 924-2543.

### ALGONQUIN EXPERIENCE CAMP

36 College Street, 922-7474

Algonquin Experience Camp offers hiking, canoeing, water sports, and a variety of other outdoor activities for wildlife enthusiasts. The

camp is located on Whitefish Lake in Algonquin Park and is open to boys and girls aged 12 to 16 years. There are four two-week camping periods between June 30 and

### Information from the post



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August 31. Total cost is \$10. Registration forms are available from the YWCA camping service office.

### BIG CANOE Toronto Conference Camp Committee, 967-1880

The United Church is holding a number of camps in various locations across the Southern Ontario during July & August. Call for complete information on their programs.

### BOLTON CAMP

22 Wellesley Street East, 922-0713  
 Owned & operated by the Family Service Association of Metro Toronto, Bolton Camp is located 35 miles northwest of Toronto on 335 acres in the Albion Hills. The area is divided into three camps; Howell, which accommodates mothers & small children; Sherbourne, for girls aged 7 to 13 years; and Rotary, for boys 7 to 13 years. Fees are based on a sliding scale and the programs are divided into four twelve-day camping periods during the months of July and August.

### FRASER LAKE CAMP 439-3104

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### ONTARIO RESERVE CAMP AHBENOJJEYUG

222 Niagara Street, 366-1916

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### SALVATION ARMY

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There are two out-of-town summer camps being operated by the Salvation Army this year. A co-ed camp for children aged 8 to 12 years is being held at Jackson Point on Lake Simcoe, 55 miles north of Toronto. There are five camping periods: two nine day sessions and three ten-day sessions. Fees are based on a sliding scale. There's also a teen camp for people aged 13 to 18 years, at Len Lake. Fees are also on a graduated level. Call Captain Len Goddard at 264-2541 for complete information.

### SCOTT MISSION

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# Crombie and the Promises:

## Will he like it or lump it?



By ROB HUTCHISON

Rosedale MP David Crombie has been made Minister of Health and Welfare in the new federal Conservative government.

In his first statement as Minister, Crombie pledged to maintain the medicare scheme.

In recent years several provinces, including Ontario, have been cutting back on health spending. The result has been hospital closings, staff and material cutbacks. Some of these cutbacks can be traced to reduced funding to the provinces by the former Liberal federal government.

### Promises

**Crombie's pledge to maintain medicare could however come into conflict with other Conservative party promises.**

A major Conservative promise is to reduce the \$12 billion federal budget deficit. New finance minister John Crosbie recently repeated the government's intention to do so.

Major tax reductions promised included \$2 billion in personal income tax cuts and the plan to allow mortgage payments and property taxes to be deducted from income taxes, at \$660 million in the first year alone.

Increased spending intentions are relatively moderate but do include \$2.3 billion on fighter planes, \$250 million on armed forces, and a few other employment, service, and pension programmes costing least several hundred million dollars.

Yet government debt, Joe Clark promises, is to come down. **The government is to cut its tax income and (in some areas at least) increase its spending.** That's a double loss in revenue.

### Something has to give.

Joe Clark has said his government would make up the difference by helping to create greater economic growth, which would result in greater tax revenue.

### A 7 News break

Summer has arrived, and so has 7 News' summer break. The paper you are holding in your hand is the last issue of 7 News until August 24.

The 7 News office will resume its regular fulltime schedule on Monday August 13, but staff will be in on a part-time basis throughout the summer to answer messages and mail. You can phone the office at 363-9650 at any time to leave a message.

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The imminent rise of inflation above 10 per cent has squelched much of that idea. More spending for growth; at this time, will simply increase inflation.

### Service and Taxes

In recent years the former Liberal government took the difference out of social programs either directly or indirectly. What they did not cut themselves (e.g. UIC benefits) or refused to increase (e.g. pensions), they forced on the provinces by restricting federal funding.

In Ontario, the Conservative government, with its goal of a balanced budget, refused to take out more loans or to increase corporate or personal taxes to cover the whole of the difference.

The result was inevitable: cuts in medical and educational services. Also, having the same economic strategy as their Liberal cousins, the Ontario Conservatives threw in a few cuts of their own.

### Crombie

So what will David Crombie do? During the election campaign Crombie made much of his independence from Conservative policy. Now that he is Minister of Health and Welfare, however, he will maintain cabinet solidarity or forever hold his peace on the back benches.

The fact is that in terms of what

governments do to us, individual personalities count for relatively little. Crombie is a (perhaps agreeable) prisoner of party policy.

### Intentions

Crombie's and the Conservative party's future are cloudy. Economic circumstances will greatly dictate their actions.

Even in terms of policy, however, the Conservatives seem as directionless as their Liberal forerunners. Their intentions appear to be to try for the right 'mix' of cuts and increases in spending, and then hope for sun or rain.

The real economic 'mix-up' however resides in the very structure of the economic system. No manner of tinkering will root it out.

The first priority of the conservatives is to stabilize the economy. Basically their view involves government policies that help maximize profits. They believe that this is the best approach for society.

Be that as it may, this view does not allow for any great change from previous Liberal policy: they hold the same basic view.

The proposed income tax cuts will therefore probably be greatly reduced, and the mortgage interest payment plan far more restricted. A magic wand will be waved, smoke will appear, and a mouse will come forth.



### Predictions

Despite Crombie's pledge to maintain medicare, let's make a prediction: more of the same, a slow decline in government services, including medical care.

There will be more government spending to debt-ridden private corporations in the form of tax cuts (such as the proposed abolition of capital gains tax on publicly-traded shares of Canadian corporations, or the suggested \$5,000 tax credit to small business; both P.C. promises) and direct grants.

But because money is being shifted by government to these areas, it won't be as available elsewhere, such as the health or education areas.

The big 'IF' behind all this, of course, is the public's reaction. If the public should prove to be willing — or, as importantly, unorganized — the chopping block will be readied.

Whether David Crombie will like it, or simply lump it, will be largely irrelevant.

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The children had made Mr. Smith a happy man, something he hasn't been since his wife died earlier this year. They had brought homemade birthday cake, cards and paintings to celebrate this special event.

The children are part of the CRC Club, a summer program at the Christian Resource Centre. The aim of the program is to involve kids in communicating with senior citizens.

This summer the children will be singing, dancing, and putting on puppet shows in Homes for the Aged. They will also be providing company for shut-ins.

Aside from the helping aspect of the program, there are also recreational activities such as car-

tooning lessons, mask-making, mime, sports, daytrips, and prizes.

Children between the ages of seven and thirteen interested in

### South of Carlton buzzing

It's hard to keep track of all the new developments in the area so here's a brief guide to some of the more 'obvious' ones:

• Corner of Dundas and Shebourne Streets:

• On the south-west corner: several new "fast food" stores, 1 storey high with 7 parking spaces provided.

• On the north-east corner: Metro Senior Citizens' building, 7 storeys high with 1 or 2 stores on the main floor. The site includes the 2 older houses next door (to the north) which are being renovated as part of the project. Altogether there will be 167 units and the building will be ready for occupancy in 1980.

• 97 — 99 Seaton Street: the cottage was demolished and 2 new semi-detached townhouses are being proposed.

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**CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION**  
by David H. Briggs  
Project Release, 1978,  
41 pages, \$2.50

Reviewed by Don Weitz

Have you ever been stoned out of your mind on a tranquilizer, anti-depressant, sleeping pill or barbiturate, and wondered if some of your bad reactions to the drug(s) were products of your imagination, "symptoms of mental illness" or a direct result of the drug(s)? Has your doctor ever told you what effects or "side effects" you'll probably experience on the tranquilizer or anti-depressant he just prescribed for you? Has your doctor ever told you their minimum safe dosages? You have every right to this information, so you can decide whether or not to take the drug and its risks.

If you've asked yourself these questions and are still uncertain or confused, then the **Consumer's Guide To Psychiatric Medication** will be a big help in answering these questions and more. The second edition of the **Guide** was produced and published last year by Project Release, a self-help group of former psychiatric patients in New York City. It's written by David H. Briggs, a member of Project Release, who's studied psychiatric drugs for many years.

This small but information-packed, 41-page booklet is unique in at least three respects. First, under one cover it lists and describes numerous "side effects" or risks of many common tranquilizers, anti-depressants, anti-parkinsonian drugs, sleeping pills or barbiturates. For example, Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is a very dangerous "side effect", a neurological disorder of the central nervous system, which occurs in roughly 25% of people taking one or more major tranquilizers (e.g., Thorazine, Chlorpromazine, Haldol, Prolixin (Moditen), etc.) for six months or longer. The medical-psychiatric

establishment and big drug companies minimized or covered up the existence and dangers of TD until the late 1960s or early 1970s. In the **Guide**, the TD syndrome is described in these terms:

"rhythmical involuntary movements of the tongue, face, mouth, or jaw (e.g., protrusion of tongue, puffing of the cheeks, puckering of the mouth, chewing movements). Sometimes these may be accompanied by involuntary movements of the arms and legs. This condition, which is generally believed to be irreversible (incurable), is seen most often in back wards of psychiatric institutions, especially among the elderly and people with widely-spread brain damage... If you notice continuous restless movements of your lips or tongue, you should bring this to your doctor's attention. These are the beginnings symptoms of the condition."

Secondly, the **Guide** lists the maximum recommended daily dosage of over twenty drugs (e.g., Thorazine, 2000 mg.; Valium, 30 mg.; Elavil, 300 mg., etc.)

Thirdly, the booklet devotes 12 pages to accurately describing the physical characteristics of 37 com-

mon tranquilizers, anti-depressants and other potent drugs — including Ritalin and Lithium (the so-called "wonder drug" for depression or "manic-depressive psychosis").

The concise 1-page discussion on Ritalin and Lithium, particularly their dangers and warnings, are very helpful.

In addition, the **Guide's** language is simple, straightforward and down-to-earth — a refreshing and long overdue change from the usual medical-psychiatric mumbo-jumbo. After all, it's written for the general public, including psychiatric and former psychiatric patients.

After reading this valuable guide, you'll be more informed about the damage tranquilizers and anti-depressants can and will do to your health; you'll be more careful about what chemicals to put into your body. Knowledge is power, so use it to take charge of your health and life — instead of letting others do it for you. Like the **Guide** warns "do not assume that every psychiatrist is an expert on these medications". Besides, all too often the shrinks will get you hooked on one or more of them. The **Guide**, like a good first aid book, should be close to your phone.

The **Consumer's Guide to Psychiatric Medication** is well worth the price of \$2.50. You can order copies by writing to: Project Release, P.O. Box 396, FDR Station, N.Y., N.Y., 10022. Or, write to the Ontario Patients' Self-Help Association, P.O. Box 7251, Station A, Toronto M5W 1X9, or call 461-7994. So far, OPSHA is the sole distributor in Canada. They have a limited supply of about 100 copies.



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and away I went  
When I got there  
I was told I had to see my worker  
I sat down and waited  
and waited  
for about two hours  
My kids were getting fussy  
because one didn't have a nap  
the other didn't have a bottle  
Finally she called me  
into an interviewing room  
she asked me to keep my kids quiet  
and spoke to me of other things  
She gave me my cheque  
and I opened it  
The amount was less than the last  
cheque I received  
I went home, cashed the cheque  
looked for a job and found one  
I called my worker on the phone  
and told her to take her  
assistance and shove it.

Darlene Yurchuk

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a near miss china syndrome  
shivers in my back yard  
& some mad scientist  
plays in a bubble dread-nought  
sniffs high-dry-(die)-gin-glue  
who comes on neutron-gas-mask-blue  
&

(... as a flaming after  
thought ...)

(almost) coughs — sneezes  
& belches away a city ...  
or two ...

Dee September

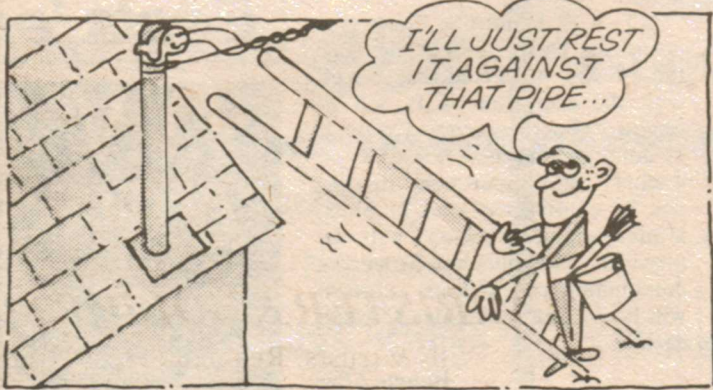
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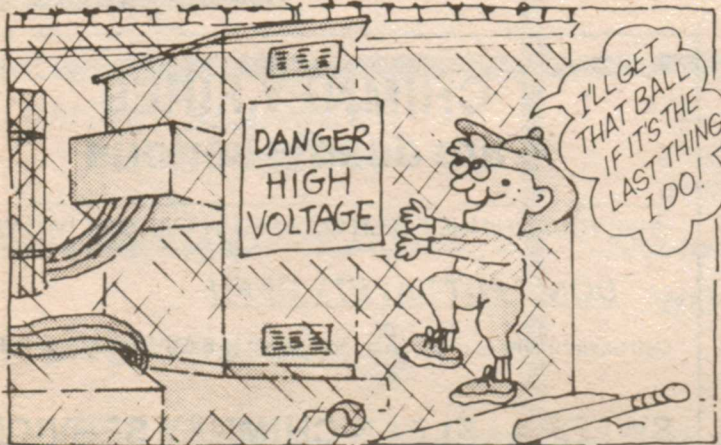
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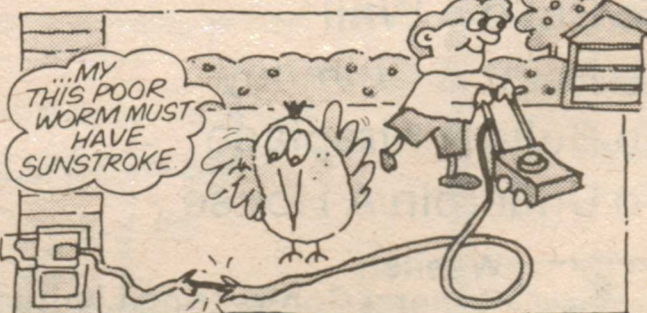
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## Watching the National

Watching, the National she discovered, she wasn't really unemployed.

According, to the government she was only seasonally adjusted.

At last, they had done it just like the supermarkets, no name unemployment.

Tom Clement

### Clark's New Government

Joe Clark's new government announced Quebec would be given a stronger representation in the House of Commons, by holding the first session in the E.B. Eddy factory in Hull.

Canada's first NDP Governor General decreed the Eddy workers would receive an extra 5 minutes on their coffee break to watch the historic ceremony.

Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau denied responsibility for forcing the move just because a loyal Liberal civil servant shredded the Parliament buildings.

Tom Clement



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Saturday June 30

Echological Theatre begins its second touring season with "The Tree Musketeers" at Harbourfront today, tomorrow, and Monday at 2 p.m. each day. Admission is free, at 235 Queen's Quay West. "The Tree Musketeers" is public education regarding the importance of the forest for fibre, wildlife, recreation and watershed protection.

## Sunday July 1

Rev. Paul Webb of the Fred Victor Mission is the speaker at today's St. Luke's Forum. The forum is held in Allan Gardens, Carlton and Sherbourne, at 2:30. Everyone welcome.

There will be a giant fireworks display tonight at 10:30 p.m. on the waterfront south of the Simcoe Slip at Harbourfront's York Quay. The display, to celebrate Canada Day, will be set up and ignited on a barge floating in the middle of the harbour. Free.

## Monday July 2

The National Film Board's production *Cry of the Wild*, a wildlife film is screened today at 1 and 3:30 p.m. at Harbourfront's York Quay Centre. The film features timber wolves and arctic wolves in their natural habitat.

Harbourfront's Tribute to Canadian Cinema continues tonight and tomorrow with the screening of Robin Spry's *One Man* and Zale R. Dalen's *Skip Tracer*. 7:30 at York Quay Centre. \$1 admission.

## Tuesday July 3

The Christian Resource Centre is running a volunteer program for kids. It's called the CRC Club. Children between the ages 9 and 14 will be visiting and helping out the elderly of the Don Vale area under the supervision of two summer students. They will also be preparing plays, puppet shows etc. to entertain shut-ins or people in institutions. Included in the program is ample recreation — day trips, games and crafts.

We begin today 20 Spruce St. at 10:00 AM. Stick around for a trip to the Marine Museum at 2:00. Call Kate or Kim for more information at 922-7391. The program is for a limited number so join now.

The Ontario Mental Patients' Self-Help Association (OPSHA) is moving into a new home! We're moving into the Woodgreen United Church at 875 Queen St. E. (near Logan). Our next meeting will be held at this address today at 7:30 p.m. Further meetings, social evenings, etc., will be held subsequent Tuesdays at 7:30.

## Wednesday July 4

The 519 Church Street Community Centre will be offering a four-week course in *French conversation and grammar*, starting today at 7:30 p.m. Interested people should call the 519 at 923-2778 and leave their name and phone number.

## Thursday July 5

Bring yourself and your guitar down to Harbourfront's *Open Sing* tonight and play

your favourite tunes in front of a live audience at Open Sing. If you'd like to perform phone Steve Pritchard at 261-8948. York Quay Centre at 8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

## Friday July 6

Every Friday in July the ghosts, goblins, werewolves, and monsters of the silver screen descend on Harbourfront. The month-long Friday Night Film Series begins tonight with *Nosferatu* (1922) and *Dracula* (1931). Screening at 8:30 p.m. outdoors in the tent at York Quay Centre. Free.

## Saturday July 7

The Scallywag Cafe, which operates out of the 519 Church Street Community Centre presents Dave Minden performing his own rustic tunes tonight at 8:30. Admission is \$1.50. For more information call Aldo at 444-5923. On July 14, Mark Wilton, singer-songwriter, performs.

## Sunday July 8

Ann Cools, the defeated Liberal candidate in Rosedale, will be the speaker at the St. Luke's Forum in Allan Gardens, Carlton and Sherbourne, at 2:30. Everyone welcome.

## Monday July 9

The Companeros will be holding a concert to support the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, tonight at the Titania Theatre, on Danforth near Broadview. Tickets are available at the Trojan Horse, 179 Danforth Avenue.

## Tuesday July 10

To celebrate our moving into our new home, the Ontario Mental Patients' Self-Help Association is having an open house today from 7 to 10 p.m. at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen St. E. There will be lots of good food, good music, good people, good fun, but no booze.

Central Neighbourhood House has recently struck a task force to evaluate and make recommendations concerning the nomination and election procedure of CNH's Board of Directors. The first meeting of this group is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at 349 Ontario St. CNH invites all interested people in the community to attend and share their ideas.

## Friday July 27

There will be a Red Cross blood donor clinic at Gerrard Square, 1000 Gerard St. East, from 2 to 8:30 p.m.

## Sunday August 4

The Toronto Summer Special, a week-long chess tournament, will start today, and continue until August 12, on the University of Toronto campus. Anyone can enter the tournament. For an entry form with full details contact Martin Jaeger, Tournament Director, No. 409, 3311 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, M1M 1R1 (266-7484).

## Sunday August 12

To commemorate the struggle of the black community over the past 10 years, the Black Education Project is holding a *Black Family Day* today at 175 Hampton Ave. Call 461-

6318 for more information.

## Friday August 17

The Dixon Hall annual street dance takes place today. Activities include games for all ages, bingos, beer garden, flea markets, barbecues, and a band performing right on the street. Call 863-0499

## General

A co-operative nursery school (afternoon program) is being started at a local public school in September. (Danforth & Broadview area.) Interested in enrolling your child? Call 923-4172 before 7 p.m.

There has been a proposal in South Riverdale to set up a non-profit day care centre for pre-school children. If you might be interested in using such a service please leave your name and number at 461-1168.

Meals Here and There, the east Toronto branch of Meals on Wheels has been serving hot, nutritious meals to the elderly shut-ins for 11 years. The project is dependent on volunteer support to deliver meals three times a week between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30. Both drivers and non-drivers are desperately needed on a weekly, monthly, or on-call basis. Volunteers are also needed for a Friendly Visiting Service. If you could help with any of these things, call Heather or Mary at 466-0587.

There is a library and free store within the St. James Town complex and it could use your help. If you are moving or just cleaning house we can use any books, magazines or pocket books, also any good used clothing or household utensils. Just drop these items off into the YMCA office, 260 Wellesley St. E.

The Senior Monday Club, a social club meets each Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the 200 Wellesley recreation room. Why not come down for a game of cards, bingo, or coffee and a chat?

A group of seniors gather together every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the 200 Wellesley recreation room to sing the old songs, socialize, and have a good time together. Why not come and join in?

There is a free store, open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on 375 Bleecker St. main floor.

Victoria Day Care Services is interested in talking to people interested in providing day care in their homes. If you think you might be interested, then consider being a provider. Give yourself a satisfying and challenging occupation and extra income. Call 925-3419 for details.

Metropolitan United Church's Summer in the Park program for July will feature: Mondays: carillon music at 12:15 and poetry readings at 12:45. Tuesdays: the "Muddy York" folk group at noon. Wednesdays: carillon music at 12:15, and Tai Chi class (free) at 12:45. Thursday: "Border County Drifters" (a folk group) at 12:15, poetry readings at 12:10, and classical concerts (inside) at noon. Fridays: carillon music at 12:15 and mime at 12:45 (on July 13 and 27 only). Programs may be changed due to bad weather. For further information, contact 363-0331.

A group called Options is sponsoring a group of projects relating to the world of the

handicapped. One project is focussed on the use of home made aids by the handicapped. If you are independent and living on your own, you are invited to share your ideas on the experience of non-institutional living with Barry Baker or Jamie Belyea, project staff workers. Call 667-3255.

No matter what your preference in the performing arts, you're bound to find a program to interest you in Harbourfront's summer theatre. Various shows will feature anything from mime to puppetry to avant garde jazz. There will be evening performances and special family fun weekend matinees. For advance tickets to any performing arts production, call the box office at 364-5739. Most of the shows take place in the Studio Theatre at York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. Call Harbourfront for more information on specific productions.

Seniors looking for a congenial way to spend a hot summer's day in the city can enjoy a cool waterside breeze and join the activities at the Seniors Summer Spectacular every Tuesday through Friday, July 3 to August 31, at Harbourfront. Come down anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Harbourfront's York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West and participate in the wide variety of activities and events. There's disco dancing, crafts, yoga, dancercise, woodworking, educational seminars and amateur and professional entertainment, all free of charge. Along with the regular daily events, seniors can participate in walking tours of the waterfront or take a scenic boat tour of the Harbour and Toronto Islands for a nominal fee. To reach Harbourfront by TTC take the 77B bus down Spadina or from Union Station, or take the 6 or 6A Bay Street bus. For further information call 364-3726.

Polish up your patent leather dancing shoes and practise your foxtrot, rumba, and tango in readiness for Harbourfront's Dancing Under the Stars program. The series starts Thursday July 5 and runs every Thursday night until August 30, from 8 to 11 p.m. on the Shipdeck, just west of York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. Dancers are invited to hold their partners close while enjoying favourite tunes from the 30's and 40's, performed by a group of talented musicians. Nine different groups are participating in this year's program. Free.

Continuing art classes are being held at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., this July, on Tuesdays (July 3, 10, 17 & 24) at 1:30 p.m. Peter Banks will hold art classes with instruction in portraits, use of acrylic paints, streetscapes, drawing, and clay modelling. Everybody is welcome — no art experience is necessary, just come and enjoy. Inquiries: Barb Greer, 925-4363.

Starting Monday July 9th, there will be a summer boxing program for boys ages 10 to 16 at the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre, at 4 Lancaster Ave. (Phone 961-2912). Hours for boys ages 10 to 12 will be 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; for ages 13 to 16, hours will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gym will be open Monday through Friday. Juniors wishing to try out should ask for Ken Hamilton. Boxers 17 and over should ask for Peter Wylie or Don Poole.

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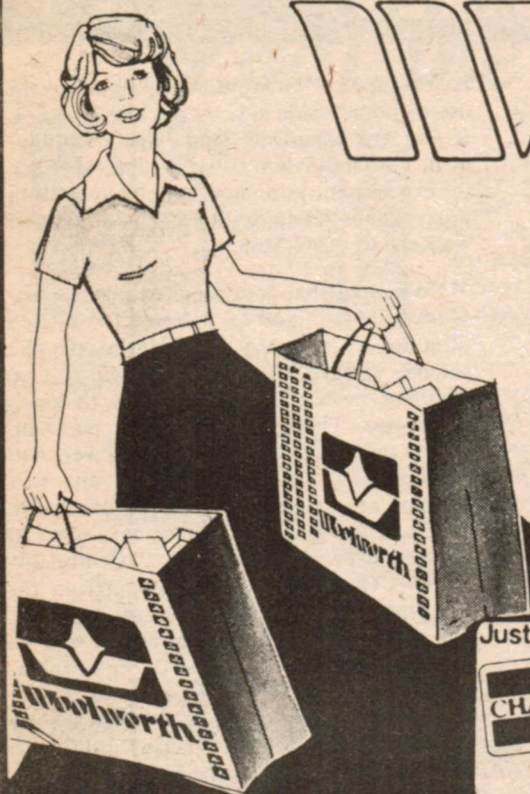
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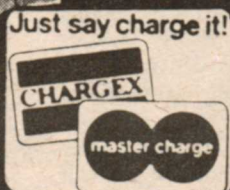




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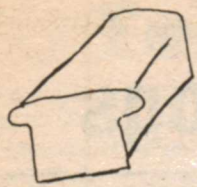
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## Bread and roses



June is the month of roses, but what do you think of when you think of roses? Well, for me it's bread. The reason is that there is a well-known poem called "Bread and Roses." The story of how it came to be written is worth re-telling, because it should never be forgotten. It serves to remind us what living and working conditions were like on this continent in the bad old days and how much they have improved since then.

In 1912 the great woolen center of Lawrence, Mass., was the scene of a big strike, when 20,000 workers walked out of the mills in spontaneous protest against a cut in their weekly pay. Workers had been averaging \$8.76 for a 56-hour work week, when a state law made 54 hours the maximum for women and for minors under 18. The companies reduced all hours to 54, but refused to raise wage rates to make up for the average loss of 31¢ per week suffered by the workers because of the reduction in hours.

It was quite a strike. There was a strike committee of 56, representing 27 different languages, with a substitute committee of another 56, ready to take the place of the originals in case they were arrested. After being out for ten weeks, the strikers won important concessions from the woolen companies, not only for themselves but also for the 250,000 textile workers in New England.

During one of the parades held by the strikers some young girls carried a banner that read: "We Want Bread and Roses Too." That inspired the American poet James Oppenheim to write the poem that follows. It has won its way into many collections of songs of protest and it deserves to be remembered, not only for its own sake. Besides being a very moving piece of poetry, the story of how it came to be written reminds us all that oppressive working conditions in the early years of this century have been improved greatly and largely through the efforts of the trade union movement.

This is the poem:

### bread and roses

As we come marching, marching, in the beauty of the day,  
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand workshops gray  
Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses,  
For the people hear us singing: Bread and roses! Bread and roses!

As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men,  
For they are women's children, and we mother them again.  
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes;  
Hearts starve as well as bodies; give us bread, but give us roses!

As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead  
Go crying through our singing their ancient cry for bread.  
Small art and love and beauty their drudging spirits knew.  
Yes, it is bread we fight for — but we fight for roses too!

As we come marching, marching, we bring the greater days.  
The rising of the women means the rising of the race.  
No more the drudge and idler — ten that toil where one reposes,  
But a sharing of life's glories: Bread and roses! Bread and roses!

Howard Huggett

## Nature and the city meet off Leslie St.

Another year's program of cycling and hiking on the Outer Harbour East Headland (better known as the Leslie Street Spit) is under way. The spit will be open to the public on weekends until November 11. Bus service will operate until September 9. Hours of

operation are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The spit will also be open on Dominion Day, Civic Holiday (August 6), and Labour Day. Visitors with cars can drive to the foot of Leslie Street where ample parking is available, and then walk, cycle, or bus in.

## Legal clinic grows to maturity

Following an open house and wine and cheese reception, 35 people joined with Ward 7 Alderman and RSLS Board member Janet Howard in a toast to the success of Riverdale Socio-Legal Services before settling down to the organization's first Annual Meeting on Monday June 11. After acceptance by the Board of new members, 25 members ratified By-laws, heard reports from committees and elected a new Board of Directors.

Members and guest were amazed at how quickly the legal clinic has grown. Janet Howard recalled that it had started out as the brainchild of Val Lavergne, present RSLS staff member, when she was a placement student at Wood-Green Community Centre over the winter of 76-77 and first took her idea to her then supervisor Jill McCrostie. The two women approached others

in the community and by June 1977 this group's hard work and perseverance bore fruit when a grant from the Ontario Legal Aid Plan provided sufficient funds to hire three people and set up an office at Woodgreen.

Charlotte Stuart, in her personnel committee report, outlined the growth of the clinic from then to the present. With a steadily increasing caseload, RSLS now has five full time employees, and two part time, including 1 lawyer, 1 social worker and 2 community legal workers, and has just relocated from WoodGreen into brand new offices at 93A Queen St. E. (over the Queen Street Eatery Restaurant.)

New board members elected were Anne Fraser, Nelly Williams, Jen Wang and Ted Wazonek. Continuing board members are President Pat Reid, Mary Bastien,

Charlotte Stuart, Dorothy Rusoff, Lynda Watson, Wayne Parks, Peter Libman, Janet Howard, and Jim Renwick.

If you missed the Annual Meeting it's still not too late to become a member and be an active participant in the future development of the Clinic. Annual membership costs \$1. and is open to anyone over 18 who lives or works in the area (Riverdale Socio-Legal Services serves the area between the Don River, Lake Ontario, Coxwell Avenue and the City Limits) and who is prepared to share in some hard work as well as some good times.

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GET INVOLVED in your community, volunteer 2 hours a week. You can make friendly visits to shut-ins, assist in programs for adults, teens and children, tutor school subjects, or work on the PR committee. Contact Rita at Central Neighbourhood House, 925-4363.

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Right next to the pirate, a huge green-face man looks anxiously over his shoulder, not at the pirate, but at an even bigger creature, a giant happy boy with HI! written on his shirt and his hands in his pockets.

These and other figments of children's imaginations inhabit the Bain Avenue mural, a 360 foot explosion of colour and fantasy running the length of the retaining wall for the Withrow schoolyard. There is much food for thought here — ostriches with human faces, caterpillars, robots, smiling airplanes, pushmipullu creatures with three heads, masked kings who dribble at the mouth and yellow suns with rays like bicycle spokes.

The wall is thought to be the longest mural of children's art in the world, and it was painted in 1975 by the children of Withrow School, with the help of Fred Fanzen, an artist who lives in the Bain coop. The entire school population of 700 got involved in the designing of the mural, the preparation of a large mock-up in the gymnasium, and the final transfer of the design to the wall. Kindergarten children painted the bottom part of the mural, older kids worked from scaffolding, and a group of teenagers who had been causing trouble were recruited for the highest parts. The actual painting of the mural took nine days.

Fred Fanzen has since organized other children's murals; the welcome mural in the stairwell of Withrow



School is the result of a later collaboration.

Perhaps the best thing about the mural is its effect on passers-by: its hard to scowl when you walk past a little boy proudly riding a yellow

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