


# 7 News

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## "The Way We Are"

# Musical features gifted people of Ward 7

"Dammed If You Do", the entertaining and popular Ward 7 musical comedy, involved 160 local people and drew an audience of 2400 during its three performances in 1980. Written by John Piper, Brian Metcalfe, and Ward 7 Alderman David Reville, the show raised nearly \$4,000 for SEVEN NEWS. It was also a musical and dramatic success. *Globe & Mail* reviewer M. T. Kelly had this to say about "Dammed If You Do":

By the end, audience and cast were cheering each other. As well they should. There was a real sense of community. It was that kind of night.

The 1982 Ward 7 musical comedy, "The Way We Are", again combines the talents of Piper, Metcalfe, Director Marion Levi and the gifted people of Ward 7. Vrenia Ivonoffski is the producer.

"The Way We Are is a rollicking spoof of the moral majority, gays, real estate agents, police and women's groups. The inner city is



The Women's Music Co-op ham it up during rehearsals. (left to right): Yolanda Goudekettering, Katie Cunningham, Dorothy Rusoff, Myna Denov, Kimberley Barber, Janice McEachern, and Carolyn Barber.

in the spotlight in this light-hearted look at our differences in taste, lifestyles and aspirations which sometimes lead to conflict, sometimes to understanding but always to an interesting and colourful community life. This year's pro-

duction will also feature a politicians' song (written by Bob Rae), a children's number and Ward 7 community acts.

Performances will be held at Castlefrank High School on April 28, 29, 30 and May 1. Tickets are

\$5.00 (Wednesday and Thursday) and \$7.00 (Friday and Saturday) with half price for students and senior citizens. Proceeds from the production will be donated to SEVEN NEWS, Dixon Hall Music School, Neighbourhood Information Post, Open Door/Rooms Registry and the River-Oak Parent Child Centre.

Rehearsals for "The Way We Are" have been underway since January, with most of the action taking place at Winchester Public School. Some of the production's singers have found less conventional venues for their talents. Sunday afternoon patrons of a Parliament Street donut shop have become enthusiastic previewers of "The Way We Are"

There are still openings for singers in the chorus. Those interested in the musical aspect of the production, or to help with refreshments, ticket sales or ushering, please volunteer your services by phoning 964-1126 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets can be ordered by telephoning the same number.

Ward 7 businesses interested in advertising in the show's programme should contact the SEVEN NEWS advertising representative. With a total readership of 3200 local people, the programme's advertising rates vary from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Advertisers spending \$50.00 or more will receive two complimentary tickets.

## Regent Park will finally get a community centre

After ten years of trying Regent Park will finally be getting a Community Centre. At a meeting held on March 17 the Ontario Housing Corporation announced their proposal to build the \$1.2 million facility. Joining OHC chairman Allan Moses in the announcement were Dr. Albert Rose, chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority and Myrna Marston, president of the Regent Park Residents Association.

The community centre, when finished in 1985, will be located at

203 Sackville Green.

The funding for building the centre will come from the OHC and from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). CMHC pays a 50 per cent of the operating cost subsidies for OHC projects.

Funds for running the centre will be drawn from a trust fund established with contributions from OHC, CMHC, the city of Toronto, Metro Toronto and the residents of Regent Park. Residents are being asked to contribute \$2 a

month during a three year fundraising campaign. Money raised from this will be matched dollar for dollar by OHC. OHC will also contribute \$60,000 a year to pay for maintenance and utility costs.

Operation of the centre will be supervised by a board of directors made up of seven residents and seven representatives from the housing associations and the City. A professional recreation director will be hired to supervise the centre's activities.

## It's tax time all year with 7% tax

By HOWARD HUGGETT

This is the time of the year that Canadians often refer to as "tax time". They are thinking, of course, of income taxes, that unpopular subject that comes up at the end of winter and goes away again about the first of May, when spring can be expected and may even show up. No doubt it is this schedule of coming and going that impresses this tax so vividly on the public mind. However, there is another kind of levy that is often overlooked because it is always with us. I am referring to the provincial sales tax, which in Ontario is 7% of the retail selling price for a very large number of articles.

There are plenty of exemptions to this tax, and consumers need to know what they are. It would be impossible for sales people to remember all the details of which are exempt and which are not, and I am sure that mistakes are frequently made, sometimes in the customer's favour and other times the opposite way. With some commodities, such as food and medical supplies it is easy to unders-

tand why they are exempt. However, once you get into some other categories of items it is difficult to see any logic behind the decisions to tax or not to tax.

Fortunately it is possible to obtain a handy little booklet entitled A Shopper's Guide to the Ontario Sales Tax 1981-1982 from the offices of deloitte, Haskins & Sells. They are located in Suite 2600 of the Royal Bank Building, North Tower, on lower Bay Street just above Front. The information in this article is taken from this booklet.

Starting down the alphabetical lists of what is taxable and what is exempt you soon run into puzzlers. Why is baby hair shampoo taxable, while babies' skin care preparations exempt? Why should sales tax be imposed on bandages, bath powders and batteries, and not on barbecue fuels and bird seed? When disinfectants are taxed, why not personal deodorants?

To move on through the alphabet, 7% is imposed on laxatives, light bulbs, liniments and

liver salts and tonics, but not on ice cream bars and ice cream toppings. Popcorn coated with sugar, etc., is taxable, but popcorn (plain, buttered or salted) is home free. Does that indicate that some civil servant has gone down the list with closed eyes and picked out items at random, or is he or she biased against sugar but hooked on butter and salt?

There are lots more examples of strange decisions, and perhaps the most puzzling is found amongst the articles sold in drug stores. For instance, orthopaedic appliances such as shoulder braces, athletic supports, suspensories and arch, ankle, knee and like supports are taxable. However, orthopaedic appliances like trusses and parts, surgical supports and the appliances and parts, spinal braces, sacroiliac belts and supports and elastic hosiery are non-taxable.

Well, that provides enough examples to make the point. How can consumers avoid some of that sales tax? The best way is to move

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## You can make a real difference to 7 News

By ULLI DIEMER  
SEVEN NEWS EDITOR

Readers frequently tell us that Seven News is special. "A good little paper" is a phrase we often hear, and it makes us feel good to hear it.

A lot of sacrifices go on behind the scenes to keep 7 News publishing and it is warm, favourable response, the feeling that Seven News is widely read and appreciated and even needed, that makes those sacrifices seem worthwhile.

For example, one of our most faithful groups of readers is the senior citizens, many of whom tell us how much they like reading the paper, partly because it really is a "good little paper", and partly because, to be honest, many of them can't afford to buy a newspaper that costs money. Seven News comes to them free, and every Friday when the paper is delivered, we find at least a few seniors actually waiting for it in the lobbies of their buildings.

Others also tell us how they like 7 News, how it helps keep them informed about what is going on in

the area and about issues that affect them. For example, tenants tell us that our coverage of housing issues is first rate. Articles we have run on property tax reassessment, on day care, on education, on local theatre and music, on local stores and restaurants, all have received praise.

This is not to say that Seven News couldn't be better. We know that it could be, and our fondest wish is that we could spend less time scabbling after money, and more time on improving the content and appearance.

But if you are a regular reader of Seven News, you already know our strong and weak points. And you know about our finances.

You can make a real difference to Seven News, and to the community, with a contribution to the Seven News Supporting Membership Campaign. If you can afford more than the suggested \$10 to \$15, please consider a larger donation. There are many readers who can't afford a contribution at all, or who can only make a very small one.

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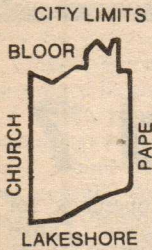


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**Pamphlet Warning**

A pamphlet making its way around Ward Seven, entitled, "A Child Needs To Learn His Basics," is a publication of the Church of Scientology of Toronto. This information appears in small, impossible to read print on the back of the pamphlet. A ward resident concerned that parents would not see the notice asked us to print a warning about the pamphlet.

**Termite Budget**

The Termite Control Budget for 1982-83 has already been committed because so many city

homeowners have already applied for the \$2,000 grants. As a result of this any homeowners who applied after March third have been told by the Environment Ministry that they will either have to pay for the work themselves or wait another year and hope to get a grant then. With the present \$300,000 termite control budget about 350 houses in Toronto can be treated, most of them between Jarvis St. and the eastern limits of the city.

**Policeman of the Year from Regent Park**

A Ward Seven native was given the Harold Adamson Award as Metro's top policeman in 1981 during a special banquet held by the Junior Board of Trade. Terry Nunn, a six year veteran of the force, was born and raised in Regent Park. He was given the award for single-handedly arresting two suspects in a jewelry store robbery last April.

At 5 feet 8 inches Nunn was too short to join the force until 1975 when they dropped the height requirements for cadets.

Nunn was chosen from a group of 19 policemen nominated for their acts of bravery.

**Peace Action**

**Festival Planned**

East End Peace Action met on March 1 to discuss Canada's role in the world of nuclear arms. Speakers included Frank Showler, of the Friends' Service Committee, Matthew Clark from the University of Toronto Anti-Nuclear Group, and Gordon Schaffer, an Englishman prominent in the international peace movement. Schaffer described the events of anti-nuclear demonstrations in Europe and suggested that the June EEPA peace festival in Kew Gardens be twinned with one in the London borough of Kew. Schaffer also saw the November municipal referendum in Toronto on the issue of nuclear technology as one of great importance.

**The Poor Get Poorer**

The Toronto Board of Education's annual survey of inner city schools showed an alarming increase in the numbers of student families living below the poverty line. From 59 per cent a year ago the numbers have risen to 67 per cent and the percentage of families living in subsidized housing has increased to 83 from 74 per cent a year ago.

The schools surveyed are the neediest in the city and five of six are in the Ward Seven area. They are: Lord Dufferin, Park School, Rose Avenue, Duke of York and Regent Park.

**Thank you, Early Birds**

Donations have already started coming in for 7 News 1982 Supporting Membership Campaign. Our thanks to you "early bird" donors who rushed to the mailbox with your cheques quickly enough to make our deadline for this issue.

Thank you to the following: Ron Kaplansky, Dundas St.; Andrew Keith, Don Mount Court; Martin Mittelstadt, Bain Ave.; the Dundas-Sherbourne Tenants' Association; the Regent Park Residents' Association; Jean Wright, Sword Street. Thank you also to those of you who have sent us donations through the winter: Diana Baker, Cambridge Ave., Al Shanta; Donald Altman, Isabella St.; David Kidd, Albany Ave.; Lilyan Wiley; Farrell Toombs; Frances Beer, Carlton Street.

And thank you very much for your generosity: the average donation to date is \$22.50.

**Cabbagetown Coach Bomb Expert**

Constable Peter Wylie, a fourteen year veteran of Metro's police force, will receive a commendation for successfully defusing three bombs. Wylie, also a coach at the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club, dismantled the bombs, one outside a bank on Laird Dr. and two in a deserted funeral parlor on College St., without any injury to himself or others.

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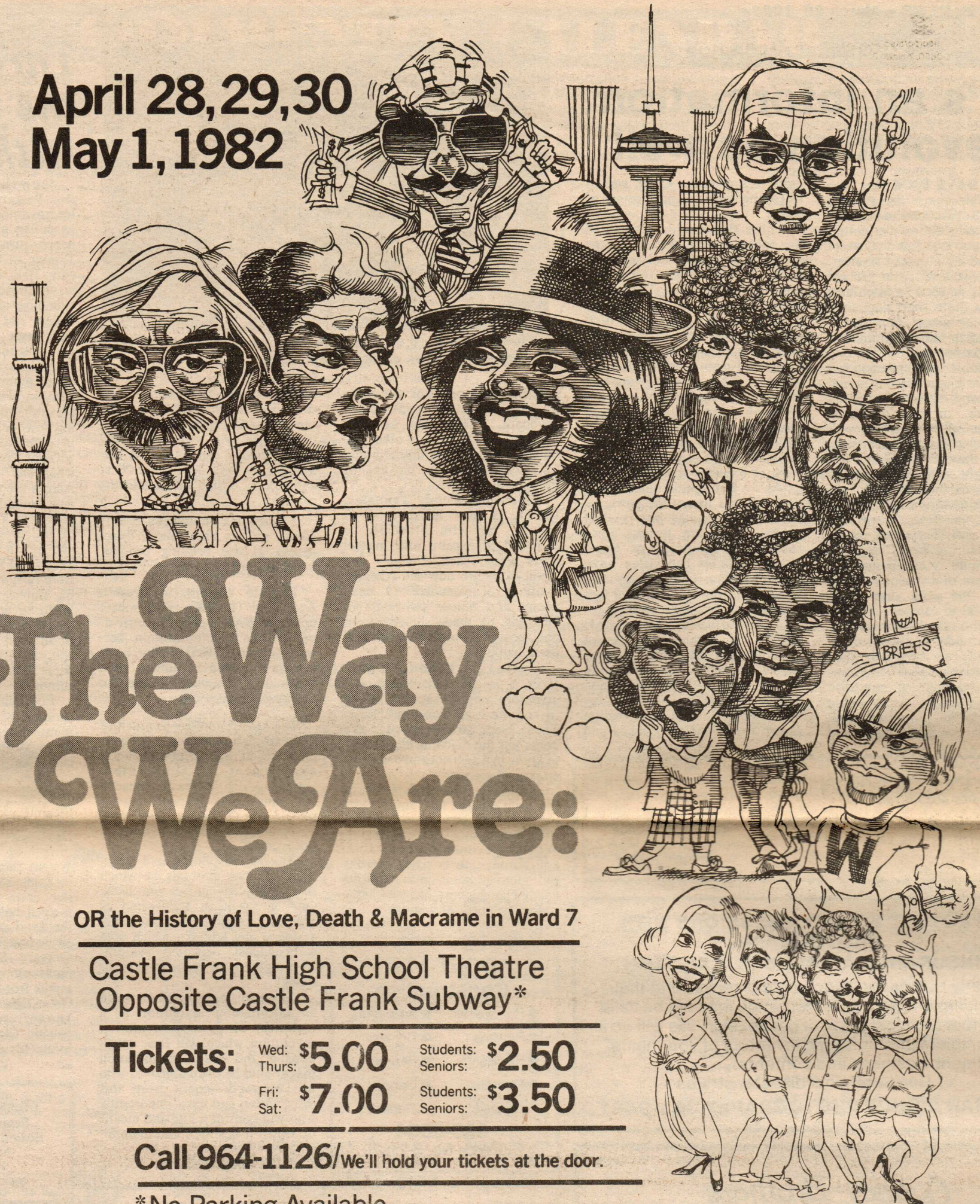
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## Provincial tax doesn't apply to everything

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to Alberta, because that fortunate province has no provincial sales tax. Failing that, there are other ways to save a little here and there. Food is tax-exempt, but not when it is served as a meal in expensive restaurants. Restaurant meals that cost on average more than \$6.00 are taxable, and maybe that is why so many people eat at McDonalds. The tax on restaurant meals is 10%, not 7%. Take-out food and

catered meals are not taxable.

All shoes are tax-exempt if they cost \$30.00 or less. Fruit juices are not taxable when labelled as such, and they are probably better for you than fruit drinks which are taxable when they are carbonated or contain less than 25% of natural fruit by volume. Remember, children's clothing is exempt if it meets certain size requirements and modern kids are usually much big-

ger than they used to be. You may find that you can be fitted with a children's size garment.

### Pay buyer back

Generally, the labour element of a repair charge is not taxable if it is segregated on the bill. Even the parts and materials used are not taxable if they are less than 20% of the total bill and the merchant has purchased them on a tax-paid basis. It can be compli-

cated. Installation charges are another thing to watch. Generally, they are not taxable if they are separately noted on your bill, and this also applies to finance and carrying charges on deferred payment sales when they are segregated on the bill. And finally, if you have been incorrectly charged for sales tax and you have the receipt you can apply directly to the province for a refund up to three years from the sale.

Most taxpayers are unaware that commodity taxes represent the second largest source of revenue for the federal and provincial governments (Alberta excepted). Commodity taxes raise about twice as much as personal income taxes. Only companies pay corporate taxes, millions of people escape income taxes, but nobody avoids the sales tax. It often does not make sense, but it sure brings in the dollars.

Part 2 - The technical revolution:

# It's an information revolution as well

By DAVE DICKEY

Although the start of the Industrial Revolution can be dated by the introduction of the cotton jenny around two hundred years ago, its end is not nearly so clear. If "rationalization", the process of replacing persons by machines, is taken as the cornerstone, then we are still going through it. Mechanization led to automation and this has now led to what one social scientist calls 'telemation'. Others refer to our existing period as the Second, or New Industrial Revolution, or the Technical Revolution. Call it what you will, profound changes are under way. Although the communication age started with such things as the telephone, via wire, the radio, via air, therefore wireless, and later television, via both, it was the computer part that really set us spinning. During World War Two the U.S. military encouraged the development of a machine which would do the work then being done by a group of mostly women, who calculated trajectory tables of artillery shells. Numbering around two hundred, they were collectively called The Computer, and it took them months to complete each set. A suitable machine was not completed until after the war but as the missile and

arms race with the USSR was in full swing there was no shortage of work.

Those first machines operated on tubes which required large amounts of energy and space. A large air-conditioned room was required for each one. Then came the silicon transistor, a small piece of man-made material which would do the work of any tube, only more cheaply and efficiently. Integrated circuits, doing the job of many tubes or transistors was the next breakthrough - the "works in a drawer" phenomenon. Then came 'chips', highly reduced printed circuits, each of which can now do the work of 65,000 transistors.

As we know, this miniaturization now lets us put the power of that first computer into a shirt pocket. They are twenty times faster and hundreds of times cheaper. Their capacities have been doubling about every two years. It is from the computer that telemation equipment springs.

**Video-display Terminal, (VDT)**, is perhaps the fastest growing spin-off, with an estimated ten million in use today. It's the same as a home television screen, imaged by a cathode ray tube, (CRT), with information drawn from memory circuits and



Hewlett-Packard's HP-125 is just one of the many office computers on the market these days.

ordered by an operator at a more or less standard typewriter keyboard. VDTs may be connected to any number of other terminals, including on-line printers, extra information banks, or monitoring centers.

**Electronic Funds Transfer, (EFT)**, is now being used by tellers, but the principle is expected to expand into market areas where cash, cheques and credit cards are now the accepted methods of exchange. In businesses and homes payments of bills will be made directly from one account to another, even between banks.

**Universal Product Code, (UPC)**, is the calculating and inventory control system being introduced by food markets. Those black stripes on packaged items tell the machine all it needs to know in a split second pass over an optical scanner.

**Numerical Control, (NC)**, is the term applied to computerized mechanical equipment being introduced mostly in factories. Where previous mechanization and automation is rigid, spewing out identical items and requiring costly changeovers, the new technology is 'soft', or adaptable. One

machine can be programmed to do several jobs. Sophisticated ones can rebuild, repair or duplicate themselves. As with the VDT, these 'robots' can be linked any number of ways - to other NCs, computers, design or monitoring centers.

**Electronics Publishing** already allows writers and editors direct access to the printing process, especially with the use of VDT's.

**Private Automatic Branch Exchange (PABX)**, will impact upon the postal system by providing written communication between terminals, first of all in businesses and then in homes, thus eliminating the need to use the traditional mail service.

The key technology to much of this expected growth in electronic information and communication development are **Glass Fibre Optics**, which increases capacity 100 times over standard copper wire, and **Teledon**, the new government-sponsored system of 'interfacing'.

As with telephones and radio, there are two methods by which this technology enters our lives. One is videotext, hard-wired as are the telephone and cable systems, and teletext, which uses a broadcast, wireless system, aided greatly by microwave technology.

All of this adds up to as much an information revolution as a technical one. An information revolution which will raise questions of the sort of information that should be computerized; who will use and benefit from this information and most importantly who will control it and the means by which it is stored and disseminated?

Next: Social Factors

## Through the years with 7 News

Ten years ago in 1972 Seven News the Regent Park Community Improvement Association held its executive elections. Close to 400 people turned out to vote in Neil Tanner as the new president. At City Hall alderman Karl Jaffary was reporting on the planned widening of Dundas St. between Yonge and Bay. The plan would have seen Dundas widened to a seven lane road for one block. Residents were still fighting a development battle in South St. Jamestown against Meridian Developmnts. Meridian was tearing down all the houses they could in order to re-develop the land, without having drawn up plans for what was to replace the houses. Across the river, the South Riverdale Neighborhood Renewal program was a success. The objective of the program was to renovate and repair houses in the Ward Seven and Ward Eight areas. There were rumors of a rival paper starting publication in the ward. The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association was reported to be unsatisfied with Seven News and contemplating forming their own paper. The rival paper remained a rumor.

Five years ago Seven News was running its very first supporting membership campaign (this year we're running our sixth annual campaign, see the front page).

The campaign was an unparalleled success. Rumors that the YMCA had sold the Y building on Broadview were confirmed. The Davis government was trying to introduce a new property tax system that would increase taxes on some homeowners by 50 to 100 per cent. At a multi-cultural festival held at Earl Grey School the food stole the show. Greenpeace had just opened an office on Gerrard St. and was fighting environmental issues around the world from here in Ward Seven. On a lighter note, the now well known comedian John Candy of Second City TV was posing as a model for a Guaranteed Domestic ad.

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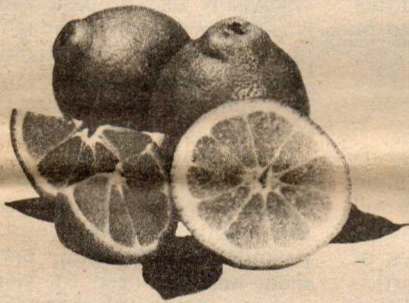
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Mariposa is proud to announce its involvement in Toronto's first-ever **Spring Tune-Up**. Kicking off the weekend-long event at the Scadding Court Community Centre, the folks at Mariposa present the Spring Tune-Up Concert with Margaret Cristl, Mose Scarlett and Dan Yashinsky. Concert and pub \$5 or pub only at 12. The music starts at 8 p.m. For further information and advance tickets call 691-1113.

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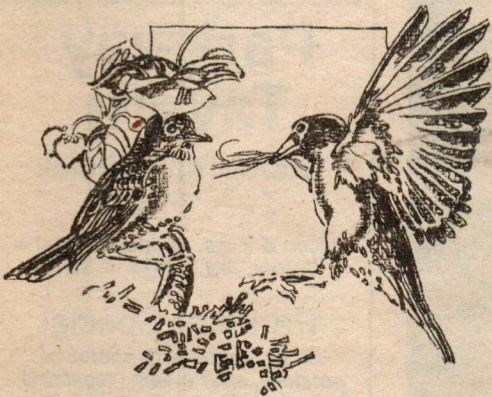
You are invited to a **Food Fair**. The South Riverdale Community Health Centre is hosting it at the Health Centre, 126 Pape Avenue between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. There will be activities for all ages — demonstrations, films, discussions, food samples and more. Admission is free and child care will be available.

Would you lay a bead of Acrylic latex or butyl rubber caulking around your kitchen window? No idea? Ecology House is holding an all-day workshop from 9 to 5 to explain the finer points of caulking and weatherstripping. When you finish you will know how to locate and plug the openings your heating dollars are leaking from. Fee \$10. Please register in advance by calling 967-0577 or drop by Ecology House at 12 Madison Ave.



People are gathering today to **demonstrate opposition to United States intervention in El Salvador**. The demonstration is sponsored by a coalition, **The Committee of Solidarity with the People of El Salvador**. If you would like to express your support, please come to **Christie Pitts (Christie subway on Bloor)** at 11 a.m. or to the **U. S. Consulate (University Ave. south of Dundas)** at 12:30 p.m.

The Toronto Field Naturalists are having a **bird-watching outing** on the Leslie Street Spit today at 9 p.m. Meet at the foot of Leslie Street. Everyone welcome.



## Sunday March 28

**Dan Heap, M. P.**, will be the speaker at St. Luke's Forum, Carlton and Sherbourne, at 2:30 pm.

## Monday, March 29

Toronto Parents' Convention still lives.... **East Area Schools Together** (parent group for 52 schools) is holding its next meeting at Queen Alexandra School, Broadview & Queen, tonight at 7.30. Main topic will be a discussion on the reports from work groups on the performing arts and the gifted and talented.

To give interested people a chance to find out more about **fitness through dance exercise**, Alexandra is having an open house at 8 p.m. at Eastminster

United Church on Danforth near Chester subway station. Further information is available by calling 466-3965.

## Wednesday March 31

A public meeting tonight will feature a **report from inside Nicaragua**. The speaker is Carlos Fernando Chamorro, the editor of Barricada, the official daily paper of the governing party, FSLN. His topic is "Nicaragua: Mobilizing in Defense of the Revolution". At 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Centre, 427 Bloor Street West. Sponsors include the Interchurch Committee on Human Rights in Latin America; Canadian Action for Nicaragua, and the Jesuit Centre for Social Faith and Justice.

**East End Peace Action** is meeting in the staffroom at Earl Grey School, 100 Strathcona (south of Danforth and Pape between Pape and Jones) tonight at 7:30. Topic: The New Cold War. All are welcome.

## Thursday, April 1

Toronto Arts Production presents the **Bartok Quartet**. Hungary's foremost quartet returns to the Town Hall in a program of Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven. 8:30, tickets \$10 and \$11. Call 366-1656.

## Friday April 2

**Rummage Sale**. The association of Volunteers of Central Hospital, Central Hospital Lobby, 333 Sherbourne St. from 10:30. Bargains, adults and children's clothing, household effects, books, records.

## Saturday April 3

**David C and Friends** present a concert tonight at 8 at the Trinity United Church, 427 Bloor St. W. Tickets \$7.50 or \$8.50 at the door. Available at all BASS outlets and the Development Educational Centre at 427 Bloor St. W. for information call 977-2512.

Saint Luke's United Church at 353 Sherbourne St. is having an **opportunity sale** today between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Come and get jewelry, scarves, plants, books, home baking etc.

"**Sharon, Lois and Bram**", the country's most popular children's entertainers, will be featured with The Toronto Symphony in two special family concerts at Massey Hall on Saturday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by Imperial Oil Limited, these presentations will be conducted by Mario Duschenes, best known to Toronto Symphony audiences for his successful Young People's Concerts and School Programmes.

Tickets are now on sale by phone at 598-3375 (The Ticket Centre) and 598-2855 (Ticketron phone lines), or in person at The Ticket Centre, 146 Front Street West, Suite 460 or at any Ticketron outlet.

## Tuesday, April 6

Young People's Theatre's presentation of the **Danny Grossman Dance Company** begins tonight and continues through to April 11. This troupe is a celebration of energy and spirit and has been acclaimed as a rare star in modern dance. For ages 12 and up. Tonight at 7:30. Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday matinees at 2 p.m. Students and seniors \$5, adults \$9. Call 864-9732.

## Friday April 9

The Cross in Story and Song, a play-reading on the life and death of Christ. At 11 a.m. at All Saints Anglican Church, Sherbourne and Dundas.

## Ongoing

**Opportunities for Advancement** is a group program to assist sole support mothers to make a change in their lives. Perhaps you would like to explore job or retraining opportunities and would welcome some support? Or your need may be to arrange child care, in order to begin volunteer activity in the community. This is your chance to make some changes and meet some great new people as well. If you are interested in joining the next series of meetings which will begin in mid-April, phone Lois at 925-4363, and register for the next session. The course is seven weeks long, meeting two mornings a week, with child

care, and transportation costs provided.

**Central Neighbourhood House** is proud to announce the addition of a new program. Dancercise will be open to girls from 9 to 16 years old, and will operate on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30.

**The Ralph Thornton Social Club** at 765 Queen St. E. is holding regular get-togethers at 7:30 Thursday nights and at 2:00 on Sunday afternoons. The club is geared to interest men and women 35 years and over. For further information call 962-4039 or 461-6311.

**The Metro Toronto Science Fair** is looking for a change. Since the conception of the Metro Toronto Science Fair, the butterfly has served them well as a logo. Now the butterfly must retire. In order to obtain a new logo, the Metro Toronto Science fair is organizing a logo contest. The requirements are simple: It must be simple enough to allow easy reproduction; it must be monochromatic; and it must contain the words "Metro Toronto Science Fair". The contest is open to any student in Grades 7 to 13 or their equivalent. The winner will receive a portable, solar-powered Panasonic radio and will have the opportunity to work with an artist to create a banner for the 1983 Metro Toronto Science Fair. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 12. The address is Dominic Tatone c/o Metro Toronto Science Fair, P. O. Box 188, Downsview, Ontario M3M 3A3.

**Downtown Care Ring** is in need of volunteers. It is receiving an increase in phone calls from people requesting help, particularly disabled ones who need a drive to an appointment, and lonely ones for whom a friendly visit would be beneficial. This is a simple service, a neighbourly one, but to the city's disadvantaged and lonely, it is a vital one. Please volunteer for a few hours to help a person who needs you - Drivers are especially needed even for an hour a week. Please call 868-1190 weekdays from 9 to 5.

**A 25th Anniversary Reunion** is being arranged for Woodbridge High School on May 14, 1983. Former students and staff are urged to write to Jane Chapman at Box 627, Bolton, Ontario LOP 1A0 to indicate interest in attending and organizing this event.

The Queen-Saulter Library is holding a show called **Sketches and Drawings of South Riverdale** for the month of April.

Every Sunday until April 4, Toronto-area filmgoers will have the chance to see social documentaries rarely screened for commercial audiences. The Bloor Street Cinema (just east of Bathurst) will host the **Reel to Real Film Festival**, a series of independent productions from Canada, Australia, Italy, West Germany and the United States. All programs begin at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$3.50 each or \$24 for 8, seniors \$2.50. Tickets are available at the Development Education Centre at 427 Bloor St. W. For more information call 964-6901.

**Earls Court Child and Family Centre** announces the operation of a special summer day camp for children with social and behavioural problems. The camp will operate out of Montcrest School which overlooks Riverdale Park in the Broadview-Danforth area. Camp sessions run from July 5th to July 30th and from August 2nd to August 27th.

Children can attend for either session or both sessions. The camp fee is \$200 per session. The Wimodausis Club will provide bursaries up to \$175 so no child otherwise qualified will be denied the program. For more information or an application form regarding the camp, parents can call Miss Thorst at 654-8989. Campers will be selected on a first come first served basis.

Torontonians wanted to experience the sights and smells of spring can welcome an early season as the **Spring Flower Show** comes to Allan Gardens from March 1 to May 1. Hundreds of colourful domestic and exotic flowers and plants will be on display daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Allan Gardens, bounded by Jarvis, Carlton, Sherbourne and Gerrard Sts., is easily accessible by public transit. Free guided tours are available by calling 367-7291. Photography is permitted.

**Attention seniors**. Woodgreen Community Centre has programs for you. We have men's billiards, ladies' billiards, exercise, gentle yoga, bowling, supper clubs, crafts, diner's club, Toronto Travellers' Club, foot doctor, food co-op, fun with art, bus trips, and a Friday drop-in program. Also we are having a bazaar Saturday May 8, 1982 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any items to donate for our auction such as used clothing or books, please give us a call or bring them down to the centre at 835 Queen St. East. For more information call Sue Butler at 461-1168 ext. 38.

Through May 30, The Market Gallery of the City of Toronto Archives will present **Bayefsky's Toronto: A Celebration of the City and its People**, a retrospective covering 30 years in the career of Toronto-born artist, Aba Bayefsky. Many scenes of the St. Lawrence and Kensington Markets are included in this 61-piece retrospective, along with oil portraits and watercolours on a tattoo theme. The Gallery is located at 95 Front St. E. at Jarvis and is open to the public without charge, Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Looking for an inexpensive and fun night out? About 15 men and women are joining Don in the **Central Neighbourhood House** kitchen on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. Club members cook the meal together and then sit down to enjoy the product. Cost is \$1 per person per night — not bad for a good meal and even better company. Child care is provided free of charge. For more information call Pat O'Connor at 925-4363.

The Queen-Saulter Library at 765 Queen St. E. has a **local history club** which meets monthly and which is interested in finding old photos and clippings of the area (these will be returned). If you would like more information call 465-2156.

**Bingo** is played every Thursday night at Regent Park Public School, 20 Regent St. Prizes and money specials. \$20 jackpot.

GET WELL soon, Mary Anne. We need you here helping us in the Seven News office.

Do you have a **room or apartment for rent** at reasonable rates? Maybe we can find the perfect tenant for you. Contact Vincenza DeBonis, Woodgreen Community Centre at 461-1168.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice which you would like placed in the next (April 8) issue of 7 News (all events between April 8 and April 24 should go in this issue) please fill out the coupon and mail or bring your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2 or call us at 363-9650.

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**The Merchant of Venice:**

**Shakespeare gives generously and takes just as handsomely**

By VERA HELD

An inspiring cast, solid direction and a string of puns, paradigms and paradoxes are reflected in Toronto Free Theatre's production of Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy, "The Merchant of Venice".

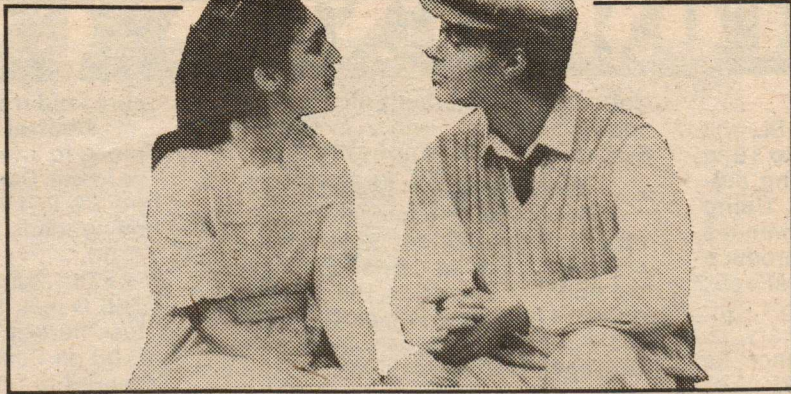
Contrary to popular belief, the Merchant of Venice is not designed to emphasize the greed and inhumanity of Shylock (George Spurdakos) the Jewish money lender.

Spurdakos makes Shylock a living entity on stage. He not only articulates the character but understands the essence of its being.

We see Shylock's anger and his disappointment; his lamentable need for revenge (a pound of flesh), and his displaced values (my bond, my jewels, my ducats).

We understand his degradation at being called a "dog", "the very devil incarnate". We empathize with him at the spiritual and physical loss of his daughter. We hear his earnest cries at the decree for conversion.

For centuries, Shylock has greeted audiences, instilling new prejudices and highlighting those that have been transmitted for thousands of years. Spurdakos succeeds in doing the magnificent: he balances Shylock's good and evil, his greed and generosity, his warmth and his wrath. He gives us a whole character - one who is plagued by insecurity and fear. One who understands the meaning of disappointment in his fellow human beings. In watching Spurdakos perform, we are forced and not easily, to identify some qualities that are lacking in our own characters.



Katherine Goldsbie as Jessica and her charming lover/husband Peter Krantz as Lorenzo.

Fine direction by Edward Gilbert of Shakespeare's insights and images gives us a whole and balanced production.

In the Merchant of Venice, Shakespeare gives generously and takes just as handsomely, we see: the merchant Antonio (William Dunlop) lose his worldly wealth; Bassanio (Ron White) his friend win his cherished love Portia (Camille Mitchell); Shylock forced to divest himself of both his religious heritage and his property; Jessica (Katherine Goldsbie) Shylock's daughter find true love in young Lorenzo's arms (Peter Krantz). The scales of justice are evenly balanced.

James Kidnie (Gratiana) is a fun-loving Venetian Fonzie; Lois Lorimer (Nerissa) who plays Portia's waiting-woman is jubilant and proud; Katherine Goldsbie as Jessica and her charming lover/husband Pete Crantz as Lorenzo engage us in a wonderful by-the-sea love scene.

You don't have to be a lover of Shakespeare to enjoy this production. The play touches the heart and lives of everyone. Because it's a human production - geared to portray human strength and human frailty.

The Merchant of Venice, Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley St. Call 368-2856

**4U moves into CNH**

The 4-U Work Centre, located at Gerrard and Ontario until March 1, has moved into Central NEIGHBOURHOOD House. 4-U is a non-profit temporary help centre, managed by a Board of Directors that includes worker representation. It was developed as an alternative to the often exploitative aspects of most temporary help centres. Because it is non-profit, 4-U can give its workers a fairer deal: higher wages, references, a vacation pay on a weekly basis, and separation papers. Since 1972, 4-U has employed 7200 workers and helped more than 1,000 people find full time jobs.

If you're looking for temporary work (or temporary workers) give Erin Rittich a call at 967-1332 or drop by the 4-U office at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. (between Gerrard and Dundas), open 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily.



Here is just one of the activities enjoyed by children at the Park School after-hours program. The program is sponsored by Dixon Hall and the Board of Education.

**At All Saints:**

**Native people find a home**

By KEITH D. ELLIS  
In just over three years, Council Fire has transformed a bare and spartan gymnasium in All Saints' Church-Community Centre into a comfortable and colourfully decorated headquarters for Native people. As about 500-1,000 Native people live in Ward Seven, it is appropriate that they have found a permanent home in All Saints'.

Council Fire began in 1976 as a small worship group, meeting irregularly for two years. Eventually, in October, 1979, after occupying a small make-shift office in the church body, it was given larger facilities in All Saints gym for its increasing programme. Council Fire defines itself as "a

council, or circle, of Native citizens who are concerned about the future of Indian people in this city", and include a wide spectrum of Native elders, spiritual leaders, community workers, homemakers and representatives from churches as its members.

As many as 60 people have participated daily in the programme this past winter; 30-35 people will use its facilities in the summer. Although it is representative of both sexes, the majority of participants are young, unemployed men "who have left foster homes, reserves, incarceration and detox centres."

Director Millie Redmond, herself a native of the Walpole Island Reserve, calls her operation a "big

living room." A whole grant of services and activities are provided daily. Its most basic function is as a day drop-in, although it is not a flophouse. Says Redmond, "Out of this comes friendship and involvement"; she also uses such phrases as "fellowship" and "family gathering."

Council Fire's role is to assist Native people in becoming aware of their cultural background and potential in education, employment and the need for spiritual and personal growth through sharing, listening and involvement. To this end, counselling, the stressing of potential problems associated with drinking, involvement in arts and crafts, and its use as a community centre are highlighted.

In addition, a Work Adjustment Programme, a Volunteer Programme, a Native Drumming and Dancing Programme, a Native Awareness night, a Nutrition night, a Thursday pot-luck supper and a "family affair" gathering of Indian hymn singing on Sundays make up the wide range of activities.

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## A Senior looks at the future for health care

Editor:  
The following is what I as a Senior see in the future for health care for the nation; without something along these lines we will be hopelessly lost in mounting costs

of hospital care, chronically overloaded doctors and far too much spent on our health from the family budget.

As a Senior who has watched the rising costs of medical care over the years, I am firmly convinced that the right strategy to fight these expenses is to make sure that everyone understands that real health comes not from doctors and hospitals, but from things we do ourselves to our-

selves. And once this fact sinks in to the general public and is understood, then we can deal with medical costs in a more logical way.

We can then invest our money where it produces the greatest return: not bigger hospitals, but better food: not more doctors, but more fitness counselors and health advisors: not more health insurance, but tough ways to counteract cigarette advertising and the glorification of alcohol: and in prevention of chronic diseases, not curing them when it is too late.

Our health is a weapon against inflation, but few realize it. There is almost a sure chance that down the road, with more and more Seniors, we will be drawing so

much to cover the promised benefits that shortages of funds for medical care will be rampant. But if the Seniors are healthier demand falls. And if we don't take these steps, hospital costs will be so high we won't be able to pay our bills even with the help of health insurance.


Then in addition, with more and more doctors ordering more and more diagnostic tests, where will the money come from in the future. An educated guess says food, shelter and transportation will take the rap. We will have to encourage the growth of alternative health systems that are more natural and far less expensive. We might build a hospital where patients are fed well, taught health

rules early in life, and impress upon us that our health basically is our own responsibility. In this way we avoid the onset of chronic diseases which now threaten to bog down our system in the next five years; and only then will we realize we can no longer afford to become sick.

By Bill Wood

### St. Luke's United Church

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dr. M. Cohen, winner of the Neighbourhood Information Post raffle held March 19, 1982. Many thanks to our supporters who purchased and sold tickets. Thanks to the King Edward Hotel for donating their portion of the prize. (12-18).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**NEIGHBOURHOOD LEGAL SERVICES** — Legal Clinic for low-income people within Carlaw-Bloor-Yonge. PROBLEMS: Landlord-Tenant, welfare, UIC, Consumer, CAS, Immigration. CALL: 961-2625. 238 Carlton St. (12-24).

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**IT's that time again.** Do you have trouble making out your Income Tax Form? Dixon Hall offers a free Income Tax Clinic to help you out. This clinic will be offered every Wednesday evening starting February 17, 1982 at 203 Sackville Green. Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m. by appointment only. Call Lorraine at 863-0499. (12-18).

**LEGAL HASSLES?** Do you have any legal questions that you need answered? Come to the Dixon Hall Legal Aid Clinic on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. It is located at 417 King St. E., next to the Little Trinity Church, east of Parliament. Use side door. Call Lorraine at 863-0499 for more information. (12-18).

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### GARAGE SALES/BAZAARS FLEA MARKETS

**RUMMAGE SALE & FLEA MARKET** Pilot Club of North Toronto. Saturday March 27, 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Luke's United Church, Sherbourne & Carlton Streets. Household items and good used clothing. (12-18).

### HELP WANTED

**PART TIME LEGAL** secretary-receptionist wanted 4-5 afternoons weekly, for law office. Litigation experience preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. 463-9163. (12-18).

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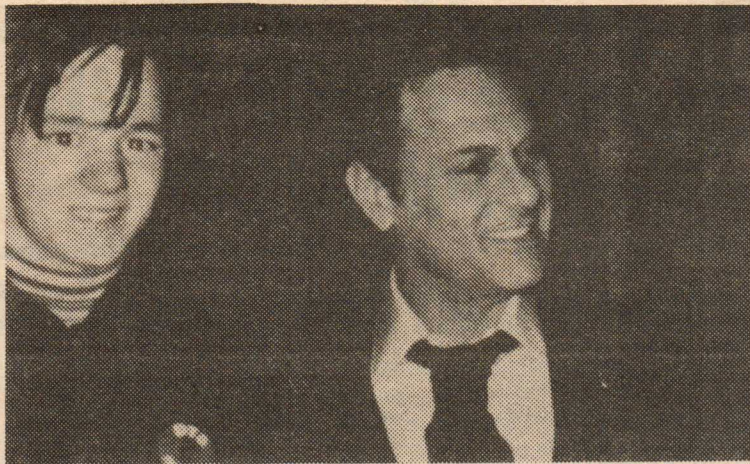
Charlie Simpson has a unique hobby. His hobby isn't model building or stamp collecting, but a hobby that keeps him on the move. His hobby is hunting down stars for autographs and pictures. He usually gets a shot of himself with the star.

Charlie has been hunting down stars since he was sixteen years old (he is now twenty-one). When he learns that a star is in town he will go to where they are performing and casually bluff his way backstage, to their dressing room, their hotel room and sometimes even on stage with the star!

Charlie has met many stars this

way, stars such as: Cary Grant, Barry Manilow, Kris Kristofferson, Red Skelton, Burt Lancaster, the late Paul Lynde, Paul Anka, Paul Williams, Sammy Davis Jr., Dolly Parton and even ABBA and the Bee Gees. I could go on but the list would fill this entire page. Charlie's favourite star was, and still is, the late Elvis Presley whom he met twice. The first time Charlie met him was in Buffalo, New York in 1976 when he got up to the stage near Elvis. The second time was in 1977 at one of Elvis' last concerts when Charlie got on stage with the King of Rock and Roll!

Charlie and a good friend,



Charlie Simpson with Tony Curtis

Norm Lewis (who is one of the distributors of Seven News) visited Nashville Tennessee where they both met the great country singer Marty Robbins.

Charlie wanted to meet Marty to get his autograph, but also to have Marty listen to and give his opinion on Charlie's first record, "That Devil-Eyed Look." After Marty listened to the record he commented by saying, "If I knew what a hit was I'd have one

myself." He said that he liked Charlie's recording and wished him the best of luck.

Charlie hopes to get into the limelight himself and has received letters from many stars wishing him luck and success in show biz. He has gotten letters from stars such as Carol Burnett, Kenny Rogers, Bette Davis, Johnny Carson and Jimmy Stewart to name a few. And that is Charlie Simpson's unique hobby.

# RTAG informs tenants

By SHARON TAYLOR-HENLEY  
KENN RICHARD

In the early fall of 1981 a group of Riverdale residents involved with the PUB group of WoodGreen Community Centre identified housing as a concern in this area. Excessive rent increases, illegal evictions, rundown conditions, harassment by landlords and the increasing lack of affordable rental units were all seen as problems in the East end. To deal with the situation the residents saw a need for a grass roots organization amongst the tenants themselves. The residents took the matter in hand and formed themselves into the Riverdale Tenant Action Group (RTAG).

The over-all goals of RTAG are to provide information about tenants' rights under the law and to locate and develop resources to deal with housing problems. The group also aims toward monitoring the housing situation in the east end and to connect with and become part of the larger tenant movement in order to lobby around the improvement of conditions Metro wide.

RTAG (pronounced R-Tag) is in its early stages of organization and is working on continuing to build a strong tenant voice for the area. To this end a series of public meetings are in the planning stages. Anyone wanting more information or wishing to get involved at this point can call Vincenza at WoodGreen (4661-1168) or Mary Bastien (461-8519).

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With this issue, we would like to welcome two new distributors, Barb Hall and Eva Vertesi, who will be delivering to readers on Amelia Street west of Sackville, and in the T. C. Douglas Co-op on River Street. Thank

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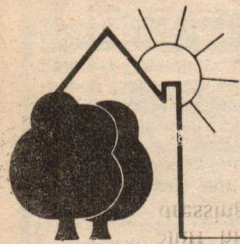
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# OHC tenants council boycotts Toronto Sun

By MORRIS SALDOV

The Toronto Sun, in its January 25th column by McKenzie Porter edited by Peter Worthington, once again called for the "compulsory sterilization" of the poor. The Metro OHC Tenants Council, which is building a tenants' organization to represent the nearly 150,000 low income residents of public housing in Metro, many of whom read the Sun, has launched an all-out boycott against this Toronto daily.

The Tenants Council sought the support of the Metro Housing Authority in having all Sun boxes removed from OHC properties. The Housing Authority turned down the request to appear before them on the matter until possibly

some time in May.

However a letter written by the General Manager of OHC, Doug Beesley, calls for Mr. Porter's resignation.

The Metro OHC Tenants Council is calling on all low income residents to stop buying the Sun, until McKenzie Porter departs and the Sun prints a retraction of the articles calling for the sterilization of the poor. You are urged to join in the campaign to change the Sun by writing to Peter Worthington telling him you will no longer buy or advertise in his paper. Write to P. Worthington, Chief Editor, The Sun, 333 King St. E., Toronto. Have your friends, co-workers, family and neighbours also sign your letter or send one in on their own. If you want to get more involved in the campaign to boycott the Sun get in touch with this writer by calling 654-0345 or write c/o P. O. Box 54, Station F., Toronto M4Y 2L4.

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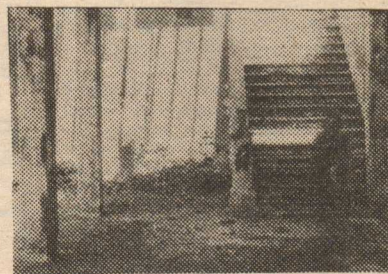
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