

Oak Street site --the saga continues

By EMILY BARTLETT

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DAVID REVILLE

The Board of Education has recently given the Oak Street Site Proposal Committee (OSSPC) a clear mandate to develop a new plan that will meet community priorities in the disposition of the Oak St. site. A realistic time frame has been negotiated and the Board will be providing a consultant to assist the OSSPC in its work.

Since November of last year when no tenders were submitted in answer to the Board's proposal call — a mixed use project that had included community priorities — the OSSPC has been chained to the drawing board, trying to work

out answers to some tough questions: what next? how can the process be kept alive so that the eventual disposition of the site meets community priorities? why weren't there any tenders?

The Business Administration Committee of the Board came to the rescue by hiring Peter Turner to obtain advice from a broad range of sources. Mr. Turner's report offering several options for consideration was submitted on June 23, 1981. The OSSPC, with a good deal of help from the Board's representative, Michael Rose, has been given a new lease on life.

The OSSPC was born in 1978, the successor to the year-old Oak Street Site Working Committee

which had been formed to explore ways and means to develop Oak Street to meet the Board financial interests and community social interests. The story began long before, in 1965, when plans for a new school were developed. 51 houses were expropriated, working drawings were prepared and enrolment declined, making the as yet unbuilt school unnecessary.

In 1978, as now, the membership of the OSSPC was mandated by the Board of Education to comprise 1 alderman, 1 trustee, 6 residents and a Board of Education official. Then, as now, the OSSPC received invaluable assistance from the City of Toronto Planning and Development Department

and the Board's School Community Relations Department. Then, as now, committee meetings heated up as competing interests sparked and clashed. After all, a community process has frozen a Board of Education asset recently valued at in excess of \$1,500,000. To its credit, the Board has invested substantial amounts of money in staff time consultant fees, site appraisal fees and so on, in an attempt to reach a satisfactory resolution to the Oak Street site problem. For their part, residents have given hundreds of hours of their time trying to ensure that their neighbourhood isn't left out of the solution-finding.

The community priorities are clear; the community wants and needs commercial services, open space and community space. The OSSPC is very much an implementation committee; it will be assisted and advised by the consultant funded by the Board and it will work hard on a proposal to meet the community priorities. Community meetings will be called to explain proposals as details are worked out.

As two of the members of the OSSPC, we are confident that the end of the Oak St. site story can be the beginning of a new story for the neighbourhood. We're just as confident that the new story will be one we'll all be proud to tell.

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Call goes out for more day care

Day care parents and workers attended a rally at Queen's Park last Friday to press the Ontario government to act now before the province's fragile day care system is permanently damaged due to chronic under-funding. They demand grants to all non-profit centres in Ontario.

The rally was viewed as a historic campaign, according to Sandy Stienecker of Action Day Care. "For the first time the day care community has gone on the offensive. We are presenting an innovative, realistic proposal for a dramatic expansion of day care in Ontario."

Day care is now struggling for its very survival. Faced with rising costs, many centres are on the verge of collapse. With fees already running from \$60 to \$100 per week, most working parents cannot afford day care... And day care workers can hardly afford

anything — on average earnings of under \$10,000 a year.

Day care needs an immediate injection of public funding.

The chief demands of the Rally are:

1. Direct grants to non-profit centres for each enrolled child. This money would be used to reduce parent fees and to raise staff wages.
2. 10,000 new subsidized spaces before January 1982. This would barely cover children now on day care waiting lists.
3. Start-up grants of \$100 per child to assist new centres.

Speakers at the rally were Cliff Pilkey, Ontario Federation of Labour; Sandy Stienecker, Action Day Care; plus representatives from across Ontario.

For further information contact Action Day Care at 362-1033 or 362-4182.

Single mother? Too bad!

Frank Drea, the Minister of Community and Social Services recently announced that the government intends to transfer sole support mothers from the provincial Family Benefits programmes to the municipal Welfare programme. This plan was first discussed on June 1 when Drea gave a speech to the Annual Convention of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association. He said "It is my intention... to begin negotiations for the transfer of these recipients (FBA mothers) back to the municipal system." Sole support mothers were referred to by Drea as "abled-bodied recipients or spouses who require some kind of support service in order to get off assistance."

Later, in a press release dated

Sept. 4, 1981, the government announced increases in allowances. The major increases are intended for specific groups. Drea says "The object of this selective application of available funds is to ensure that those recipients in the greatest need receive the greatest benefits and we are directing the majority of the allowance increases and programme initiatives towards the permanently unemployable. These recipients have the least capability to combat inflation." From this comment, one presumably is intended to gather that a woman with three children who has been out of the paid labor force for five or ten years is in a position to combat inflation.

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TODAY!!

Musical Party

Today — Friday, October 23, at 8:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., there will be a preview of the new Ward 7 musical comedy. Performances are planned for the end of April of 1982. A party is to follow the preview, with dancing, refreshments, munchies and a cash bar (beer & wine). Admission is \$2.00.

Come one, come all, come and bring a friend, and get involved in the show. In an effort to get some badly needed up-front funds for the show, we will be asking for and gratefully accepting donations and loans at the party. This will help us pay for printing, mailing, costumes material, etc., until the ticket money starts rolling in about the middle of March.

The writers, Brian Metcalfe and John Piper score another lively hit, by taking shots at trends, the New Right and Moral Majoritarians. The story features a woman's musical co-op which collides with Wendy Trend and her first-class-all-the-way fast laners. Other memorable characters include a preacher who specializes in biblical misquotes.

Hallowe'en

Have fun -- but be safe

Halloween can be very enjoyable experience for children when proper safety precautions are taken.

The following tips are provided as safety guidelines.

1. Children should wear light coloured, flame resistant costumes with retro-reflective stripings so that they are easily seen by motorists.
2. Clothing must be short enough to avoid a tripping hazard.
3. Face masks must not obstruct vision. Make-up is preferable.
4. Calls should be made along one side of the street and then along the other: No criss-crossing.
5. Have them carry a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.
6. They should travel in groups of four or five.
7. Set a curfew and boundaries within familiar neighbourhoods.
8. Forbid them firmly to enter the house or apartment of a stranger.
9. Children must not eat any gifts until they can be inspected by an adult at home.
10. Drivers should be particularly careful on Halloween night.

SEWELL IS BACK



John Sewell is back at City Hall. The ex-Ward 7 alderman and ex-mayor fought his way back onto the municipal stage on Monday with an easy win in the Ward 6 aldermanic by-election.

Sewell collected 7,278 of the 20,791 votes cast, while the closest of his eight opponents, Gus Yeung, gathered 1,741 votes.

Sewell now becomes the junior alderman for the ward, meaning that he will not have a seat on Metro Council. The senior alderman is Gordon Chong.

Sewell told campaign workers after his victory was announced that his priorities will be to press for more affordable housing and to fight planned increases in transit fares. Sewell rejected suggestions he would use the seat as a platform to attack Mayor Art Eggleton, who narrowly defeated him in the mayoralty race a year ago. "I don't think you'll see me going around attacking Eggleton", Sewell said. "That's not my aim. My aim is to work on behalf of the people of Ward 6."

Eggleton issued a brief, somewhat tongue-in-cheek press statement after Sewell's win was announced, saying that "I wish to extend my congratulations and wish John Sewell a long and healthy stay as junior alderman for Ward 6."

Changes at Eastdale C. I.

By BARBARA BROWN

Here we are again with another summer under our belts and of course the beginning of another school year.

As you enter Eastdale Collegiate you can hear the students talking about this year's courses and about how they spent their summer vacation. It is a pleasant atmosphere that makes you glad that you are back for another year. You wonder to yourself how much your friends have changed and think about the new friends that you will make this year.

This year at Eastdale there have been several changes. The first change is the return of our original principal, Mr. Beardsley, after a 1 year sabbatical leave to do some travelling and writing. He visited schools in Portugal, Hong Kong, and Sabah, where he talked with some of the students and teachers. He spent some time in the Azores, in Spain, and took a six week motor trip across the States.

The second change has been the starting of Eastdale's new urban studies program. The program was put together by two teachers from Eastdale and two teachers from outside the Board. The program was designed

specifically for Eastdale to make students understand his/her community and to become more knowledgeable in the structure of the community and its benefits. It is hoped that the program will soon be used by other schools.

The third and final change is that Eastdale has become semi-semestered. Eastdale has put into effect, as of September 8, a semester program for the grade 11's, 12's and 13's. There has been mixed reactions from the students concerning this change. Several students have told me it is a welcome change from the full year credit system and that they like the idea of getting their credits faster. Other students have told me that they feel the new system is rushing them along because they were used to the full year credit system and that they like the idea of getting their credits faster. Other students have told me that they feel the new system is rushing them along because they were used to the full year credit system and are finding it hard to adjust. We'll have to wait and see how things turn out.

There you have it. Eastdale is now off to a running start. It appears that this is going to be our best year yet.

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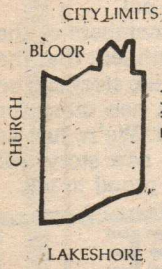
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The Return of a Star

By **ELLEN POMER**
STRAIGHT AHEAD and **BLIND DANCERS**, two related one-act plays by British Columbian farmer, poet and now acclaimed playwright, Charles Tidler, have returned home to Toronto Free Theatre.

First a hit of Toronto's Theatre Festival, then selected as one of the 12 best productions (of 450) at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Theatre Festival, **STRAIGHT AHEAD** and **BLIND DANCERS** present two lost souls of the post-war lost generation.

Rosemary Dunsmore is bandchick, "Louisa Potter", for which she was acclaimed as the best performer of the Edinburgh Festival. First-rate actor Michael Hogan plays a second-rate trombone player, "Dell Martin".

In **STRAIGHT AHEAD**, set on a Ohian farm, Ms. Dunsmore takes on the audience alone. However, discovering that she is pregnant, Louisa Potter is joined by three imaginary men. Louisa survives because she must and does see these men as frighteningly real in order that she explore her relationship with each.

BLIND DANCERS takes us to a seedy hotel room in Toledo just two years later. Now Louisa wishes that her partner of a one-night stand were imaginary. There's only the sounds of big band music and the hangover-induced blindness to the caring for another. With sobriety, the process of survival demands that Louisa and Dell see their solitude with clarity and their desire to bond with honesty. They must see

that the bond which they could only afford to create when they were lost and blind dancers is the necessary bond for survival in a lost and blind world.

The language of the two plays has the beat of big band music and the 'star' of the play is, in fact, its language. Playwright Charles Tidler gives a new voice to the Prufrocks of the post-war generation and in doing so, shows his mastery of the poetry of jazz. With superb casting and direction by Henry Tarvainen, the 'star' of both **STRAIGHT AHEAD** and **BLIND DANCERS** is magnificently decked in kingly robes.

For box office reservations call Toronto Free Theatre, 368-2856, 26 Berkeley Street. For more information and group bookings call the administrative offices at 368-7601.

A swirling mass of vinyl

By **JOHN CLEMENT**

Vortex Records, owned and operated by Bert Myers, is located on Dundas Street East, between Church and Jarvis Streets. And like the name implies, this second-time-around store is a whirling mass of assorted vinyl, pulling the buyer into its centre.

In October 1980, Bert Myers emptied his Halifax store of all its stock, and decided to relocate his business in Toronto. "I wanted to live in this city for cultural reasons," he explains, "even though my Halifax shop was very successful."

With knowledge and determination he quickly took the risky plunge and began operating his one man business in Kensington Market. In early 1981, due to expansion, Bert Myers moved once again, to his present location. Another success story not to be ignored considering the number of similar small enterprises found throughout the city. Obviously he knows what he is doing.

As soon as I walked through the door I began to understand the key to his achievement. Being an avid record collector myself, I immediately recognized his love for discs. Rows of wooden bins hold countless records (an average of 6,000 always in stock), all clearly marked by their artists, alphabetically - A through Z. Each album is protected inside a plastic cover so that customers can rummage through the entire store at their leisure. (It should be mentioned that most album covers are in excellent condition, the vast majority appearing to be brand new; an indication of the actual record concealed inside the sleeve.)

Although many collectable items, always a bargain, can be found in the bins, certain records are prominently displayed on the walls. I happened to see a Yorkville album from the 60's, consisting of various artists like Ronnie Hawkins and the Ugly Ducklings, selling for \$17.50. A fantastic find for a collector of Toronto greats, and unlikely to be found in any other city in North America.

Also hanging within eye level were almost forgotten recordings which quickly jarred my memory: Peter and Gordon, The Dave Clark Five, The Hollies, The Kensington Market, and Richard Chamberlain. Each record on this "wall of sound" is the original recording in near perfect condition, priced as low as \$5.00. I assumed the price tag indicated a record's true value, but soon found I was wrong.

Another reason for Bert Myers' success. He never overcharges in the hopes of making easy money.

He only purchases records which are in good condition (up to \$2.50 for single LP's, more for doubles, collectables, and imports). Without gypping the people he buys from, since they too are potential customers, he naturally pays the lowest prices possible. "If I buy an album for \$10.00, I don't turn around and sell it for \$20.00," he says. "It would probably cost you \$12.50."

This is sound business logic. It enables him to sell more cheaply than most of his competitors, thereby boosting his sales, as well as making his records affordable to almost everyone. I saw hundreds of albums by big name artists, released within the past two years (including many current items) selling at prices anywhere from \$2.50 to \$4.00. Anyone who has recently visited Sam The Record Man will know that Bert Myers' secondhand merchandise is mostly half the price.

There is n fear of obtaining a scratched, warped record with a single skip. All records chosen from the large variety of Rock, Soul, Jazz, Classical; **BLUES**, **SOME Easy Listening**, and **Spoken Word**, are in good condition, mostly better. In fact, all purchases are guaranteed. It's either satisfaction, or your money will be refunded.

And be advised if you're thinking of unloading a pile of damaged records at Vortex for money - Bert Myers is always looking for discs - he will only take what he considers to be sellable. Problem records returned to his store are given away free, resulting in a financial loss for him.

For those considering adding to their record collections, the following should be kept in mind. The most collectable, and therefore fastest selling records at this time are 60's Rock, Blues, and Jazz. And these disappear from the bins quickly. Vortex will not hold records for anyone - always first come, first served basis. Bert Myers does not accept charge cards or cheques, but he adds, "I give bargains to people with cash!"

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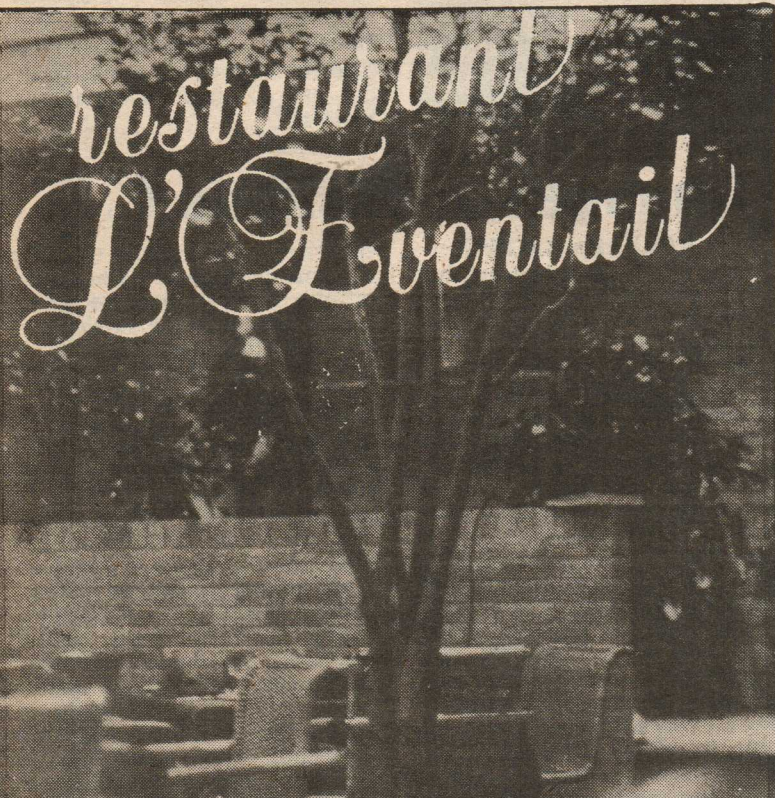
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Crisis again for single mothers

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In addition to the major increases and an across-the-board 8% increase for all longterm FB recipients, back-to-school allowances, handicapped children's allowances, foster rates (paid under FBA), discharge allowances, and allowances paid under the Work Incentives programme. However, given the plan to shift sole-support mothers to welfare, sole-support mothers are unlikely to benefit from this increase.

We do not suggest that these major increases should not take place. We do suggest that larger increases in other areas are necessary as well. Very few welfare recipients or working people are in a position to combat inflation.

These announcements lead Neighbourhood Legal Services to believe that the effects on sole

support mothers will be severe. It appears to us that the government is setting the stage for forcing sole support mothers to look for work if they are to continue being eligible for welfare.

In his June 1 speech, while talking of the shift of able-bodied recipients to welfare, Drea goes on to say that a network of support services, such as day care, life skills, employment counselling, and the Work Incentives programme, have been put in place in order that recipients can be offered a "real alternative."

When we look closely at these programmes and talk to people who work in them, we find that they cannot offer a real alternative to any large number of people. We also find that these same support services are continually under pressure from cutbacks stemming from all levels of government.

Drea claims that day care services have been established. Action Day Care is demanding the creation of 10,000 new day care spaces to meet current demands. If sole support mothers are forced to do a job search while this shortage of space continues, they are going to have to do their search with their children tucked under an arm. Even worse, women will be forced to leave their children in unsatisfactory care. As this pressure to do so builds, we may well see an increase in child abuse and neglect despite the best efforts of mothers. While the government appears to be claiming day care on its list of support services, it has been entirely unresponsive to the very urgent needs that now exist.

An increase in the life skills area is occurring precisely because the problem of finding decently paying work is made to appear as an individual problem which can be remedied by better life skills: better grooming, better work habits, learning to fill out forms and arriving at interviews on time. These are useful skills, one agrees, but hardly the root of the problem. More importantly, these programmes do not give women access to the skills they need to earn enough to support their families unless the life skills are combined with skills training of some duration.

The Work Incentive programme fits with this because it encourages women to take jobs for which the pay is inadequate. Most of the jobs offer no possibility of real advancement and real wage gains.

At the end of the supplement period, she is likely to find herself having greater difficulty getting welfare if something happens to her job.

The labor market is peculiar at this point in time. There is a shortage of highly skilled technical people and actually some opening in unskilled areas like cleaning, factory assembly work, and so forth. In areas where women have traditionally gone to find work — banks, offices, restaurants, stores and supermarkets — there are fewer and fewer openings. Those that do exist are often part time and, increasingly, shift jobs. If the upgrading does not direct women into the highly skilled category, then they are being forced into the low skill, low pay areas.

Because the working poor are encouraged to feel that they bear

the costs of having people on welfare, it is difficult to see the close connection between the pressures on working people and those on welfare assistance. The tactics used in forcing people on welfare to find work are being imposed by the same government that tried to smash the hospital workers in last spring's strike. As the strength of working people is eroded and large numbers of new workers are forced into the paid labor force to compete for the same jobs, everybody in this community will be in a worse position.

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By THE OBSERVER

A couple of weeks ago we told you about little Billy, the local newspaper boy who had been robbed and beaten up. Well — the Star at our suggestion absorbed the \$14 loss but no compensation for cuts and bruised. i. ••• One morning last week we went into a restaurant on lower Parliament for breakfast. It is one of those open kitchen joints and, the so-called cook tried to demonstrate his prowess as a fried egg flipper. The eggs floated through the air but instead of landing in the pan, they wound up on the floor. The cook scooped them up, put them in the pan and continued with his task of cooking. Presumably the eggs were served to the customer. We didn't hang around to find out. ••• It seems like maybe we spoke too quickly about the condition of 257 Sherbourne. The work which was done did nothing to solve the problem of leaking walls. We now learn that they are just as bad as they were previously. We now learn that they are just as bad as they were previously. Where to now — that is the question? ••• We understand that a meeting is coming up very soon in which Alderman

Cressy & Reville together with George Cook the new Housing Commissioner are determined to put 257 together properly. ••• Dan Harrison, the Prexy of Sherbourne-Dundas Tenants Association is entering hospital for the removal of a lung. We wish him a speedy recovery. ••• Bryan Lorman and Janet Simpson, two Social Science students from George Brown are coming into the Dundas-Sherbourne complex to organize activities for Teens, Seniors and Single mothers. ••• Any day at all now you can expect to see tumble-weed rolling down Parliament Street. It begins to resemble a Western Ghost Town. ••• Teppermans have moved in on the burned out hulk of Evangel Temple. So long for that landmark. ••• How would you like to be that Rose Avenue woman who walked away from Woodbine the other day with \$4300 plus. She had never seen a live horse race in her life. Persuaded by her friends to take a chance, she pulled out her last 6 bucks and plunked it down on one of those three way tickets. A short time later she walked up to the cashier's window and picked up enough dough to fill the freezer for a while. Beginners luck? •••

Unfair attack on Dwyer

Although I have quite enjoyed many of Ulli Diemer's articles in the past, I was upset by his recent report on the first publication of the "Toronto Downtown" tabloid. What initially appeared to be a factual story quickly turned into a scurrilous attack on the reputation, motives and integrity of one of this ward's most prominent residents, Frank Dwyer.

After reading the article I contacted both the Toronto Downtown paper and Frank Dwyer. Norma Jacobs, the owner of the paper said that although Dwyer submits articles from time to time, he has no say whatsoever in the editorial policies, no say in the layout and owns none of the paper.

Dwyer, in our conversation, confirmed all of this. Dwyer also told me his views on the Oak-River site have not changed or

become more partisan as Mr. Diemer suggests.

Perhaps Mr. Diemer may have slanted the Ward Seven article out of loyalty to our Aldermen. I am sure, Mr. Diemer; that both Cressy and Reville; being grown up men are capable of defending their own opinions.

Mr. Diemer's article belongs under the heading "EDITORIAL" not as a news item. He seems to have used the same provocative language and insinuations that he attributes to Dwyer. SHAME!!!! The paper is called Seven News not VIEWS!!!!

Frank Dwyer and I do not see eye to eye on some issues, and agree on many; even though I belong to the N. D. P., I respect his commitment to this Ward and this City.

Keith Tarswell

Sally Ann Hostel is staying

You reported in your edition of October 2nd that The Salvation Army would be closing the Hostel on Sherbourne Street in the spring of 1982.

We are not aware of your source of information but would advise that you have been incorrectly informed.

The Salvation Army has never considered closing this facility as it is one of our most active services in the community. We are now accommodating 428 men each night and providing assistance daily for less fortunate individuals.

It would be appreciated if you would

make this correction in your next issue.

Howard Moore
Major

Correction

An article about Ecology House in the October 2 issue of 7 News stated incorrectly that the house is a project of Energy Probe. It is actually run by Pollution Probe. Our apologies.

We also erred in the last issue in reporting (in 'Bricks and Bouquets') that the Salvation Army Hostel on Sherbourne Street is closing in the spring. The Salvation Army assures us that this is not the case.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, October 23

Remember the DAMMED IF YOU DO musical? Well, dammed if they're not doing it again! Another musical is in the works for next spring, a writing and planning is well under way, with casting and rehearsing due to start in January. Tonight there will be a **Preview Party** for the musical, beginning at 8:30 pm at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. (between Dundas & Gerrard). Everyone interested in finding out more about the musical, or just in having a good time, is invited to come. For more information about the musical or the party call 783-3196 or 929-5880.

The Scalawag Cafe, in the 519 Church Street Community Centre, presents an evening of folk music and Latin American sounds. 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$2 admission.

NDP leadership all-candidates' meeting with MPPs Richard Johnston and Jim Foulds, and MP Bob Rae, tonight at 8:00 pm in the Steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil St. Dancing and refreshments after.

Saturday, October 24

The **519 Church Street Community Centre** is having a party tonight from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am, with dancing and a licensed bar. \$5 admission.

Eastminster Follies tonight at 8:00 pm in Eastminster United Church, Danforth & Jackman Aves. Tickets \$4.

There will be a public informational meeting tonight about the **Hugh Garner Co-operative** being built at 550 Ontario Street. Anyone interested in joining this family housing co-op is invited. The meeting is at Winchester School, 15 Prospect St., at 2 p.m.

Monday, October 26

The York-Toronto Lung Association is holding a **Smoking Withdrawal Clinic** at the South Riverdale Community Health Centre, 126 Pape Ave., beginning tonight at 7:30 pm.

E. A. S. T. (East Area Schools Together), a teacher-parent organization, is holding a panel discussion on the "Report of Task Force III on Program Delivery in Elementary Schools." The recommendations of this report will profoundly affect every elementary school program in Toronto. All interested people are urged to attend this discussion. Coffee, child care, and interpreters will be available. Tonight at 7:30 pm in the library of Queen Alexandra School, 181 Broadview Ave.

Tonight is the first annual meeting of the **Corktown Association**, at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity Street, at 7:30. Anyone living in the "corktown" district: roughly between Queen, Parliament, River, and Eastern, is invited to attend. The meeting will elect a new executive — anyone who wishes to consider running is especially urged to attend — and will discuss neighbourhood issues such as the parking regulations on King Street, traffic, and possible new development in the area.

Tuesday, October 27

The Annual Meeting of the **Don District Community Health Centre** will be held tonight at 7:30 pm in the 272 Shuter St. penthouse. Applications for membership in the Health Centre will be accepted and a new Board of Directors will be elected. All those living within the boundaries of Jarvis St. on the west, the Don River on the east, Carlton St. on the north and lakeshore to the south are eligible for membership and election of Directors.

Wednesday, October 28

The St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. East, is holding a forum tonight at 8:00 pm on the topic of **Child Custody**. A panel of lawyers and representatives of single-parent groups will discuss the aspects of this increasingly common problem. Free admission.

Thursday, October 29

Quilapayun in Concert. Sponsored by the Committee for Solidarity with Democratic Chile. Tickets: \$8 and \$10. Call 363-7381; daycare available. The concert will take place in Massey Hall.

There will be a panel discussion tonight on the topic **Women, War and the Nuclear Nightmare**, with films and a potluck supper, today at 5:30 pm in Friends House, 60 Lowther Ave. Sponsored by Women for Survival and Voice of Women.

Friday, October 30

There will be a **benefit dance with Mama Quilla II** for the Cruise Missile Conversion Project tonight at 7:30 pm in St. Lawrence Market. Call 968-9264 for further details. (This dance takes place as part of United Nations Week, Oct. 24-31.)

The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre, 507 King St. E. (east of Parliament) is presenting **Kenneth Anger** in person for two screenings of his films, tonight and tomorrow night at 8 pm. Admission \$3.

Saturday, October 31

March to the **ban the neutron bomb** and for **non-intervention in Central America**. Start at 11:00 a.m. in Alan Gardens, Sherbourne and Carlton Sts. ends with speakers at Toronto City Hall, 1:30 pm. Sponsored by Toronto Disarmament Network and a coalition of Central American and Caribbean solidarity groups. Phone 921-2360 for details.

Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity St., is holding a **Bazaar** on behalf of Dixon Hall Community Centre today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A weekend instruction session in **Wen-do**, a system of self-defence designed for women, is being offered today and tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Woodsworth Co-op. Call 368-2178 to pre-register. For information on other classes available, call 977-7127.

Riverdale Hospital is holding a **Fall Bazaar** today from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a tea room, home baking, toys, etc. Sponsored by Riverdale

Hospital Auxiliary. (Riverdale Hospital is located on St. Mathew's Rd., in the Broadview - Gerrard area.)

Ward 7 Camp Funding is holding a **rummage sale** today from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church, 509 Dundas St. E. Items will be priced from 10 cents to \$1. There will also be a door prize and a lucky draw.

Sunday, November 1st

Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., is screening the 1936 adaptation of Joseph Conrad's novel **Sabotage**. 7 pm, free admission. All welcome.

All Saints Church will be celebrating **All Saints' Day** today with a special celebration of music and singing. Apart from the usual Sunday service at 11 o'clock (Holy Communion), there will be a special program of music in the afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. The choir of All Saints, under the direction of organist Dan Manley, will sing appropriate and joyous music, assisted by the choirs of St. David's Anglican, St. Luke's United, and also the Selah singing group with Ruth Fazel from Little Trinity Church. We will give a warm welcome to visitors: anyone who likes music and singing should enjoy this hour of worship.

Wednesday, November 4

The International Women's Day Committee, an independent socialist-feminist organization, is having an educational meeting tonight at 7:30 pm on the topic of **"Our Allies — Anti-Racist Groups and/or the Immigrant Community"**. Meetings are held at University Settlement House, 23 Grange St. (behind Ontario College of Art.)

Saturday, November 7

Bazaar today at **St. Barnabas Church Hall**, Danforth & Hampton Aves. please come and do your Christmas shopping early. Call 463-1344 for more information.

St. Clement's Anglican Church, 173 Jones Ave., is having a **bazaar** today from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an auction, linens, a luncheon, games for children and much more.

At the Libraries

The Pape-Danforth Library (701 Pape Ave., 465-2421) has a **preschool story hour every Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Please register at the front desk. **On Saturday the 24th there will be a puppet show Baba Yaga.** On Hallowe'en Oct. 31st, there

will be **movies about witches, ghosts and other scary things.**

The **Parliament Street Library** (269 Gerrard St. E. 924-7122) has a **preschool program for Chinese-speaking children every Monday at 4 p.m.** On Saturday the 24th, there will be a **Hallowe'en party** featuring bobbing for apples and a trip into the Haunted House. For adults, there will be a **Chinese cooking demonstration** on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2 pm. An experienced Chinese cook will teach you how to make a delicious dish. There will be a charge of \$1.50. Please ask for tickets at the desk and bring a pen and paper. Limited to 50.

The **Queen-Saulter Library** (765 Queen St. E., 465-2156) has a **preschool story hour every Wednesday** from 2-5 pm with coffee time for parents during the program. Please register at the branch.

The **Riverdale Library** (370 Broadview Ave., 466-2197) has **films for younger children every Thursday at 2 pm.** There will be **Hallowe'en parties** Saturday the 24th and 31st at 2 p.m. For **teens**, the library offers **homework help** for grades 7-9 Mondays and Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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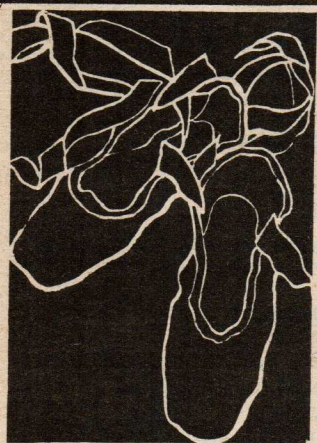
• **Diners' Club** operates every Wednesday at the Centre. A home-cooked meal is available from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at a special price (\$1.50) to seniors. A beverage and home-made dessert is included. Limited transportation is available by calling 461-1168 in advance. Following the meal, there is a discussion group (with films and speakers) for those interested. Everyone welcome.

• **Nutritional Counselling** is available free to seniors at Woodgreen. If you would like advice on weight loss, on your diet or just general information on nutrition and food, phone 461-1168 to make an appointment with the nutritionist, Renate Manthei.

• Now available — of special interest to seniors and the handicapped: the South Riverdale area **Grocery Delivery Directory**. If you are having difficulties with your shopping, such as problems carrying heavy bundles, this directory lists the stores in your area that will deliver groceries, often free of charge.

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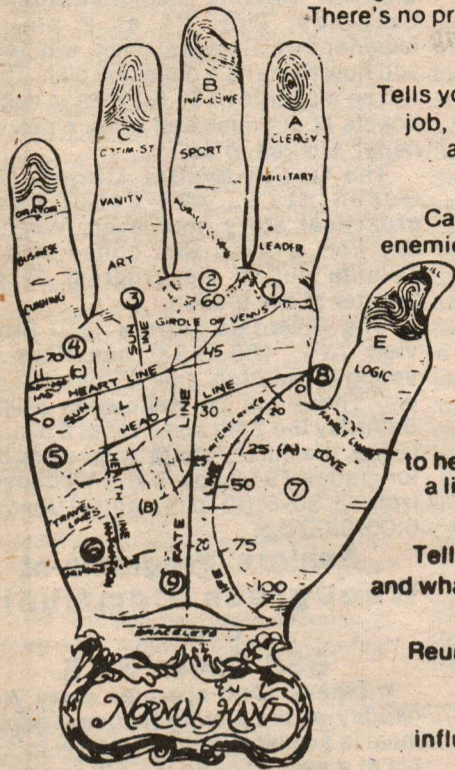
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Ten years ago in 7 News, the top-featured stories concerned a Tenant Union open house in South St. Jamestown, and a radical group "trying to infiltrate the West Don area of Ward Seven."

The open house was part of the South of St. Jamestown Tenants Association's long, losing struggle against the developer, Meridian, that was seeking to demolish several blocks of houses and replace them with highrises. The article described the stakes: "Meridian country to the immediate north is a frightening and oppressive concrete jungle. The buildings are elongated shoeboxes reaching into the sky. South of Wellesley the ruthless demolition of housing appears to be an act of vengeance and has left great open scars of muddy wasteland. That this wholesale destruction was permitted by the Beavis's and Rotenberg's and Dennison's on the city council is incomprehensible."

Seven News' expose of the radical "Red Morning" group in the same issue, verged on the hysterical. The group, it appeared, was putting up "inflammatory graffiti", "bombard"ing teenagers at the local drop-in "with slogans and dogma" and leaving newspapers with their propaganda in Parliament Street stores. One shopkeeper, Glen Blouin (also a former 7 News staffer), described as "a former hippie who still wears his hair shoulder length" but "now an active, knowledgeable business man" was quoted as saying that "I consider myself very broad-minded, but this Red Morning group leaves me completely cold."

Sparks were also flying at Central Neighbourhood House, where "at approx. 9 p.m. Allan Lawrence, the MPP for St. George's Riding was on his feet, in his \$300-plus tailored suit, asserting that he was especially sensitive to the needs of his constituents". St. Jamestown Steak and Chops was advertising hamburger meat at three pounds for \$1.19.



Merchants want liquor, wine stores closed

Five years ago in 7 News, the front page pictured Vincent Tipe of Carlton Street with a fire hydrant he had painted. (The next issue reported that the city had come along and repainted the hydrant a boring yellow.) Merchants in the Parliament Street Business Improvement Association were demanding that the liquor and beer stores on the street be closed to get rid of "drunks and panhandlers". Said Bart Davis, Association President "Either it's going to be liquor street or a business street." He threatened they would set up their own vigilante "Cabbagetown Security Force."

Meanwhile, Regent Park was

planning a festival to combat racism, the headline on the drama review by Sherry Marshall read "Suicide recommended", while the headline on the health column was "TB or not TB ...?" A set of controversial recommendations on the future of the Parliament Library House was being debated. Control of the house was in question, as well as space for the Neighbourhood Information Post and the Community Secretariat. And Seven News announced the selection of a new executive: Robert Snell, Tom Corbett, Miles Brickman, and Teresa Cregg.

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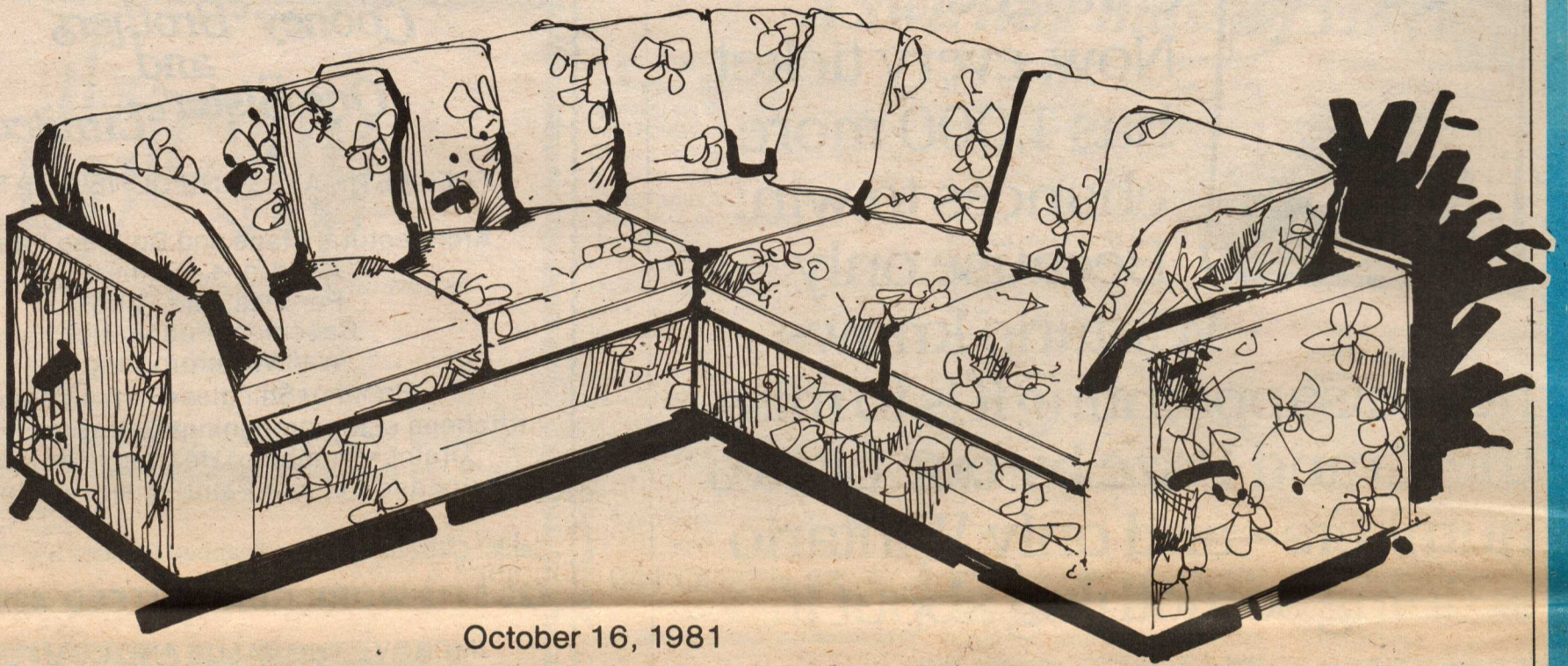
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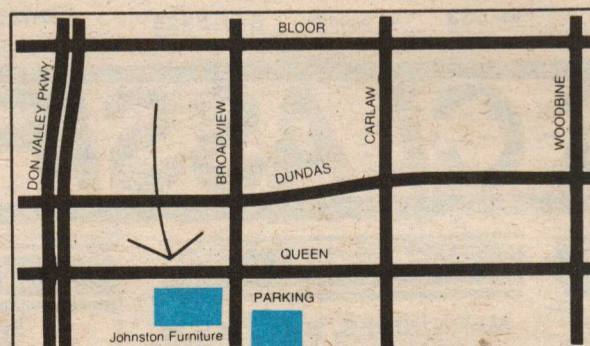
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