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## FREE TAKE ONE

The deadline for the next issue of Seven News is May 3rd at 5 pm.

The groundswell of enthusiasm is continuing. The excitement is mounting. The shapeless mass of wood is starting to take the form of a real community. Reluctant recruits are becoming dedicated workers who have joined the movement.

**The Way We Are** is becoming a reality.

This Ward 7 musical comedy is showing Community at its best. The cast members and behind the scenes people have been working towards the April 28th opening of "THE WAY WE ARE" for more than three months. And the initial reasons for involvement have been realized.

LARRY KNIGHT, a freelance writer and director, as well as part time actor, says he originally joined the production to "break the monotony of the day". Larry portrays Charles Trend, the hapless husband of Wendy Trend, a downtown realtor. The Trends encounter Dr. Kommisch, the scholarly therapist played by PHILIP KYRIACOU, a hairdresser from Ward 7, in an attempt to resolve some family problems.

### About community

But this play is not only produced by the community, it is about the community. The on stage community includes such notables as Mom and Pop, an elderly couple who have a front porch view of the activities in their neighbourhood park. Mom is WINNIFRED BOUNDY who was a solo dancer in the last Ward 7 production and her fretful spouse



Larry Knight



Winnifred Boundy

## The Way We Are: is becoming a reality



Philip Kyriacou



Georgina McCormick



Terry Lee

The forces of law and order, also known as the Morality Squad, are led by the cop with a sense of proportion, Sgt. McPurity. CAROL KELLEY, who per-

formed in the New Dance Centre's production of "Homeland" at Palmerston Library Theatre last year, gives substance to the role.

Not to be left out of our community are the Women of 21 McGill who are still trying to solve the mystery of the big burn at their downtown club.

### kids group

A sense of reason is brought to the chaotic adult world by the kids. And kids we've got. ELIZABETH BEDDARD leads her dance class from Dancers' Academy when they join an ad hoc group of kids who have come together from throughout Ward 7 for this production. The kids group is directed by EUGENNE SHAW, an experienced choreographer who works at Huntley Youth Services.

The kids find a leader in Wonder Kid, at other times known as GEORGINA MCCORMICK, a Grade 8 student at Winchester School. Wonder Kid shares with the kids and audience her view of what would make a super city and is instrumental in achieving the happy ending.

And speaking of audience... Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 29, 30 and May 1 at Castle Frank High School. Tickets are \$5.00 for Wednesday and Thursday; \$7.00 Friday and Saturday with half price for students and seniors. Seating is not reserved so come early. Public transit is advised as parking in the area is limited.

Tickets are available by calling 964-1126 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## TRAP homeowners appeal reassessments

By HOWARD HUGGET

Nearly one hundred homeowners crowded into a room in St. Barnabas Church on Danforth Avenue on Thursday, April 15th. The meeting was called by TRAP, Tax Reform Action for People, an organization that was formed about three months ago as a result of the highly unpopular re-assessment drive unleashed on unsuspecting homeowners by the Ontario Ministry of Revenue at the end of last year. From a handful of founding members at that time TRAP has grown to a very sizeable organization of about 600.

One of the spokesmen for the group, Eric Leggatt, outlined to the assembled crowd how TRAP came to be formed. He mentioned some of the developments of the past few months, starting with the large and lively gathering of concerned taxpayers at Castle Frank School in early January, and going on to subsequent meetings with various aldermen and local MPPs. Leggatt related how pleased they had been when several MPPs had admitted that the assessors had done a very poor job, thinking that the homeowners had won a victory. However, they soon found that nothing was going to be done to roll back the re-assessment.

On that point I can personally testify as to the behaviour of those provincial members of Parliament, because I was present at a meeting held about two months

ago to allow a number of homeowner representatives to confer with Margaret Scrivener, Susan Fish and Larry Grossman. Present at that time were many of Alderman Sewell's Steering Committee, including several members of TRAP. Only Susan Fish showed up, although Grossman was represented by his executive assistant. Both Fish and Grossman's spokesman agreed that the re-assessment has been unfairly and incompetently done. However, when they were asked what we as representatives of concerned

homeowners could do to put on more pressure they made it quite evident that they didn't want us to do anything. It was a case of "Don't call us, we'll call you."

Because of the failure of our elected representatives to get any results TRAP soon decided to take legal action. They are challenging this re-assessment in the courts for the purpose of having it rolled back, and have hired a well-known and successful lawyer, Barry Swadron, to represent them.

Another speaker at the Thurs-

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## Cabbagetown project is still rolling along

The Cabbagetown History Project is still rolling along, with about 400 volunteers involved in one way or another. The group is still looking for old photographs, souvenirs and memorabilia for donation to an archives being set up at the Parliament Street Library for future students. Pictures and written material can be copied and returned.

As well typists are needed who are willing to undertake the hard work of transcribing taped interviews.

The result of all the interviewing and history research will be a book to be written by local history expert George Rust-D'Eye and published by the Toronto Public Library. Sponsors of the project are the Parliament Street Library, Dixon Hall and Enoch Turner Schoolhouse. If you would like more information, telephone Jean Wright at 967-0345 or write to 7 Sword Street, Toronto M5A 3N3. Message may be left at Neighbourhood Information Post, 924-2543.

## An ode to 7 News and its fundraising

For the last three weeks Seven News has been running a fundraising campaign. The purpose of that campaign is to gain supporting memberships for our newspaper. This campaign forms a vital part of our annual revenue and has for five years now. During the course of the fundraising drive

we raise several thousand dollars to aid in running the paper for another year, we also raise a lot of questions. The most asked question is "How did the campaign start in the first place?" In answer to that we proudly present, celebrated in poem, the story of our very first supporting member.

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I worked, worn and weary  
Struggling to finish the paper before dawn's light,  
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,  
as if someone gently rapping, tapping on the office door,  
" 'Tis some creditor," I thought, "collecting bills and awfully sore,"

Only this and nothing more.

Distinctly I remember it was in the bleak September  
When each separate news staff member our revenues did denounce  
Eagerly I wished the morrow; for vainly had I sought to borrow  
From the banks surcease of sorrow; money to pay for our accounts  
For the rare and radiant vision of cheques that didn't bounce.

Nameless here are our accounts.

Presently my heart grew stronger; hesitating then no longer  
"Sir," said I, "or Madam, truly your forgiveness I implore  
But the fact is that I was napping and so gently were you rapping  
So faintly were you rapping, knocking on my office door  
that I wasn't sure I heard you," with this I opened wide the door  
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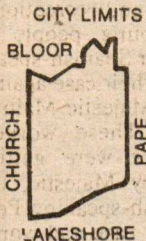


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**Municipal elections around corner**

By MORRIS SALDOV

It's time again when municipal politicians seek your approval for their efforts of the past two years. The election means our opportunity to voice our approval or discontent with the current situation. This time round the municipal competitors will probably be asking for three years of representing you at City Hall, rather than the usual two.

The Province of Ontario, led by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Claude Bennett, is seeking an increase of one year in the alderman's term. Therefore, your vote in the municipal election is all the more crucial as you must live with your choice one year longer.

Housing problems in Ward 7 should be a vital force in this campaign. We are currently facing many problems in this area and answers for the electorate must be a part of any candidate's platform. Questions we should keep in mind when deciding on politicians during the upcoming municipal election are:

What are you going to do about the number of homeless people in our Ward?

Do you support Cityhome tenants being elected to the City Housing Board?

What is your position on the recent dramatic increases in property taxes?

These are all valid and serious issues that many of us are facing today in this Ward, as well as across the city. If you wish to write about or discuss housing issues contact P. O. Box 54, Station F, Toronto M4Y 2L4; or telephone 654-0345 and leave a message for the author.

**TRAP meeting**

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day meeting, Len Annett, took up the matter of appeals to the Assessment Review Court. Many homeowners who had been reassessed did not realize what had happened and failed to register their appeals before the deadline had passed. As a result of pressure put upon the Ministry of Revenue to extend the deadline by Metro Council and homeowners' representatives, including TRAP, legislation has been introduced to allow all who have been reassessed to appeal if they wished. Annett pointed out that such a flood of appeals would take a long time to process. Furthermore, he warned that the chances of winning an appeal are not particularly good. The Assessment Board does not have to prove that their valuation is right, the homeowner has to prove that it is wrong. That is very difficult to do, short of listing the property for sale to see what prospective buyers are willing to pay. Even if the homeowner is able to find an example of another property in his immediate neighbourhood that is very similar to his own but has been valued at a figure considerably below his, this will not necessarily result in his assessment being lowered. What may happen is that the neighbour's assessment will be raised. In fact, Eric Leggatt told the meeting of an actual instance of this happening in his own neighbourhood.

TRAP is advising all reassessed homeowners to appeal, but they consider that using the courts to have the whole reassessment declared illegal and rolled back offers the best chance of getting results: Legal actions, of course, cost money, and they are asking for help from concerned taxpayers who can take out membership in TRAP, give donations or volunteer for organizational work. Their case will be coming up in the courts in the near future and it is important that they receive strong support throughout Metro. Anyone wishing to help out or get more information can call Tom Callihan at 967-5960.

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In the news 10 years ago Walter Marteniuk won a court case against Meridian Group, the owners and managers of the St. James Town complex. Mr. Mar-

teniuk received \$150.00 from Meridian for paint damage to his car caused by water seepage. For tenants in St. James town and all across Ontario it was a significant

victory against landlord and tenant laws which were stacked in favour of apartment owners. Alderman John Sewell and Karl Jaffary were anxiously preparing for the upcoming municipal elections, by organizing and attending small block party meetings. The idea of instituting a busing policy in the ward 7 area was rejected by a group of parents as both insulting and irrelevant, and there was talk of the Sackville School closing because of a low student population. The Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization had recently been formed and was off and running on a petition campaign, which gathered much support from trade unions and municipal councils. David Crombie resigned as the chairman of the Working Com-

mittee in the South of St. James-town because of an apparent lack of interest on the part of the residents. And that week, Woolworths 'Door Crashing' specials included pantihose at 3/88¢ and bikini underwear at 2/88¢ if I'd known, I would have stocked up.

## Referendum held

In the news 5 years ago there was a referendum held at the Bain Avenue housing project to see if the tenants wanted to officially become a cooperative. There was a danger that some tenants would boycott the referendum because of stiff City Council rules and regulations.

The Don Vale residents association was preparing for their

sixth annual Cabbagetown forty-sythia festival. Local artists and crafts people as well as musicians were there, along with those age old attractions — the talent show and the dog show. About 100 people attended a workshop on youth and agency problems in the Regent Park area. The conference was concerned with two basic things; communication among the various agencies and residents, and employment and recreational prospects for young people in Regent Park. Four Spanish-speaking workers won their case against their employers Majestic Maintenance Services. These workers like many others were getting badly swindled by Majestic, the Centre for Spanish-speaking Peoples took on their case and won.

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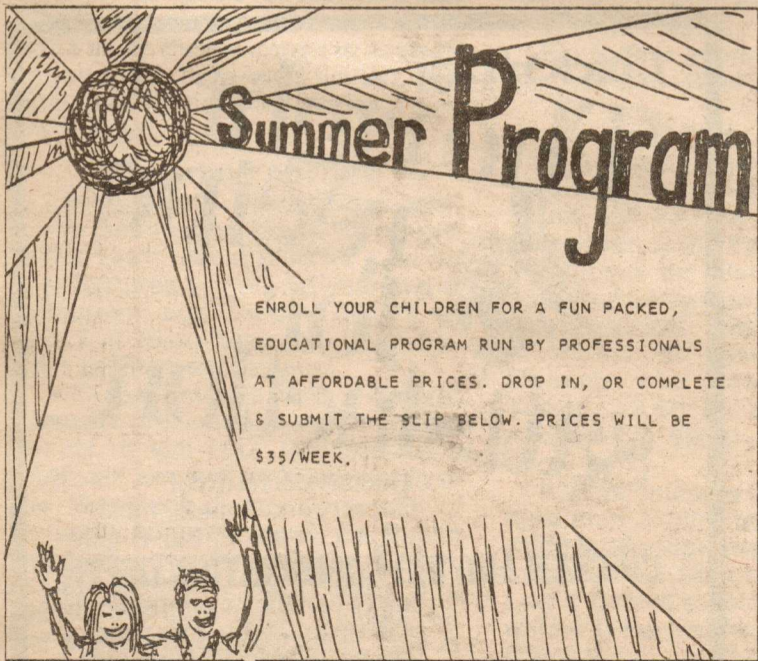
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# Toronto to get permanent hostel

A rejuvenated office building on Church Street, just south of Dundas, will open in June as Toronto's first permanent hostel. Since early April the same location has housed the main office of the Great Lakes Hostelling Association.

For years, this Ontario branch of the Canadian Hostelling Association has struggled to provide summer hostels wherever a vacant building could be found. These temporary locations, in vacant churches or schools, puzzled overseas hostellers and local enthusiasts alike. Among the major cities in the network of 50 hostelling countries, Toronto was

the only one lacking a permanent hostel.

The 92 bed hostel on Church Street is therefore an exciting addition to downtown, ready to welcome both Canadian and international travellers.

Previously known as youth hostels, the word "youth" has been dropped in order to promote hostelling as a family activity, suitable for all ages. Senior membership at \$15 per year, or \$9 for youths, allows you to spend the night at any of the world's 5,000 hostels.

Canada has 60 hostels from the Yukon to Newfoundland, charging between 3 and 6 dollars per

night. (There is a slightly higher fee for non-members.) Considering the price of hotels, hostelling offers an attractive holiday alternative.

As well as providing accommodation in an atmosphere where

swapping travel tales with foreign travellers is a popular pastime, the hostelling association sponsors various outings.

If the financial squeeze seems to prohibit a summer vacation, consider touring Ontario the

hostelling way. The Niagara Falls hostel welcomes over 6,000 visitors per year at its ideal location near the Rainbow Bridge. Hostel guests benefit from discounts at various museums, Marineland and on the Maid of the Mist.

Moving north, there are small hostels in Orillia and Sault Ste. Marie. The latter is convenient for the Algoma Central Railway's spectacular tour of the Agawa Canyon, or for taking a leisurely cruise on the Soo Locks.

A former motel on Lake Superior is the home of the Thunder Bay Hostel. Amid the spectacular scenery north of Superior you can try your luck in an amethyst mine or wander through Old Fort William, the reconstructed home of the voyageurs.

## Non-profit grant

A \$781,898 grant to help non-profit housing in the City of Toronto was announced by Paul Cosgrove, the federal minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Claude Bennett.

The federal funds are being given to Toronto to help with the development of a 166-unit rental project in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. The project is under construction south of the O'Keefe Centre on the Esplanade. It is being built on top of a five-storey parking garage.

The City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation Cityhome project will contain 14 bachelor apartments; 76 one-bedroom units including four designed especially for physically-

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VDTs: Are they really a health hazard?

By DAVE DICKEY

The largest and fastest-growing part of the micro-processing field is that of VDT's (Video Display Terminals); it is also the most controversial in terms of health and safety.

Knowledgeable individuals and union leaders thus have an uphill battle to get their information and questions out to the public for discussion.

in favour of getting or keeping a job in order to live.

The most heated centres on the issue of possible radiation emitted from VDT's. (The wave lengths found in a cathode ray tube, the TV type tube which provides the images in VDT's, belong to the broad category of non-ionizing, low level radiation, specifically of micro-wave lengths.

Some critics have drawn the connection between radiation and other kinds of pollution and asked, 'Wouldn't we be better off if safe levels erred on the side of safety?' The orthodox view holds that emissions from VDT's are either non-existent or so insignificant to cause any problem; and in

any case the body has an ability to absorb these low level rays without any lasting injury. Is it so simple? Do cells, stimulated by such high frequency, deeply penetrating, low level rays always behave 'normally'?

A lesson may be learned from our experience with X-rays. Once considered totally safe we now know that even a fanciful yearly limit of dose is erroneous; that indeed we have lifetime limits which depend upon such factors as body weight and age.

Critics of the prevailing views on low level radiation insist that these rays also have a cumulative

effect, and that injury can be produced through prolonged exposure even though measured radiation may be well below any momentary minimum safety level.

Adding to the problem is the lack of equipment around with which to consistently and accurately measure possible low level radiation leaks from VDT's.

Statistics are showing that operators of VDT's have a higher incidence of cataracts, miscarriages and deformed births. Whether due to radiation or to the many stress-related factors associated with VDT use remains to be seen.

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Funding for Ontario's termites control program for 1982-83 has been increased to \$500,000 due to the unexpected increases in applications for assistance, announced Ontario Environment Minister Keith C. Norton recently.

The grant program was begun in 1975 with a \$200,000 base and it applies to homeowners in Ontario municipalities which have adopted local termite control by-laws. Grants repay homeowners 60 per cent of the total cost with a maximum allowance of \$2,000.

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# A poem for 7 News

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An envelope there and nothing more.

I stood, at the envelope peering, long I stared, wondering, fearing

Doubting, thinking things no mortal'd ever thought before  
The silence by speech unbroken, the envelope the only token

And the only word written there "Donations."  
This I whispered and it echoed back, "Donations."

Only this and nothing more.

Back into the office turning, all my soul within me churning  
I gripped the envelope's edges tighter than before  
"Surely," thought I, "Surely then this is a joke,  
Played by some unwitty bloke."

And my spirits sunk lower than before.

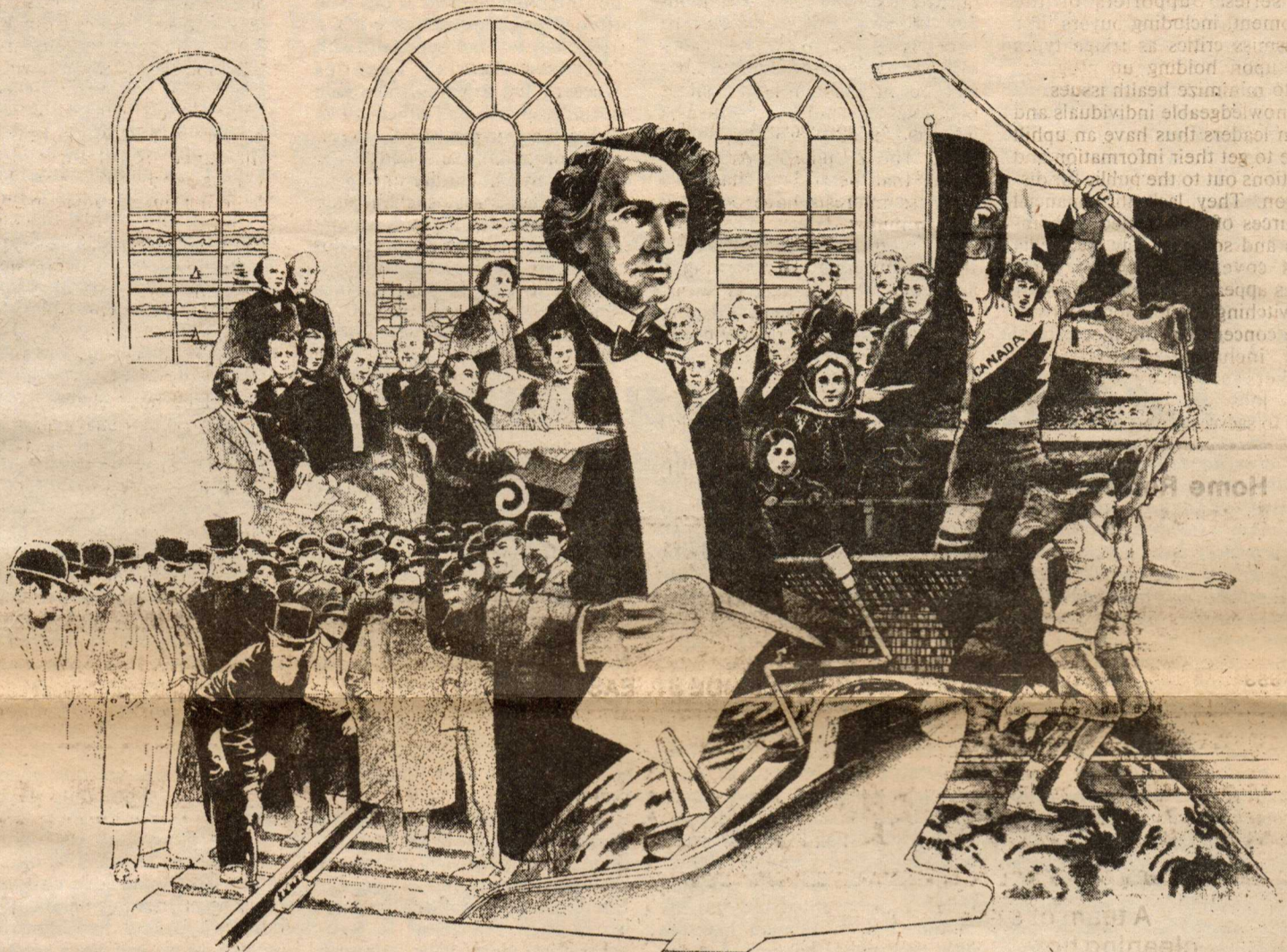
Brightening up I took the sheet,, sunk between my two front teet'  
And ripped it open from aft to fore, a piece of paper fell to the floor

Trembling, shaking, a nervous wreck,  
I picked up the envelope's cheque

And fell down faint upon the floor.

There it sat still beguiling my sad soul into smiling  
I lounged in front of the cheque upon the floor  
I walked out the door in a daze, I remember  
And said to morning's burning ember, "It is our first supporting member!"

And strode the streets in search of more.



Just as we can look back with pride on our past,  
we can now look with pride to our future.

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with the traditional rights and freedoms  
we once took for granted.

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