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**On Friday night** when you

and your buddies have a few drinks after work, but a round for Seven News.

**Go out to a movie?** Why not take us along by sending in a donation of the movie admission price.

Any one of these suggestions is a good reason to send Seven News a donation. If none of them appeals to you, make up your own. We'd love to hear it, send your suggestions to 315 Dundas St. E. (along with a donation of course)



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## Metro's daycare shortage

By HEATHER O'HARA

More and more people find themselves in need of daycare. In many families both parents must seek full-time employment in order to just make ends meet. Single parents need daycare for obvious reasons. All available daycare spaces are filled to overflowing in this city. Properly supervised, licensed daycare and the facilities it requires are in a serious shortage. For years the newspapers have informed us of this shortage and have provided us with accompanying horror stories of children being mistreated, having accidents and being locked in small rooms alone all day while the parents must work in order to put food on the table. These parents are forced, through lack of a solution, to subject their children to incompetent, untrained, and unsupervised daycare, if they are lucky enough to get any form of daycare at all.

Daycare costs are too high for the low-income and middle-class wage-earner alike. It is especially difficult for sole-support mothers due to substantially lower rates of pay for working women. Last year the costs for daycare ran from \$50 to \$120 per week.

What is needed is more and better daycare. Action Day Care, a Toronto group lobbying for better daycare, estimates that there has been a 152.8 per cent increase of married women in the

workforce during the last two decades. Of this, mothers comprise 44.5 per cent.

The Canadian Department of Labour Women's Bureau estimates that 610,000 children six have working mothers. 387,000 children under 3 have working mothers. There are over 1,630,000 working mothers in Canada. Ideally, each child should have a space in a supervised daycare program. It is an ideal, a necessity, and the right of every child. Only one per cent of children between the ages of six and 16 are currently enrolled in licensed daycare. Where are the others?

There are 2,484 daycare centres in Canada. 171 centres (6,215 spaces) are Public; 1,306 centres (41,549 spaces) are Commercial; 107 centres (3,200 spaces) are Parent Co-ops; and 900 centres (33,119 spaces) are Community Board provided. This is not enough. Spaces are provided for only one per cent of children whose mothers work. It is estimated that six per cent of the children whose mothers are in the workforce are latch-key children, left unattended in the home. This number is growing at a rapid rate, every day there are more working mothers and more single parents.

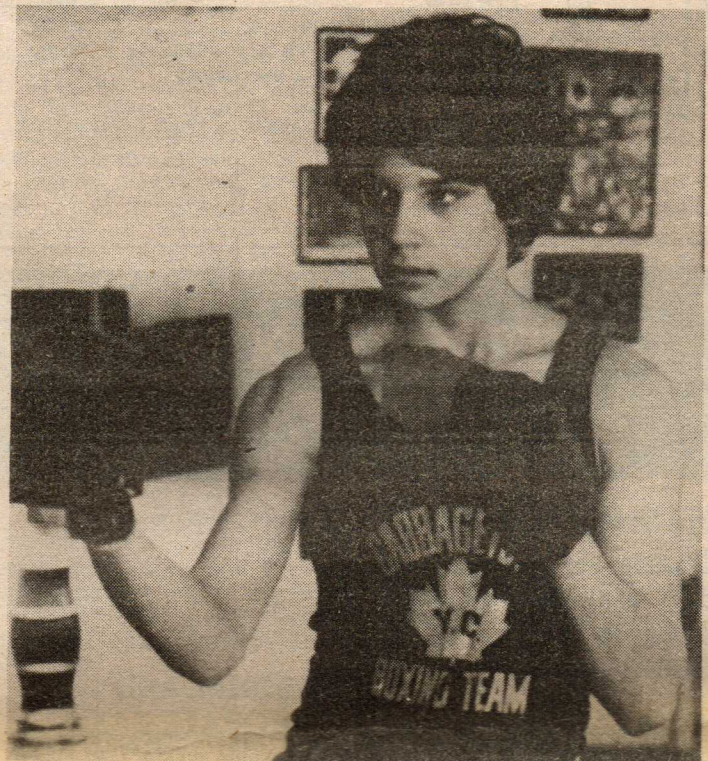
What is needed is more public recognition of the shortage of daycare. It is a serious problem. A public outcry is necessary to

encourage greater government and commercial assistance for public daycare services.

Umbrella Central Day Care Services is one such organization actively doing something to ease the problem. This charitable, non-profit corporation has grant funds available for non-profit organizations wishing to set up new preschool daycare centres. Umbrella also provides administrative resource services to non-profit children's centres in Metropolitan Toronto. A maximum of \$1,500.00 will be granted on a matching funds basis to applicants. This money has been provided by Levi Strauss Canada Inc. to stimulate the starting of new daycare centres.

Groups wishing to apply for these grants should call or write to Umbrella Central Day Care Services at 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4K 1P1 (416) 461-0958 for guidelines and an application form.

The Canadian government is also active in subsidizing daycare. Approximately half of all of the licensed daycare spaces in Canada are subsidized spaces — 47,000. Over 80 per cent of subsidized spaces are allocated to single parents. In 1979-80, the federal government spent \$40 million on daycare subsidies under the provisions of the Canada Assistance Plan. It also spent \$55 million in child care tax allowances.



Robbie Hill, 16, won the "most outstanding boxer of Tournament Award"

## Cabbagetown boxers are junior champs

By KEN HAMILTON

At the Ontario Junior "C" (Age 15-16) amateur boxing championships held recently at Sudbury, the Cabbagetown youth centre entered four contestants, Asif Dar, Robbie Hill, John Shaw and Andy Williams. The boys returned home with three gold medals and one silver.

Asif Dar emerged as 139 pound champion, defeating his only opponent via a 3rd round technical knock-out. Dar was awarded the "Most Outstanding Junior Boxer of the Year" trophy.

Robbie Hill, 132 pounds, also

had only one opponent who he finished with a TKO in the first round. Robbie was awarded the "Most Outstanding Boxer of the Tournament" trophy.

John Shaw at 125 pounds, was declared the weight class champ after defeating two tough opponents by one-sided decisions.

Andy Williams, 169 pounds, TKO'd two opponents and then lost a close one in the finals to earn a well-deserved runner-up award.

Dar, Hill and Shaw will box soon in Montreal at the National Junior Championships.

## A new and different kind of co-op

There's a new and different kind of co-op coming to Ward Seven this month. It's not a housing co-op, nor is it a food co-op. It's the Sudbury Women's Music Co-op. This all-woman rock band are among the characters in the Ward Seven Musical Comedy, "The Way We Are", soon to hit the stage at Castle Frank High School on April 28, 29, 30 and May 1.

Along with the Women's

Music Co-op will be such notables as Wendy Trend, a stylish midtown realtor working to help the High Rollers and Arab Prince Mustache Mustapha (Mark Smith) acquire downtown Toronto. Lyn McCordic, who played Frieda in "Damned If You Do", returns to the 1982 Ward Seven Musical Comedy as Wendy. Kim Barber comes out of the chorus to star as Amanda, Trend's daughter. The other participants

in the centre of a triangle are Billy, played by a new-found talent, Grade 12 student Desmond Jarvis, and police Sergeant Censor.

Sergeant Censor (Mike Smith, a dancer and singer by training), Reverend Camp (also known as Doug Barr, Director of Metro Children's Aid Society) and Philo McEnright, the Commissioner of Generally Accepted Standards (in the person of Frank Bugala) join

forces to ensure that community standards are not violated, especially by a rock band which tries to violate the standards by operating without a man!

Also in this cast of thousands (actually closer to 65 but with the impact of thousands) are Sgt. McPurity, Wonderkid, Wayne and Antoine, Dr. Kommisch and a gorilla. But more about them in the next issue of Seven News.

In order to be part of this lively

production, either as part of the audience or by helping out with behind the scenes activities such as set-building, ushering or making costumes, call 964-1126 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The performances will be held at Castle Frank High School from Wednesday April 28 until Saturday May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved and held at the door by calling 964-1126.



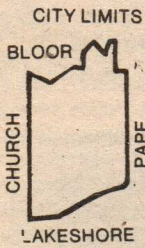


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# Are you wasting energy?

By HOWARD HUGGETT

The Ontario Ministry of Energy has been doing a little investigating the East Central part of Toronto lately to see who has been wasting energy. By flying over this area and photographing the roofs of buildings below with their special equipment the Ministry can record the comparative amounts of heat that are escaping from the different structures. A couple of weeks ago leaflets were

## Dog owners responsible

The joy of spring is beginning to become evident to the residents of Ward 7. Warm winds have quickly melted the thicket blanket of snow that has covered the lawns and parks of our area over the winter. Soon, new shoots will be struggling to the surface, through the earth and unfortunately through mounds of dog excrement. Spring has made it painfully obvious that most dog owners have not been fulfilling their responsibility.

As a group of concerned dog owners, who do "Stoop and Scoop", we urge that All dog owners clean up after their pets. This is especially important considering the size of the dog population in the city and the health hazard this can create. There have been unconfirmed reports that the Parks Department has requested a bulldozer to remove some of the mounds found under the snow in Withrow Park. We have found that keeping a few small disposable plastic bags (bread/vegetable or 'baggies'), with us at walking periods is a very small price to pay for keeping our streets and parks free of dog debris. There are long-handled 'pooper scoopers' available, (phone pet shops to see who carries them), and there is also a Dog Comfort Station in Withrow Park, for those of you who would rather not 'stoop'.

For now, we can only ask that dog owners voluntarily pick up due to difficulty and bother of bureaucratic enforcement. Perhaps if we 'cheerfully' remind each other of the responsibility of dog ownership, there will be an increase in participation of the "Stoop and Scoop" program.

If we all do our part, this spring and summer can be a clean and healthy time for us all. Meanwhile, stay alert and watch where you step.

distributed to inform local citizens where to go to find out how their particular residences compared with those of their neighbours. They were asked to bring to one of three temporary clinics set up in schools information as to the dimensions of their dwellings in square feet, together with the figures on how much energy they had used in the past year. Eastdale Collegiate was one of the locations used, and it was quite busy on the afternoon that I visited it.

In these days when scientific marvels keep coming at us with ever-increasing speed it is intriguing to consider that aerial photography could be used to determine who is wasting how much heat. Well, actually it can't — at least not yet. These photographs, which display various shades of red, merely show comparisons between different roof surfaces with variations up to nine degrees in heat loss. Since the difference between one structure and another can be more than nine degrees these photographs are not very informative.

The value of the aerial reconnaissance, I suppose, is in catching the attention of homeowners and inducing them to visit one of these clinics with the information that the Ministry of Energy wants. With this data their employees can soon tell you if your heatings costs are high, low or whatever. As a matter of fact, the householders can do their own calculations, once they know how to use the formulas.

The first step is to find out how much oil, gas or electricity was used to heat your dwelling in one full year. Oil is measured in litres or gallons, gas in hundreds of cubic feet (ccf), and electricity in kilowatt hours (kwh). If oil is your fuel and the bills measure it in litres multiply by 4.5 to arrive at the gallon figure. So, if you used 543 gallons in one year and the heated area of your house was 1600 square feet (including the basement) you can arrive at the cost of heating one square foot for one year.

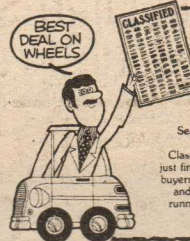
However, the Ministry of Energy expresses heating costs in kilowatt hours, so in order to translate your costs into electrical terms the figure of 543 would be multiplied by a factor of 29.5 before it is divided by the square footage of 1600. That produces a figure of just about 10, which is quite average. The lower the number the better and 6 is a very good one, denoting a well insulated house whose owner is saving energy — and money.

Now, if your home is heated by gas the calculation starts with the number of hundred cubic feet (ccf) used, and this time that amount is multiplied by 17.7 to convert to electrical terms. 910 ccf multiplied by 17.7 and divided by 1600 would again produce a figure of about 10. Remember that gas used for stoves, water heaters and clothes dryers should not be counted. The Ministry estimates that a stove uses 100 ccf, a water heater 240 ccf and a dryer 72 ccf.

Those who heat with electricity simply divide the number of kilowatt hours by the square footage to get the cost of heating one square foot per year. However, they have to allow for all the electrical appliances in the house. This is estimated at 800 kwh for a stove, 1600 kwh for a refrigerator, 800 for a freezer or a second refrigerator, 1,300 for lighting and appliances and 4,000 for a water heater. These amounts, as with those referred to above for gas-fired appliances, allow for the fact that some of the energy used by this equipment helps to heat the building.

The Ontario Ministry of Energy has a whole set of forms and leaflets that will help you to learn more about energy conservation, including tables indicating how long it will take to get your money back for expenses involved in insulating the various parts of the house. This information is even classified according to the method of heating — oil, gas, electric, propane or wood.

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## A new way to control rodents

The notion of eating cereal box tops began innocently enough. During a U.S. Congressional Committee Hearing which was investigating breakfast cereals, a nutritionist commented that breakfast cereals, served along with milk, fruit and sugar, provide as nutritious a breakfast as bacon, eggs, juice, milk, toast — the whole bit.

Down at the University of Georgia, Dr. Caster was aghast.

His opinion was that (a lot of) breakfast cereals are about as nutritious as the boxes they come in.

Dr. Caster and his students ran some tests on laboratory mice which they divided into a number of testing groups.

Well. The weeks passed. The rats eating the box tops, milk, raisins and sugar were examined and the tests showed that they had actually gained some weight.

Dr. Caster found that of all the cereals he used in his experiments, only **Post Fortified Oat Flakes** and **Quaker Life** promoted excellent tissue growth. The young rats which gobbled up this mixture gained normal amounts of weight for rats of this age.

The rats which had been eating cereals such as **Nabisco Shredded Wheat** and **Kellogg's Special K**, however, grew less than half the

amount that the ones who had been eating the **Oat Flakes** and **Life** had grown. They fared about as well as the rats which had been eating box tops.

But woe was the fate of the rats which had been fed such cereals as **General Mills Cheerios** and **Wheaties**, **Kellogg's Froot Loops**, **General Mills Lucky Charms** and **Total**. They showed little or no growth, even when the cereals had been supplemented with a

complete vitamin and mineral mixture.

And — are you ready for this? — Dr. Caster found that the rats which had been eating **Kellogg's Corn Flakes** or **Frosted Flakes** or **Rice Krispies** or **Sugar Pops** actually died.

So, if you're trying to make it through the morning on one of these brands, maybe you should think about switching. Why not try eating the box tops.

# News Round-up

## Funding to Parachute

Parachute, the Regent Park Youth Employment Counselling Centre, received a cheque for \$20,771 from the provincial government under the year-old BILD initiative. BILD is a five year program aimed at creating jobs within the province. Parachute has been providing employment counselling to Regent Park youth since 1978. The provincial grant, along with continuing support from Metro Social Services and Regent Park Residents Association will enable Parachute to expand its workshop program and improve support services.

## OHC Appeals

The Ontario Housing Corporation recently announced a formal appeals policy that will allow applicants and tenants of public housing to seek a review of decisions made by local housing boards. Under the new system appli-

cants who have been refused assisted housing will be informed in writing of the reasons for the housing authorities decision and that they may appeal the decision in a hearing before the housing authority members. Such a hearing would be held in private.

The appeals policy will also apply to situations where a tenant has been refused transfer to another unit, or is being evicted.

## More evictions

Hard times are resulting in more people being evicted from their homes. In the first two months of this year, evictions carried out by the York County's sheriff's office (the office that handles Toronto) were up 31% over the same period last year. Last year, 3,531 evictions were carried out in Metro. If the current pace keeps up, there will be 4,626 this year. And community legal services report that legal evictions may only be the tip of the iceberg. Some landlords, they say, simply

change the locks or order tenants to leave and tenants leave quietly because they aren't aware of their legal rights. (Landlords have to give a 20-day termination notice to tenants they want to evict for rent arrears, and tenants have 14 days to pay. If a settlement hasn't been reached within the 20-day period, landlords must obtain a court notice to evict the tenant.)

## Thanks to our New Supporting Members

Many thanks to these Seven News supporting members; Anna Poch, of Oak Street, Francis Ogden, also of Oak Street, Myra Comeault, of Broadview, Katrileen Cunningham of Carlton St., Len Deroches of Grant St., Anna Barron Schon, of Victor Ave., Martha Macdonald, of Carlton St., Cherry Hassard, of Bain Ave. and our many anonymous donors.

## Nestles Promises To Comply

Nestle, the world's largest producer of baby formula, has agreed to follow a United Nations code on the encouragement of breastfeeding. The code, adopted by the World Health Organization, covers the manner in which infant

formulas may be marketed in the Third World. Nestle had been accused of using high-pressure sales tactics on Third World women to discourage breastfeeding in favour of bottle feeding. By complying with the code Nestle has agreed to promote breastfeeding and advise mothers to seek medical advice before using an infant formula.

The International Nestle Boycott Committee, which alleges that improper use of formula is responsible for starvation and disease in some 10 million Third World babies, has not lifted the boycott on Nestle products.

## Congratulations!

John and Grace Granger, of Wellesley Street, will be celebrating their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 1. We all wish them well.

## Automobile Restraints For Children Mandatory

A proposed amendment to the Highway Traffic Act includes provision for the mandatory use of restraint devices for children five and under.

Children in this age group or weighing less than 22.7 kilograms are presently exempted from

Ontario's seat belt law. Their exclusion from the bill, introduced in 1976, was due to the lack of adequate federal standards governing restraints for small children. The legislation is expected to have a dramatic effect on the number of children killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes.

Drivers not complying with the law face fines between \$20 and \$100.

## Busy Bees Busy

The Dixon Hall Busy Bees, a club for retired people, has been given a grant of \$10,366 to expand an existing program with activities such as crafts, table games, a luncheon program, French classes and social events.

## Delegations Invited to OHC Meetings

Public delegations will be invited to speak to Ontario Housing's board of directors at its regular twice-monthly meeting, OHC chairman Allan Moses announced recently.

The board would like to hear from any interested parties or groups about their perceptions of OHC policy, or the needs of OHC's tenant population.

# Through the years

Ten years ago incumbent aldermen John Sewell and Karl Jaffary were in the midst of planning their re-election campaign. Riverdale was the subject of an experimental by-law that would allow free overnight parking on streets in the area. Also on the parking scene, Mr. DePietro, of Berkeley Street, was upset about the Sealtest milk tanker trucks that regularly parked on her street. Mrs. DePietro

measured one truck, that idled in front of her house for hours, with a piece of twine. She took that twine to a residents meeting and confronted a member of the Public Works Committee with it. Unable to deny the problem any longer the City took action. A new community law office opened on Parliament Street, manned by lawyers, Bernie Kay and Ray Schacter. In the Survival health column Don Weitz reported on a government program designed to lower the cost of prescription by substituting generic brands for name brands. A Seven News feature reported the activities of area youth. Their after school activities ranged from school "after four" programs, to hanging

out in drop-in centres, to sniffing glue. On the back page local residents spoke out against a proposal to build a hotel at Broadview and Dearbourne.

Five years ago the big story was a monster stalking the halls of the Don Vale Community Centre. The monster was the creation of Theatre Next-Door, a ward seven group, who were performing Frankenstein.

Ontario's rent control program was being extended for another year, but the government also had plans to raise property taxes. The Federal Budget had just been tabled, and as you may remember, it was nothing to cheer about. Are they ever anything to cheer about? One of our more poetic writers was querying, "Spring sprung, grass riz, wonder where birdies is?" The article was about late March weather and even later robins. Eastdale Collegiate was opening its doors to the public for six hours by starting the school day at 3 p.m. The event was a one day opportunity for parents to come into the school and observe the classes. At another school, Dundas Public School, the kids were painting a giant mural on their gym wall. Ward seven residents were all busily rushing to their mail boxes to mail in their donation to the \$7 for seven News campaign.

## FAREWELL TO BOB RAE DINNER & DANCE

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- b) to receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1981 and the report thereon from Campbell, Lawless and Punched C. A.'s.
- c) to elect Directors
- d) to appoint auditors
- e) generally to transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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● **Ralph Thornton's new social club** for single men and women 35 and over is holding a dance at the club auditorium at 765 Queen St. E. For information call the Centre at 461-6311 or Jack Peterson at 962-4039.

● **Motorcycle Flea Market and Swap:** Includes motorcycle parts, accessories and attire, open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Adults \$2, children under 12 free. 222 Warehouse, 222 Queen's Quay West.

● **Craft Courses:** Five-week **Clay Modelling and Handpainting For Children** workshop begins today, 10 a.m. to noon. \$35 plus materials. Register: 869-8422.

● **Kaleidoscope:** Make Easter bonnets with Ms. Perrywinkle the giant fairy, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. York Quay Centre.

## Sunday, April 11

● The **3rd Great Easter Egg Hunt** takes place at historic Fort York on Easter Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Hunting for Easter Eggs has been a widespread practice on both sides of the Atlantic for generations. Children will love seeking out the candy eggs secreted throughout the fort by members of the Fort York Guard who hide them in many surprising and unlikely spots. For adult visitors there are demonstrations and samples of brick-oven baking in the Officers' Quarters, and the "Defenders of Upper Canada" film in the Centre Blockhouse. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children and senior citizens.

● **Traditional Tastes:** English folksongs and ballads by the **Choristers of Spring**, 2 p.m. York Quay Centre.

● **Molson Jazz Club:** Tap your feet with the **Excelsior Jazz Band**, 7:30 p.m. York Quay Centre.

● **Dance Canada Dance:** Final performance of **Colliding** featuring T.I.D.E. and the **New Music Co-operative**, 8 p.m. Adults \$6, students and seniors \$5. York Quay Centre.

## Wednesday, April 14

● **Cabbagetown Youth Centre** will hold an amateur boxing night tonight at 8 p.m. at 2 Lancaster Avenue. Call 961-2912 for further information.

● A teaching clinic for **breast self examination** will be held at Broadview Community Health Centre, 791 Queen St. E. Drop in at 7:30 p.m. or call 360-6590 for an appointment. Free refreshments and babysitting.

## Thursday, April 15

● The Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre is having an **open house** at 1306 Gerrard St. E. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Centre is a place to drop-in, call, meet friends, and get information about ESL classes. For details call: 465-4778

## Friday, April 16

● Kermot Moore, past president of the Native Council of Canada's major umbrella organization of Metis and Non-

Status Indians, will speak at a Rikka-sponsored dinner-forum on the topic: **The Extinction of Survival - Challenge to Native Unity**. Reservations are requested for the a-la-carte dinner (base-cost \$6.00) at the Hellas Greek Restaurant, 702 Pape Ave. The address following the dinner will focus on native rejection of the constitution of Canada recently approved by the British parliament.

● Menagerie Theatre presents Edward Albee's **The Zoo Story**, set in 2300 A.D. at the Palmerston Library Theatre, 560 Palmerston Avenue (Bloor-Bathurst area). The show will run through until April 25. Wednesday to Friday 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 7 and 9 p.m. For information and reservations call 626-5465. Tickets at all BASS outlets 698-2277.

● Children can make a **giant flower** at the Queen-Saulter library at 765 Queen St. E., at 4 p.m.

## Saturday, April 17

● Today is the tenth annual **canoe tour** of the Don River. This annual affair is not only a canoe trip on Canada's most urbanized river, but a serious effort to encourage people to physically experience what was once an important and beautiful river. Come out for a picnic, hike or canoe trip down the Don from Serena Gunday Park at Leslie and Eglinton to the Lake, and weather permitting, from the mouth of the Don to Harbourfront. The trip begins at about 10:30 a.m. For more information phone George Luste at 534-9313 or Bruce Bolin at 531-1847.

● The United Church Women of Eastminster United Church are holding their **Spring Tea and Sale** today between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Doors do not open before then. Tea Room is open between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. No admission charge to the sale. Tea room \$1.25, for children 50 cents.

## Monday, April 19

● The Community Advisory Board of the Eastern Health Area, Department of Public Health, will hold its **regular meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the Frankland Community Centre, 816 Logan Avenue. Local residents are encouraged to attend and to join in a dialogue on community health issues.

## Tuesday, April 20

● Dixon Hall invites you to attend its **Annual Meeting** on April 20th at 6:30 p.m. Location at 58 Sumach Street, Toronto, Ontario. Memberships are available at Meeting. Come out. This is an opportunity for you to help keep Dixon Hall close to the community it serves. For further information call Elizabeth Jeschkeit at 863-0499.

## Wednesday, April 21

● There will be an informal group discussion on **cesareans**, with a focus on subsequent baginal delivery. To take place at a downtown location. For direction please phone 766-9927 or 839-8243.

● St. Serphim's Parish sponsors a talk by Richard Cleaver of the Des Moines Catholic-Worker Community called **The Liturgy - From Word to Deed**. Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite at 7 p.m. Talk follows at 8 p.m. at St. Peter's auditorium, 190 Carlton St.

## Ongoing

● The Adult Learning Centre at 70 Boulton Avenue has a **day program** for adults who have difficulty with the English language as well as mathematical skills. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Registrations are taken every Thursday afternoon. Phone 469-3695 for more information.

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● **Woodgreen Nursery School**, a school for developmentally handicapped pre-schoolers ages 2 to 5, is in desperate need of volunteers to spend one morning a week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in their program. Each child has an individual program, designed to strengthen self-help skills and build self-esteem. No experience is necessary. The teaching staff provide the training, and the ongoing support for the volunteers. If you are interested in meeting this challenge please call Elizabeth Sabiston 968-0650 ext. 39.

● **Need help with your Income Tax Form/** Central Neighbourhood House at 349 Ontario Street offers you the service from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Come in and ask for Len. Costs \$2 to \$5.

● The divine Sarah Bernhardt makes a triumphant return to the stage in **Memoir**, a passionate and poignant drama by Calgary playwright John Murrell, at the Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley Street. Memoir previews from April 14 and opens April 21 in the Theatre Upstairs. Performances are held Tuesday to Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$6.50 to \$9 with substantial discounts for students, seniors and for group bookings. Advance reservations are now being accepted by calling 368-2856.

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

● **Harbourfront Craft Studio:** Watch Harbourfront's resident craftsmen at work on fabric, glass, metal and ceramics at the **Harbourfront Craft Studios**. Open hours are 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. Drop into **Shop 235** right next door where handmade crafts are on sale. Call 869-8420 for shop hours. York Quay Centre.

● **Volunteer Programme:** Harbourfront's **Volunteer Programme** has positions available for clerical workers, receptionists and in children's recreation programs. Volunteers are also needed for the **FirstBank International Children's Festival** at Harbourfront May 18 to 24. Call Walter Lavender at 869-8426.

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● **Earlscourt 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.

● 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.

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● **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.

● **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.

● 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.

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# Celestial Bicycles: A magical show

Roch Carrier's "The Celestial Bicycle" which previewed at the Tarragon Theatre March 30, sparkles with man's inveterate desire to journey into uncharted space.

Albert Millaire as "THE Actor" besieged by drama and bound by man-made reality, takes us on an enchanting bicycle ride through the stars and heavens to the home of the actor and to every man's celestial universe.

Alone in a Montreal state institution (he feels he's there based on the simple law of profitability: he provides doctors, nurses, administrators, etc. with work) he recounts the events proceeding this "enforced isolation."

Millaire as the Actor thanks the audience profusely for its presence and for coming to listen to his tale. He begins by sharing his disappointment in being labelled "crazy" with us. "Nothing changes. You just feel a bit more lonely and the world a bit bigger." He can no longer play lunatics, as he is in the same fraternity. The Actor is pronounced crazy when he crashes on his journey and is taken to hospital for treatment of a broken leg - "an honourable fracture."

During analysis, his doctor tells him that "vertical dreams represent acts that are censored by the dreamer himself." But the actor doesn't believe this. His body and mind are in empathy with the forces of attraction in the world. He understands the vital connections between earth/water, earth/moon, man/woman, bee/flower.

His dream of flight on a celestial bicycle, where he feels so tiny and so light allows him to



Albert Millaire as "The Actor" in Roch Carrier's magical "The Celestial Bicycle" at the Tarragon Theatre.

transcend the four-quartered chamber of his being and hook into the world's global heartbeat.

He compares man's stay on earth to the seasonal cycle; to the germination of a leaf and to the tenuous movement of a man and woman. When these elements shift or change focus, it's not a tragedy, he points out, just life.

All of Life's moments are full

and precious. He concludes that human experience is like the galaxy which "turns together then separates and falls into unchar-

tered space." Playwright, Roch Carrier, not only presents the world of dreams as part of our human reality but suggests that we scrutinize, carefully, the humanity of that reality.

"They won't let me out until I've forgotten my journey. I don't want to forget it. My bicycle was like some legendary bird." Like the mythical architect and sculptor Daedalus who designs a pair of

wings when confined to the island of Crete by King Minos the Actor, too, searches for the timeless scrapbook of his life. He longs to feel the "pollen of space on his ear." This Actor had no "fear of flying". He was a simple man. He had a simple dream. He wanted to discover the "source of his sap." His true roots. He wanted to fly.

Go see Albert Millaire in this magical performance

## Over 35 club has its own fun

By JACK PETERSON

A new social club in the central east end has sprung up and we who have got in on the ground floor are really excited about it. We are singles (including separated, divorced and widowed) - men and women 35 years of age and over. Past the age for the singles bars, and not old enough for the senior citizens clubs, we want to have our own brand of fun!

From an initial meeting held on Mar. 3 to discuss ideas, already by our third get-together on Sunday afternoon Mar. 14, we have made new friends and have had fun times along the way. On that Sunday we met at 2, sat around chit-chatting and playing games. At 4, Al Gladstone arrived like a whirlwind, got us on our feet and taught us a number of folk and novelty dances which were easy to learn, good exercise and gave us a real feeling of camaraderie. That is what folk dancing is all about and Al really knows how to achieve

this goal with any group. After a great pot-luck dinner it was 7:30 before we realized it and Bill St. Pierre the caretaker was trying to move us all out of there!

Ideas for future activities are coming in from all directions. Linda Harvey loves singing and wants to get some sing-alongs going. Pat Brind and Marjorie Ewing are avid cyclists and they think we are all lively enough to beg, borrow (but not steal) a bike and get a group together to cycle out to the end of the Leslie Spit. Sylvia Frank just wants to teach us her dance version of "Alley Cat". Liz Cooney would be quite happy to hold an entire evening of euchre and scrabble (no crokinole, please!) Sandi Harris thinks many of us could try out a pair of roller skates at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre. Jack Peterson wants to organize an "adults only" picnic at Ward's Island (with a member of the Ontario Censor BBoard in attendance!)

All of this and more is originating out of the Ralph Thornton Community Centre at 765 Queen St. E. (two blocks east of Broadview). As is often the case in organizations such as this, the women now outnumber the gentlemen. Come on men! Let's turn the tables on them or at least even the forces. And now for the really good news. The club is a god-send for penny-pinchers. If after two or three visits you decide to stay with us, the charge is \$3 a year for membership in the Centre. Our spacious and well equipped club room can accommodate a large number so we welcome new members. For further information call 962-4039 or 461-6311 at the Centre.

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## THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION

## The social effects of computerization

By DAVE DICKEY

The steam engine of the last century transformed society, giving rise to new industries, cities and class divisions, new riches and new poverty, along with massive employment dislocations. The microprocessor, though fractionally smaller and incredibly more energy efficient, has been likened to the steam engine because of its potential to change society just as drastically.

A major difference between then and now is that where once there was a growing economy we now have a static one, perhaps even a shrinking one. Up to now new technology tended to create more jobs than it eliminated. Any slack was picked up by the growing service sector, but with a faltering economy this sector is having serious problems too. Optimists who have been telling us that computer technology will increase the number of jobs are having to think again.

## Jobs Threatened

Postal workers, for example may soon find many of their jobs disappearing to automation and electronic mail.

Electronic Fund Transferring, among businesses, homes and banks, may reduce line-ups at banks but it will mean similar reductions in bank employees. Transactions at the branch level lend themselves particularly well to increased automation, including the use of machines which are voice encoded.

Numerical Control is already making a huge impact on industry. Machines capable of complex movement and able to replace one or more workers are selling at

two things: wages will not keep up with inflation, so wage earners will take home a smaller share of the economic 'pie'; and even if employment reductions are

aries now account for about 70% of present-day overhead expenses. The invested capital per office worker is only around \$2000, compared to ten or more times that for each industrial worker. Clearly there is a large potential here for machines to replace office workers.

Paperwork and people seem to go together; and the last few decades saw tremendous growth of this 'information sector', from filing clerks on up. The need to computerize the office is critical to many businesses if they expect to maintain or improve their profit pictures. Huge savings can now be realized, with studies so far showing that micro-processors lead to staff reductions of up to 50%, with almost negligible investments.

VDT's, for example, allow one operator to do the work of two to five typists. While an on-line printer pumps out a pre-typed letter at a rate of thousands of words per minute, the operator can be typing another one into the terminal. No need to worry about corrections, centering, indenting or justifying. Skilled typists and stenographers are no longer required, only fast ones.

## Myths

A number of myths need dispelling. The first is that microprocessors will increase employment. That isn't what they are being designed to do nor why they are being purchased and installed.

Myth number two is that this

technology will eliminate dull and boring jobs, creating others that are more interesting. Initial fascination with something like a VDT soon dulls with a few hours of routine work. For example, mail sorters once did their work while moving around and were able to talk with fellow workers in the process, now their job mainly consists of sitting in front of keyboards reading and typing digital codes for hours at a time, with little or no chance to speak with co-workers. Office workers could break a desk-bound routine with filing or telephoning, but are increasingly confined to VDT consoles with equal isolation.

Myth number three is that microtechnology will enrich jobs. Granted, there are cases where assembly line workers have been retrained to oversee the operation of robots, operators at lower levels, however, tend to be controlled by the information and pace of their machines.

Even programmers are not immune to the deskilling process. Adaptable programs are being commercially marketed separately and as packages with telemation equipment, making in-house programmers less necessary.

In the final analysis microtechnology will reduce the number of jobs available and deskill many others. It will give more power of control to management, and blur the differences between white and blue collar workers.



\$25,000, or close to the yearly wage of a UAW assembly-line person. These workers are already having to deal with the issue of job security rather than wage increases. This in effect means

reached through attrition there will be simply be fewer job opportunities for those looking for work.

The greatest impact is likely to be in offices, where wages and sal-

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# Metro school board is confused

If, as T.S. Eliot claims, April is the cruellest month, then March was a good predictor of things to come. Staffing committees are doing their jobs, with the depressing knowledge that there will be few, if any more, teachers forthcoming from the Toronto Board of Education. On March 16, the Metro Board of Education which sets the budget for all school boards in Metropolitan Toronto, reduced the target budget by a half a per cent in the elementary panel, and one per cent in the secondary panel.

Those of us who went through the staffing process last year, and remember only too well what it

was like trying to meet the needs of our kids in schools that were already less than adequately staffed, figuring out how we could provide for our kids the library, gym and music programmes, and at the same time keep class sizes at a reasonably sane level, are not exactly overjoyed at repeating it.

The funding structure, both in terms of dollars allocated and the way in which the allocation is done has got to be changed. The provincial grant to the Metro Board of Education has been decreasing steadily over the years. Between 1981 and 1982 there has been a 15.1% decrease in the provincial grant for each elementary school

student; over the same time period there has been a decrease of 7.6% for each secondary school student. These provincial cuts, coupled with the metro cuts makes it virtually impossible to meet the education needs of our kids.

The difficulty at the metro level is compounded by the way in which the other boroughs interpret "needs". Toronto parents, through their trustees and by direct representation to the board, have made it clear that the teaching of english to kids whose first language is not english, meeting the demands of the parents of kids in the inner city, and main-

taining the neighbourhood school, to mention only a few, are not frills, they are fundamentals in delivering quality Education. Clearly, we have got to continue the fight to gain more control over funding at the local level in order to meet locally determined priorities. For some reason, although they have similar priorities, the other boroughs don't seem willing to take on this battle. At the metro budget setting meeting there was much talk about "fiscal responsibility": one could have wished for a little more talk about our responsibility to kids, and our mandate to educate them.

**How did we get ourselves into this box?**

Declining enrolment has resulted in lower provincial grants since the number of students we receive funding for is decreasing. But what the province doesn't tell you the taxpayer, is the the province is paying a smaller share of the education costs for each student. While the province reduces its support of education there is no reduction in provincial taxes. About 50% of each homeowner's and tenant's property tax is for the cost of education. But that money is not all spent in Toronto. Your property tax is based on the assessed value of your property. Many homeowners see their house as the only security they will have as senior citizens. They and others have fixed incomes. Provincial income tax is based on the level of income, on the ability to pay. We see the income tax as a more just way of paying the cost of education.

Metro School Board is in a costly confusion: Toronto taxpayers and students are not getting their fair share from the Metro School Board. For example: A ward 7 resident paying property taxes of \$900 would have paid approximately \$450 in education taxes. But because of the complex Metro School Board tax collection system less than \$300 was spent in Toronto. The rest, while needed by Toronto children and paid by the Toronto residents was distributed to other Metro School Boards.

**How does this happen?**

Six local school boards form the Metro School Board. Toronto is one of them. Education money from your property tax is put into one large metro pot. The money Toronto receives is based on a complicated funding formula. The Metro School Board was originally set up in 1953 to equalize educational funding across Metro. This is no longer necessary. The Royal Commission on Metro Toronto (Robarts Report) recommended that the Metro School Board be abolished. We agree. Funding should be in the form of direct grants from the province to the individual school boards. And this funding must be based on the actual needs, not numbers of students.

## Two Ontario Programs You Should Know About

### Tax Credits — for people under 65

Each year the Ontario Government returns tax dollars to residents through the Ontario Tax Credit program. This program is especially designed to provide tax assistance to Ontario residents between the ages of 16 and 64 inclusive with low or moderate incomes.

This year there is a new credit to claim along with the Property Tax Credit, Sales Tax Credit and Political Contribution Tax Credit. Remember, to claim these credits you must complete the mauve Ontario Tax Credit form and mail it together with your federal income tax return.

- **The Temporary Home Heating Credit** helps Ontario residents by off-setting increased home heating costs. This \$60 credit is reduced by one percent of your taxable income.
- **The Property Tax Credit** reduces the burden of municipal and school taxes. It is based on your property tax or rent and taxable income.
- **The Sales Tax Credit** returns a portion of money paid in provincial retail sales tax. It is based on personal exemptions and taxable income.
- **The Political Contribution Tax Credit** may be claimed by Ontario residents who contributed to a registered Ontario political party, constituency association or candidate in an Ontario provincial election. This claim applies if your provincial tax payable is more than your Property and Sales Tax Credits.

### Tax Grants — for people over 65

Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors were designed especially to help Ontario residents 65 and over and replace the Ontario Tax Credits program for persons in this age group.

This year a Temporary Home Heating Grant of \$60 has been added to the Tax Grants program.

If you received a 1981 Property Tax Grant and continue to be eligible, you will receive your 1982 interim grant plus your 1981 Temporary Home Heating Grant in the late spring.

Nursing home residents or residents of institutions that do not pay property taxes are ineligible for both the Property Tax Grant and Temporary Home Heating Grant. They are, however, eligible for the Sales Tax Grant.

For more information call the Ministry's multilingual information Centre.

- In Metro Toronto — dial 965-8470
- In Area Code 807 — ask the Operator for Zenith 8-2000
- In all other areas — dial 1-800-268-7121

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